

# Saint Isidore, Church Plant

## FAQ

### **What is St. Isidore?**

St. Isidore is a new Mission Church launching from Trinity. The official launch date is January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016. However, this is something that Trinity has been working on since May of 2014.

### **Who is leading St. Isidore?**

St. Isidore is led by Fr. Sean Steele. He is launching the Church with the leadership of 10 adults and 5 children. Some of the leaders have been affiliated with Trinity, and some have come from the wider community.

### **Where is St. Isidore located?**

St. Isidore does not have a permanent location, but will focus on those living east of I-45. The Church is structured as a network of House Churches, emphasizing strong lay leadership. The House Churches are bound together through regular gatherings of service, worship and formation. St. Isidore is designed to maximize flexibility and intimacy.

### **Is St. Isidore a part of Trinity?**

St. Isidore is a ministry of Trinity, with the goal of one day becoming a fully self-sustained and autonomous parish. However, there will always be a strong relationship between the two communities, particularly when it comes to outreach and youth. Members of St. Isidore will stay affiliated with Trinity, but operationally will no longer be active in worship or leadership of Trinity.

### **How will St. Isidore be funded?**

Funding is coming from multiple sources, such as the Diocese of Texas, private donors, and partnership churches. These sources of funding will be used for all the mission and ministry expenses of the Church. In addition, St. Isidore will be covering 100 % of the employment costs for Fr. Sean. Financial reports will be submitted to those supporting the Church, including the Trinity Vestry. Trinity is financially supporting St. Isidore with a \$30,000 grant over 12 months.

### **Will Fr. Sean still be at Trinity?**

St. Isidore is currently a Mission Church plant. However, Trinity is sending Fr. Sean out into the world as a response to the Great Commission. This type of call is very difficult and will take the majority of Fr. Sean's energy and focus. Starting in January, Fr. Sean will be fully committed to this work, and no longer be a part of the day to day ministry and operations at Trinity.

However, he will still hold an office at Trinity, preach 4 Sundays a year, do some pastoral visits as necessary, and be available for Vestry meetings and presentations.

### **Why is Trinity helping to launch this Church?**

This has been a vision of Father Gerry and many members of Trinity for several years. Father Sean was called here with that in mind. With Bishop Doyle's challenge to all the churches in the Diocese to think creatively and act boldly to bring the Gospel into the world, this is Trinity's response to that call. St. Isidore is designed to bring the Gospel and sacraments to people who are not attracted to traditional Church. It is not a church in competition with Trinity, rather Trinity's response to the call of our Lord to share the good news. St. Isidore is an act of courage, generosity, and hospitality, which are three characteristics at the heart of Trinity.

### **So, what is the deal with this Food Truck people keep talking about?**

St. Isidore will not have an official building, and so it will need other ways to gather everyone together. Currently, St. Isidore is raising money to purchase a customized food truck that will help facilitate the gatherings of the Church, because feeding people is essential to the Christian story. The food truck will support the service and worship events that St. Isidore plans to host every month.

