



St. Richard Parish Announcements

for May 11, 2025

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Hello CGS friends and families! It is hard to believe that we have just 5 weeks remaining! What a pleasure and blessing it has been to have had the opportunity to serve such a great group of young people.

The final week of this CGS year will be the first week of June. With both the Friday and Wednesday classes combining for a joint **Pentecost Celebration on Wednesday, June 4th at 10am.** *No separate class on Friday June 6th.* The celebration will include a procession, readings and a very special prayer exercise that we are very excited to share with all of you!

Our celebration will be held in the Pearce Center, in front of the atrium and will be followed by a potluck lunch. Sandwiches by Lauri's Deli provided by the parish and sides and drinks provided by all of you who wish to contribute.

We would now like to share some more exciting news. A Level 2 Atrium is in the works! Beth Furlong, Mary Millington and Samantha Weldon, will be pursuing Level 2 formation training in August of this year, in hopes to serve ages 6-9, in addition to level one ages 3-6, beginning this Fall. To achieve this, we need your help! We are in need of teenagers and/or adults who are willing to become Level 1 Catechists or who are willing to be atrium assistants which requires no formal training. Please share with others and provide contact information to any of the catechists listed below to anyone interested in learning more. If this sounds like something you would be interested in learning more about, please don't hesitate to reach out and ask questions.

We'd also like to invite you to schedule a time to attend an atrium class session to see first hand what it might be like.

With the Level 2 atrium coming, there will be many upcoming opportunities to be involved in other ways as well.

We'd like to thank Father Raftis, Colleen, the CCW, the Knights of Columbus and the many, many individuals who have donated their time, treasure and talents to this amazing ministry.

CGS at St. Richards wouldn't be a reality if it wasn't for your continued support.

Thank you from your CGS team!

Beth Furlong, Deirdre Antene, Mary Millington, Samantha Weldon



Later this month, Leif Homme will present a Resurrection-themed organ concert at St. Richard's. This is a good way to experience vibrant Easter music, as 'tis the season for joy and gladness!

NEW Book Study

Divine Mercy by Stephen Binz

OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS: There is a widely-held opinion that the God of the Old Testament is a vengeful and angry God, while the God of the New Testament is a gracious and merciful God. But in reality, both testaments reveal the same God, who is revealed through words and deeds of **mercy**. This newest addition to the very popular Threshold Bible Study series offers 30 lessons to help individuals and groups **"open the door" to the heart of Scripture.**

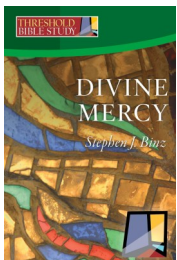
Reflection groups will meet every 1st and 3rd week (2 x month) on:

Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm beginning May 6th OR

Friday mornings at 9:30 am beginning May 9th
You may attend the session that best fits your schedule.

Suggested donation for cost of book is \$10.

Please register and direct your questions to Patty Jalowiec at (630) 202-6063 (call or text)



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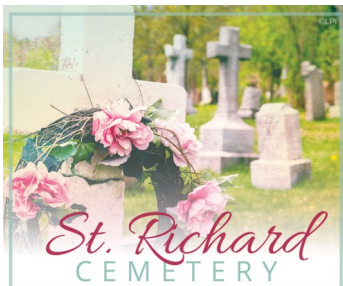
Ministry Volunteers Needed

The parish is looking for one more volunteer to help with the **church flowers**. Having at least 2 volunteers enables them to share the duties and split the task every other week. More volunteers is even better! Training is available!

We have implemented a rotating schedule to host and recite the **Rosary on Saturdays at 11am**. The parish office has a supply kit with all materials needed.

Families encouraged to sign up!

If you are interested in volunteering for either of these ministries, please contact the parish office. Thank you for sharing your time and talent with the church!



St. Richard Cemetery Committee

Annual Spring Clean-Up is Saturday, May 17th at 10:00 am!

Please bring work gloves, rakes, shovels, etc.

Please consider serving on the St. Richard Cemetery Committee as a Corporal Work of Mercy.

Volunteers are needed for keeping the grounds tidy and flowers watered.

Maintenance schedule is from May-October and volunteers are normally assigned 4 times a season, depending on number of volunteers. Thank you for serving!



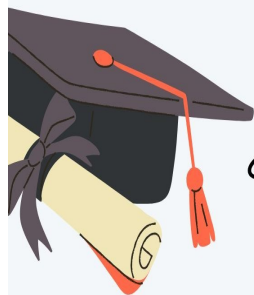
Friday, May 16th, 2025

5 PM - 7:30PM Location TBA

Barbecue with Bishop Vetter

Bring Your Own Spirit(s) and Smokes.

For more information contact: Kevin Donahue at huskerfans6@live.com.



Baccalaureate Mass for the Class of 2025

with Bishop Austin Anthony Vetter

Tuesday, May 20th

7:00 pm

St Matthew's Catholic Church

Questions? Call or text Niki MacLean 970-710-9630

Mass of Remembrance for Those Who Have Lost a Spouse

followed by a luncheon in the parish hall

St. Charles Borromeo / Wednesday, May 21st at 12:15pm

CCW Scholarship Opportunities

St. Richard CCW is offering 2 scholarships to registered members of the parish who are currently enrolled in a post-secondary education program (4 year, 2 year, or trade/technical school).

St. Richard Council of Catholic Women Scholarship—\$1000

Barbara Furnia Memorial Scholarship—\$1000

More information and the application can be found on the display board in the church vestibule.

Deadline for applications is June 1, 2025.



Congratulations First Communicants!



*8 am Mass : Margo Finlay, Claire Ament
Emmit Fredrickson*



*10 am Mass: Anita Vander Vos, Lillian Cincis,
Sierra McKinnon, Ragnar
Alexander, Tony Vander Vos*

