



St. Isidore

Catholic Parish

St. Raphael Church
5564 E. St. Raphael St.
Dubois, IN 47527

St. Celestine Church
6864 E. State Road 164
Celestine, IN 47521

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the Celestine campus**

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Office Hours:

Mon: 8-12

Tues. Weds. Thurs. 8-4

Friday: Closed

*Regular Mass times are listed.
Check Mass Intentions for any changes.*

Saturday 4:30pm - SC

Sunday 8:00am - SC

10:00am - SR

Tuesday 6:30pm - SC

Wednesday 8:00am - SR

Thursday 8:00am - SR

Friday 8:00am - SC



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

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Mission Statement

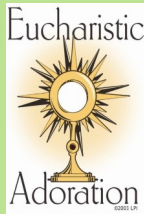
We, the parish of St. Isidore,
witness to the world the love of Christ
we have received in the Sacraments,
and we invite others to personally
experience the Grace of God through prayer,
acts of service, and spiritual formation.

Mass cancellations are made by Flocknote -
the St. Isidore text and email service.

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays: 6am - 9pm St. Raphael
 Fridays: 4pm - 9pm St. Celestine

We invite you to spend an hour
 (or any time you have) with Jesus!



Baptismal Congratulations to:

✠ Dane Gregory Gordon, son of
 Jarah & Kirby Gordon, who will
 be baptized on Sunday, February
 18, by Fr. Jeff Read.



Godparent is Kailyn Knies. Sponsor is Jace Gordon.

May God Bless Dane and his family!

What will you give up for Lent this year?

Perhaps it's time to let go of much pain and suffering! Maybe it's time to let go of unforgiveness! Did you know we have trained Stephen ministers right here at St. Isidore Parish who are willing to walk with you for as long as it takes to help you get back on a path that takes you back to a holier, healthier self. When we can let go of the past, we can become the person Christ intended for us to be. For more information, contact any of our Stephen Ministers or call one of these leaders:

Deacon Mike Seibert 812-482-1886
 Carla Buechler 812-630-6217
 Brenda Ferguson 812-639-1201



Mark Your Calendars:



Ordination of Caleb Scherzinger

Sat., June 22 ~ Ordination

at St. Benedict Cathedral 11am ET

Sun., June 23 at 3pm ~ First Mass at St. Celestine

Dinner held at the Celestine Community Club at 5pm

More details coming soon.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Vincent DePaul will again be collecting canned, boxed, and non-perishable goods for the Du-bois County Food Bank during Lent. You will see the baskets around the altar area at the St. Celestine Church to collect the donations. We would like to say Thank You for all of our past and continued support with this project.

St. Isidore Weekly Schedule

Saturday, February 17

- ◆ 3:45pm - Reconciliation - SC
- ◆ 4:30pm - Mass - SC

Sunday, February 18

- ◆ 7:30am - Reconciliation - SC
- ◆ 8am - Mass - SC
- ◆ 9:30am - Reconciliation - SR
- ◆ 10am - Mass - SR
- ◆ 11am - Lenten Series - SR hall
- ◆ 12:30pm - Baptism - SR

Monday, February 19

- ◆ 6am-9pm Adoration -SR

Tuesday, February 20

- ◆ 6pm - Stephen Ministry - SR
- ◆ 6pm - Reconciliation - SC
- ◆ 6:30pm - Mass - SC
- ◆ 7pm - Way of the Cross - SC

Wednesday, February 21

- ◆ 7:30am - Reconciliation - SR
- ◆ 8am - Mass - SR
- ◆ 8:30am - Way of the Cross - SR
- ◆ 6pm - Youth Choir Practice - SC
- ◆ 6:30pm - Deanery HS Senior Dinner - St. Joe
- ◆ 7-8pm - Religious Ed Class 7-12
- ◆ 8pm - High School Youth Group - SC

Thursday, February 22

- ◆ 8am - Mass - SR

Friday, February 23

- ◆ 7:30am - Reconciliation - SC
- ◆ 8am - Mass - SC
- ◆ 4-9pm - Adoration - SC

Saturday, February 24

- ◆ 3:45pm - Reconciliation - SC
- ◆ 4:30pm - Mass - SC

Sunday, February 25

- ◆ 7:30am - Reconciliation - SC
- ◆ 8am - Mass - SC
- ◆ 9am - SVDP - SC
- ◆ 9:30am - Reconciliation - SR
- ◆ 10am - Mass - SR
- ◆ 11am - Lenten Series - SR hall



LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

MASS SCHEDULE/INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 17/Sat. after Ash Wednesday
4:30pm St. Isidore @ SC

Sunday, February 18/First Sunday of Lent
8:00am † Delphine Knies @ SC
10:00am † Frances Heeke Goodman @ SR

Monday, February 19/Lenten Weekday
NO Mass
6am-9pm Adoration @ SR

Tuesday, February 20/Lenten Weekday
6:30pm † Deceased members of Frances Schnell Family @ SC

Wednesday, February 21/Lenten Weekday
8:00am † Richard Verkamp @ SR

Thursday, February 22/Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
8:00am † Lois Jean Neukam @ SR

Friday, February 23/Lenten Weekday
8:00am Dennis & Florence Vogler family @ SC

Saturday, February 24/Lenten Weekday
4:30pm Kris Blessinger @ SC

Sunday, February 25/Second Sunday of Lent
8:00am St. Isidore @ SC
10:00am † Eric Lueken @ SR

Diocese Fiscal year begins July 1, 2023

Year-to-Date Budget.....	\$329,307	Feb. 10, 2024
Year-to-Date Actual.....	\$311,076	4:30pm...239
Year-to-Date Difference.....	\$18,231	Feb. 11, 2024
Weekly Goal.....	\$9,979	8:00am244
		10:00am.....200
Feb. 10/11 Direct Deposit.....	\$580	
Feb. 10/11 Envelopes/Loose.....	\$11,161	
Feb. 10/11 Total Collection.....	\$11,741	



PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would like to submit a name please call the Parish Office or Patty Englert. Names will be removed after 2 months unless resubmitted. If you or a loved one would like a sick visit while in the hospital or at home, please call the Parish Office.

Ethan Brown	Jack Goodman	Gerald Vonderheide
Sandy Heeke	Betty Beckman	Gerry Heeke
Kelly Friedman	Cecilia Betz	Tom & Shirley Welp
Mary Ann Rasche	Fred Lindauer	Alisha Gehlhausen
Ardella Pieper	Kade Mundy	Kathy Messmer
Clyde Melton	Logan Steckler	Jim Leistner
Stan Stetter	Ray Lueken	Connor Roberts
Ed & Anna Knebel	Marie Beckman	Kenny Hochgesang
Frances Knies	Keith Freyberger	
Jiggs Pieper	Annette Schepers	

Prayer Line Contact: Patty Englert @ 630-3548 or tpcmenglert@frontier.com

For Your Information

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Child Protection Services (800)800-5556

Victim Assistance Coordinator Diocese(866)200-3004

Baptism:

Anyone wishing to baptize their first child must first attend a baptismal class offered by the parish. Arrangements can be made by calling the parish office. This can be done anytime during the pregnancy. IMPORTANT! Before choosing your godparent, please call the office and learn about the qualifications of a godparent.

Marriage:

Please call the parish office as soon as you have a date you would like considered. The couple must call at least 8 months prior to the date to set up marriage preparations.

Reconciliation:

You can celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation:

Weekend: 3:45-4:15pm Saturday at St. Celestine
7:30-8:00am Sunday at St. Celestine
9:30-10:00am Sunday at St. Raphael
Weekday: 6:00-6:30pm Tuesday at St. Celestine
7:30-8:00am Wednesday at St. Raphael
7:30-8:00am Friday at St. Celestine

The bulletin will be submitted to the printer on the Monday afternoon prior to the weekend. All items must be to the parish office by 10am on Monday.

If you have a change of address or phone number, or would like to join our parish, please let us know!

Cookies for Kathy

Spirited Girl Scout Cookie Drive-thru
Sunday, February 25
 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Kathy's Home
 900 N Montana Drive W
 Celestine, IN



Kathy Messmer is a spirited and long-standing contributor to our community and pours her heart into the local Girl Scout groups. Let's give back and shower her with love and support as she fights her recent stage 4 metastatic cancer diagnosis.

Freewill donations for Kathy, cards of cheer and spirited participation are encouraged!



Girl Scout Cookies will be available at \$5/box and will benefit Girl Scouts while helping Kathy continue her Girl Scout Mission.

Celestine Elementary School Things



There is a photobook being put together from the Celestine Elementary School. If you have a picture of your family, class, or children that you would like to be in the

photobook you can have them added. Any photos or questions can be sent to Valerie Schmitt at schmittphotography@yahoo.com

Parish Bus Trip to Madison and Oldenburg May 1, 2024

Plan to join us for our 17 th St. Isidore Parish bus trip to Madison and Oldenburg, Indiana, which will take place on Wednesday, May 1, 2024. We will depart from St. Raphael Church at 8:00 a.m. for the scenic Ohio River town of Madison which boasts the largest contiguous National Historic Landmark District in the U.S. We'll have free time in Madison in the morning, and there will be a stop at Clifty Inn in Clifty Falls State Park on the way home in the afternoon. In Oldenburg we will have a prepaid fried chicken dinner followed by a tour of the Sisters of St. Francis convent. We plan to arrive back in Dubois at about 8:00 p.m. The cost of the trip will be \$90 per person. Of this amount, \$50 will be non-refundable, but transferable. For further information and/or to reserve seats for yourself (and your guests) for this excursion, please contact Clara Fromme (812.639.9327) or Dorothy Rasche (812.678.3001) by March 17. Your deposit of \$50 per person may be mailed to Clara at 2977 E Jasper Dubois Road, Jasper, Indiana 47546. (If seats remain, the trip will be opened to non-parishioners after March 17.)

CELESTINE COMMUNITY SPRING YARD SALES

The Celestine Community Spring Yard Sales will be held April 25-27.



If planning to having a sale, please contact Kristy Buechler at 812-481-2251 no later than Monday, April 22 in order to get your location on the map. Thanks!

Youth Information

SOURCE & SUMMIT

All students ages 13-18 are invited to join us March 8-10 for Source & Summit in Evansville. This three day retreat is themed around the Eucharist. The cost of this retreat is \$40 for the first student and \$35 for each additional sibling. This retreat will count for all Confirmation points for any students working on Confirmation Service Hours. Permission Slips can be found on our Website. Deadline to sign up is February 20th.



CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP

Registration is now open for our trip to Catholic Heart Workcamp in Knoxville, TN June 23-28. Join us for an amazing week of service, free time, games, music, and community. All students entering 8th grade through college are encouraged to sign up. We are needing 4 adult chaperones. Reach out to Craig to learn more about these free chaperone spots.



St. Isidore Parish Council Meeting
February 8, 2024 — 6:30 p.m. — St. Celestine Parish Hall
—UNAPPROVED—

Father led a prayer. Dave Schmitt called the meeting to order. Present: Dave (president), Clara Fromme (secretary), Kenny Beckman, Mike Betz (2nd Chair), Chris Bieker, Ben Gessner, Bill Hochgesang, Christine Sander, Sherry Schnell, Kelly Tretter. Excused: Kirby Gordon, Lori Merkley. Staff: Fr. John Pfister, Brooke Atkins, Kristy Buechler, Angie Mundy, Clarence Reckelhoff, Glenda Reckelhoff, Rev. Mike Seibert. Excused: Kirby Gordon, Lori Merkley, Joe DeKemper, and Craig Gehlhausen. January 2024 minutes were approved.

Father gave the financial summary, first noting that average weekend Mass attendance for January 2024 (623) is up 2.38% over January 2023 (609). Attendance clearly needs approving. It will be reported monthly and brought to Parish Council because it is clearly related to the financial picture. Current assets are \$629,641 and obligations are \$278,474, leaving unencumbered assets \$351,666.

Income from 7/1/23 to 1/31/24 is up 11.05% over 7/1/22 to 1/31/23. Expenses for the same period are up 3.66%. Income (loss) is up nearly 200% over the same time last year. Expenses for the second Director of Faith Formation position and the estimated CMA shortage total \$72,500. The Hopf bid (without further asbestos remediation or fill dirt) for the school demolition project is \$123,900. Once this is paid from the Capital Improvements fund, the remaining balance will be \$23,100, and this may need replenishment from unencumbered funds. Unknowns for the balance of the fiscal year include: collection amounts and expenses for foundation subsidence at St. Peter Celestine Church.

New Business — Brooke (Reuber) Atkins was hired from a pool of five applicants, and welcomed with applause as the Director of Faith Formation. The website had over 600 hits yesterday, the highest number of hits ever, as Brooke made her first post. Brooke is married to Aaron Atkins, and they have four children. Brooke has experience in school and teaching in our religious education program. Brooke noted her children are involved in youth activities, she is very excited to be working with them and the entire Parish.

Clara Fromme spoke about the May 1st Parish bus trip. The day will begin with departure from St. Raphael church at 8 AM. The first stop will be downtown Madison, Indiana, and then on to Oldenburg for lunch at the Brau Haus and guided tours of the Oldenburg Monastery. The outing will end with a trip back to Madison, this time to the Clifty Falls Inn for a bite to eat if desired, and relaxation to view the Ohio River from the hilltop before returning to Dubois. The cost is \$90. The Parish is invited first and if there are seats remaining, the churches nearby. The last trip, outside churches were not necessary.

Glenda reported Deacon Caleb Scherzinger will be ordained a priest on Saturday, June 22, at 11 a.m., Dubois County time, at St. Benedict's Cathedral in Evansville. He will celebrate his First Mass, the Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, June 23, at 3 PM at St. Celestine Church. A dinner will be held afterwards at the Celestine Community Club. Plans are being made according to Caleb's wishes. Limited family members and priests will be given free tickets; others will pay for their meals. Reservations will be taken. Each of the parishes where Caleb has served will be given a number of tickets to sell if they wish. Desserts will be requested from parishioners. Caleb's family has donated the cost of re-gilding Father Schnellenberger's chalice, and the parish will commission a box for it. Caleb has secured a paton. The Knights of Columbus will have a gift for him, and several ideas are being discussed for a gift from St. Isidore as his home parish.

Father has spoken with students in religious education classes, encouraging them to talk to their parents about becoming altar servers. Students may let their teachers know of their interest: which church and which Mass time they attend. Senior servers will be paired with the new servers as they come on to train them.

Old Business —Clarence reported Jeremy Hopf Construction has the fence up around the Celestine School. Demolition will start on Monday, February 12, with the permit having been granted. The gas, power, and sprinklers have all been disconnected. Water and sewer hook-ups will be taken care of by Jeremy. REC will keep the dusk-to-dawn lights shining. Two belong to the town and three belong to the parish. A company from Louisville will crush the bricks and concrete, and the ground-up stone will fill the basement hole. Along with this, fill dirt is needed and is being solicited. Grass will be planted on the leveled area; nothing is planned for the site in the foreseeable future. The garage and parking lot will remain in place. One issue is that there may be asbestos under the rubber roof that was installed over the original roof. The state inspector is in charge of determining if testing and removal are necessary.

Clarence continued, a concern has been noted in a deepening crack in the northeast wall of St. Celestine Church. Three companies have looked at it, all offering different opinions. The conclusion is that Universal Designs will draw up a plan to best address the situation, as the wall seems to have "dropped" an inch or two. Caulking on the outside has split open. A minor crack had been noticed years ago, but the past dry summer could have been a contributory cause for the precast wall to have now sunk a few inches.

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Faith Formation - Glenda reported a shortage of catechists right now. Glenda will be employed until June 27. Father foresees 90 days of training for Brooke. On May 1, Brooke will assume more authority. Over the years, the Director of Faith Formation has assumed administrative duties, with a long list not proper for the job. Brooke states she is confident she can do these additional duties, but the addition of another part time worker may be needed. Father said he has every confidence that Brooke will be ready on May 1 for the transfer of duties. He hopes by June 1, "Glenda can revel in the success of her career," and prepare for her new role with the church outside full-time staff before retiring June 27. Father appointed Kristy to head up a public recognition celebration for Glenda at a date to be determined.

Youth Ministry - Craig sent his report to be given by Brooke citing a great turnout for both the raffle tickets and the night of fellowship. An estimated \$10,000 was raised for religious education. A detailed accounting will be given about how the night fared with gaming and non-gaming income. Craig noted success in the junior high ministry and wishes to focus this as a community building ministry to enable moving on to high school as a more cohesive group. High school students are moving into the 4th and final section of "Equipped for Life." Students are exploring why Jesus and having a personal relationship with him matters. Spots are open for the trip to Catholic Heart Workcamp in Knoxville from June 23 - 28. Students entering 8th grade through high school and adults are eligible. Signups for Source and Summit are ongoing.

Deacon's Report - Deacon Mike noted that following the success of the Advent brunch sessions at St. Raphael's, and there will be Lenten sessions. Six individuals have been invited to present witness talks – to evoke "transformation, not just information." The presenter teams are from the Couples-to- Couples program. Young couples are eager about the program, with 22 couple having attended the January 6 event with speaker Father Simon. Eighteen men are doing Exodus 90, 12 women are doing Magnify 20, and the Cursillo group consists of 15 men, with several discerning the diaconate.

Priest Report — Father noted that last weekend was incredible for the church and for him. Ten young men worked on the first-floor rectory bathroom. He said the way they cooperated with work and fun which a joy to watch. Clarence will run the electricity for the new bathroom on Friday, and the only labor to be paid for is the plumbing. Kenny Schnell was thanked for their efforts in raising \$8,650 of the \$10,000 cost for the project, and he and Father are looking to get donations for the remaining 1,350; Martha Goepfrich was thanked for organizing a second collection for the Gehlhausen family. Father thanked the committee for doing the design and work and Kristy for proposing the use of the remaining tile and paint from the Church renovation. Father attended Doris Meyer's 90th birthday party, and she was a light and a joy. Saturday night Mass had a large attendance and Drew Schroering spoke for the Boy Scouts. Throats were blessed. The dinner and raffle event was fun as he witnessed a strong sense of community represented by both churches. On Sunday the Scouts served at the altar, read, and brought up the gifts. Religious awards were presented to the Scouts mothers who pinned them to each Scout. He said, "It's a joy to be here."

Kenny Beckman offered congratulations for Craig Gehlhausen's family's addition of baby Rebecca and for Kirby Gordon's family's addition of baby Dane. Father closed with a prayer that included families suffering sickness at Saint Isidore and a prayer for unity and oneness of the Parish.

The next meeting will be on March 14, 2024, 6:30 PM, at St. Raphael Religious Education Center.

Respectfully submitted, Clara Fromme, Secretary

Cub/Boy Scout Sunday



LITURGICAL ROLES ST. ISIDORE PARISH

	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers	Greeters	Servers	Lector	Sacristan	Music
St. Celestine Saturday February 24 4:30pm	Stan Goodman Karla Goodman Lacey Fischer Janell Pfau Angie Hochgesang Judy Senninger	Kelly Knies Joe Brosmer Bill Hochgesang	Lisa Hohler Maurice & Karen Pund Laine Busick	Isaiah G. Gavin W.	Gianna Wagner	Teresa Betz	Hannah Staub Lisa Wagner
St. Celestine Sunday February 25 8:00am	Ben Gessner Jennifer Bieker Lindsey Linne Mike Vogler Margaret Gehlhausen Emil Schroering	Kregg Nordhoff Clarence Reckelhoff Kelly Tretter	George & Pat Schroeder Hilbert & Janice Betz Betty Kleinhelter	Avery S. Nigel T.	Michael Betz	Sharon Reckelhoff	Traci Catt Choir
St. Raphael Sunday February 25 10:00am	Sarah Danhafer Jim Merkley Crystal Seger Audrey Denu	Terry Friedman Brian Beckman Lori Merkley	Amberly Massey	Emma M. Adelyn M.	Brooke Atkins	Greg Vonderheide	Sherrie Knies Mary Grace Wagner

Weekend Homebound Minister: Teresa Betz 812-827-3366

Family of the Month

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