

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 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.*

STAY IN TOUCH
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front_desk@smgonline.org

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FACEBOOK:
@GorettiCatholic



Whether you are brand new to St. Maria Goretti, have been here since the beginning or are just visiting, the Jubilee Year is a great opportunity to take a tour of St. Maria Goretti to learn more about the church and to prayerfully consider items that you might normally overlook.

Scan the QR codes near the picture to watch a video about each

Venerate our holy relics found beneath our altar:

St. Maria Goretti
St. Philip Neri
St. Bernadine of Siena
St. John Bosco
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
St. Thomas Aquinas
St. Catherine of Siena
Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati
St. Clare of Assisi
St. Frances X. Cabrini
St. Pius V
St. Pio of Pietrelcina
St. Teresa of Calcutta



Reflect on the baptismal font

The baptismal font is eight-sided which reminds us that the sacrament is "the dawn of the 'eighth day,' the day of resurrection, a day that transcends the normal, weekly passage of time, opening it to the dimension of eternity and to everlasting: the goal to which we tend on our earthly pilgrimage."

Pope Francis
Spes Non Confundit



Visit our Saint Statues

St. Maria Goretti is on the south wall. St. Joseph holding Baby Jesus is in the sanctuary near the arches. The Blessed Virgin Mary along the north wall, notice how she is looking up at Jesus on the cross.



- **Thomas Pio Goretti**, weighing about 1,190 pounds, was named by the HOPE youth group.
- **Gabriel Peter Goretti**, weighing 813 pounds was named by the Parish Council.
- **Teresa Elizabeth Goretti**, weighing 617 pounds, was named by the school children.
- **Hope Mary Goretti**, weighing 485 pounds, was named by the PRE children.
- **Maximilian Tarcisius Goretti**, weighing 375 pounds, was named by the TRUTH youth group.



Brick
Arches



St. Maria Goretti
Catholic Church
Time Capsule



To be opened on the

St. Michael Window



Listen to our church bells

SMG's Bells were cast in Italy by the Marinelli family and brought over in 2017. They were installed inside the bell tower and then consecrated on December 8. Each of the five bells are named. Whenever the bells are rung, these saints are asked to pray for all those within hearing distance. The bells call the faithful to prayer (Mass and the Angelus traditionally), terrifies Satan and his demons, and brings a legion of angels to watch over the assembled Church.



Worship Jesus in the Holy Spirit Chapel

The Holy Spirit Window was designed with the Holy Spirit window at the Altar of the Chair of St. Peter in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome in mind.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



40 HOURS DEVOTION: FEBRUARY 23-25

The Forty Hours Devotion is a time of continuous prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and a beautiful opportunity for our Parish Family to draw closer to Him. We will gather in the church for personal prayer in adoration of Jesus beginning **7pm, Sunday, February 23, ending at 8pm, Tuesday, February 25**. No registration is required. All are welcome to attend as much of this devotion as your schedule permits:

Sunday, February 23: 7pm, Evening Prayer and Reflection, led by Father Brian Dudzinski

Monday, February 24: 3-5pm, Children's Hours

Monday, February 24: 7pm, Evening Prayer and Reflection, led by Father Ted Dudzinski

Tuesday, February 25: 3-5pm, Children's Hours

Tuesday, February 25: 7pm Evening Prayer and Reflection, led by Father Andrew Dudzinski

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S DEVOTION HOURS: FEBRUARY 24 & 25, 3-5PM

Parents are especially invited to bring **children of all ages** to our 40 Hours Devotion for any length of time from **3-5pm, Monday, February 24 and Tuesday, February 25**. Picture books, age-appropriate reading materials, soft music playing in the church, and activity/prayer booklets along with pencils and colored pencils will be featured during these hours to facilitate age-appropriate prayer. Parents also are encouraged to talk quietly with their children in the pews and around the church during these hours.



EVANGELIZE

After your visit with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, please take and wear an "I Adored" sticker in the Church Narthex. Your sticker just might produce a Holy Spirit-filled moment or conversation with someone you know or will know soon.

LEARN MORE

Details and History about Forty Hours:

- "What is the 40 Hours Devotion?" found on www.catholicstraightanswers.com.
- "Forty Hours' Devotion" found on catholicculture.org.

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 24**, 7-8pm in the main church, for Vespers & Reflection with Father Ted Dudzinski, as we participate in the 40 Hours Devotion. For more info, contact Leslie Mimms or Connie Anderson, ocia@smgonline.org.



the 'gesimas "Pre-Lent"



There is a three week period leading up to Lent which is meant to help get us ready for Lent. Begin preparing your heart, mind, and body for the penitential season.

Start considering what sacrifices and practices God might be calling you to this Lent. For more information about this season and how to celebrate it, visit HisGirlSunday.com.



The Ladies Candlelight Dinner is fast approaching, and if you have not already done so, please consider donating a basket for the Basket Raffle! Get your group of gals together and create a basket full of your favorite things! Past baskets have included items for the spa/relaxation, beach, cooking, reading, crafting, religion, etc. If you have not already indicated that you are donating a basket, please email candlelight@smgonline.org to let us know!

BASKETS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE PARISH OFFICE UNTIL TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

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



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.

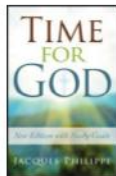
OUR GOAL:
100% PARTICIPATION
●
RAISE \$500,000



Our Lady of Hope Bereavement Ministry

Bereavement Workshop, March 3-June 23

Are you mourning the loss of a loved one? Join us for the Our Lady of Hope Bereavement Ministry's 15-week workshop starting Monday, **March 3**, 7pm, in the St. Augustine Room (enter door #4 off of the south parking lot). This no-cost, Catholic series offers healing, love, and support. Attending each session is encouraged, but if that is not possible, come as you are able. To learn more and **TO REGISTER (BY FEBRUARY 25)**, visit smgonline.org/ourladyofhope or by scanning the QR code. If you have any questions, contact Shari McGrath, ourladyofhope@smgonline.org.



MOMS' SCRIPTURE STUDY

All women of our parish family are invited to join us to study Fr. Jacques Philippe's *Time for God*. We will meet in the Church Nursery (off the Church Narthex) during the school year 9-10:30am one Thursday each month. Our next gathering is Thursday, **February 27**. Attending moms are welcome to bring their children! For more info, contact Annemarie Schwarz, 765-490-3639.

SILVER ANGELS FEBRUARY MEETING



All SMG parishioners who are at least 55 years young are invited to gather with others in your age group for coffee, donuts, prayer, and fellowship Friday, **February 28**, 9am (following 8am Mass). The program will be "Let's Talk Hobbies." Some of the Silver Angels have volunteered to share their hobbies. We meet in the Youth Room in the church basement (use elevator on south side of Church Narthex or stairs located near north door of church). If you have questions, you may contact Bill or Carol Schuler, billandcarol624@gmail.com or 812-631-7018.



February 28
Ed Jozsa
The Mystic Next Door
An Encore

at The Pavilion at Wood Wind Golf Club
Bring your own snacks
Drinks available for purchase
Doors open 6:30p, Speaker begins 7p



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

PLEASE WELCOME

SUSAN & KEN BENDRICK

Parishioners since September 2024



What drew you to register with St. Maria Goretti? We moved from Holy Family Church, Brentwood, Tennessee. We were looking for a parish that would welcome us and shared the same values we hold. That is what SMG did for us.

What do you and your spouse do for a living? Ken is President of the Jackson Group the Indianapolis division of RR Donnelley & Sons, a printing company, and Susan is Operations Manager for Mullin, Barends, Sanford Financial, an insurance consulting firm.

Do you have children? What are their names and ages? Where do they live? We have two children: our son Kristopher (29) and his wife Molly live in Kansas, and our daughter, Katelyn (24) lives in North Carolina. We live in Carmel, Village of West Clay.

What activities do you and your spouse enjoy together? Separately? We like bicycling and 5Ks. Ken enjoys golfing.

What has been the best thing about being members of St. Maria Goretti?

Being part of a thriving and welcoming faith community. It's impressive to see the number of people not only joining the parish, but also converting to Catholicism.

What ministries have you been involved in?

Our first encounter was with the HELP Committee, purchasing Christmas gifts and delivering the gifts to the recipients. It was a great way to help those in need here locally, knowing it was making a difference for that family. We're planning to get more involved with HELP in 2025 by participating in the up-front prep of calling, tag prep, shopping, present sorting, and once again selecting tags from the tree and deliveries.

What is/are your favorite prayers/devotions?

Susan typically attends a daily Mass during the week. Ken prays the Morning Offering each morning on his trip to work as part of a daily Hallow routine that also includes a Daily Reflection and One Minute Homily.

Who are your favorite saints? Why?

St. Vincent de Paul—volunteer and giving. Now we are learning about our own parish—St. Maria Goretti, an amazing girl!

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.



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, **March 1**, we will meet in the **Church Nursery**. For more info, contact Carol Alvarez, 317-372-3713.

SIGN UP FOR THE ELIJAH CUP!

After each Lord's Day Mass, a consecrated chalice is sent home for the subsequent week with a parish family who commits to pray daily for vocations. Go to smgonline.org/elijahcup to select the Mass that your family will take home this sacramental and pray for *all* vocations—priests, diaconate, consecrated life, marriages, and sacred single life.

JUST THE (BIBLE) BASICS

Get a head start on Sunday Mass by joining us for **BIBLE BASICS**, a lively discussion of the weekly Scripture readings on Sunday mornings 8:30-9:45am (during the first PRE session) in the Teacher's Lounge (go through door #1). All adults welcome! Coffee is provided, and no registration or homework is required. You can attend weekly or as often as your schedule allows. We meet when PRE is in session, which means in March, we'll meet **March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30**. Questions? Contact Bill Sultan, wjs779@gmail.com.





PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRING IN PALM LEAVES

Do you have old palm leaves around your house? Perhaps they are tucked behind your crucifix or crafted into a cross. You may bring them to the Church Narthex and place them in one of the boxes at the entrances **BY SUNDAY, MARCH 2**, so they may be burned and the ashes used for Ash Wednesday distribution on March 5.



Lent is right around the corner! The Holy Name Society will host two Friday **FISH FRYS** this year—**March 7** and **March 21**, 5-7:30pm, in the Parish Hall. Both Dine-In and Drive-Up options will be available again.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

You can sign up for either date (or both!) through this volunteer link—smgonline.org/fish-fry—or by scanning the QR code. This is a perfect opportunity for fulfilling FISH (no pun intended) for school families, and high school students can earn Confirmation and school Service Hours.



All new members of St. Maria Goretti are invited to a **WELCOME LUNCHEON** on Sunday, **March 16**, immediately following the 10am Mass in the Parish Narthex. You will meet other new families and enjoy a delicious lunch while meeting some of our staff and learning about some of our ministries offered here. Tours of the school and church will also be available. Please **RSVP by March 9** via email, amy.kazmier@gmail.com, or text, 317-258-1230.

JOIN US TUESDAY, MARCH 4!
Piper Greene, an adoptee, will speak about her international adoption story.

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
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JEREMIAH 29:11

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, **March 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.



DID YOU KNOW?

Initial results from a groundbreaking study by the National Institute of Health reveal that MRI's found significant difference in the brains of children who use smartphones, tablets, and video games more than seven hours a day. Children who spent an excessive amount of time on screens were found to have a premature thinning of the cortex. That's the outermost layer of the brain that processes information from the five senses.

"Let Kids Be Kids a Little Longer"
WaitUntil8th.org

For more information or to get involved in this ministry, contact us at:
TheBlessedCarloInitiative@smgonline.org

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*



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.

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.



SAVE THE DATE: CURSILLO WEEKENDS

Are you ready for a personal encounter with Christ? Are you ready for a personal encounter with Christ? Have you been thinking about going on a Cursillo weekend but the time just has not been right? Maybe now is the time!

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.**

A Cursillo weekend is not just a retreat. Cursillo means short course in Christianity. At this weekend, you will receive the tools to evaluate your relationship with God and provide you with ways you can bring Christ to family and friends. The Cursillo Movement assists each of us in developing a deeper understanding of what it means to be fully Catholic by being fully Christian.

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.



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.**



URGENT NEED!

ROSARIES FOR SOLDIERS began in October 2001 at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, when a parishioner suggested that we make rosaries like her father had in WWII for our soldiers. We are now in our 24th year! Currently, we have 0 rosary makers at Seton, 1 in Columbus, and 1 in Logansport.

Helpers at Seton fold the prayer sheets and band them for packaging and shipping with the rosaries; package them with rosaries in plastic bags along with other materials; band holy cards; and learn quality control on rosaries received. This is a great opportunity for people with limited abilities, and most work can be done at home. Every 3-4 months boxes are packed for shipment to about 30 chaplains around the world.

To help or to learn how to make the rosaries, come to our meetings on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Wednesdays, 3:30-5:30pm in the Upper Room at Seton. For details, contact Clo Lillig, clolillig@gmail.com or 317-966-0927.

SUMMER CAMP DONE DIFFERENTLY.

ENCOUNTER GOD THROUGH PRAYER,
FRIENDSHIP, AND OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

GIRLS: JUNE 23-26, 2025
BOYS: JULY 7-10, 2025
(Entering 6th-8th Grade)

THE VALLEY
RUSSIAVILLE • INDIANA

REGISTER ONLINE:
DOL-IN.ORG/CAMP CRUX



REGISTRATION OPEN



YOUTH MINISTRY

what's happening
this week

Temple Knights—February 23, 11:15am-12:30pm

HOPE—February 26, 7-8:30pm

TOPIC: Mardi Gras Celebration!

Sparks—February 27, 6-7:15pm

TOPIC: Mental Health

First Communion Retreat—March 1, 8am-noon

Thank you to all who supported
our Youth Ministry Pizza Fundraiser!

We sold a **record-breaking 309 pizzas!**

Because of your support, we are able to do more
faith-filled activities with our kids and teens.

Thank you for supporting our Youth Ministries!



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.

TEEN LIVING STATIONS

Presented by SMG High School
Youth Ministry

FRIDAY, MARCH 14 AT 7:00PM
IN THE CHURCH

TEEN LIVING STATIONS CALL OUT

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!

We need 33 teens for the 2025 Teen Living Stations!
We have many roles to fill, both speaking and nonspeaking parts.
We also welcome singers and behind-the-scenes volunteers.

Rehearsal: Thursday, March 6, 6:30-7:30pm

Rehearsal: Monday, March 10, 6:30-7:30pm

Dress Rehearsal: Friday, March 14, 5:30pm

Living Stations: Friday, March 14, 7pm

Pizza and ice cream will be provided for participants
the night of the event.

Interested? Contact Annaliese Budd, a.budd@smgonline.org.

**SAVE
THE DATE**



2025 VACATION BIBLE CAMP

This year, VBC is
June 9-13.
Details to follow.
Keep an eye out
for the registra-
tion 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

2/28 PTO 4th/5th Grades Game Night

TESTING WINDOWS

Avoid outside appointments during these times:

IREAD—March 3-14 (grades 2 & 3)

ILEARN—April 14-25 (grades 3-8)

NWEA Spring—May 12-16 (all grade levels)



Middle School
English/
Language Arts
Teacher



St. Maria Goretti Catholic School is seeking a creative and dynamic Middle School (7th/8th) English/Language Arts Teacher for the 2025-26 school year.

This position will teach 7th and 8th Grade Language Arts and one section of Religion. Applicants should possess an Indiana teaching license. The ideal candidate has a strong background in Language Arts and demonstrates a strong desire to foster a positive, faith-filled culture in a classroom dedicated to academic excellence.

This position begins August 2025.

All interested candidates for this position must have knowledge of the school's mission and an understanding of the Catholic faith. A résumé and cover letter should be submitted along with references to Elizabeth Kissel, Principal, via apply@smgonline.org.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

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, 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!



The HOPE Family Care Center is a free clinic providing professional health and dental care for the uninsured and medically underserved. They treat nearly 900 patients a year in the surrounding communities of Hamilton County.

If you would like to help, consider making a donation. You may place items in a blue donation box in the Church Narthex. Needed donations include **toilet paper, toilet cleaner, copier paper, Lysol spray, Wite-Out EZcorrect, and light bulbs.**

SAVE THE DATES: Respect Life Ministry's Spring Blood Drive!



Thursday, March 20
4-8:15pm
and
Saturday, March 22
9:15am-1:30pm

Registration
info and links
to come!



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.



*"I understand that each time
we contemplate with desire and devotion
the Host in which is hidden
Christ's Eucharistic Body,
we increase our merits in heaven and
secure special joys to be ours later
in the beatific vision of God."*
~ St. Gertrude

CONTRIBUTIONS

FEBRUARY 15 & 16 COLLECTIONS

Regular Contributions.....	\$77,262.76
Contributions Budget	\$75,750.00
Overage (Shortfall)	\$1,512.76
Fiscal Year Overage (Shortfall)	\$46,190.38
Retired Religious Fund	\$220.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$1,520.00
<i>The Catholic Moment</i>	\$1,886.00
Church in Eastern/Central Europe.....	\$1,450.00
Los Angeles Fires	\$190.00
HELP	\$5,906.00

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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.



MEIJER SIMPLY GIVE WINTER CAMPAIGN GIFT CARD SALE

After all Lord's Day Masses the weekend of **February 22 & 23**, \$10 donation cards will be for sale in the Church Narthex. Consider purchasing one or more to help our Shepherd's Gate Food Pantry.

As a reminder, our pantry is once again the featured pantry at our Westfield Meijer store. Our winter campaign runs through Sunday, March 29. Our last campaign brought in more than \$31,000 to help feed local families. We hope we can make a new record for this winter 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 pantry. Each \$10 donation card purchased on Double Match Day (Saturday, March 1, and/or Saturday, March 22) will provide \$30 of food!

Any questions about making larger HELP donations to be applied to these donation cards (especially before the Double Match Days), please email us, smgpantry@smgonline.org. Also, look for a parish email that will include a link for a one-time gift. You can make note in the comment section for the Meijer Simply Give donation.

***Every donation makes a difference
to our community!***





PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

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

DECEASED: Mark Spencer, husband of Kathy Spencer, and all the deceased of our Parish Family

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 22

8:00 am Int. Mike Barrientos
4:30 pm Int. Jim Alvarez Family

Sunday, February 23

8:00 am † Kathryn Tetrick
10:00 am † Al Vidal
5:30 pm Int. Parish Family

Monday, February 24

7:00 am † Patricia Ehrman
5:30 pm Int. Deb Grisham

Tuesday, February 25

8:00 am Int. Hanna Newell
5:30 pm † Tim Almack

Wednesday, February 26

8:00 am † Jeanne Broderick Vana
5:30 pm † Michael Wallner

Thursday, February 27

5:30 pm † George Anderson

Friday, February 28

7:00 am † Ron Lipinski
8:00 am † Margaret Vidal

Saturday, March 1

8:00 am Int. Drew Travis
4:30 pm Int. Parish Family

Sunday, March 2

8:00 am † Karen Vorreiter
10:00 am † Michael Wallner
5:30 pm † George Anderson



Congratulations to

Adeline Rose Bott

who was baptized February 15.

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

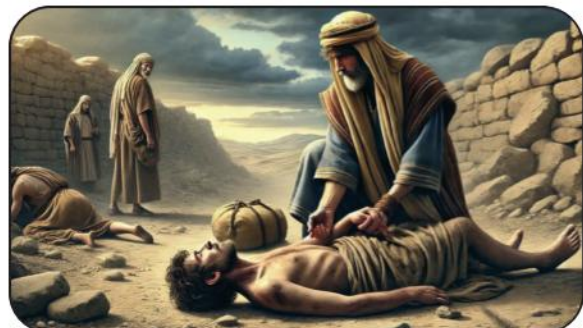
PATRON SAINTS OF THE WEEK

For the Week of February 23, 2025

- Sun:** The Lord's Day
- Mon:** Bl. Luke Belludi (died 1285) preaching companion, caregiver, successor of St. Anthony
- Tues:** St. Tarasius (died 806) life of prayer and penance, showed poor charity and respect
- Wed:** St. Walburga (died 779) Cures are ascribed to the oil that exudes from a rock on which her relics were placed
- Thurs:** St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows (died 1862) Patron Saint of clerics and young people
- Fri:** St. Oswald (died 992) Known for his love of the poor
- Sat:** St. Auguste Chapdelaine (died 1856) Martyr, missionary in China

Weekly Meditative Moment

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



Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,
bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you...
Do to others as you would have them do to you.
Luke 6:27, 31

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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
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 CONFIRMATION RETREAT 40 HOURS DEVOTION	24 7 AM Mass 3-5 PM Children's Devotion Hours 3:15 PM OCIC 4 PM Older Sacramental Prep 5:30 PM Mass 7 PM OCIA (attend 40 Hours) No Boy Scouts 7 PM Vespers & Reflection with Fr. Ted Dudzinski	25 8 AM Mass 9 AM Adult Bible Study 10 AM Moms Group 3-5 PM Children's Devotion Hours 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 6 PM Theatre Ministry 7 PM Faith & Froth: Ed Jozsa	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
2 8 AM Mass 8:30 AM PRE 8:30 AM Bible Basics 10 AM Mass 11:30 AM PRE 5:30 PM Mass 5:45 PM High School Youth Council 6:30 PM TRUTH	3 7 AM Mass 3:15 PM OCIC 4 PM Older Sacramental Prep 5:30 PM Mass 7 PM Our Lady of Hope Bereavement Ministry Workshop 7 PM OCIA 7 PM Boy Scouts	4 8 AM Mass No Adult Bible Study 10 AM Moms Group 5:30 PM Mass 7 PM Youth Bible Study 7 PM A.D.O.P.T.	5 7 AM Mass 8:30 AM Mass 5:30 PM Mass § Confessions after Mass HOPE does not meet No Adult Bible Study ASH WEDNESDAY	6 5:30 PM Mass 6:15 PM Liturgy Committee 6:30 PM Living Stations Rehearsal 7:15 PM School Council 7 PM Early Saints Ministry PARISH OFFICES CLOSED Lenten Staff Retreat	7 7 AM Mass 8 AM Mass 5 PM Holy Name Society Fish Fry 7 PM Stations of the Cross * Confessions immediately following Stations	8 8 AM Mass 8:30 AM Confessions 8:45 AM SoulCore (Church Nursery) 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 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS	10 7 AM Mass 3 PM Girl Scouts 3:15 PM OCIC 4 PM Older Sacramental Prep 5:30 PM Mass 6:30 PM Living Stations Rehearsal 7 PM Our Lady of Hope Bereavement Ministry Workshop 7 PM OCIA 7 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM Sisterhood of Marietta & Lilies	11 6 AM Men's Faith Formation 8 AM Mass 9 AM Adult Bible Study 10 AM Moms Group 5:30 PM Mass No Youth Bible Study 7 PM Lenten Penance Service	12 7 AM Mass 8:30 AM Mass 5:30 PM Mass 6-7:30 PM Confessions 6:30 PM Middle School Youth Council 7 PM HOPE 7 PM Adult Bible Study	13 5:30 PM Mass 6 PM St. Vincent de Paul ministry 6:15 PM Respect Life Ministry 7 PM FILLED	14 7 AM Mass 8 AM Mass 5:30 PM Living Stations Dress Rehearsal 7 PM Teen Living Stations of the Cross * Confessions immediately following Stations	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 SISTERHOOD OF MARIETTA RETREAT
16 8 AM Mass 8:30 AM PRE 8:30 AM Bible Basics 9 AM Companion Prayer Ministry 10 AM Mass 11 AM Companion Prayer Ministry 11 AM Welcome Luncheon 11:30 AM PRE 5:30 PM Mass 6:30 PM TRUTH SISTERHOOD OF MARIETTA RETREAT	17 7 AM Mass 3 PM Girl Scouts 3:15 PM OCIC 4 PM Older Sacramental Prep 5:30 PM Mass 7 PM Our Lady of Hope Bereavement Ministry Workshop 7 PM OCIA 7 PM Boy Scouts 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 7 PM Youth Bible Study 7 PM Finance Council 7 PM St. Monica Prayer Ministry	19 7 AM Mass 8:30 AM Mass 5:30 PM Mass 6-7:30 PM Confessions 7 PM HOPE 7 PM Adult Bible Study 7 PM FAITH class 7 PM Encounter Jesus: Guided Eucharistic Adoration	20 9 AM Moms Scripture Study 4 PM Respect Life Ministry Blood Drive 5:30 PM Mass 6 PM Ignite 7 PM Confirmation Slow-Motion Mass	21 7 AM Mass 8 AM Dads' Mass and Coffee 5 PM Holy Name Society Fish Fry 7 PM Stations of the Cross * Confessions immediately following Stations	22 8 AM Mass 8:30 AM Confessions 8:45 AM SoulCore (Church Nursery) 9:15 AM Respect Life Ministry Blood Drive 3 PM Confessions 4:30 PM Vigil Mass §

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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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MARRIAGE & FAMILY MINISTRIES

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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