



# ST. ISIDORE

CATHOLIC CHURCH



## MEET PARISHIONERS SCOTT AND BETH JARVIS

*FOCUSED ON SERVICE, FORMATION AND COMMUNITY*

**S**cott Jarvis has been blessed with a long history here at St. Isidore, having belonged to our faith community since 1972.

“It’s been over 50 years now that I’ve been a parishioner,” Scott says. “In fact, I grew up right across the adjacent street, on Marcia Avenue.”

Scott’s wife, Beth, joined the parish in 1991. While they have been involved in several different ministries, they have each focused much of their service in the area of education and formation of young people and children.

“For me, I feel I’m called to it,” Beth says. “I’ve been involved in catechism through various aspects for quite a number of years as a former teacher, and especially education



*Scott and Beth Jarvis*

in the Catholic way of life, that is a passion for me definitely.”

“That goes for me, as well,” Scott adds. “I’ve never been a teacher, but I’ve always been very involved with youth, coaching many sports. I’ve always enjoyed being around young people, being a role model for them — in particular, being around the young men and trying to help them grow as men and as Catholics. I think there are challenges for both females and males, but I think there

are particular challenges for males in society — overall they’re struggling. I like helping them and guiding them to lead a good life.”

One of the ways Scott helps the young men in our

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**MASS TIMES:** Saturday: 8 a.m. *Bilingual* | 6 p.m. *Spanish* / Sunday: 8 a.m. *English* | 10 a.m. *English* | 12 p.m. *Spanish*  
Weekdays: Monday - Friday | 8:45 a.m. *English* | 12 p.m. *Bilingual*

**CONFESSION TIMES:** Wednesday: 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. / Thursday - Saturday: 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

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## HOSPITALITY *EXTENDS TO OUR FAMILY AT HOME AND IN OUR PARISH*

**A**s Catholics, we are members of two very important family units. First, there are our own families, which consist of our spouses and children. And as a parish community, we are members of a larger “family of faith,” along with our clergy and fellow parishioners. Of course, both types of units share in the Catholic faith, as we gather to celebrate Mass each Sunday.

Yet, all does not appear to be well. The modern media unfortunately seems to place a heavy emphasis on the destruction of both types of family units. Indeed, every day, we are bombarded with disconcerting stories about the various issues that threaten the vital bonds of the family — divorce, abuse, gay marriage, and abortion, just to name a few. At the same time, the “families of faith” in our own parishes have also been threatened by several issues, from scandals and mismanagement of resources to drops in Mass attendance and school enrollment.

All of these threats and issues most certainly promote a hostile environment for today’s American Catholics. In turn, we may feel that there is little we can do to counter the negativity that is so pervasive within our country towards those practicing the Catholic faith.

The good news is that finding the solution to such seemingly insurmountable problems often begins in the most simple and basic of places — at home. In this particular case, it begins in two homes — that of our own family, and in the parish home of our “family of faith.”

Certainly, we would like visitors in our own homes to feel welcome, whether they are extended family, familiar friends, or new acquaintances. Therefore, we do whatever we can to make these visitors feel appreciated — we might prepare a homemade meal for our guests, or serve them a fresh cup of coffee, all while we initiate a friendly and insightful conversation.

Of course, this effort to make visitors to our home feel welcome is a wonderful example of providing Hospitality, the first of the Four Pillars of Parish Stewardship.

So, if we consider our other family unit — the “family

of faith” in our own parish — the same can be applied to those entering our church for worship and fellowship. Whether we try to get to know some of the familiar faces we see at church each Sunday, reach out to someone new to the community, or extend a warm welcome to those visiting our parish, we are following Jesus’ example of hospitality at its most foundational and engaging level.

Of course, while hospitality serves to enhance worship and fellowship for the entire parish family, it also impacts our community on a day-to-day basis. If we foster a welcoming environment in our parish home and present the many opportunities to minister and serve, involvement will only increase throughout the community! Therefore, if hospitality continues to flourish throughout the parish and its many ministries, so will the stewardship way of life!

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*A Letter From Our Pastor*

## THE WORD OF GOD: HOW DO WE HEAR IT? AND HOW DO WE RESPOND TO IT?

Dear Parishioners,

A few short weeks ago, we completed our Christmas season. As we began this month, we went into what we call Ordinary Time — and before February is over, we will begin Lent.

The Gospel of John begins with the statement, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” We speak often of the Word in the Church. As most of you are aware, the first part of our Mass is called the Liturgy of the Word. What does that mean to us?

There are four parts of our celebration of Mass — Introductory Rites; Liturgy of the Word; Liturgy of the Eucharist; and Concluding Rites. My focus in this reflection is that second part, the Liturgy of the Word. The main parts of that are a First Reading, a Responsorial Psalm, a Second Reading, the Gospel and a Homily.

We draw on Holy Scripture from the Bible for the readings. As Catholics, we do not consider that these readings are about God, or about the Church, or about our faith, or a history lesson, or a nice story from long ago. We consider them to be God speaking directly to us. Thus, our attentiveness to what is being proclaimed is important. Are we listening? Do we hear? And then, do we respond in our lives? All of those should be facets of how we approach the Word of God.

For us, the Word of God is the living Word. God is speaking to us as a community, and He asks us to

be faithful to His Word. If we pay attention and truly listen, God can nourish our spirit, and Christ can be more real and present to us. The Homily, the Responsorial Psalm, the Profession of Faith, and the Intercessions develop the Word further and complete it. The Profession of Faith is our acceptance of God’s Word.

However, the question for us is, how do we respond to the Word? Does it change our lives? Does it bring us to the conversion necessary to live lives of stewardship and service? It is not easy, I know. Being able to listen, to hear, and then to act requires time, practice, commitment, and a desire to fulfill all of this. That is one of my prayers for us — that we can hear the Word, and that we can bring it to life in our own lives and in the lives of others.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Rev. Avram Brown  
Pastor





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## ANNUAL DINNER AND AUCTION A GATHERING OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP IN SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH SCHOOL

There is no better way to celebrate our school than with good company and a glass of wine. This year's Annual Dinner and Auction, taking place on April 29, is back in full force with an entire evening planned to bring the community together in support of the school. Mary Hastings, Advancement Director, and the committee made up of dedicated parent volunteers have been hard at work to make this event a huge success.

"In the past several years, it's been a challenge to host any fundraisers for the school," Mary says. "One auction was online only, and last spring was our first in-person event coming back, so we were just getting warmed up. This year we're going all out."

The theme of the Dinner and Auction is Napa Valley Nights and Pasquini's Fine Italian Food, a longtime supporter of the school, is generously providing the dinner portion. The evening will offer plenty of wine for guests to enjoy along with a silent auction, offering themed baskets provided by each class, and a live auction. The event is a great way to support our St. Isidore Catholic School students.

"The auction isn't just for current school families," Mary says. "Anyone who has any connection to the school and those who don't have a connection but are living in the community or are parishioners are very welcome."

Tickets can be bought individually or by the table. There are many sponsorship opportunities available for the auction and all sponsorships come with tickets to the event. Fr. Avram and Fr. Erik will be in attendance, as well.

The Dinner and Auction event serves as the main fundraiser to support the school. In order to keep tuition as affordable as possible, fundraising supplements tuition to

cover the cost of educating the students. The great collaboration between the committee volunteers and the community makes it successful.

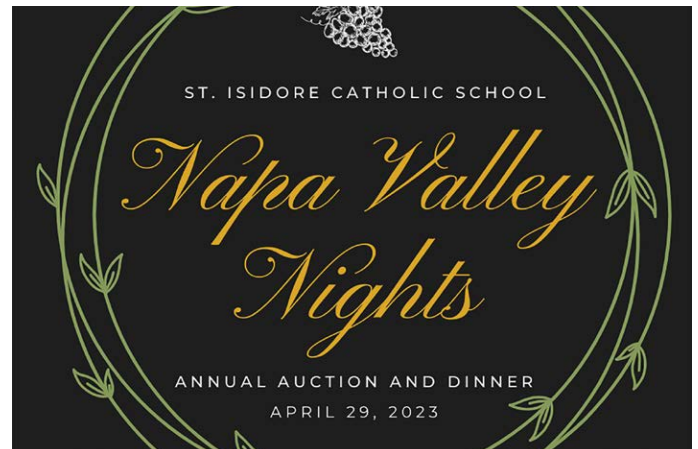
"The auction is really the event of the year," Mary says. "It's a very fun and enjoyable event to celebrate the school and raise money for the kids' benefit."

Christie Burns serves as the Chair for the auction. She has two daughters at St. Isidore — Gracelyn Kate in third grade, and Lorelai in first grade. Catholic education has made all the difference to her family

"It offers a high level of academic excellence infused with virtues," Christie says. "The development of the whole child, spirit, mind, and body, is irreplaceable."

Over the past few months, Christie has been deep in preparation for the auction.

"I'm really looking forward to seeing the vision of the auction come to life and the community coming together to celebrate such a wonderful school," Christie says.



*Please join us on April 29! To be a sponsor or to purchase tickets, please visit the school website at [www.stisidoreschool.org](http://www.stisidoreschool.org) or check the bulletin for more information.*

# PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

## PROVIDING A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY TO PERSONALLY SPEND TIME WITH CHRIST

**E**ucharistic Adoration provides us with a beautiful opportunity to silently sit before God in prayer, spending time with Him who created each of us. As St. Josemaria Escriva said, “When you approach the tabernacle, remember that He has been waiting for you for 20 centuries.” God waits for each of us to spend that time with Him. Here at St. Isidore, we are blessed with the availability of perpetual adoration for all parishioners.

We have a group of coordinators, each serving a day of the week. Several of the coordinators have been participating in the ministry since it began in 2016 on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

“As members of the ministry team, we enjoy getting to know our fellow parishioners and helping each other,” says Cynthia Pelfrey, who serves as lead coordinator. “The *We Adore Him* program is used to enroll adorers, assign hours, and scheduling. We all agree that it is a great system and allows us to keep track of attendance in real-time and easily make changes to the schedule. Any communication to our adorers via the program is either English or Spanish based on their preference.”

There are various ways one can spend their time in adoration, whether in silent worship, doing some spiritual reading, praying the Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet, meditation, or simply sitting in silence.

“It is important for all of our parishioners to come to adoration at least once a week, even if they have not made a commitment for a regular hour,” Cynthia says. “Everyone can stop in the church to make a visit. Once you start coming, you will experience God’s love and peace.”

Here at St. Isidore, adoration is offered 24 hours a day. We require two adorers per hour, and presently there are well over 300 committed adorers, many of whom participate for multiple hours each week. Many adorers also serve as a substitute when another adorer cannot attend their regularly scheduled slot. Presently, there is a need for additional substitutes. Cynthia says serving as a



*Cathy Marsh, Cynthia Pelfrey, Gina Krog, Ruth Pendilla and Andrea Saavedra*

substitute is a great place to start.

“Substitutes only come when they accept a request,” she says. “It is so easy — our adoration system sends out a text to their cell phone, they respond either ‘yes’ or ‘no.’ You can even substitute for certain hours and/or days such as 3 p.m. or 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Mondays. Then they only get a request if there is a need during those hours.”

At this time, there is also a need for more adorers for the 12-to-4 time slot, both overnight and in the afternoons. There are security measures in place for the safety of parishioners who come to adoration at nighttime. The church is locked overnight from 7 p.m.

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to 7 a.m. and only accessible by keycode.

“We ask that the code not be given to others and the door not be opened if someone knocks,” Cynthia says. “Adorers are encouraged to report any questionable activity around the church. They should inform the parish office during office hours, or call 911 or the non-emergency Police Department number, based on the type of problem. Adorers can park in handicapped spots at the back of the church when attending adoration after dark.”



*Anyone interested in participating in the Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Ministry may contact one of the daily coordinators — Emmanuel Orejel, Cathy Marsh, Gina Krog, Ruth Pendilla, Nancy Vallejos, Andrea Saavedra, Teresa Paras or Cynthia Pelfrey. Or call the adoration number at 530-771-6005, leave a message and your language preference, and an English or Spanish-speaking person will contact you.*

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community is through serving as the captain of Fraternus, a group for young men to get together in fraternity and support their faith journeys. He is currently on the board for Chesterton Academy, the new Catholic high school in our community that opened in May 2021. Scott also serves as a lector.

“What we’re called to, where we feel the Lord is calling us, we try to help out,” Scott says.

Beth became involved in our parish community in the area of hospitality when the Jarvis family first moved to Yuba City.

“I was head of the Hospitality Committee,” she says. “I just have continued throughout our time here to serve in various capacities wherever I’ve felt called or a need. As our girls were growing up, I taught catechism for many years. I’m currently an Extraordinary Minister and also doing the RCIA process adapted for children.”

In the years of raising their children, Beth and Scott

have prioritized prayer, faith formation, sharing meals together, and being active in parish life. They are proud to have passed on the faith to their six children, two of whom have also served as FOCUS missionaries. They credit our parish community for supporting their family in their faith journeys.

“The sense of community that parish life brings to us goes through our lives in many ways,” Beth says. “It’s not just our parish family, but our friends, our other activities, all revolve around parish life. It’s a big part of our lives.”

“For me, St. Isidore has always been a very consistent part of my life,” Scott says. “I’m a cradle Catholic, I grew up from around the corner and going most of the last 50 years. It’s part of who I am, it’s a big part of what’s formed me, and I think I’ve been fortunate to have closer relationships with the pastors. It has certainly helped to form who I am in my faith journey and my relationship with God and with other people.”