

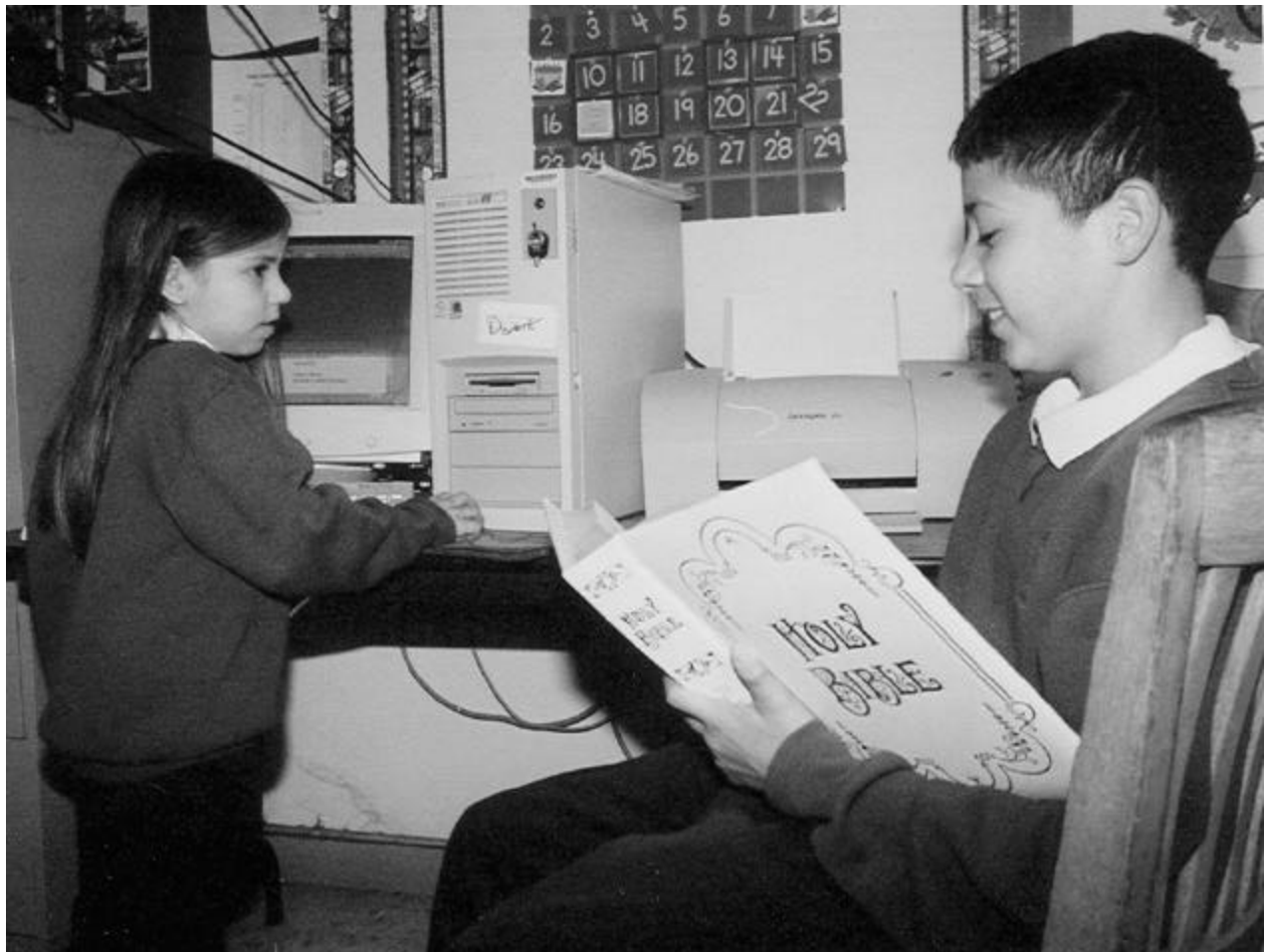


# St. Isidore Catholic School

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Two of the most important tools  
used each day at our school



One is over 2,000 years old...

## Words from the Principal




Dear Parents, Alumni, and Friends:

Preparing our students to become responsible and contributing members of our faith and civic communities is our goal here at St. Isidore Catholic School. We work hard to help them find a balance between technology and everything else in their lives. While we could have the students sitting in front of computer screens all day long doing their lessons, we feel that misses the point of our educational mission—helping students become well-rounded individuals. Therefore, we combine religious studies with more traditional studies, such as Math and Science. Our hope is to provide our students with a religious background and perspective with which to make good judgments about the world around them.

Technology is constantly employed to improve our lives, whether at home in the kitchen or at the office with computers. Unfortunately, technology is devoid of the human touch necessary to create well-rounded individuals capable of using reason and making educated decisions. St. Isidore Catholic School provides an environment that instills that concept into the growing members of our community. Teachers at this institute understand the intricacies of education and realize that students need to understand technology to succeed later in life. This is why educators at St. Isidore strive to prepare their pupils for the challenges of the real world that they will have to face all too soon and provide a moral context for those challenges.

I am excited about the inaugural issue of our newsletter, which you will receive on a quarterly basis. It will inform you about current events at the school as we strive to fulfill our mission of providing a quality Catholic education for our students. All employees of the school are focused and determined individuals, keeping the school's mission first and foremost in their minds. Should they forget, our Mission Statement can be found in every classroom and in the office. We take our responsibility with your children seriously.

God bless you,

  
EDNA REIZULLO  
Principal



### Our Mission

St. Isidore's School, an integral part of the educational ministry of St. Isidore's Parish, serves students from Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Our school's purpose is to provide those in our parish and surrounding communities, who embrace our philosophy of education, with a program of Catholic religious instruction along with the highest quality academic curriculum. This educational process aims to integrate the Christian truths and values of our Catholic faith into the total life of the student. The culmination of this educational process is a well-rounded person who is capable of becoming a responsible and contributing member of the faith and civic communities.

## Alumni Notes



As you drive along this spring enjoying the rich and diverse colors of the landscape, stop for a moment and ask yourself who was responsible for such a beautiful display. We often enjoy the result but rarely do we take a moment to ponder the architect.

Many of us have spent long wonderful years enjoying and celebrating not only the St. Isidore Parish but also St. Isidore Catholic School. As the rich tradition of the Parish and School has continued to grow, later generations have found themselves wondering what was the start of it all. Who was responsible for planting and nurturing the seed of the Parish and School which has grown so strong and beautiful? As a graduate of 1984, I never realized the full history of the School and Parish.

In 1995 I had found my way back to St. Isidore Catholic School as a teacher, and in 2000 the St. Isidore Catholic School Student Council asked about the history of the School and Parish. They learned that it was Father McElwee, under the direction of the Diocese of Sacramento, who was our Parish's master gardener. In a tribute to him the Student Council decided to create a program that would not only honor our Parish's founding pastor but also create a beautiful memorial not only to him but also to the people who donate to the program. It was at that time that I began to spearhead the project. It has taken many years and a lot of hard work from a multitude of people to get this far and my gratitude for all of the support and effort is unparalleled.

Phase one of the Father McElwee Memorial Rose Garden is near completion. Located in the front of the school, the roses are beginning to bloom and beautiful tile benches stand proud. Leading people through the Father McElwee Memorial Rose garden is the heart of the program, the brick pathways. Look closely at these bricks and you will see many of them are inscribed with names of people that our donors have chosen to honor. Through the generosity of many, brick, rose, bench, patron and statue sponsors this phase of the project is nearly complete.



Bob Eckardt  
Graduate 1984  
Returning teacher 1995-2000  
Parent of future graduates: 2009, 2011



**Watch for  
“The Work Continues”  
in our next  
publication!**

## Spotlight on our Teachers

# Miss Nagle

*Miss Nagle*, a native of the Yuba-Sutter area, is our young and energetic second grade teacher here at St. Isidore Catholic School. A Parishioner at St. Joseph Catholic Church, she attended Notre Dame Elementary School, Marysville High School, Yuba College, and completed her undergraduate degree at California State University-Hayward.

*Miss Nagle* worked as a Flight Attendant for three years and then was the Youth Minister at St. Isidore Catholic Church for one year. *Miss Nagle's* hobbies include a variety of sports, reading, art, and spending time with her family.

She said that when she travels and feels lonely, one of the things she is able to depend on is going to a Catholic Church and feeling at home. That is one of the ideas she is trying to teach her students as they prepare for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion.



*Miss Nagle* taught in the public school system for a period of time and says that what she likes about St. Isidore Catholic School is, “I am able to talk about God in my classroom and to take a moment of the day to pray together because we are a family. We are able to pray and comfort each other when we need that feeling of family.”

“It is wonderful to have such great parent support. It is an honor to be teaching their children. I feel lucky to be here, it is a blessing from God.”

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