

ST. MARIA GORETTI

Catholic Church

WESTFIELD, INDIANA

A Pastorate of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana



THE MISSION OF ST. MARIA GORETTI CATHOLIC CHURCH
IS TO EXTEND THE KINGDOM OF GOD
BY SHARING GOD'S LOVE IN THE CHURCH COMMUNITY
THROUGH SPIRIT-FILLED LITURGIES,
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, AND SERVICE TO OTHERS.

FEBRUARY 2, 2025

The Presentation of the Lord
Candlemas

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PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PRE)

Sun: 8:30 AM – 9:45 AM
Sun: 11:30 AM – 12:45 PM

MASS SCHEDULE

The Lord's Day Masses

Sat: 4:30 PM
Sun: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM,
5:30 PM

Weekday Masses

Mon: 7:00 AM, 5:30 PM
Tue: 8:00 AM, 5:30 PM
Wed: 8:00 AM, 5:30 PM
Thu: 5:30 PM
Fri: 7:00 AM, 8:00 AM
Sat: 8:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wed: 6:00 PM-7:30 PM*
Sat: 8:30 AM-9:30 AM
Sat: 3:00 PM-4:00 PM
in the main church's
Reconciliation Chapel
*Confessions after the
5:30pm Mass

BAPTISMS

Call Parish Office or email
front_desk@smgonline.org.

*For hearing-assistance
devices, ask a Minister of
Welcome or inquire at the
Welcome Center in the
Church Narthex.*

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Our Lady of Hope Bereavement Ministry

Bereavement Workshop: March 3-June 23

Registration is open through Tuesday, February 25.
Visit smgonline.org/ourladyofhope or scan the QR code.



Losing a loved one is perhaps the most painful and overwhelming of life's experiences. It challenges you physically and emotionally and raises tough questions about the future—about where God is in the midst of your pain. Your key to understanding all of these issues—and healing—is your Catholic faith.

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, you are personally invited to the Our Lady of Hope Bereavement Ministry's weekly workshop series beginning Monday, **March 3**, 7pm, in the St. Augustine Room inside our school building.

This Christ-centered, Catholic series of 15 Mondays (through June 23)—with no cost—offers healing, love, and support to help you cope with the death of someone you love. Attending each session is encouraged, but if that is not possible, **come as you are able**.

Healing from loss is an intentional process. It is through prayerful reflection, practical learning, and personal fellowship that we mourn. If you are mourning the loss of a loved one, this workshop series will give you a path through the valley of grief and lead you to the Great Healer, Jesus Christ.



Through loving and supportive multi-week workshops, personal outreach, and liturgical events, Our Lady of Hope Bereavement Ministry relies on programs and materials that are Catholic in foundation, pastoral in approach, and consistent with well-accepted standards for clinical and mental healthcare.

If you grieve the loss of a loved one, we are here to help you. To learn more about this ministry or its upcoming series, send an email to Shari McGrath, ourladyofhope@smgonline.org.

*"I consider that the sufferings of this present time
are as nothing
compared with the glory to be revealed for us."*
Romans 8:18



Welcome!

I want to personally and warmly welcome all of you! For 29 years now, St. Maria Goretti parish has been building the Kingdom of God, not with a few people, but with everyone! I pray that you will come to know St. Maria Goretti as your Spiritual Home and Loving Community. We are so glad you are here and look forward to meeting and getting to know you!

God bless! — *Father Dudzinski*



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANDLEMAS

Bring your
Beeswax Candles
to Mass
to be blessed



More details at
smgonline.org/candlemas



FEBRUARY 1 & 2

Why candles?

Candles are a symbol of hope and the Light of Christ in our lives. They are a beautiful way to bring the faith into our homes. According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, "The candle itself was given a mystical meaning: the beeswax symbolized the pure flesh Christ received from his Virgin Mother, the wick symbolized his soul, and the flame his divinity."

Why beeswax?

Traditionally, candles blessed on Candlemas (February 2) are made from beeswax, because bees have deep symbolism in the Church. The bee is a symbol of the Blessed Mother Mary, both virgins and both laboring to bring forth sweetness into the world (honey being a symbol of Christ). As a hive, the order and diligence of bees as well as its vigilance (even if some bees are sleeping, the hive is still running and functioning) to produce honey symbolizes the Church, who is always working to fulfill the mission of bringing Christ to the world.



YOUR DONATION WILL:

- ✚ Support retired priests.
- ✚ Support clergy and seminarians.
- ✚ Support college ministries.
- ✚ Renovate our Parish Hall.
- ✚ Install classroom dry erase boards.
- ✚ AND MORE!

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL WAYS TO GIVE

GIVE ONLINE

- **Sustained Giving:** Make your gift continue for year to year until you choose otherwise.
- **Pledge:** Make a pledge to be paid by 12/31/2025.



smgonline.org/cma

PLEDGE CARD

- **Bring to Church:** Place a completed pledge card in the offertory basket at any Mass.
- **Mail:** Return the pledge card you received in the mail using the return envelope provided.

OUR GOAL:
100% PARTICIPATION
●
RAISE \$500,000



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

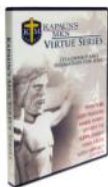
OCIA TOPIC OF THE WEEK

All adults interested in learning more or joining the Catholic Church are invited to attend the next OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) meeting on Monday, **February 3**, 7-8pm in the Parish Narthex (door #6 off north lot). This week's topic is "Foundations of the Moral Life, Part 1." For details, contact Leslie Mimms or Connie Anderson, ocia@smgonline.org.



MEN'S FAITH FORMATION SERIES

All men of St. Maria Goretti: Be inspired by one of America's future saints! Servant of God Father Emil Kapaun was an ordinary man who became an extraordinary priest and Army chaplain, encouraging the men he served on battlefields and in an enemy prison camp. Join us, and explore the virtues that made Father Kapaun so poignant, as told by the men he served with. The Holy Name Society will host *Kapaun's Men Virtue Series* at 6am each Tuesday through February 18 in the Parish Narthex. (Enter door #5 off the south parking lot near the food pantry.) The next session is Tuesday, **February 4**, regarding "Love." Come for one, some, or all sessions. Come for fellowship, great coffee, and to grow in your faith! For details, contact Nathaniel O'Dell, n.odell317@gmail.com.



WEEKLY MOMS' GROUP

The Holy Family Moms' Group meets weekly so moms can enjoy socialization, fellowship, and a snack as their little ones expend some energy. Join us Tuesday, **February 4**, as the group meets at 10am in the Church Nursery. If you have questions, you may contact Kelsey O'Dell, holyfamily@smgonline.org.



New on the website:

Presentation of the Lord/Candlemas

St. Blaise

Our Lady of Lourdes

St. Valentine

Chair of St. Peter



smgonline.org/prayerfulhome

JOIN US TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4!

Michael & Ariana Reynolds will speak about The Adoption Journey through Foster Care.

A.D.O.P.T.

ALWAYS DEPENDING ON (GOD'S) PLAN TOGETHER

ADOPTION SUPPORT GROUP

JOIN US! SUPPORT, GUIDANCE, INFORMATION, LOVE.

MEETS MONTHLY. TEXT DENISE FARMER 317-797-2547.
PARISH NARTHEX. 7-8:30PM.

YOU ARE INVITED!

BIRTH PARENTS

ADOPTED ADULTS

ADOPTIVE PARENTS

COUPLES EXPLORING ADOPTION

JEREMIAH 29:11



Blessed Among Women is an opportunity for women of St. Maria Goretti and the surrounding area to grow together in our common faith. The widely acclaimed *Abiding Together* podcast presented by Sr. Miriam James Heidland, Michelle Benzinger, and Heather Khym provides the foundation for reflection and casual conversation. There is no charge, no homework, and no special expertise needed to participate. You need not commit to all sessions—come when you can! Winter session runs through February 26. Our next gathering is Wednesday, **February 5**, 1-2:30pm, in the Youth Room (church basement). To register, visit smgonline.org/blessed.

Questions?

Contact Vicki Stauffacher, brentandvicki@gmail.com, or Deb Krupowicz, dkrupowicz@gmail.com.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

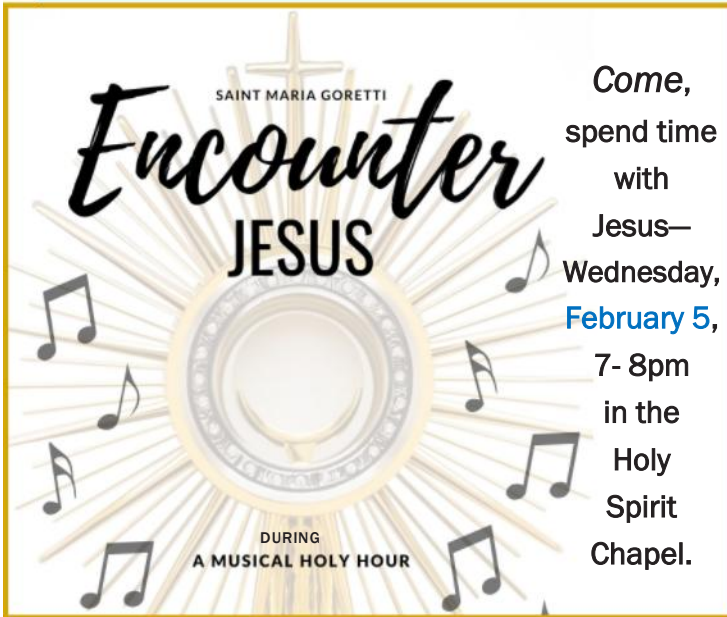
(if you cannot physically attend Mass)

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.





PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Encounter JESUS

SAINT MARIA GORETTI

Come, spend time with Jesus—

Wednesday, **February 5,** 7-8pm in the Holy Spirit Chapel.

DURING A MUSICAL HOLY HOUR

EARLY SAINTS MINISTRY MEETING

The Early Saints Ministry is a support group for families who have endured miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss. Our next meeting is Thursday, **February 6,** 7pm, in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel (next to the bell tower; entrance off of south lot). We pray, share, and offer support to one another, as we honor our early saints in special ways. For details, call Courtney DiPiro, 317-402-7770.



This body, mind, and soul experience combines core strengthening and stretching with candlelight, music, scripture, reflections, and movement. SoulCore encourages deeper meditation on the mysteries of the rosary. Parishioners of all fitness levels meet most Saturday mornings at 8:45am. On Saturday, **February 8,** we will meet in the **Church Nursery.** For more information, contact Carol Alvarez, 317-372-3713.

PRE-JORDAN CLASS

Prior to scheduling a child's Baptism, new parents (or those who have not been to a baptism class in the last two years) are required to attend a Baptism preparation class, known as Pre-Jordan. Classes meet the third Saturday of each month at 10am. If this is your first Baptism at SMG, go to the Parish Narthex. If not, head to the Parish Conference Room. Both can be accessed through door #6. The next session is Saturday, **February 15.** Parents, godparents, and all children are invited. For more info, contact Mark & Julie Mears, 317-873-1076.



PLEASE WELCOME

WILLIAM SHEPHRD

Member since September 2024

What do you do for a living?

I am an engineer for StarPlus Energy in Kokomo.

What activities do you enjoy?

I am a general outdoorsman (hike, cave, camp, canoe, etc.), I also enjoy learning new things and Star Wars.

What ministries have you been involved in?

I have been involved as a teacher for ancient church history for Catholic students. I actually lived in Rome for about four months because of it. I am also a member of Feeding America.

Who are your favorite saints and why?

Soon to be St. Carlos Acutis and St. Paul, and my Favorite Pope is Pius XII.

What is your personal intention for which you would like the parish to pray?

For the church and all in it to not just hear about what we are called to do, but to instead listen and act upon it.



welcome

If you are new to our Parish Family and would like to be featured in the "Please Welcome" column, send an email to Maria Kramer, m.kramer@smgonline.org.

Preschool Registration

2025-26 School Year
January 15–February 15



SMG Preschool Enrollment for the 2025-26 school year continues until **February 15.**

The Faith Direct link to register is available on our parish website, smgonline.org. The cost to register is \$50 per family. Learn about our preschool programs via smgonline.org/preschool-programs. Email Alli Bell, a.bell@smgonline.org, with questions.





PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



WHAT: taking the lead on social media, internet use, & devices
WHY: to teach children to build authentic relationships, healthy habits, and increase self-esteem
HOW: by parents uniting with other parents to establish and support one another regarding topics of: accountability, monitoring, restrictions, and teaching overall safe use of technology

DID YOU KNOW?

There is a reason why top Silicon Valley executives are saying no to the smartphone until at least 14 for their children.

New research shows dependence on your smartphone may produce some of the same addictive brain responses similar to alcohol, drug and gambling addictions. Smartphones are like slot machines in your children's pocket constantly persuading them to crave more. The tech industry intentionally designs smartphone apps and social media for people to use for long periods of time to make more money

HOW TO TAKE ACTION AT HOME:

- 01 Sign the Wait Until 8th pledge (waituntil8th.org)
- 02 Read *The Anxious Generation* book
- 03 Connect with us via email at: TheBlessedCarloInitiative@smgonline.org
- 04 Look into smartphone alternatives (Gabb, Pinwheel, Gizmo etc.)

SMG's BSA TROOP

Did you know that SMG has an active Scouts BSA Troop? Troop 152 is open to boys aged 11 and older. Troop 152 goes on monthly campouts and does service projects in our community. Scouts learn leadership and outdoor skills that last a lifetime.

Past Eagle Scout projects by the Troop include the gaga pit on the blacktop, the coffee counter in the Parish Hall, and cabinets in a classroom.

The troop meets every Monday, 7-8:30pm, at SMG. For details and to join, contact Scoutmaster Chad Brandt, chad7777@sbcglobal.net.



COMPANION PRAYER MINISTRY

Companion Prayer ministers will be available after the 4:30pm Mass, Saturday, **February 15**, and the 8am and 10am Masses, Sunday, **February 16**, to offer direct, hands-on intercessory prayer for you. Whether your prayer needs are for yourself or someone close to you, we will bring your needs before God with utmost faith and trust, seeking also the assistance of our ministry's patron saint, St. Padre Pio. Come meet us at the Welcome Center after Mass. If you need prayer and cannot attend at these times, you may send an email to Debra Minott, minott1082@aol.com.



A CALL TO PRAY

Are you hearing a call to pray for others? Would you like to be a Companion Prayer Minister? Praying for and over others is powerful and brings great gifts both to the prayer minister and prayer recipient. If you would like to learn more, email Debra Minott, minott1082@aol.com.

HEALING FROM SUBSTANCE USE

All are invited—parishioners and non-parishioners—to a special workshop at no cost in the Parish Narthex on Thursday, **February 20**, 6:30-8:00pm, focused on coping with and healing from substance use, whether it pertains to you or someone you love. Holly Homan, LCSW, LCAC, therapist and owner of JRNY Counseling in Carmel, will deliver the workshop titled, "What's Your Solution?" Each attendee will receive self-reflection information and a challenge for next steps in their own journey of healing. An open Q&A will follow the presentation. For more info, contact Steve Alic, 317-867-3213, x1203.



It's that time of year again! It is our pleasure to invite all women over the age of 21 to the Altar Rosary Society's Annual Ladies Candlelight Dinner on Thursday, **February 27**, at the Palomino Ballroom. Invite a friend, co-worker, or come alone and join the women of our parish for a night of faith, fellowship, and fundraising!

Tickets are \$60 and include a delicious buffet dinner, desserts, and complimentary beer and wine. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the event! (cash/check/card accepted.) You will also get the chance to hear our guest speaker, Stephanie Engelman, speak about her journey in finding trust and hope in our Lord Jesus Christ! Please see the registration link below to get your tickets now!

To help make this event a success, please consider making a monetary donation at the link below. Your donation will help not only the parish community, but will also provide your family or business with the opportunity to be featured throughout the event. We are also asking for anyone who is able to contribute a basket to be raffled at our famous Basket Raffle! Just select the option to donate a raffle basket in your registration, or email candlelight@smgonline.org, and Brie or Kelsey will be in touch with details!

Registration link: smgonline.org/candlelight

Sponsorship link: smgonline.org/candlelight-sponsors

Thank you, and God bless!
 Brie Birge and Kelsey O'Dell



DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLED & GIFTED

How can I discover God's plan for my life?

What are my unique God-given gifts?

You are invited to begin discerning your spiritual gifts by attending a series of Called & Gifted workshop sessions.

Three locations are currently available, with the same content split over different time periods:

West Lafayette: St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

Begins Saturday, February 15 (2-week series)

Zionsville: St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish

Begins Tuesday, February 18 (3-week series)

Fishers: St. Louis de Montfort Parish

Begins Monday, March 3 (multi-week series)



Registration is required at:

www.dol-in.org/spiritual-gifts

Cost: \$70 (includes print & online materials, plus follow-up opportunities)

This program is partially funded by a generous gift from Lilly Endowment Inc. under the Phase III National Initiative to Address Economic Challenges Facing Pastoral Leaders.



GUEST SPEAKER KIM ZEMBER

A POWERFUL TESTIMONY ON GOD'S LOVE

Kim Zember shares her personal testimony of surrendering an LGBT identity in pursuit of Jesus and the greater love she has found in Him. Kim has appeared on countless programs such as Pints with Aquinas, EWTN, The Lila Rose Show, Catholic Answers, Ascension Presents, SEEK, TBN, Encounter Ministries, CBN, 700 Club and more.

When Kim is not at home in the United States, she is most likely found at her mission base in Ethiopia surrounded by all children of Unforgotten Faces. For more information visit: www.BoldlyBeloved.com



Monday, Feb. 17th @ 7PM

OLMC Parish Life Center

St. Joseph Room

This presentation is recommended for ages 17+ due to the nature of the topic.



PRINCIPAL SEARCH

Guerin Catholic High School congratulates its Principal, James McNeany, who has accepted a new position as Executive Director of the Indiana Non Public Education Association (INPEA) and will be leaving Guerin Catholic at the end of the school year. Guerin Catholic is accepting applications for the position of Principal. The start date of the position is July 1. Candidates interested in applying should visit GuerinCatholic.org/employment for more information.

SISTERS OF LIFE PRESENTATION

LIFE IN ACTION: A FUTURE OF HOPE

Wednesday, **February 19**, 7-8:30pm, GCHS Gymnasium
Join the Sisters of Life for an inspiring discussion on living a culture of life, especially in light of the Dobbs decision and the repeal of Roe vs. Wade.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22
8 AM - 3 PM

BEGIN
now
with Katie Prejean McGrady

"FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE ALSO WILL YOUR HEART BE."
MATTHEW 6:21

CORNERSTONE CENTER
FOR THE ARTS
520 E. MAIN STREET
MUNCIE, IN 47304



FOR TICKETS SCAN OR VISIT:
MUNCIECATHOLICWOMENSCONFERENCE.COM

SAVE THE DATE: CURSILLO WEEKENDS

Are you ready for a personal encounter with Christ?

The **Men's weekend, June 19-22**, will be held at Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis. The **Women's weekend, October 16-19**, will be held at the St. Joseph's Retreat Center in Tipton. **NOTE:** These will be the only Cursillo weekends scheduled for 2025.

Only 30 participants from Central Indiana can attend, so please reserve your spot as soon as possible. Cursillo is a great next step for those who already have participated in Christ Renews His Parish. The applications and information about the weekend can be found on the SMG website (smgonline.org), in the ministry information rack in the Church Narthex, or on the Cursillo website (cursillo-cicc.org).

You may also contact parishioners Tom and Joan Scimeca, 317-340-4905, for more information.



YOUTH MINISTRY

what's happening
this week

**Youth Ministry Pizza Orders DUE February 2
by midnight on Sunday night!**

See below for order and pick up details.

TRUTH—February 2, 6:30-8:30pm

TOPIC: **The Power of the Eucharist**

Sisterhood of Marietta &

Lilies- TOPIC: **Friendship Killers**

February 3, 7-8:30pm

Youth Bible Study—February 4, 7-8:30pm

HOPE—February 5, 7-8:30pm

TOPIC: **Stump the Priest with Fr. Dudzinski**

Youth Ministry Pizza Pick Up—February 7,
6:15-7:30pm, in the Parish Hall

Snow Tubing Trip—February 8, 9am-6:30pm

ST. MARIA GORETTI

YOUTH MINISTRY PIZZA SALES

ORDERS DUE FEBRUARY 2
AT MIDNIGHT

PICK UP FEBRUARY 7 IN THE
PARISH HALL AT 6:15-7:30PM

Scan the QR code to place an
order or contact Annaliese Budd
at a.budd@smgonline.org.

smgonline.org/pizzas



Inviting teens into the Heart of Eucharist for 30 years
DESTINATION JESUS
FEBRUARY 15-16, 2025
Guerin Catholic High School
\$95 per person
Register and Pay Online

Sponsored by
Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana
Destination Jesus
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Pastorate

Teen Registration
Chaperone Registration

Scan me



ATTENTION SENIORS: SCHOLARSHIP CHANCE

A scholarship opportunity is available for public high school students entering college in the 2025-26 calendar year. Tucker-Browning College Assistance Endowment Fund is intended for students from SMG parish who are graduating from a public high school and are entering the first year in college. The scholarship is to be awarded to a Canonically Confirmed parishioner(s) of SMG who has (have) demonstrated active participation in SMG, both in Mass attendance and in SMG service activities and/or groups. Additional criteria include scholarly excellence, community/philanthropic service, and continued faith through high school years. This is a one-time scholarship.

To apply online, go to smgonline.org/youth.
Applications are due to the SMG Parish Office,
digitally in .pdf form, to
jen.downing@smgonline.org, by April 11.



THE BIBLE & YOU!

Do you have questions about the Catholic faith and don't know where to ask them? Are you unsure when your friends talk about religion? How can you pray?

Come to Youth Bible Study! We make the Good Book relevant in today's world. Sure, the Bible is big, and you may not know where to start. We just do it!

All **High Schoolers** are invited to join us most Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm in the area in front of the Parish Office reception desk (enter door #6). Our next meeting is **February 4**. There is no homework so come whenever it works for you, whether once or often, but give it a try.

Feel free to bring a friend or two!



2025 VACATION BIBLE CAMP

This year, VBC is
June 9-13.

Details to follow.
Keep an eye out for
the registration link
soon!



SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS



SMG SCHOOL - 317-896-5582, ext. 1100
 2013 & 2019 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
ELIZABETH KISSEL - Principal
PHILIP SMITH - Assistant Principal

important dates

- 2/3** School Counselor Appreciation Week
*Thank you, **Sara Henry**, for all you do to help our students!*
- 2/5** All School Rosary, 7:55am
- 2/6** SMG Spirit Day
 SMG T-shirt/sweatshirt with school-appropriate bottoms.
 Pantry Collection items: toothpaste and bar soap
- 2/7** Q3 Midterms available on PowerSchool
 Grades 3 & 4 parents to get email



- 2/14** E-Learning Day for students
 School will be closed.
- 2/17** President's Day—**NO SCHOOL**



IMMUNIZATION NOTICE FOR 5TH GRADE PARENTS

Eleven-year-olds who are entering 6th grade in Indiana are required to receive the meningitis vaccine, and an updated tetanus/pertussis vaccine known as "Tdap." The "tetanus booster" cannot be received until after the 10th or 11th birthday (depending on the drug manufacturer). This vaccine has dramatically lowered the number of pertussis cases in middle school and high school students in Indiana. The meningitis vaccine has reduced incidents of this serious disease in our adolescent and young adult group. Make sure all vaccines are received before entering 6th grade. If you have any questions, call the SMG Nurse's Office, 317-896-5582, ext. 1204.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



FEBRUARY MEETING

We are called to build the Culture of Life and to respect the sacredness of human life from conception to natural death. Respect Life Ministry seeks to promote this teaching through awareness, action, and prayer. Join us for our next meeting, Thursday, **February 13**, 6:15pm, in the Parish Narthex.

We will conclude our discussion of *Beautiful Mercy*. Father Dudzinski will lead the study following our meeting. **We will discuss chapters 12-14 at the conclusion of the February meeting.**

WHAT IS THE ROSES FOR LIFE PROGRAM?

ROSES FOR LIFE was initiated by an SMG couple who were so grateful for the prayers they received at another parish during their high-risk pregnancies that they wanted to establish a way to pray for mothers and their babies here at SMG, so they created the Roses for Life program for expectant mothers.

Each cream-colored rose, placed in the nave by the statue of Mary, represents a mom who is expecting a baby, either by pregnancy or adoption.

Everyone is asked to pray for these moms and their babies.

The roses serve as a reminder to the mothers that the parish is praying for them. Each rose has the name of the mother and/or family, as well as the baby's due date. When the baby is born or adopted, the mother may take the rose as a keepsake. If you are expecting a baby, know someone who is, or are looking to adopt a baby, you may contact Kathy Lilegdon, kathy@lilegdon.com, and a cream-colored rose will be placed in the vase next to the statue of Mary on your behalf!



“
 Respect, protect, love
 and serve life,
 every human life!”

St. John Paul II
 (Evangelium vitae, 3)



PERPETUAL ADORATION

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION HOURS

Sunday—Saturday: 12am-midnight

Key cards are not necessary 7am-6pm, Monday-Friday. If you'd like a key card, stop by the Parish Office during office hours (see bulletin cover for times).

LOCATION: Adoration is in the Holy Spirit Chapel during the week. Then the Blessed Sacrament is moved to the small chapel for Adoration during the weekend—from Saturday morning (just prior to the 8am Mass) until Monday morning (just prior to the 7 am Mass). The security key card works for both the north and the south entrance doors.



Although prayer before our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, not all hours have adorers. Help us reach our goal to have a member of our Parish Family spending quality time with Jesus *every* hour. These hours have no scheduled adorers:

Sunday: 2-3am	Wednesday: 2-3am
Sunday: 3-4am	Wednesday: 4-5am
Sunday: 4-5am	Wednesday: 11pm-12am
Sunday: 8-9am	
Monday: 2-3am	Thursday: 2-3am
Monday: 4-5am	Thursday: 3-4am
Monday: 5-6am	
Tuesday: 2-3am	Saturday: 12-1am
	Saturday: 9-10pm

Sign up for an unfilled Eucharistic Adoration hour in the Church Narthex after Mass or by sending an email to adoration@smgonline.org.

If you have any questions, contact Jeff Brown, adoration@smgonline.org or 317-417-1540.
Hours updated January 13.



"Do you want our Lord to give you many graces? Visit Him often...."

Visits to the Blessed Sacrament are powerful and indispensable means of overcoming the attacks of the devil.

Make frequent visits to Jesus and the Blessed Sacrament and the devil will be powerless against you."

~ St. John Bosco

CONTRIBUTIONS

JANUARY 18 & 19 COLLECTIONS

Regular Contributions	\$86,596.11
Contributions Budget	\$75,750.00
Overage (Shortfall)	\$10,846.11
Fiscal Year Overage (Shortfall).....	\$35,406.46
Retired Religious Fund	\$255.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$36.00
Los Angeles Wildfire Relief	\$7,517.36
HELP	\$750.00

January 25 & 26 collections will be reported in the February 9 bulletin.



To give your gifts online, visit smgonline.org/give.



SHEPHERD'S GATE FOOD PANTRY

Current pantry needs:

drink mixes, meal helpers, boxed/bagged potatoes, toothpaste, deodorant, and shampoo

Donations may be left in the gray bin near the pantry door (by door #5, south lot) or in a wooden cabinet at the north or south church entrances.

Thank you for continued support!



Our Shepherd's Gate Food Pantry is once again the featured pantry at our Westfield Meijer store. Our winter campaign runs through Sunday, March 29. Our spring campaign last year brought in more than \$31,000 for our food pantry (a record!) to help feed local families. We hope we can make a new record for this campaign!

Look for the \$10 Simply Give donation cards in stores or as add-ons to your online Meijer pick up and home delivery orders. Every \$10 donation card purchased will be matched by Meijer and converted into Meijer food-only gift cards and given to our Shepherd's Gate Food Pantry. We have **two** Double Match days this campaign! Each \$10 donation card purchased on the Double Match Day on Saturday, March 1, and/or Saturday, March 22, will provide our pantry with \$30 of food!

Any questions about making larger HELP donations to be applied to these donation cards (especially before the Double Match Day), send an email to smgpantry@smgonline.org.

Tell **everyone!** Every donation makes a difference!





PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

SICK: Eileen Allen, Don Andrews, Mary Andrews, Bob Barbuch, Mike Barrientos, Susan Clark, Deacon Sid Cammeresi, Theresa Coccaro, Bob Conner, Jan de Graaff, John Dolan, Kathleen Duchene, Ann Enderle, Rick Faller, Maria Frazee, Elizabeth Hagan, Father Kevin Haines, Alex Kakscheur, Margaret Kilgore, Trey Lizanich, Pam McHugh, Rich Minder, Tony Orozco, Dick Panasuk, Judy & Richard Pedigo, Dorothy Schwer, John Thieme, Judy Trumpey, Juan Villamin, Fritz & Marsha Weinkauf, and Ivonne Zaki.

DECEASED: All the deceased of our Parish Family

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 1

8:00 am Int. Ann & Mike Brown
4:30 pm Int. Parish Family

Sunday, February 2

8:00 am † Gary Kepler
10:00 am † Ted Dudzinski
5:30 pm Int. Nathan Travis

Monday, February 3

7:00 am † Chris McGrath
5:30 pm Int. Andrew Isaacs

Tuesday, February 4

8:00 am Int. Eileen & Joe Sniadecki
5:30 pm † Michael Wallner

Wednesday, February 5

8:00 am Int. Marcy Wardwell
5:30 pm † Edward O'Keeffe

Thursday, February 6

5:30 pm † Nicholas Andrew Weber

Friday, February 7

7:00 am † Ken & Elizabeth Walker
8:00 am † Ann Gotwald

Saturday, February 8

8:00 am Int. Patrick Kukura
4:30 pm Int. Phillips Family

Sunday, February 9

8:00 am Int. Parish Family
10:00 am † Ted Dudzinski
5:30 pm † Mike & Sue Murphy



Congratulations to

Patrick James Bolle

who was baptized January 25.

*Please keep the newest member
of our faith community in your prayers.*

PATRON SAINTS OF THE WEEK

For the Week of February 2, 2025

Sun: The Lord's Day

Mon: St. Blaise (died c.316) One of the 14 Holy Helpers
St. Ansgar (died 865) Great preacher and miracle worker

Tues: St. Joan of Valois (died 1505) Deep devotion to Mary; founded Annunciade Sisters

Wed: St. Agatha (died c.250) Martyr and Patron Saint against breast cancer and breast disease

Thurs: St. Paul Miki & Companions (died 1597) Martyrs

Fri: St. Giles Mary-of-Saint-Joseph (died 1812) Helped the sick and outcast

Sat: St. Jerome Emiliani (died 1537) Patron Saint of orphans and abandoned children
St. Josephine Bakhita (died 947) Worked with the poor

Weekly Meditative Moment

Cut or tear out and post in a prominent spot for your weekly prayer focus and meditation.



Simeon said,
"Now, Master,
you may let your servant
go in peace, according to
your word, for my eyes
have seen your salvation,
which you prepared
in the sight of all peoples;
a light for revelation
to the Gentiles, and a
glory for your people
Israel." Luke 2:29-32

Visit the United States Conference
of Catholic Bishops' website for daily
readings and psalms: bible.usccb.org



MONTHLY CALENDAR



Masses with incense are marked with the symbol § on this calendar. Incense will NEVER be used during the 8 am Mass.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 8 AM Mass 8:30 AM PRE 8:30 AM Bible Basics 10 AM Mass 11:30 AM PRE 5:30 PM Mass 6:30 PM TRUTH CANDLEMAS YOUTH MINISTRY PIZZA FUNDRAISER ORDERS DUE	3 7 AM Mass 3:15 PM OCIC 4 PM Older Sacramental Prep 5:30 PM Mass 7 PM OCIA 7 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM Sisterhood of Marietta & Lilies	4 6 AM Men's Faith Formation 8 AM Mass 9 AM Adult Bible Study 10 AM Moms Group 5:30 PM Mass 6:30 PM Slow Motion Mass 7 PM Youth Bible Study 7 PM A.D.O.P.T. 7 PM Stewardship Committee	5 8 AM Mass 1 PM Blessed Among Women 5:30 PM Mass 6-7:30 PM Confessions 7 PM HOPE 7 PM Adult Bible Study 7 PM Encounter Jesus: Music Holy Hour	6 5:30 PM Mass 6:15 PM Liturgy Committee 7 PM Early Saints Ministry 7:15 PM School Council	7 7 AM Mass 8 AM Mass 6:15 PM Youth Ministry Pizza Pickup	8 8 AM Mass 8:30 AM Confessions 8:45 AM SoulCore (Church Nursery) 9 AM Tubing Trip 3 PM Confessions 4:30 PM Vigil Mass
9 8 AM Mass 8:30 AM PRE 8:30 AM Bible Basics 10 AM Mass § 11:30 AM PRE 5:30 PM Mass	10 7 AM Mass 3:15 PM OCIC 4 PM Older Sacramental Prep 5:30 PM Mass 7 PM OCIA 7 PM Boy Scouts	11 6 AM Men's Faith Formation 8 AM Mass 9 AM Adult Bible Study 10 AM Moms Group 5:30 PM Mass 6 PM Anointing of the Sick Prayer Service 7 PM Youth Bible Study 7 PM Confirmation Meeting 7 PM Finance Council	12 8 AM Mass 1 PM Blessed Among Women 5:30 PM Mass 6-7:30 PM Confessions 7 PM HOPE 7 PM Adult Bible Study 7 PM Confirmation Meeting 7 PM FAITH class DEACON SID'S ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY	13 5:30 PM Mass 6 PM St. Vincent de Paul Ministry 6:15 PM Respect Life Ministry & Book Study	14 7 AM Mass 8 AM Mass	15 8 AM Mass 8:30 AM Confessions 8:45 AM SoulCore (Church Nursery) 10 AM Pre-Jordan class 3 PM Confessions 4:30 PM Vigil Mass 5:30 PM Companion Prayer Ministry GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE (after 4:30 PM Mass) DESTINATION JESUS
16 8 AM Mass 9 AM Companion Prayer Ministry No PRE No Bible Basics 10 AM Mass 11 AM Companion Prayer Ministry 5:30 PM Mass 6:30 PM TRUTH GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE (after all Masses) DESTINATION JESUS	17 7 AM Mass No OCIC No Older Sacramental Prep 5:30 PM Mass 6:30 PM Knights of Columbus 7 PM OCIA 7 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM Sisterhood of Marietta & Lilies 7 PM Grand(parent) Connection	18 6 AM Men's Faith Formation 8 AM Mass 9 AM Adult Bible Study 10 AM Moms Group 5:30 PM Mass 6 PM Religious Formation Council 7 PM Youth Bible Study 7 PM Pastoral Council 7 PM St. Monica Ministry	19 8 AM Mass 1 PM Blessed Among Women 5:30 PM Mass 6-7:30 PM Confessions 7 PM HOPE 7 PM Adult Bible Study	20 5:30 PM Mass 6 PM Ignite 6 PM What's Your Solution?	21 7 AM Mass 8 AM Mass CONFIRMATION	22 8 AM Mass 8:30 AM Confessions 8:45 AM SoulCore (Church Nursery) 3 PM Confessions 4:30 PM Vigil Mass RETREAT
23 8 AM Mass 8:30 AM PRE 8:30 AM Bible Basics 10 AM Mass § 11:15 AM Temple Knights 11:30 AM PRE 5:30 PM Mass 7 PM Vespers & Reflection with Fr. Brian Dudzinski CONF. RETREAT ENDS 40 HOURS DEVOTION	24 7 AM Mass 3:15 PM OCIC 4 PM Older Sacramental Prep 5:30 PM Mass 7 PM OCIA 7 PM Vespers & Reflection with Fr. Ted Dudzinski	25 8 AM Mass 9 AM Adult Bible Study 10 AM Moms Group 5:30 PM Mass No Youth Bible Study 7 PM Vespers & Reflection with Fr. Andrew Dudzinski	26 8 AM Mass 1 PM Blessed Among Women 5:30 PM Mass 6-7:30 PM Confessions 7 PM HOPE 7 PM Adult Bible Study	27 9 AM Moms' Scripture Study 5:30 PM Mass 5:30 PM Ladies Candlelight Dinner 6 PM St. Vincent de Paul Ministry 6 PM Sparks	28 7 AM Mass 8 AM Mass 9 AM Silver Angels Ministry 5:30 PM Girl Scouts: Me & My Gal 6 PM Theatre Ministry 7 PM Faith & Froth	1 8 AM Mass 8 AM First Communion Retreat 8:30 AM Confessions 8:45 AM SoulCore (Church Nursery) 3 PM Confessions 4:30 PM Vigil Mass

REFER TO SMGONLINE.ORG/EVENTS FOR EVENT DETAILS.





MINISTRY CONTACTS

Adult Bible Study
Altar Rosary Society (Women's Club)
Bible Basics
Blessed Among Women
Children's Faith Formation
Companion Prayer Ministry
Confirmation/FAITH class
Cursillo
Donuts & Coffee
Early Saints Ministry
Elijah Cup
Eucharistic Adoration
FILLED (young adult ministry)
Funeral Meals Ministry

HELP MINISTRY

Holiday Deliveries
St. Vincent de Paul
Shepherd's Gate Food Pantry
Holy Name Society (Men of Service)
Hospitality Committee
Kairos Prison Ministry
Knights of Columbus

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A.D.O.P.T. Ministry

Grand(parent) Connection
Holy Family Ministry

Marriage Preparation (Pre-Cana, sponsors)
Natural Family Planning-Creighton Method
Natural Family Planning-Sympto-Thermal Method
Our Lady of Hope Bereavement Ministry
Pre-Jordan Ministry (Baptism Prep)
Retrouvaille (Marriage Help)
The Third Option (Marriage Help)

Nursery Co-op during Mass
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)
Order of Christian Initiation of Children (OCIC)
Respect Life Ministry
Safe & Sacred (All adults working with minors)

SCOUTS

Cub Scouts
Boy Scouts
Girl Scouts
Silver Angels (55 and Older)
Small Faith Groups (formerly BCC)
SMG Theatre Ministry
SoulCore
Sports Ministry
St. Francis Ministry for the Sick
St. Monica Prayer Ministry

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sparks (3-4 grade coed)
Ignite (5-6 grade coed)
Lilies (7-8 grade girls)
HOPE (7-8 grade coed)
Sisterhood of Marietta (9-12 grade girls)
Temple Knights (9-12 grade boys)
TRUTH (9-12 grades coed)
Youth Bible Study (9-12 grade coed)

ROCK (Reaching Out to College Kids)

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