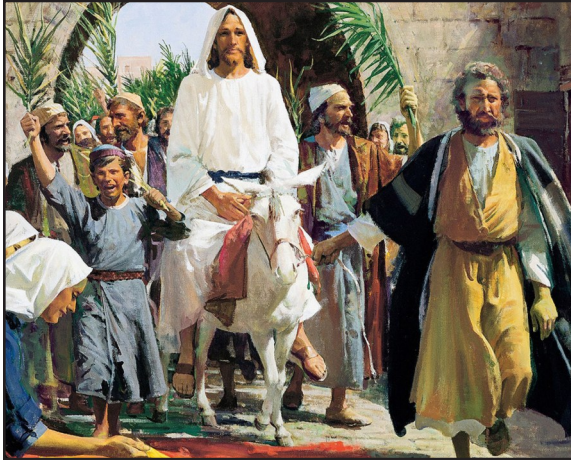


ST. MARIA GORETTI

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.

APRIL 13, 2025

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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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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A NOTE FROM FATHER DUDZINSKI



+JMJ+

“Walk with Jesus!”

Welcome to the holiest week of the year! *“Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”* — Mt. 6:21

Are you *“fired up for this week?”* Let me see if I can pique your interest!

Today we celebrate Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem! He enters the Holy City with the crowds waving palms and singing ***Hosanna to God in the Highest!***

As Christians (Catholics) this week is very important for us to reflect on **salvation history**. We have the opportunity to enter into, and appreciate at a more **profound level**, all that Jesus did for us. As much as possible, it would be good to **participate** in this week’s Masses and services, especially the Sacred Triduum. The Sacred Triduum (Sacred three days) consists of Holy Thursday (the Mass of the Lord’s Supper), Good Friday (Jesus’ death) and Easter (the Resurrection)!

This week we **relive the last days of Jesus’ life** here on earth before He died for our sins! I want to emphasize: ***we relive the last*** days. I emphasize this because the Church is recalling, to the best of her ability, what happened during these days. We receive **palms** on Palm Sunday and walk through the Passion narrative so as to enter into this week with a heightened awareness of this most important event. His entrance into Jerusalem has us hearing with amazement the glorious reception He receives and then how quickly, less than a week later, the crowds turn on Him.

The Masses on Monday—Wednesday focus on the greed of Judas and his subsequent betrayal of Jesus; Peter’s predicted denial of Jesus three

times before the rooster crowed. Wednesday is often referred to as *“spy”* Wednesday because that is when he betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver and started looking for the right moment to hand Jesus over to the Jewish leaders.

This week comes to its pinnacle during the Sacred Triduum. **Holy Thursday** at the Mass of the Lord’s Supper Jesus **institutes** the **Eucharist** and the **priesthood**. These two events are very important in the Church because the Eucharist is the *“source and summit”* of our Faith, and **without the priesthood** we do not have the Eucharist or the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Another highlight of this liturgy is the **washing of the feet**. This traditionally is done with 12 men of the parish signifying the 12 apostles whose feet Jesus washed during this meal. Jesus also gave the command that they were to imitate Him in the service of others when He said, *“I came to serve and not to be served.”* This command is modeled by the apostles so that we can then go out and do the same! Another beautiful thing that happens at the end of the Mass is that all those gathered process to a place (the parish hall) which reflects the **Garden of Gethsemane**. **All** are invited to spend time there in prayer with Jesus until He is arrested at midnight.

The **Good Friday** service is not a Mass, but a three-fold commemoration of the **Passion Narrative**, the **Veneration of the Cross** and a **Communion Service**. This is a very powerful and moving liturgy, *that is a must*, if we are going to appreciate Jesus dying for our sins.

Holy Saturday is a somber day in which we reflect on these events and then celebrate the Resurrection at the **Easter Vigil** or on **Easter Sunday!!!** Praise God for these days! Please take advantage and participate, or at least reflect on the profoundness of each of these days!

St. Maria Goretti... pray for us!

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*



Holy Week 2025 and beyond

LAST CHANCES FOR RECONCILIATION BEFORE EASTER

Three more opportunities for Reconciliation are being offered.

If you have not had a chance to make peace with Jesus,
take advantage of these final Lenten times:

Monday, **April 14**—3-5pm

Wednesday, **April 16**—3-5pm & 6-7:30pm

Triduum Schedule

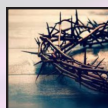


HOLY THURSDAY—April 17

No 5:30pm Mass

7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

*Mass ends with a procession to the Parish Hall
where Adoration will be until midnight.



GOOD FRIDAY—April 18

No Masses

- 12:30 pm Stations of the Cross
- 1:15 pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
- 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet & Novena
- 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion



HOLY SATURDAY—April 19

No 8am or 4:30pm Masses

No morning or afternoon Reconciliation

- 1:30 pm Easter Food Basket Blessing
- 1:45 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet & Novena
- 8:30 pm Easter Vigil

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

The Parish Offices will be closed
Friday, **April 18**, and Monday, **April 21**.

The offices will reopen
Tuesday, **April 22**, 8am.

Easter Mass SCHEDULE

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 19
8:30 pm

Easter

Sunday, April 20
8am & 10am*

No 5:30pm Mass

* The 10am Mass will be held
concurrently in the main church and
in the Parish Hall.



The Holy Name Society will host our annual
Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, **April 26**,
10am, for children ages 12 and younger.

Meet in the Parish Hall by 10 am. Egg-hunt areas will be
designated by age groups: 0-3, 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12 years. In
addition to your egg-collecting basket, please bring Pop-
Tarts, drink mixes, boxed mac 'n' cheese, or boxed oat-
meal to support our Shepherd's Gate Food Pantry.

Join us for a fun and exciting morning
within the Octave of Easter!



Divine Mercy Sunday

"My daughter, tell the whole world about
My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the
Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter
for all souls, and especially for poor sinners.
On that day, the very depths of My tender
mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean
of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of
My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and re-
ceive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness
of sins and punishment. ... Mankind will not have peace
until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy."

—St. Faustina, *Diary*, no. 699

Divine Mercy Sunday Schedule

- 11am Adoration
- 12-2:30pm Reconciliation
- 2:30pm Divine Mercy Reflection & Image Blessing
- 3pm Chaplet & Benediction



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.

AMOUNT TO GOAL:
\$176,700
(GOAL=\$500,000)

Help us achieve 100% parishioner participation by May 31, 2024!

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.



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COMPANION PRAYER MINISTRY

Companion Prayer ministers will be available after the 4:30pm Mass, Saturday, **April 12**, and the 8am and 10am Masses, Sunday, **April 13**, 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, send an email to Debra Minott, minott1082@aol.com.

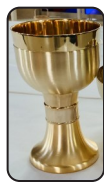


BECOME A COMPANION

Are you hearing a call to pray for others? Would you like to become a Companion Prayer Minister, serving our brothers and sisters once a month? Praying for and over others is powerful and brings great gifts to both the prayer minister and the prayer recipient. If you'd like to learn more, contact Debra Minott.

ELIJAH CUP SIGN-UP

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, deaconate, consecrated life, marriages, and sacred single life.



LAST CALL!

Spring Fling

ST. MARIA GORETTI'S FUNDRAISING GALA



Friday

APRIL 25, 2025

6:00pm | Ritz Charles Event Center | Carmel, Indiana

REGISTRATION CLOSING FRI, APRIL 18

You're invited to this year's capstone event, featuring a cocktail hour with complimentary hors d'oeuvres, wine, and beer, a wonderful plated dinner, cash bar, raffle, lightning rounds of derby-themed games, live auction, and music!

All adults age 21+ are invited to join us for this special evening.

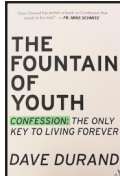
REGISTER BY FRIDAY!

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



MEN'S FAITH FORMATION SERIES

The series, hosted by the Holy Name Society, will meet every Tuesday, 6-7am, through April 22 in the Parish Narthex (enter door #5 from the south parking lot) to discuss the book, *The Fountain of Youth*, by Catholic speaker and Relevant Radio "Life Coach" Dave Durand.

Centered on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, *The Fountain of Youth* is a real-talk, down-to-earth conversation about what holiness looks like in a fallen world. Books will be supplied at no cost to you! We will read one chapter per week and discuss it together in small groups. Bottomless cups of coffee are provided! Our next session is **April 15**, when we'll discuss "Excuse #5," pages 51-60. Grow in your faith while growing in fraternity with other Brothers in Christ! If you have any questions, text or call Nathaniel O'Dell, 574-933-4576.

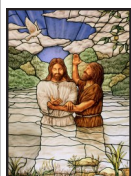
ST MARIA GORETTI SCHOOL

8TH GRADE PASSION PLAY

Join us for a special Holy Week presentation of the Passion Play, presented by the 8th grade class of St. Maria Goretti School on Tuesday, **April 15** from **2-3 pm** in the church. This powerful dramatization of the final days of Christ on earth is being performed for the first time by our 8th graders, with music provided by our Music Director, Tony Avellana. All are welcome—bring your family and friends and enter more deeply into the mystery of Holy Week through this moving portrayal of Jesus' Passion.



APRIL PRE-JORDAN CLASS CANCELLED



The Pre-Jordan baptism preparation class, which customarily meets every third Saturday of the month, **will NOT meet April 19**, as this is Holy Saturday. Questions? contact Mark & Julie Mears, 317-873-1076.

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

All adults interested in learning more or joining the Catholic Church are invited to attend the Christian Initiation Inquiry on Wednesday, **April 23**, 7-8 pm, in the Parish Office Conference Room (door #6 off the north parking lot). We will also meet **April 30**. Questions? contact Connie Anderson, ocia@smgonline.org.



DID YOU KNOW?

Tweens who spend more time on screens have a higher likelihood of developing disruptive behavior disorders, with social media having an especially strong influence. Social media use was most likely to be linked to conduct disorder, while other forms of screen use—such as watching videos and television, playing video games, and texting—were more likely to be associated with oppositional defiant disorder (ODD). (*Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry*). The more we know, the more we can change.

"Let Kids Be Kids a Little Longer"

WaitUntil8th.org

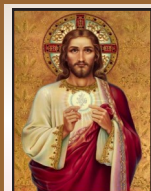
For more information or to get involved in this ministry, contact us at:

TheBlessedCarloInitiative@smgonline.org

SAINT MARIA GORETTI *Encounter* **JESUS**

Come,
spend time with Jesus—
Wednesday, **April 23**,
7-8pm
in the Holy Spirit Chapel.

A MUSICAL HOLY HOUR



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

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLE DISPLAY FOR BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS



In honor of Blessed Carlo Acutis, who will be canonized as a saint on April 27, St. Maria Goretti will display more than two dozen three-foot-tall Eucharistic Miracle Posters that Blessed Carlo researched and created (2001-2004) prior to his death in 2006. The display will be available for viewing **April 23-27**, 30 minutes before and after all Masses. Display hours on Sunday, April 27, will expand, 7:30am-7pm. For more information, contact Steve Alic, s.alic@smgonline.org.



MOMS' SCRIPTURE STUDY

All women of our Parish Family are invited to join us to study Blessed is She's *Listen to Him*, a meditation on the Gospel of Mark. We will meet in the Church Nursery (off of the Church Narthex), 9-10:30am on the following dates: **April 24** and **May 22**. There is no prep required. We will go through the study together when we gather. Attending moms are welcome to bring their children. For details, contact Annmarie Schwarz, 765-490-3639.



SILVER ANGELS APRIL 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, **April 25**, 9am (following 8am Mass). Let's celebrate the "Joy of Christ Risen"! with conversation, cards, and games. Please bring your favorites! 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). Hope to see you on the 25th! If you have questions, contact Bill or Carol Schuler, billand-carol624@gmail.com or 812-631-7018.

ST. MONICA PRAYER MINISTRY MEETING

The St. Monica Prayer Ministry prays for those who have distanced themselves from or left the Catholic faith. The group meets on the third Tuesday of every month in the Our Lady of Good Counsel Chapel next to the St. Augustine Room (entrance #4, far west side of the south lot) to pray *Way of the Cross: For Loved Ones Who Have Left the Faith*, by Fr. Jeffrey Kirby, STD. We will not meet this week, as it is Holy Week. Our next meeting is **May 20**, 7-8:30. If you have questions, contact Deb Grisham, 317-690-1597, or Maureen Walker, 317-205-5175.



GOLD AWARD OR EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT?

SMG would love to work with our Scouts who are looking for Gold Award or Eagle Scout projects! Scouts have blessed SMG with their skills over the years. If you're interested in doing a project at our parish, you may contact Kevin Muller, k.muller@smgonline.org.

CHILDREN NEEDED!

The St. Maria Goretti Theatre Ministry will perform on Armed Services Day, Saturday, May 17, at Independence Village in Carmel. During our show, we will honor veterans. Still needed are children—one to dress as a Navy sailor, one to represent the Coast Guard, and one to represent the Air Force. Army and Marines are covered. The only duties are wearing the costume, marching into the performance space, and handing out flags to the residents. Service Hours available. If your child is available, please notify Coordinator Lou Ann Kelly Behan, LKBehan@gmail.com or 703-609-7753.



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING AND RECERTIFICATION

EMHC are lay men and women who are called to assist the Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Priests and Deacons) in distributing the Body and Blood of Jesus to the congregation at Mass or to the homebound. We are in need of more EMHC at all weekend Masses, especially at the Saturday, 4:30pm and Sunday, 10am and 5:30pm Masses. EMHCs are required to be a practicing Catholic and to have a regular scheduled Adoration Hour. If you need more info, contact Kathy Lengerich at 317-460-1789 or KRLteacher@aol.com.

New and current EMHC, MUST attend **ONE** of the following formation sessions. All sessions are in church.

Recertification Sessions for **Current** EMHC

Monday, **May 5**, 7-8pm
Wednesday, **May 14**, 7-8pm
Friday, **May 16**, 9-10am
Saturday, **May 17**, 9-10am



Formation sessions for **new** (Mass) EMHC

Wednesday, **May 7**, 7-9pm
Thursday, **May 15**, 7-9pm

Formation for those wishing to serve the **home-bound and retirement homes**

More EMHCs needed for this ministry.

Monday, **May 12**, 7-8pm
Saturday, **May 17**, 10-11am





RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY



Last weekend, baby bottle banks became available in the Church Narthex. If you didn't get a chance to get one then, you are invited to take one home this weekend. During the next eight weeks, add your donations (perhaps from sacrifices made). Please return all baby bottles by Saturday, May 31, to the bin on the Respect Life Ministry table in the Church Narthex. If you'd like to donate directly, scan this QR code. Proceeds benefit Respect Life Ministry to help serve our parish and community. If you have questions, contact Laura Kukura, rlm@smgonline.org.



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.**

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tenebrae
A SERVICE OF SHADOWS

MARIAN UNIVERSITY, APRIL 16TH, 8PM
BISHOP CHARTRAND MEMORIAL CHAPEL, MARIAN HALL

MARIAN UNIVERSITY
Indianapolis
University Ministry



REGISTER NOW... 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 are 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.

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

THE VALLEY
RUSSIAVILLE • INDIANA

REGISTER ONLINE:
DOL-IN.ORG/CAMPCRUX



REGISTRATION OPEN



YOUTH MINISTRY

what's happening
this week



TRUTH—April 13, 6:30-8pm

TOPIC: Encountering God in Holy Week
with Michelle Brown

Sisterhood of Marietta & Lilies—April 14,
7-8:30pm **LILIES TOPIC:** The Eucharist

Youth Bible Study—April 15, 7-8:30pm

Confirmation meeting—April 15, 7-9pm

HOPE—April 16, 7-8:30pm

Confirmation meeting—April 16, 7-9pm

FAITH class—April 16, 7-8:30pm

EASTER EGG STUFFING & HIDING!

EASTER EGG STUFFING WILL BE IN THE PARISH HALL
ON THURSDAY, APRIL 24TH FROM 6:30-8:00PM.
PIZZA WILL BE PROVIDED.

EASTER EGG HIDING WILL MEET IN THE PARISH
HALL ON SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH FROM 8:00-9:00AM.
DONUTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP, PLEASE FILL OUT THIS
FORM WITH SLOTS THAT YOU'D LIKE TO SERVE.
THIS IS A FISH HOUR/SERVICE HOUR/
CONFIRMATION HOUR OPPORTUNITY!

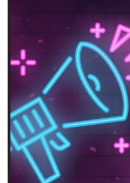


7TH & 8TH GRADE LOCK IN
MAY 2, 5:30-10:30 PM



ST. MARIA GORETTI CATHOLIC
CHURCH AND SCHOOL

\$10, REGISTER AT
SMGONLINE.ORG/MSLOCKIN



VACATION BIBLE CAMP
2025

COLLEGE MISSIONARIES NEEDED!

JUNE 7-8
7TH-12TH GRADE
VBC OVERNIGHT RETREAT
+
JUNE 9-13 | 9:00AM-NOON
PREK-6TH GRADE
MORNING CAMP!

\$500 STIPEND
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE REACH OUT TO
T.UHLAND@SMGONLINE.ORG



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2025

June 7-8: VBC Teen Overnight Retreat
(7th-12th Grades)
June 9-13 VBC Morning Camp
9:00am-Noon: (PreK4 - 6th Grade)

Spots fill quickly! Please
register by May 15th!



REGISTER HERE!



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



Ilearn starts this week. Make sure students are well-rested and arrive to school on time. Avoid outside appointments for the next two weeks for testing. Grades 3-8 are required to take the test.

SCHOOL LENTEN SERVICES

4/15 Passion Play, led by 8th grade, 2pm
 4/17 Holy Thursday Service, led by 7th grade, 8am

4/17 Students will eat lunch in the classrooms. Only two food options will be available—a sub or PB&J sandwich.

4/18 **GOOD FRIDAY**—
 No school, School Offices closed

4/21 **EASTER MONDAY**—
 No school, School Offices closed



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

Save the Date for the
 2021 SMG Alumni Mass
 on Tuesday, **April 22**, 8am.

Let's get together to celebrate with your fellow SMG Alumni! We'd LOVE to have everyone there, so please respond to the Evite: [evite.me/zreNkrcj8x](https://www.evite.com/event/evite.me/zreNkrcj8x) or send an email to sarahweddige@yahoo.com.

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WE ARE HIRING

OPEN POSITION :

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SMG Hosted "Cheer Camp"

**REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN**

orgsonline.com - 194SMG-IN

3rd-4th ~ 6/16-6/20

5rd-8th ~ 6/23-6/27

Both camps run 3:30pm-6:30pm

Parent Performance!!!

Shirt and Bow included

Cost: \$100

**Open to all within
the community**



MR. DEASON'S

PE SUMMER CAMP

**JUNE 30 -
JULY 3**

ST. MARIA
GORETTI
CATHOLIC
SCHOOL

K-2: 9AM-12PM
 3-5: 12PM-3PM

ONLY TAKING 25 KIDS PER AGE
 GROUP - SO SIGN UP SOON!

**ALL OF YOUR FAVORITE
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WEEK!**

REGISTRATION FEE: \$120.00/PERSON

EMAIL MR. DEASON WITH ANY QUESTIONS: C.DEASON@SMGONLINE.ORG





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: 3-4am

Sunday: 4-5am

Sunday: 8-9am

Monday: 2-3am

Tuesday: 2-3am

Wednesday: 12-1am

Wednesday: 2-3am

Thursday: 2-3am

Friday: 11pm-midnight

Saturday: 12-1am

Saturday: 9-10pm

If you have any questions or would like to sign up for an hour, contact Jeff Brown, adoration@smgonline.org or 317-417-1540.

Hours updated April 7.



HOLY WEEK HOURS

Eucharistic Adoration will **CLOSE** at Noon on Holy Thursday, April 17 and will **REOPEN** after the 7 am Mass, Easter Monday, April 21.

“[Perpetual Adoration] brings heaven’s choice blessings, in the first place, on those generous souls that keep their hourlong tryst with the Lord. But, being such a powerhouse of grace, the devotion extends its influence far beyond the individual adorers, touching their homes and families and reaching out to the parish community and beyond.”

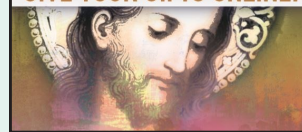
~ Father Richard Foley, S.J.

CONTRIBUTIONS

APRIL 5 & 6 COLLECTIONS

Regular Contributions.....	\$84,138.16
Contributions Budget	\$75,750.00
Overage (Shortfall)	\$8,388.16
Fiscal Year Overage (Shortfall)	\$93,807.28
Easter Flowers.....	\$558.00
Holy Land/Good Friday.....	\$60.00
HELP	\$850.00

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DOUBLE YOUR CONTRIBUTION WITH CORPORATE MATCHING

Many employers (or their charitable foundations) match donations made by their employees to charitable organizations dollar for dollar, sometimes more. These are called Matching Gifts or Matching Funds. Some employers match gifts to religious organizations, but many do not; however, educational agencies such as St. Maria Goretti School are usually eligible to receive matching gifts.

Ask your company’s Human Resource Department if your employer has such a program. This simple inquiry could double your contribution without costing you one penny more! If you have questions or need documentation, contact Kevin Muller, k.muller@smgonline.org or 317-867-3213, ext. 1127, in the Parish Office.



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!



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, Elizabeth Hagan, Father Kevin Haines, Margaret Kilgore, John Kotlarczyk, Anna Krane, Pam McHugh, Rich Minder, Tony Orozco, Dick Panasuk, Dorothy Schwer, Kathy Spencer, John Thieme, Judy Trumpey, Juan Villamin, Fritz & Marsha Weinkauff, and Ivonne Zaki

DECEASED: All the deceased of our Parish Family

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 12

8:00 am † Finnigan Grady
4:30 pm Int. Vincent Vella &
† Barbara Vella

Sunday, April 13

8:00 am Int. Diocesan Deacons &
their families
10:00 am Int. Parish Family
5:30 pm † Michael Wallner

Monday, April 14

7:00 am † Andrew Limauro
5:30 pm † Mary Savitsky

Tuesday, April 15

8:00 am † Richard Broderick
5:30 pm † Jeanne Broderick Vana

Wednesday, April 16

8:00 am Int. Tom & Amy Smith
5:30 pm † Susan Frossard

Thursday, April 17

7:00 pm Int. SMG Priests

Friday, April 18

7:00 am No Mass
8:00 am No Mass

Saturday, April 19

8:00 am No Mass
8:30 pm Int. OCIA Alumni

Sunday, April 20

8:00 am Int. Emily & Chase Wisner
10:00 am Int. Parish Family
5:30 pm No Mass

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

PATRON SAINTS OF THE WEEK

For the Week of April 13, 2025

- Sun:** The Lord's Day
- Mon:** Bl. Peter Gonzalez (died 1246) Patron Saint of Spanish and Portuguese sailors, effective preacher
- Tues:** Bl. Caesar de Bus (died 1607) developed a program of family catechesis to ward off heresy
- Wed:** St. Bernadette (died 1844) Mary appeared to her multiple times in Lourdes, France
- Thurs:** St. Benedict Joseph Labre (died 1783) Patron Saint of homeless people
- Fri:** Bl. James Oldo (died 1404) cared for the sick and prisoners of war
- Sat:** St. Gianna Beretta Molla (died 1962) chose to save unborn child when tumor in uterus was removed

Weekly Meditative Moment

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

**Christ became obedient
to the point of death,
even death on a cross.**

**Because of this,
God greatly exalted Him and
bestowed on Him the name
which is above every name.**

Philippians 2:8-9





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
13 8 AM Mass 8:30 AM PRE 8:30 AM Bible Basics 9 AM Companion Prayer Ministry 10 AM Mass § 11:30 AM PRE 11 AM Companion Prayer Ministry 5:30 PM Mass 6:30 PM TRUTH PALM SUNDAY	14 7 AM Mass 3-5 PM Confessions 4:15 PM Girl Scouts 5:30 PM Mass 6:30 PM OCIA Rehearsal 7 PM Our Lady of Hope Bereavement Ministry Workshop 7 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM Sisterhood of Marietta & Lilies	15 6 AM Men's Faith Formation 8 AM Mass 2 PM Passion Play 5:30 PM Mass 7 PM Youth Bible Study 7 PM Stewardship Committee 7 PM Confirmation meeting	16 8 AM Mass 1 PM Blessed Among Women 3-5 PM Confessions 5:30 PM Mass 6-7:30 PM Confessions 7 PM HOPE 7 PM Confirmation meeting 7 PM FAITH class No OCIA: Inquiry	17 HOLY THURSDAY No 5:30 PM Mass 7 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper § 8:30 PM- 12 AM Mass to end with procession to Parish Hall for Adoration until midnight	18 GOOD FRIDAY No 7 AM Mass No 8 AM Mass 12:30 PM Stations of the Cross 1:15 PM Commemoration 3 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet & Novena 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross 7 PM Commemoration PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	19 HOLY SATURDAY No 8 AM Mass No AM Confessions No SoulCore No Pre-Jordan class 1:30 PM Easter Food Basket Blessing 1:45 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet & Novena No PM Confessions No 4:30pm Mass 8:30 PM Easter Vigil §
H O L Y W E E K						
20 8 AM Mass No PRE No Bible Basics 10 AM Mass § No 5:30 PM Mass EASTER SUNDAY	21 7 AM Mass 5:30 PM Mass 7 PM Our Lady of Hope Bereavement Ministry Workshop 7 PM Boy Scouts No OCIA PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	22 6 AM Men's Faith Formation 8 AM SMG Alumni Mass & Reception 5:30 PM Mass 7 PM Youth Bible Study 7 PM St. Francis Prayer Ministry 7 PM Finance Council	23 8 AM Mass 5:30 PM Mass 6-7:30 PM Confessions 7 PM HOPE 7 PM OCIA Inquiry 7 PM Encounter Jesus: A Musical Holy Hour	24 9 AM Moms Scripture Study 5:30 PM Mass 6 PM St. Monica Prayer Ministry Devotion 6 PM St. Vincent de Paul Ministry 6:30 PM McQuillen/Gainer wedding rehearsal 7 PM FILLED Bible Study 7 PM Youth Ministry Egg Stuffing	25 7 AM Mass 8 AM Mass 9 AM Silver Angels Ministry 1 PM McQuillen/Gainer wedding 4 PM Layman/Thorn wedding rehearsal 6 PM Yusiewicz/Hoke wedding Rehearsal 6 PM Spring Fling	26 8 AM Mass 8:30 AM Confessions 8:45 AM SoulCore (Church Nursery) 10 AM Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 AM Layman/Thorn wedding 2:30 PM Yusiewicz/Hoke wedding 3 PM Confessions 4:30 PM Vigil Mass BETHLEHEM GIFTS after 4:30pm Mass
27 8 AM Mass 8:30 AM PRE 8:30 AM Bible Basics 10 AM Mass 11 AM—3:30 PM Divine Mercy Devotions :Adoration/ Confessions/ DM Chaplet/ Benediction 11:15 AM Temple Knights 11:30 AM PRE 5:30 PM Mass 6:30 PM TRUTH EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLE DISPLAY BETHLEHEM GIFTS after all Masses DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	28 7 AM Mass 5:30 PM Mass 7 PM Our Lady of Hope Bereavement Ministry Workshop 7 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM OCIA 7 PM Sisterhood of Marietta & Lilies	29 8 AM Mass 3 PM Theatre Ministry 5:30 PM Mass 6 PM Religious Formation Council 7 PM Youth Bible Study	30 8 AM Mass 5:30 PM Mass 6-7:30 PM Confessions 6:30 PM First Communion Rehearsal 7 PM HOPE 7 PM OCIA Inquiry	1 5:30 PM Mass 6 PM St. Monica Prayer Ministry Devotion 6:15 PM Liturgy Committee 7 PM Confirmation Rehearsal 7 PM Early Saints Ministry 7 PM FILLED Social 7:15 PM School Council	2 7 AM Mass 8 AM Mass 5 PM Middle School Lock-In	3 8 AM Mass 8:30 AM Confessions 8:45 AM SoulCore (Church Nursery) 1 PM First Holy Communion Mass 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
Italian Festival

Kairos Prison Ministry
Knights of Columbus
LITURGY COMMITTEE Chair

Art & Environment
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Ministers of Welcome
Music Ministry
Readers Training
Readers Scheduling
Servers for Mass

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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Debra Minott
Jason Hemmerling
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