

St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church

LOVE TRUCK – August 2/3, 2025 Tools for School Ministry

The St. Maria Goretti Social Ministry “Tools for School” Love Truck is open for business accepting your contributions this weekend.

The Tools for School (TFS) Ministry was created to assist students that do not have the funds or means to obtain school supplies and became a year round ministry in 2003. TFS assists needy students by providing a basic set of supplies necessary to further their education and allows them to begin school without embarrassment. St. Maria Goretti teachers have also been supported by TFS since 2003.

For over two decades, since 2003, TFS has assisted an average of 250-350 children each year by providing new items including crayons, paper, pens, pencils, spiral notebooks, etc. It is like an early Christmas to them! **This year the main distribution date is August 09, 2025. SMG and Arlington schools start this year on August 13.**

If during the school year a student or SMG teacher has a need, TFS does all possible to fill that need. If the requested item is not available, it is added to our smgparish.org web site main page under news, and a link to the TFS Wish List will be provided. Then, through the grace of our parishioners and other readers of the site, it is hoped that the item or funds are provided.

The **list of items on the reverse side of this page** comprises the majority of items for all grades and is not indicative of what every student requires as each school, and each teacher has a different list. Any contribution is appreciated, whether it is one item or many. Please note that at this time of year, Walmart, Target, and other drugstores/grocery stores are offering these items at a discount off their normal prices. Bulk quantities are okay as we can break them down to smaller sets.

Note, this year any donated backpacks must be clear as per most school requirements now.

While all items on the list are needed for the Tools for School program, some are used only for two or three grades. **The items in bold font and in italics are utilized for most grades and are most needed.**

Gift cards for Wal Mart, Target and other similar stores are appreciated as they allow our Social Ministry to purchase those items for which we have a short supply. Gift cards purchased via Scrip from the school benefit not only the Tools for School ministry, but also our SMG School. Most schools now require clear backpacks and some can be bought on Amazon for a reasonable price.

If you are donating by check, please make it payable to **SMG Social Ministry** and write **“Tools for School”** on the check. Please put these in a sealed envelope. If you are also giving items, please staple or tape the envelope to the outside of the bag or hand it to a volunteer. Checks may also be placed in the Mass collection basket. However, please put the checks in an envelope marked “Tools for School” or write “Tools for School” in the memo line.

The Love Truck collection point is at the back of the church, at the double door School entrance.

Thank You!

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Tools for School Ministry

BOLD ITEMS ARE THOSE MOST NEEDED

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Item Description	A sampling of Prices found
Backpacks - No Rolling ones and must be CLEAR	\$7 - \$20 (Amazon too!)
Binder – 3 Ring – 1 Inch, 1 ½ Inch or 2 Inch	\$1 - \$3
Composition Books – Wide Ruled	\$1 - \$2
Composition Books – College Ruled	\$1 - \$2
Construction Paper – 12 x 18 – Manila	\$2 - \$8 (large packages ok)
Construction Paper – 12" x 18" – Colored	\$2 - \$8 (large packages ok)
Construction Paper – 9 x 12 – Manila	\$2 - \$4
Crayola Broad Tip Washable Markers – 8 or 10 Count	\$1
Crayons – 24 Count	50¢
Dividers for Binders – 5 Tab (8 Tab okay)	\$1 - \$2
Dry Erase Markers – 4-6 pack	\$2 - \$4
Folders with Pockets – Solid Color only	10¢ - 20¢
Plastic Pocket Folders	50¢ - \$2
Folders with Pockets and Brads – Solid Color only	10¢ - 20¢
Glue – 4 oz. – (no Gel Glue)	25¢ - 50¢
Glue Sticks (usually come in a 2 or larger packs)	30¢ - \$1
Hand Sanitizer – 8 oz.	\$1 - \$2
Handwriting Tablets – ½ Ruled – Red Baseline	\$1.50 - \$2.50
Highlighters – Mixed Colors (4 – 8 Pack okay)	\$2 - \$4
Highlighters YELLOW (Individual or packages)	50¢ - \$3
Kleenex – any size box	\$1 - \$2
Map (Colored) Pencils – 12 Count	50¢ - \$1
Notebook Paper – 120 – 200 Sheet Count – College Ruled	75¢ - \$1.50
Notebook Paper – 120 - 200 Sheet Count – Wide Ruled	75¢ - \$1.50
Pencil Erasers (come in packages)	50¢ - \$1
Pencil Sharpener – Manual	50¢
Pencils – Red Checking	50¢ - \$2
Pencils # 2 (any size package)	50¢ - \$2
Pencils #2 Mechanical	50¢ - \$2
Pens – Black – (No Gel or erasable) (any size package)	50¢ - \$1
Pens – Blue – (No Gel or erasable) (any size package)	50¢ - \$1
Pens – Red – (No Gel or erasable) (any size package)	\$1 - \$2
Pink Beveled Erasers	\$1 - \$2
Plastic School (Pencil) Box	50¢ - \$2
Play-doh (4 Pac and up) For Pre K and K	\$3 - \$6
Ruler – Standard / Metric	25¢ - \$1
Scissors – 5 or 6 Inch – Blunt	50¢ - \$2
Scissors – 5 or 6 Inch – Sharp	50¢ - \$2
Scissors - Adult	\$1 - \$3
Sharpie – Black	50¢ - \$2
Spiral Notebooks – 120 Sheet – Wide Ruled (Not needed)	\$1 - \$2
Spiral Notebooks – 70 Sheet – College Ruled (Not needed)	75¢ - \$1.50
Spiral Notebooks – 70 Sheet – Wide Ruled (Not needed)	50¢ - 1.50¢
Stickers, Fun (any kind of these)	50¢ - \$2