

# Holy Family - St. Isidore Parishes



## CATHOLIC PRACTICES... CANDLES!

There are many things in our Catholic faith that we do or use but we really don't know why we are doing some of those things. I think the practice of lighting a candle is one of those practices.

In my research for this article, I came across several explanations of why we have candles in church, especially votive candles. "Almost nothing says 'Catholic' like votive candles, especially if they are placed before images or statues in a church setting. When a film or television show wants the audience to know a character is Catholic, a confessional or a rack of votive candles is sure to turn up." I think it is very true — but why do we have votive candles in church? Why do we light these candles and say a prayer? What should you do or think when you see these lit candles?

Let's look at where the practice started: from earliest Old Testament writings, we see references to "light". In Judaism, a perpetual light was kept burning in the Temple and the synagogues not only to ensure the ability to light other candles in the evening, but also to show the presence of God. Also, a lit lamp was in the Ark, where the Torah and other writings of Sacred Scripture were kept. This practice probably influenced our own use of having a lit candle near the tabernacle to indicate the presence of and to show reverence for the Blessed Sacrament. Christians adapted the use of lit candles for Mass, liturgical processions, evening prayer ceremonies, funeral and more. Most importantly, in our Catholic tradition, in early times as well as today, light has a special significance — Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. No followers of Mine shall ever walk in darkness; no, he shall possess the light of life." (John 8:12) And thus we come to the votive candles. Just like in early Christian times, we light a candle before a statue or image of our Lord. Of course, we do NOT honor the statue or image, but the one whom it represents! With this light of faith, we petition our Lord in prayer, or petition the saint to pray with us and for us to the Lord. The light shows a special reverence and desire to remain present to the Lord in prayer even though we may leave church and go about our daily business. When we see these lit candles, we should remember in prayer the intentions of the people who lit the candle. We light them not because we believe our prayers will be better heard by God, but because we sometimes need something visual to connect our body and soul. So the next time you are in church, if you wish, lit a candle for your special intention and remember the special intentions of all the others who have lit a candle before you. - (See prayer on inside of bulletin)

### PARISH SERVICE SCHEDULE

#### Saturday July 14 5:00 pm

Lector Barb Emmendorfer  
Eucharistic Ministers Jeanne Alaga  
Renee Cooper  
Mike Elliott  
Servers Bob McCue  
Usher Team Gary Hrncharik

#### Sunday July 15 10:00 am

Lector Randy Ladiski  
Eucharistic Ministers Sue Ladisky  
Ginger Kusnier  
Vivian Durling  
Server Izzy Loynes & Kellan Garcia  
Usher Team Joe Tejkl

#### Saturday July 21 5:00 pm

Lector Teresa Graham  
Eucharistic Ministers Chris Chandler  
Cheryl Chandler  
Nancy Hughson  
Servers Alex Houska  
Usher Team Gary Hrncharik

#### Sunday July 22 10:00 am

Lector RoseMarie Thering  
Eucharistic Ministers Ginger Kusnier  
Dale Trierweiler  
Ann Trierweiler  
Server Skylar Spitzley  
Usher Team Paul Pung

### Counting Schedule

July 15 - Team #4  
July 22 - Team #6



Separate, but under one pastor, serving the Catholic Communities of Ovid-Elsie and Laingsburg. Come join and worship with us.



## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME JULY 14 & 15, 2018

Rev. Robert Bacik, Pastoral Administrator

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Parish Secretary: Sharon Gillespie

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Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays from 4 to 4:30 pm

Sacrament of Matrimony: Contact Fr. Robert Bacik

Sacrament of Baptism: Contact Deacon John Marsh

Parish Nurse: Pat Latz

Director of Music:

### MASS SCHEDULE:

Holy Family

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am

Thursday: 8:30 am

Holydays: As Announced

St. Isidore

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am

Wednesday: 6:30 pm,

Thursday & Friday: 8:30 am

### OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday, 8 am to 3 pm

Wednesday, 8 am to 3 pm

Friday, 8 am to 3 pm

Website: [www.stisidorechurch.org/hf/](http://www.stisidorechurch.org/hf/) - Bulletins posted weekly

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday - July 14 -- 5:00 pm**

Chris Porrell  
By Larry & Margo Martin

**Sunday - July 15 - 10:00 am**

Robert Delaney  
By Harriet Delaney

Monday - No Mass

Tuesday - No Mass

Wednesday -No Mass

**Thursday - July 19 11:00 AM**

Frederick L. Stehlik  
By Michael G. Slagh

Friday - No Mass

**Saturday - July 21 -- 5:00 pm**

Marian Shipley  
By Holy Family Altar Society

**Sunday - July 22 - 10:00 am**

Bob Byrnes  
By Sid & Angie Wittenberg

**Weekly Offertory Envelopes  
July 7 & 8, 2018**

Adult (52) Envelopes \$1,723  
Loose Collection \$208  
Total Offertory \$1,931

**PRAYERS FOR . . . . .**

.. those who long to be delivered from illness and pain especially: Fr. Ray, Shirley Palatka, Pamela Morgan, Jean Raber, Sylvia McKay, Sandy VanGeertruy; Sister Rosalyn Seda, OP (Sister of Joe Tejkl), Craig & Caren Henning (Nephew & Niece of Leonard Mitchell), Rhonda Carman & Gloria Castello (Daughter & Sister of Elodia Keys), Sharon & Deanna Darling, (Sister-in-Law & Niece of Art & Karen Kelley), Jennifer Feltman, Sherry Curtis (Niece of Rose Thering); Justin Cole, (nephew of Courtney & Andy Bates); Val Thelen, Connie Weller, Jerry Proctor (friend of Rick & Betty Sloat), Roberta Stanton, Shelby Porubsky, Mike Heeg, Charles Waddell Family, John Olinger, Pam Jessee, (Sister of Terry Broome), Larry Martin, Mike Messersmith (Nephew of Rose Thering), Margo & Vince Marnik (Daughter of Leonard Mitchell), Jason Clark, Aleisha Clark & Family

*Remember all who are serving in the military or who have served!*

*This is a prayer that you might want to use when lighting a candle. Feel free to cut it out and keep it with you. It was posted in The Catholic Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Santorini Greece.*

*I may not know how to pray. . .  
I may not know what to say. . .  
Maybe I do not have the time now  
to be here in this place. . .*

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*The light of this candle represents 'everything I am  
thanking You for' . . .  
And 'everything I am asking You for' . . .  
It represents 'my time' . . .*

*It represents 'a part of myself' that I leave before You, Lord . .  
Before you Mary, Mother of Mercy. . .  
And before you, the Holy Saints of God. . .*

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*This light that shines is the symbol of my prayers,  
My unbroken union with You,  
God of Love, Joyful and  
Merciful Father. . .  
A union that will be with me forever.*

**Mark your calendars with the following events. . . .**

~Tuesdays - AA Meeting - 7 pm - Church Hall

~Thursday - July 19 - Quilting Ministry - 9:00 AM

~Thursday - July 19 - 55 & Better Group Potluck following 11:00 AM Mass

~Thursday - July 26 - Quilting Ministry - 9:00 AM



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**Eucharistic Procession - 9:00 am - 11:30 am**

From St. Mary Cathedral to the Breslin Center

**Assembly Gathering - 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm**

At the Breslin Center, MSU

**All Diocesan Mass - 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm**

For more information or to register visit:

**[madeforhappiness.org](http://madeforhappiness.org)**

**Sept.  
22nd**