

SAINT LOUIS de MONTFORT Catholic Church & School

A Pastorate of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

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January 16, 2022—The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Desk of Father Haan

Roots Under the Surface

When my mother turned 60, I wanted to give her something special. With the brainstorming help of one friend and the assistance of another landscaping family friend, I decided to give Mom a redbud tree. It was a great choice: she loved it, and promptly found a good place in the yard to plant it. She watered it daily and admired its beauty. A little over two years later, the redbud showed evident signs it was dying. Apparently, the sprawling roots of a large tree (more than 100 feet away!) was stripping any chance to acquire nutrients, moisture, or room for roots. The redbud had to come down. Who knew all that was happening under the soil surface?

Mom's redbud comes to mind as I ponder our obligation to "plant" the culture of life in our communities, and how we cannot ignore the enormous and life-destroying tentacles of

"As the family goes, so goes the nation, and so goes the whole world in which we live."

- St. John Paul II

the culture of death in the process. This coming Saturday (January 22nd) is designated in the Catholic Church throughout the United States as the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." The date is chosen deliberately: it is the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court landmark decision of Roe v. Wade. The pending Supreme Court case of Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization examines the constitutionality of a 2018 Mississippi state law outlawing abortion after the first 15 weeks of pregnancy. Depending on this decision, the Supreme Court could overturn Roe v. Wade, which would provide a major change to abortion jurisprudence and allow state legislatures to pass laws banning abortions prior to fetal viability.

While this decision is far from certain, we would be naïve to believe this would effectively end the debate on abortion, and the "culture of life" which the Church has prayed for and promoted would finally flourish. The reality is this: there are too many factors beyond federal law which led to the widespread acceptance of abortion as a "reproductive right" that still exist and would extract much of what is required for the culture of life to thrive. There are so many complex dimensions to the tragic topic of abortion, enough to fill volumes of books. Maybe the most destructive have been the lies of the sexual revolution of the 1960s and 1970s which have taken root: The culture has effectively separated the sexual act from childbearing and effectively separated both sex and babies from marriage. According to 2019 statistics, 40% of all children in the United States are born to unmarried women. This is not the fertile soil that is needed.

Let's remember: we are not against abortion strictly because our Catholic faith prohibits it. Rather, we are adamantly opposed to abortion because human reason dictates that the destruction of innocent human life is evil and should be prevented, not sanctified and ratified by law. Faithful Catholics ought to seek the same legal protections for children in the womb which all other humans share. This is not a lack of compassion for women in difficult circumstances, nor is it an infringement of personal medical autonomy. It's simply setting the groundwork of truth and justice.

At St. Louis de Montfort, let's commit to personal prayer, penance, and fasting for the legal protection of the unborn children in our country (and our world). Please come to the Saturday (01/22) morning Mass at SLDM. There's a "Vigil for Life" with music and prayer at St. John's downtown from 2-4pm on Sunday, January 23rd. And on Monday, January 22nd, there is a Mass for Life at 10:30am at St. John's with Bishop Doherty and Archbishop Thompson, followed by a March for Life from Georgia Street to the Capital Building, with a Rally at 12:45pm. Come and plant the seeds of the culture of life! But let's also commit to looking under the "cultural surface" to identify and "uproot" all the elements of our culture that which impede the growth of the culture of life. Striking down bad federal law, if and when that happens, is only the beginning, a "planting" of sorts. We must ensure that women are supported, marriages are encouraged, and family life is protected. We must ensure the roots of the culture of life have what they need... and room to grow.

Under the Mercy, Father Haan

SAINT LOUIS DE MONTFORT CATHOLIC CHURCH



Mass Schedule Weekend

Saturday (Vigil) | 5:00pm Sunday | 7:30 am (This Mass is designated for those who are more vulnerable and will offer a particular section where social distancing will be enforced.), 9:00am, 11:30am & 5:00pm Knights of Columbus will lead the rosary in the Church 25 minutes before each weekend Mass.

Weekday

Monday-Saturday | 8:00am Tuesday & Thursday | 6:00pm Friday | 8:00am and Noon

Holy Days of Obligation

January 1 | Mary, Mother of God August 15 | Assumption of Mary November 1 | All Saints Day December 8 | The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary December 25 | Nativity of the Lord Watch bulletin for times.

Reconciliation

Tuesdays and Thursdays | 5-5:50pm Saturday | Following the 8am Mass Or by appointment Pastor, Fr. Thomas Haan

Associate Pastor, Fr. Sean Aaron

Parish Hours/Office Info

Monday-Friday | 8:00am-5:00pm (Closed Noon-1pm for Lunch) OFFICE CLOSED WEEKENDS

Parish Office Number: 317-842-6778

Fax Number: 317-576-1932

Emergency Number to reach Priests:

317-967-2443

New Parishioners

Our warmest welcome to all who worship with our parish family, whether long-time resident or new visitor to our parish. If you are interested in registering at St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church, you may do so on our website (www.sldmfishers.org) or at the parish office.

Parish Mission Statement

Love God | Make Disciples | Serve Christ in the World

Parish Vision Statement

St. Louis de Montfort will be a dynamic witness of the Gospel and lead others to embrace the love of God.

Saint Louis-Marie Grignion de Montfort

1673-1716 Feast day: April 28 "To Jesus through Mary"



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gio

There was a wedding at
Cana in Galilee, and the
mother of Jesus was there.
Jesus and his disciples were
also invited to the wedding.
When the wine ran short, the
mother of Jesus said to him,
"They have no wine."
- Jn 2:1-3

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 20TH ANNUAL

MARD I de Montfort Gala

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2022

The Crane Bay

551 WEST MERRILL STREET
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46225

6:30 P.M. COCKTAILS & SILENT AUCTION 8:00 P.M. Dinner & Live Auction

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT BY Might to Remember-IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

\$125 INDIVIDUAL TICKET - \$100 ALUMNI TICKET BLACK TIE OPTIONAL - MUST BE 21+ TO ATTEND

Tickets, sponsorship opportunities, and overnight accommodation options may be found at sldmfishers.org/mardi-de-montfort.



OMNIA AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM - ALL FOR THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD

Mardi de Montfort is St. Louis de Montfort's annual dinner and auction gala, with all net proceeds from the event benefitting our parish and school ministries. Over the past two decades, it has grown to become our community's largest fundraiser and a highly anticipated tradition—bringing together parishioners, staff, school families, faculty, and friends—in the spirit of celebration and generosity.

The formal evening includes a cocktail reception, silent & live auction, dinner & dancing, and various giving opportunities. It is truly a beautiful night of fellowship, fun, and fundraising—all grounded in our shared faith and inspired by our mission: Love God. Make Disciples. Serve Christ in the World. The success of the event is measured not solely by funds raised, but also by the strengthening of our community.

ALL SLDM PARISHIONERS, SCHOOL PARENTS, AND ALUMNI ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!



Saturday, January 15, 2022

5:00 pm † Joan Wright, requested by Jeff Wright

Sunday, January 16, 2022

7:30 am † Tina Westphal, requested by Chris Sego

9:00 am † Dennis Czech, requested by SLDM Mary's Way

11:30 am † Robert Lentz, requested by the Griffin Family

5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Monday, January 17, 2022 8:00 am † John E. Haan,

requested by Jerome & Jennie LaReau

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

8:00 am † Lewis & Lorraine Rolwes,

requested by JoAnne DeFrance

6:00 pm † Vernon Lakes, requested by Jeff Wright

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

8:00 am Stella Durle,

requested by the SLDM Knights of Columbus

Thursday, January 20, 2022

8:00 am † Elizabeth Hanley, requested by Breda Barnes

6:00 pm † Russell Black, requested by Jeff Wright

Friday, January 21, 2022

8:00 am Mrs. Fox, Mr. Harden, Mrs. Ullrich,

and their families, requested by 7A

12:00pm † Julie Kennelly, requested by Jeff Kennelly

Saturday, January 22, 2022

8:00 am Kerry Monaghan,

requested by Joseph Monaghan

5:00 pm † Timothy Francis Sheehan, requested by Frances Palmer, Lucy Sheehan,

Erin Downey & Family

Sunday, January 23, 2022

7:30 am For the People of the Parish

9:00 am † Deborah Perry, requested by Rev. Thomas Haan

11:30 am + Scott C. Detrick, requested by the Griffin Family

5:00 pm † Steve Thompson, requested by Jeff Wright

Mass Intention Requests are now being accepted up to a maximum of 1 year in advance.

(The stipend is \$10.)

Please visit https://sldmfishers.org/mass-intentions

to view additional policy changes. To request a Mass Intention, please email receptionist@sldmfishers.org.



Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls of:
John Gates

John Jeffrey Kennelly II



PLEASE NOTE — INCENSE WILL BE USED AT THE FOLLOWING MASSES:

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January 23rd-9am & 11:30am February 13th-9am & 11:30am

7TH ANNUAL E6 CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2022

East Central Performing Arts Center - St. Leon, IN www.e6cmc.com

Registration is open!
Mark your calendars and register early!
Featuring Matthew Kelly!

Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Our Catholic faith tells us that Jesus is fully present in the Blessed Sacrament, which is exposed in our Chapel, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. By the grace of God and the amazing people who volunteer as committed adorers, we have had perpetual adoration for over 25 years! Quit a blessing for our parish family! With the busy-ness of the upcoming holidays, please consider taking some quiet time with Jesus, in our Perpetual Adoration Chapel. Below are hours that still need committed adorers. Please contact Jerilyn at jikunkel@yahoo.com or call 317- 997-2411 (be sure to leave a message).

Jesus is waiting...

Hours needing Adorers*

<u>Sunday</u> 5-6AM 8-9AM(2nd&3rd wks)

11AM-Noon 5-6PM (2nd & 4th wks)

7-8PM (Need Share) 9-10PM

Wednesday 2-3AM (1st, 3rd, 5th wks) Friday 8-9AM

Saturday

3-4AM

3-4PM 5-6PM

9-10PM (1st, 3rd, 5th) 11PM-Midnight

*Hours available are subject to change.

If you have a prayer request and would like people in Eucharistic Adoration to pray for you, please enter your request on the parish website home page and we will post in the entryway to the Adoration Chapel.

If you have any questions, please call Jon Zatkulak at the parish office.



Attention Liturgical Ministers!

Ushers—Lectors—Altar Servers
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Mass Coordinators

Have you logged in to the new system yet? We need 100% participation! Help us get there! Contact Beth Craig at bcraig@sldmfishers.org
OR 317-842-6778 x215

Want to get involved?
We need more liturgical ministers!
Contact Beth!

Readings for the Week of January 16, 2022

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-3, 7-10/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11 Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21 and 23/ Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28 Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-13/Mk 3:7-12 Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19 Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 2:20-21

Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8-10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Stewardship: Time, Talent & Treasure Total Mass Attendance

For the weekend of January 9, 2021......1,448

Saint Louis de Montfort Tithe (10% of weekly basket collections)

This Month's Tithe: Tornado Relief - Owensboro Diocese, Religious Retirement Fund, Feeding Noblesville Seniors, IHN, Holy Family Shelter

Last Month, Each Recipient Received \$ 5,161.00 Fiscal Year Total For All Tithes \$ 111,331.00

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	01/	09/22	Fi	scal YTD
Weekly parishioner envelopes	\$	28,245	\$	516,610
Online Donations	\$	23,448	\$	656,832
Visitor envelopes & loose cash	\$	1,523	\$	52,172
Total collected (before parish tithe)	\$	53,216	\$:	1,225,614
YTD Budget			\$(1	,162,500)
YTD Budget Surplus or (Deficit)			\$	63,114



PLEASE CONSIDER
GIVING ONLINE
Our parish is grateful for your
continued support.

If you are not using online giving now might be a great time to consider using this convenient & secure method of funding our parish mission. Thank you.

Set up online giving at: https://www.osvhub.com/sldmfishers/funds



ÄNNA'S HOUSE

Join your fellow SLDM parishioners by volunteering at the Lord's Pantry at Anna's House (303 N. Elder Street; Indianapolis, IN 46222). SLDM has committed to send a volunteer group down once a month. We thank you for your time and commitment to this important ministry!

Have questions? Feel free to reach out to Mike Mewborn (michael.mewborn@ukg.com) or Elizabeth Hoffman (emaryreid@gmail.com) who are coordinating volunteers for the parish. For more information about the Lord's Pantry at Anna's House, visit their website: https://annashousemsc.org/. Sign up for one or more timeslots at:

https://www.signupgenius.com/

go/10c0e4cacac2ca6fdo-sldmor scan the code.

Please Note, this is a sign up for the Lord's Pantry at Anna's House and is NOT a sign up for the Food Pantry at the parish.





Cardinal 50/50 Drawings

No winner was drawn for the weeks of December 26, January 2, or January 9.

The numbers drawn were 1307, 2549, and 4551. The amount in the rollover jackpot is \$9,035.00.

All registered parishioners may enter the weekly drawing by putting \$5.00 in the Cardinal 50/50 envelope from your monthly packet or the 50/50 envelopes found in the Narthex. All proceeds from the 50/50 go to our parish school fund.



Meijer and St. Louis de Montfort: "Simply Give" Partners

Our Sally Burton Food Pantry and the 96th Street Meijer Partner to Provide Hunger Relief Through Meijer's

Simply Give Food Pantry Donation Program

People in our community continue to struggle every day to pay their bills and put food on their tables. Some are even forced to choose between the two, a heartbreaking decision that no one should have to make. We're pleased to announce that our Sally Burton Food Pantry has joined forces <u>again</u> with the **Meijer Simply Give** food pantry donation program this spring to help fill that void for our local families.

The SLDM pantry will benefit from donation cards redeemed at the 96th Street Meijer store only - now through April 2, 2022. Please use one of the donation cards located in the Narthex, parish office or in store which establishes the donor as a parishioner or friend of our food pantry. Over the last 6 years, because of your generosity along with Meijer, we received donations of over \$27,000.00 for our pantry, thank you!

Each Simply Give campaign helps food pantries keep their shelves stocked with food for those in need. But it also fosters a sense of community by encouraging customers to purchase \$10 Simply Give donation cards, which are matched with \$10 from Meijer, which are then converted into Meijer food-only gift cards and given to our food pantry. And when we give, Meijer gives.

For every \$10 Simply Give donation card purchased on Saturday, March 5th & March 26th, Meijer will double match the contribution, meaning they will donate an additional \$20. This means our pantry will receive a total of \$30 for every \$10 a customer donates on that day.

We want to encourage you to help us fulfill our mission of helping feed the hungry by purchasing a food donation card during your next shopping trip. Tell your friends, relatives, neighbors and co-workers because every dollar makes a difference.



Interested in the Catholic Faith?

Would you like to know more? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a program for those inquiring into the Catholic Faith. To learn more, you can visit www.sldmfishers.org or you can contact Angela Exner at 317-842-6778, x240 or email aexner@sldmfishers.org



The SLDM Father's Ministry is hosting That Man is You!

This ministry is for fathers and men of the parish who are interested in becoming better fathers, husbands, and disciples of Jesus.

Fridays - 6:03-7:30am All Saints Rm., Ministry Center Wednesdays-7-8:30pm Fr. Allen Rm., Church Basement

Register today at: https://sldmfishers.org/fathers-ministry Contacts: Jeff Oelker, 317-698-2806/jeffreyoelker@gmail.com Dan Quirk, 317-252-3701/quirkdesign@hotmail.com



Fellowship and Fun

For those of you who love to play cards and socialize, we have started our Wednesday afternoon group up again. We meet on Wednesdays at 1:00PM in the kitchen area of the Church's lower level. The cards are

provided along with hand sanitizer! You can also register at https://sldmfishers.org/fellowship-and-fun or contact Angela Exner at aexner@sldmfishers.org or 317-842-6778 if you would like to know more information.

Are You a Catholic Adult but have never been Confirmed?

Register to join us for classes in January www.sldmfishers.org/confirmation-for-adults

Live different.

EXODUS

- Grow closer to God
- ► Take control of your life.
- ▶ Become a better man.

Exodus offers a 90-day spiritual exercise for men that provides a path to freedom through prayer asceticism and fraternity.





Exodus 90 begins January 17, 2022

The basic design of this program is to lean on the 4 pillars of prayer, asceticism (fasting), fraternity and 90 days. Men will give up creature comforts, double down on their prayer life, walk with an anchor (accountability partner), and share this experience with a small group of men called a fraternity. God is always calling us to more! These spiritual exercises are an incredible way to start the first quarter of 2022 as a disciple seeking the Lord, growing in holiness, and building Christ-centered friendships with other good men.

Adult Formation Team Members Needed!

If you are willing to join our team to set up or tear down for an event and help set out catered food, you can attend our Adult Formation events and day retreats for free. Please fill in the form at www.sldmfishers.org/adult. Events usually include Day Retreats, Alpha sessions, and possible special events. If you are tech savvy, we can always use your help, too! If you have questions, contact Angela Exner at aexner@sldmfishers.org.

FAITH FORMATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS • NE

Elementary RE Calendar for 2022

• Jan. 16: NO RE CLASSES—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 23: RE ClassesJanuary 30: RE ClassesFebruary 6: RE ClassesFebruary 13: RE Classes

• February 20: NO RE CLASSES-PRESIDENT'S DAY



Through the waters of Baptism, we welcome to our faith community:

Allie Rose Boland

ST. LOUIS DE MONTFORT JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

- Jan. 16: NO JHYM-Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan. 23: JHYM Small Groups—10-11:15am
- Jan. 30: JHYM Small Groups—10-11:15am
- Feb. 5: "Encounter 2022" JHYM One-Day Event
- Feb. 6: JHYM Small Groups—10-11:15am
 Contact information: Reid Leazier at rleazier@sldmfishers.org or 317-842-6778 x 232

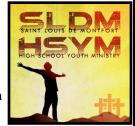
 Register today at https://sldmfishers.org/junior-high

High School

Youth Ministry

Meets Sundays at 6PM.

All high school teens are invited to join us in the All Saints Room.



- Jan. 16-NO HSYM DUE TO SENIOR RETREAT
- Jan. 23—HSYM Small Group Mtg. 6-7:30pm
- Jan. 30—HSYM Small Group Mtg. 6-7:30pm
- Feb. 6—HSYM Small Group Mtg. 6-7:30pm
- Feb. 13—Superbowl Sunday Tailgate 12:30-2pm



Registering on FORMED is easy!

Go to FORMED.org/signup Enter our parish zip code (46038) or name to select our parish Enter your name and email



Young Adult Ministry (20's and 30's) is a community of friends gathering together for prayer, faith sharing, social outings, and service projects. Our hope is to journey together, while helping each other keep our gaze fixed on Christ. We meet on Thursdays in the Youth Ministry Center at 7pm and would love to have you join us!

Please contact Reid Leazier (rleazier@sldmfishers.org or 317-455-4231 x232) for more information!



Stressed? Discouraged? Lonely? Sad? Don't Suffer Alone. Help Is Available.

STEPHEN Sometimes we fall into a trap where we think MINISTRY it's a sign of weakness to ask for help. So when we're stressed, discouraged, lonely, or sad, we try to keep

we're stressed, discouraged, lonely, or sad, we try to keep our struggles hidden and are reluctant to ask for help. However, that's not God's plan. Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." God wants us to care for others—and allow others to care for us in our time of need.

If you're sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. We've got a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to provide confidential one-to-one care, encouragement, and support to help you through a tough time. Find out more about Stephen Ministry by contacting Deacon Chris at deaconchris@sldmfishers.org or through the Parish office. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care into your life!

PERPETUAL LIVING ROSARY NEEDS PEOPLE TO PRAY

Join fellow parishioners and say one decade of the rosary each day, at any time and any place, so as a whole our parish is offering many rosaries in prayer per day. Parishioners are assigned a specific decade and mystery for each day, so a complete rosary is said among 5 people. Sign up as a family or individual volunteer - our hope is to have 40 rosaries offered in prayer each day! Contact Jamie Anderson for more details at jamied.anderson10@gmail.com.

M.O.M.S. (Moms Offering Moms Support) If you're a mom, come join us! We have meetings for every schedule. Our Thursday morning meetings are the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 10-11:30AM. Our evening Tuesday meeting is the second Tuesday of the month at 8PM. For location and additional information please contact Nicki Burnette at nickiruppe@gmail.com. We can't wait to see you there!

Healing Hidden Hurts

Abortion Healing Ministry

Thank you for your generous support of Healing Hidden Hurts. If you or someone you know needs free and confidential postabortion care, please contact: Debbie Miller at 317-490-1267



Please Welcome OUR NEW MEMBERS

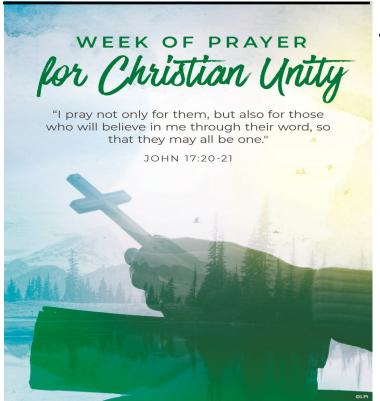
Lisa & Marc Bradford (Marisa)
Walter & Pamela Burns
Jeffrey & Amy Collins (Stella & Chandler)
Amanda & Greg Cox (Rylan, Chase, Saylor)
Julie Freiburger
Thomas & Cindy Gruesser
Hugh Henry Gerhardt
Linda Sherianne Rothermel
Kyle Stein

BALLROOM DANCE CLASSES ARE BACK!

Join us for the foxtrot, Wednesday evenings, January 26th – February 23rd, from 7:00-8:30 p.m., in the All Saints Room of the Ministry Center.

In these five classes you will learn the ten basic bronze (beginner) level foxtrot steps, which is the most commonly danced of all the ballroom dances. No experience required! Class size is limited to 10 couples and registration is available on the parish website. This class is part of the SLDM Marriage Ministry and is free of charge. The only requirement is that you have fun and spend time focused on your loved one!

Please contact Mike Sheek with any questions at mwsheek@gmail.com.



OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Martin Luther King Day; St. Anthony, Abbot

Tuesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Thursday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

Friday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Saturday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Vincent,

Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

CORPUS CHRISTI for UNITY and PEACE



PRESENTS...

Restoring Academic Excellence with Indiana House Education Leader, Bob Behning

Date: Saturday, January 29, 2022 Time: 10:00am to 12:00pm 9:30AM - Coffee and Fellowship

10:00 AM - Presentation

Location: All Saints Rm. In the Ministry Center St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church - 11441 Hague Road, Fishers IN 46038

We will explore with House Representaive Behning the alarming drop in academic scores in Indiana - what is happening, why it is happening and what can be done.

Children are the future. We care about all children ... whether they attend Catholic or public schools because we are called to safeguard the dignity of the human person.

Our children are suffering academically. What are the reasons? Indiana Representative Behning, leader of the House Education Committee, in his affiliation with Marian University has tracked the dramatic drop in Indiana test scores of children over the last 4-5 years and taken a deep dive into the drivers for the drop. We will explore the reasons why children are not succeeding academically (pre and post-COVID).

Registration ends on January 29, 2022 To register, please visit:

https://secure.ggiv.com/for/ccfuap/event/842043/





Catholic Business Exchange to host "A Conversation with Congresswoman Susan Brooks"

The January Catholic Business Exchange will feature a Q&A with Congresswoman Susan Brooks, facilitated by Judge David Certo. The Q&A will focus on the topics of hard work, mentoring and constituent services.

From 2013-2020, Susan served as the U.S. Representative for the 5th District of Indiana, which spans eight diverse counties throughout the central part of the Hoosier State.

She was a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, and held subcommittee roles in Health;

Communications and Technology; Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade; and Oversight and Investigations. She also helped shape reforms to mental health programs, addressing the national heroin and prescription opioid abuse epidemic. Prior to Congress, Susan served as Senior Vice President and General Counsel for Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana and served as Deputy Mayor for the City of Indianapolis under Mayor Stephen Goldsmith

The event is Friday, January 21, at the Northside Events and Social Club. Mass is offered at 7am and the program will be finished by 9am. Cost for the program includes a great breakfast and is \$18 in advance for members and \$24 for non-members. Registration is required by 4pm, Tuesday January 18. To register, pay online and for more information, visit www.catholicbusinessexchange.org.



Knights News Knights of Columbus 6923

Next Knights of Columbus Business Meeting will be held on Monday, February 14th, in Craig Willy Hall, beginning with the Rosary at 6:45PM.

Leave No Neighbor Behind

If you need help, especially during these times when it may be difficult to leave your home, the Knights welcome the opportunity to assist you. Whether it's general yard work, picking up groceries, general house cleaning, or repairs, the Knights are here to help. Please contact Jim Harris at 317-418-3924 or Tim Campbell at 317-607-9680 with questions and requests. If you receive a voice mail, please leave a message and we will get back with you.

Rosary before all Masses: The Knights will lead the Rosary before all weekend Masses in the Church, 25 minutes before Mass begins. Please join us as we pray for our parish and country.



The Knights of Columbus presents the 2022 Free Throw Contest Friday, January 21st at 6:00pm in the Saint Louis de Montfort Gym

All youth, boys and girls, ages 9-14, are eligible to participate.

We will have food and games for the whole family.

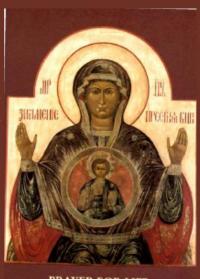
Registration at school or the evening of the event.

Contact Anthony Ayers at 317-213-7223

for more information.

NOVENA FOR LIFE

St Louis de Montfort parish will be praying a Novena (9 days) from Thursday, January 13th to Friday, January 21st. The Novena card, provided by the Knights of Columbus, will be available in the narthex the weekend of January 9th. The Novena prayer is from St John Paul II in his Gospel of Life.



PRAYER FOR LIFE

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O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life: Look down, o Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time. Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life, Amen.

Pope John Paul II Evangelium Vitae, 1995



DID YOU KNOW THAT SLDM
CYO SPORTS ARE FOR ALL
PARISHIONERS?!
YOU DO NOT HAVE TO
ATTEND SCHOOL AT SLDM
TO PARTICIPATE!

CYO Physicals

Physicals are required for all students participating in CYO sports this year. Mini cardinal sports are not included. Please email physical to cyo@sldmfishers.org.

The Department of Defense commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War wants to recognize, thank and honor United States military veterans who served during the Vietnam War.

Congress has authorized a special certificate and pin for each living veteran who served at any time on active duty in the US Armed Forces, regardless of location during the Vietnam War era.

To find out more about this recognition please contact St. Louis de Montfort parishioner Al Kozimor at akozimor@hotmail.com . And on behalf of the entire parish we thank all military veterans for their service to our country.

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RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-5:50pm, every Saturday morning following the 8am Mass, or by appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

To arrange for anointing, call the parish office.

HOLY COMMUNION

If you or another parishioner is sick and/or homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please contact Fr. Sean Aaron at frsean@sldmfishers.org.

BAPTISM FOR INFANTS AND CHILDREN

Parents of children who need Baptism or children who are past grade 2 preparation and not yet in jr. high school, and need the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, please contact the parish office at 317-842-6778. Please note that Baptisms are offered on the second and fourth Sundays at 1 p.m.

WEDDINGS

Registered couples wanting to schedule a wedding and/ or marriage preparation must contact the parish office. Weddings at St. Louis de Montfort should be scheduled one year in advance and have a sacramental preparation period of not less than six months prior to the wedding date.

FUNERALS

Please call the parish office prior to making any funeral arrangements with a funeral director. This ensures that a priest and the church will be available. To preplan a funeral prayer service and/or Mass, please contact the parish office at 317-842-6778.

RCIA

Contact Angela Exner at 317-842-6778, x240 or aexner@sldmfishers.org if you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

If you have a teen from the ages of 12-17 in need of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation please contact Angela Exner—aexner@sldmfishers.org. If your teen has already received Baptism, Reconciliation, and First Communion and is wishing to be Confirmed, please contact Matt Pifer at mpifer@sldmfishers.org

PARISH FACILITIES USAGE

Event/Meeting Rooms must be approved and Please reserved in advance (1 week min.). email receptionist@sldmfishers.org for all scheduling. All events and room reservations must be requested in writing. Craig Willy Hall may be rented with a fee. For wedding receptions (minimum 2-week notice), the sacramental marriage must be celebrated at SLDM. Hall forms are available in the parish office. All adults participating in events with youth under 18 yrs. of age must have completed the Safe and Sacred Certification.

CRISIS PREGNANCY—FREE ULTRA-SOUND/POST ABORTION COUNSELING:

Pregnant? Need help? Hurt by abortion? Call the Gabriel Project toll-free at 1-877-734-2444 confidentially, anytime, day or night.

TO REPORT AN INSTANCE OF SEXUAL ABUSE, PLEASE CONTACT Jackie Montrie, M.A., LMFT, LMHC Victim Assistance Coordinator of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana at 765-464-4988 OR VISIT https://dol-in.org/reporting-an-incident

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE: 1-800-273-8255

The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals.

Hearing assistance equipment available in the Sacristy upon request.