

*J*esus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

John 2:11 (NAB)

*Church of St. Isidore
Stow, MA
January 17, 2010
Second Sunday in Ordinary
Time*

Parish Finances

Thanks

January 10, 2010

Offertory in envelopes (94) or by checks (21)	\$3,435.00
Offertory in loose cash	\$417.00
Total Offertory	\$3,852.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$102.25
Grand Annual Collection to date	\$19,325.00

From the Pastor...

Today we have a reading from the Fourth Gospel, from John. This miracle is a sign or symbol which tells us who Christ is.

He takes on the role of the groom, giving wine to the wedding guests. In Christian tradition Christ is related to the Church, to all of us, a groom to the bride.

Every Sunday we share this cup with Him in the Eucharist.

Fr. David A. Doucet

Our thanks to all who have increased their support of the parish. Our hope is that all who can, will heed the invitation given by the parish finance council

- for those who give, to give \$5 extra
- those new to the system to become part of the team.
- for all to give regularly using the weekly envelopes, sending offering by mail, or transferring electronically.

Welcome New Parishioners

Please introduce yourself to Father Doucet, Deacon Bob or Deacon Charlie. Call or visit the rectory to fill out a registration card to be included in our database.

Marriage

Arrangements should be made at least 6 months before the intended date of the wedding. Please call the Rectory to schedule your date and make an appointment to speak with Father Doucet.

The mission statement of St. Isidore Parish.

St. Isidore Parish is a Catholic faith community committed to helping people deepen their relationship with Christ. The cornerstones of our mission are:

- the celebration of the Eucharist,
- Christian service,
- evangelization, and
- religious education for every person.

These are the foundations through which we help people to grow and sustain the excitement of their relationship. We are committed, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to welcoming all to our faith community, seeing Christ in one another and growing in our commitment to be more like Christ, especially in our daily prayer life.

Goal 1 - It is the goal of this parish to strengthen the faith commitment of the parishioners, both children and adults, by involving them in opportunities that will allow them to experience a growth in their faith.

Goal 2 - It is the goal of this parish to develop a plan to reach out to other parishes within our cluster. This outreach can be on an informal and/or formal basis.

Children's Liturgy of the Word



We will be celebrating Children's Liturgy of the Word each Sunday at the 10:30 AM Mass. The exceptions to this will be most holiday week-ends and school vacation week-ends. CLOW is age

appropriate for children who are already in Kindergarten through Grade 5. Following the Christmas vacation and holiday week-ends CLOW will resume with the following schedule:

January 24 & 31	February 7 & 28
March 7, 14, 21 & 28	April 11

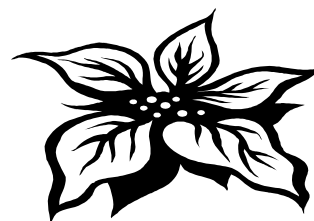
Year for Priests Spiritual Adoption

During this Year for Priests, The Vocation Office is happy to announce that Serra Boston Vocation Club is initiating the "Adopt-a-Priest Apostolate" where parishioners spiritually adopt a priest of the Archdiocese of Boston for one year. Parishioners are given the name of a priest of the Archdiocese, prayer cards and a prayer booklet and asked to pray for the particular intentions and ministry of that priest. If you are interested in more information or being assigned a priest of the Archdiocese to pray for on a daily basis, please call 978-462-1057 or go to www.serraboston.org or <http://www.vocationsboston.org/Resources.aspx>.

Catholic Chaplain at Emerson Hospital

Our parish, along with other parishes in our vicariate, provides a Catholic chaplain to meet the pastoral/spiritual needs of any one hospitalized at Emerson Hospital in Concord. Chaplain Georgia Leiner can offer prayer, pastoral counseling, Communion, and if needed, arrange for the Sacrament of the Sick. She also gives support to the family or others involved.

You can call the chaplain before you get to the hospital, or ask for her after you arrive. Georgia works every day and you can reach her at 978-287-3015. She is there for you and will be glad to minister to you.



We will be removing the poinsettia plants from the altar after the 10:30AM mass this weekend. If you would like one please feel free to take a plant on your way out of church.

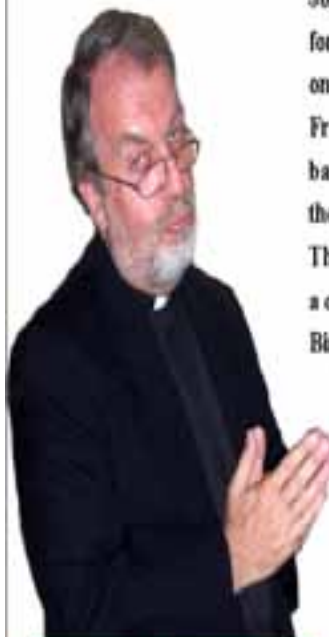
SATURDAY, JANUARY 30TH

St. Isidore's

Proudly presents

MISGIVINGS

A "Divine" Comedy of bellylaughs, blessings, blarney and bingo



Join Father Patrick Aloysius Misgivings for this divine presentation of stories and one liners about growing up Catholic. From miracles and marriage counseling to bazaars and birth control, nothing escapes the good father's razor sharp, Irish wit. This hilarious, interactive comedy includes a collection, a raffle and even an actual Bingo game.

New England's
most entertaining
One Man Show!!

St. Isidore Church Hall

429 Great Road Stow, MA

Doors open: 6:30PM

Showtime: 7PM

\$15

(Senior Citizens \$14)

Tickets available beginning
January 3rd after Mass or at the rectory,
weekdays before noon.

Holy Hour For Life

with Exposition of the Holy Eucharist



"...that I should not lose anything of what he gave me..." John 6:39

January 21, 2010

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: St. Isidore Parish

In collaboration with Boston Deacons for Life & Pro Life Office-Archdiocese of Boston

Thomas More College Winter Open House

On President's Day, Monday, February 15, 2010, Thomas More College is hosting its annual Winter Open House. All high school seniors, juniors, and their families are encouraged to attend classes, have lunch, converse with students, and meet with professors. Located in scenic Merrimack, NH, Thomas More College provides a Great Books education that is firmly rooted in the Catholic tradition. All students learn Iconography in our unique Way of Beauty program and spend a full semester on our Rome campus at no extra cost. Tuition is low and scholarships are available. For more information, and to register, please contact the admissions office at (800) 880-8308 or email us at admissions@ThomasMoreCollege.edu Overnight guests are welcome.

Attention Families with Children:

We have discontinued the Sunday Funday pages typically located on the last page of the bulletin. We are doing this because we distribute a similar set of pages to children attending Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) at the 10:30 Mass. For children not attending CLOW, copies will be available at the three entrances to the church.

Today we begin a family page which will be located in the back of the bulletin and contain reflections, information and prayers designed to help to support you in your role as Catholic parents.

"Helping Children Cope When a Parent Has Cancer"

The Bethke Cancer Center at Emerson Hospital is pleased to offer a workshop for children whose parent has a diagnosis of cancer. This three session program is for children ages 3-15 and their parents. The program includes a Saturday morning family workshop as well as a brief introductory and follow-up meeting for parents only. All three sessions will be held at Emerson Hospital. This workshop has been generously funded by donations to the Bethke Cancer Center and is provided at no cost to participants.

Parents are asked to call 978-287-3422 to register.

Discernment Retreats for Men-Know of a man who may be called?

On the weekend of February 5-7, 2010, Cardinal Sean will lead two retreats for men to experience seminary life, pray and reflect upon the Priesthood, meet other men like themselves and discern God's call in their life. The Discernment Retreat at Blessed John XXIII Seminary for men age 40 and older will be held on February 5-6, 2010 and the Discernment Retreat at St John's Seminary and Connors Family Retreat Center for men ages 18-40 years will be held on February 5-7, 2010. The Vocation Office invites you to submit names of men you think might have a vocation to the Priesthood to be considered for this retreat. Please send their names and contact information to the Vocation Office at 66 Brooks Drive, Braintree, Ma. 02184 or by email at Dfortin@rcab.org For more info call 617-746-5949. One of the priests from the Vocation Office will contact the men to see if this retreat is right for them.

Sunday through the Week:

a page for families with children



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parent Notes:

Today we reflected on Jesus' miracle at the marriage feast at Cana. We noted that Mary drew his attention to the problem that had arisen but did not tell him how to solve it. When we take a problem to God in prayer, we need to be open to accepting whatever solution God chooses, even if it's not the solution we want.

You might want to discuss with your child today:

What did Jesus do to help the people at the wedding feast?

Jesus also asks us to serve others in our own special way. What things are you good at doing for others?

How can you be like Jesus and serve others in this coming week?

When the wine ran out at a wedding at Cana, Jesus performed his first miracle by turning the water in six stone jars into wine. After seeing this, Jesus' disciples put all their faith in him. Write down some of the ways that you show your faith in God?



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

by Dianne Bergant CSA



The readings that are offered to us as we begin Ordinary Time carry over some of the themes that we considered during the Christmas season. Then we celebrated the new era that God inaugurated through the birth of Jesus. Now we look deeply into our minds and hearts to see just how open we are to the demands of that new year. Last Sunday we considered the manifestation of the Spirit at the time of the baptism of Jesus. This Sunday we contemplate the various manifestations of that same Spirit in our own lives. Finally, we are brought to realize that this variety of Spirit-filled ministries is intended to be a source of Christian unity and not of fragmentation or division.

One of the major themes gleaned from the readings for today is that of the call to newness. God summons us to something new, gives us a new name, provides us with new experiences, launches us into new ministries, and calls us to sing a new song of praise. Even Jesus experienced a call to newness. Through Mary, God called him out into ministry, a ministry that would bring the fruits of the eschatological age of fulfillment to the whole world. We may be inclined to think of Pentecost as the season of the Spirit, but in reality the newness of God always comes to us through the Spirit regardless of the season of the year. In the world of the new age, the real glory of Jesus will be manifested in the variety of the gifts of the Spirit given to the church.



A Prayer for Priests

Gracious God, loving Father,
font of every gift and good,
make of priests for us we pray:

men of faith, men of love,
humble servants of your Word,
prophets of your Spirit's grace;

men of hope, men of peace,
strong defenders of the truth,
heralds of your holy gospel;

men of prayer, men of praise,
guardians of our sacred rites,
of the scriptures and tradition;

men of changelessness and change,
men who follow you each day,
when and where your Spirit leads;

men of tenderness and strength,
comfort for the sick and weary,
shepherds leading home the lost;

men of counsel, men of wisdom,
gentle guides for the confused,
lights along the darkened path;

men of mercy, patient men,
understanding and consoling
of the grieving and abused;

men of justice and compassion,
reconciling and forgiving,
men of healing in your name;

men of sacrifice and honor,
single minded in your service,
set apart to do your will;

men of holiness and joy,
men anointed by your grace,
men ordained to serve as Christ.

Make us one with them in faith
and in Christ your only Son
in whose holy name we pray. Amen.

-Rev Austin Fleming

www.ConcordPastor.blogspot.com

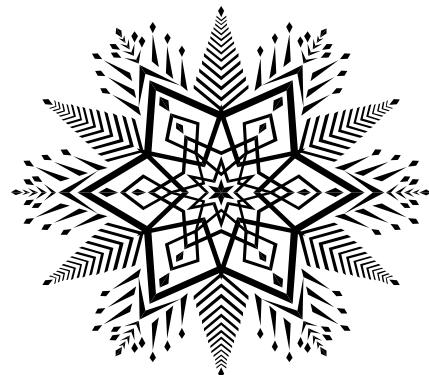
Generations of Faith 2009/2010



Our next session for the 2009/2010 academic year will take place on the weekend of **Friday evening February 26th (6:00-9:00PM) OR Sunday evening February 28th (4:30-7:30 PM)**.

Please RSVP on the parish website no later than Sunday January 3; we need to have an accurate count for seating, supplies and meals.

If you are not yet registered for GOF and would like to receive registration materials please contact Nancy Dome in the Religious Education office 978-897-9790 or nedome@stisidorestow.org





*St. Isidore Parish
Vacation Bible School*

... it's back!

**SAVE THE DATE:
VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL RETURNS
AUGUST 16TH - 19TH
2010**

This year we leave dry land. It's time to explore Gods word on the open seas. Join us as we sail, dive, map and explore all God's love while getting silly, loud and **WET!**

Project Bread's Food Source Hotline

1-800-645-8333 TTY: 1-800-377-1292

With the high cost of living in the Commonwealth and more than 522,000 people across the state struggling to put food on the table, chances are that a friend or neighbor of yours is having difficulty making ends meet this winter. Project Bread's Food Source Hotline can help. The Food Source Hotline is the only comprehensive information and referral service for the hungry in Massachusetts. Counselors can provide information and screen callers for food stamp eligibility, connect them to school meal programs, and direct them to emergency food resources right in their neighborhood. Counselors can assist callers in 160 languages and the calls are both personalized and confidential. Extend your goodwill and reach out to those in need. A call to Project Bread's Food Source Hotline may be all it takes to provide comfort to someone who is struggling.

In response to the increased demand for help, Project Bread's Food Source Hotline has extended its hours to:

Monday – Friday: 8:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Saturday: 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

ONE CLICK...



Go To:

<http://jesusindisney.blogspot.com/>

A blog by Fr Austin Murphy of the Archdiocese of Baltimore Fr. Austin was ordained in 2003 and currently occupies himself as the Catholic Campus Minister at Towson University in Baltimore. Here, at "Jesus Goes to Disney World," he shares thoughts on the interconnectedness of faith and popular culture, where Jesus meets young and old and gives them new life. What happens when Jesus Goes to Disney World?

FLU SEASON PRACTICES

In response to the concern about the H1N1 flu pandemic, in addition to practicing good hygiene, the Cardinal directs the following for the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy and for flu prevention:

- The Holy Water fonts are to be drained, cleaned with a disinfecting soap, and re-filled with holy water on a regular basis. Please note that old holy water should be disposed of in the sacarium.
- The distribution of the Precious Blood for the faithful is suspended, with the exception of those who must receive from the cup due to medical reasons. The faith of the Church teaches that Christ, whole and entire, is received even under only one species.
- The exchange of the Sign of Peace is to be offered without any physical contact. If the priest celebrant chooses to extend the invitation for the sign of peace, the faithful, instead of a handshake, may bow to the persons nearby.
- While the faithful retain the option of receiving Holy Communion on the tongue or in the hand, all ministers of Holy Communion are advised to distribute the consecrated hosts with care, being cautious not to touch the tongue or the hand of the communicant.
- Parishioners should be reminded that if they are ill or suspect they are ill with a contagious illness, they are not bound by the Sunday Mass obligation. They should remain at home and return to church when they are well.
- These directives are effective Saturday, October 31, 2009

At St. Isidore Parish, our compliance with these directives means:

- The glass dishes with holy water at the front entrances will be washed and sanitized regularly. The baptismal font is sanitized on a regular basis and that schedule of treatment will be increased.
- Communion will be offered under the species of bread only. Only a total of 4 ministers of communion are needed. If there is no deacon present, this requires 3 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion; if a deacon is present, only 2 are required. We will not change the schedule but request that EMs decide who will serve at the time of the mass. EMs are directed to use the hand sanitizer in the first pew before coming up to distribute communion.
- If there is anyone who cannot receive the consecrated bread (those with Celiac disease, for example) he or she should speak with the priest or deacon before mass so they may be offered the cup.
- The priest or deacon will extend the invitation for the sign of peace. People should extend that sign without contact. Obviously family members may continue to express the sign of peace as they choose.

Please let us know if you have any questions about this by calling the rectory or emailing the question to info@stisidorestow.org.

Thank you.