



# St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church

February 26, 2023  
First Sunday of Lent

## Mass Times

Weekdays: Mon, Wed-Fri 9 am  
Saturday Vigil 5 pm  
Sunday 8 am  
10 am  
12 pm  
Holy Days/First Fridays 6:30 pm



## Confession Hours

Saturdays 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm & by Appt.

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## OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri  
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

OFFICE Closed  
Tues, Sat & Sun

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## ADORATION CHAPEL

9:00 am — 3:00 pm

**NOW OPEN**  
**M, W, Th, F**

FIRST SUNDAY IN  
LENT

## OTHER EVENTS THIS COMING WEEK

**Mon 2/27**

**Tues 2/28**

**Wed 3/1**

**Thurs 3/2**

**Fri 3/3**

**Sat 3/4**

**Sun 3/5**

Office closed  
Chapel Closed

RCIA @ 7PM

Pre-Baptism  
class @ 7PM

Lenten Dinner @ 5PM  
Stations of the Cross  
@ 6PM  
1st Friday Mass  
@ 6:30PM  
Adoration to follow

Confirmation  
Retreat @ 9AM

Confession  
@ 3:30PM

Donut Sales after  
8AM & 10AM Masses

Confirmation Sponsor &  
Parent Meeting @ 1PM

## PASTOR'S CORNER

My Dear Parishioners,

It has already been a year since war was declared between Russia and Ukraine – last Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> was its first anniversary. More than 200,000 Russians and 140,000 Ukrainians have perished so far from this war. Let us pray for the leadership -- the presidents and the governments involved -- that they will immediately get to a peaceful resolution of this conflict.

On March 3, Friday, we celebrate St. Katharine Drexel, who is the second US-born saint after St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. St. Katharine is the patron saint of racial justice and philanthropy, having been very generous with sharing her inheritance the rest of her life. She dedicated her life to the foundation of schools and churches in the missions, particularly benefiting Native Americans and African Americans. She founded about 49 foundations, including the Missionary Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament and Xavier University in New Orleans. She passed away at the age of 97 and was beatified by Pope St. John Paul II in October 2000.

March 4, Saturday, we celebrate the patron saint of Poland and Lithuania: St. Casimir. He was a Polish prince known as the "brother and defender of the poor" who himself led an austere life.

I would also like to remind everybody that since we have entered the season of Lent, we have Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6 PM, preceded by simple suppers at 5 PM, through March 31. *Thank you* to the different Parish ministries who are working together to make these activities possible for us. Lastly, I invite everybody to offer a mini-novena of prayers of thanksgiving to our Lord this Lent. Attend Mass five times and make your communion intention prayer specifically that of thanksgiving for His suffering and death on the cross. On that same day, pray one decade of the Rosary focusing on a Sorrowful Mystery. We so seldom thank Him for His sacrifice and death on the cross so I invite you to do so this Lenten Season.

~ Fr. Sylvester Kwiatkowski

## Parish Announcements

### LENTEN REGULATIONS 2023

#### Weekdays of Lent:

There is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

#### Ash Wednesday & Good Friday:

These are days of *Fast and Abstinence from meat*. There is a limit of one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

#### Days of Abstinence: (All Fridays in Lent)

All who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

#### Easter Duty Obligation:

After they have received their First Holy Communion. Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.



### LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE

#### Lenten Weekday Masses

Mon, Wed, Thurs, & Fri @ 9AM

#### Friday Devotions

Simple Suppers @ 5PM

Stations of the Cross @ 6PM

#### Confessions

Sat 3:30-4:30PM

#### Communal Penance Service

Tues March 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30PM



### HELP!

St. Maria Goretti is looking for a talented person to be our

WEBMASTER. This person will review our current website, suggest changes, initiate updates, and add content as directed through the office.

Also, two of our largest annual events, St. Maria Goretti's Feast Day picnic (scheduled for July) and the annual Festival (scheduled for October) are in need of **CHAIRPERSONS**. Do you feel called by the Holy Spirit to use your talents and help organize these worthy community events?

If you are interested in any of these roles, please contact Beth Thayer in the parish office or email the Pastoral Council. THANK YOU!!!

### Friday Lent Devotions

Please join us each Friday in Lent for a simple Supper at 5 pm followed by Stations of the Cross at 6pm. Over the next five Fridays, suppers will be hosted by one of our various ministries and include simple fare such as soup or salad for a nominal cost. Please plan on joining us for these evenings of prayer, fasting, and fellowship.



#### Lenten Dinner

Friday March 3rd

5:00PM-6:00PM

Menu: Soup & Bread

Cost is \$5 per dinner

Location: St. Gabriel Room

# Faith Formation

## Catholic Faith Formation (CFF) CFF Office Hours

Mon., Wed., Fri.  
10:00 AM — 4:00 PM &  
Sundays: 9:00 AM — 1:00 PM

### Questions? Contact:

Sr. Ma. Rosabel Sare, RVM  
Email: [cff@smgcc.net](mailto:cff@smgcc.net)

### CFF Weekly Schedule:

#### Sunday Class

1st Holy Communion Year 1 & 2  
8: 50 – 9: 50 AM

Ongoing Faith Formation Years 3, 4, 5 and 6  
11: 00 AM – 12: 00 PM

Confirmation Year 1 & 2 – 1: 15 – 2: 45 PM

#### Wednesday Class

1st Holy Communion Year 1 & 2  
5: 30 – 7:00 PM

Confirmation Year 1 & 2  
5: 30 – 7:00 PM



## CARE FOR CREATION SHRED & E-Waste Event

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**It's time to clean out your desk or file cabinets** and shred your old bank statements, tax forms, credit card statements, bills, etc. at the St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church 2023 paper shredding fundraiser. This event will be held on Saturday, **March 11th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm** beginning with a one hour grounds pickup, followed by on-site paper shredding and e-waste collection. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per box of documents to be shredded and freewill donations will be accepted for e-waste.

This event is open to the public and is an opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to be stewards of God's creation and to thank him for his beautiful handiwork.

**Proceeds will go to the St. Maria Goretti capital campaign.**

Please contact Vickie Masterson  
916-844-8700 with any questions or to sign up for grounds portering!

## Mark your calendars now for St. Maria Goretti's Lenten Mission



Fr. Piotr Prusakiewicz from the General House of the congregation of St. Michael the Archangel and renowned speaker on Divine Mercy will lead us through an inspirational talk on angels as our protectors.

**Monday, March 13th** - Angels as our invisible companions  
**Tuesday, March 14th** - The power and love of St. Michael the Archangel  
**Wednesday, March 15th** - Angels and Divine Mercy

There will be two sessions each day:  
**9am to 11am** and **6:30pm to 8:30pm**. Each session will begin with Holy Mass, followed by a lecture on the session topic by Fr. Piotr, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the recitation of the St. Michael Chaplet.

**Please join us on one or each day for this very special time of prayer and reflection.**

## CFF Confirmation 2023 Important Dates

### Retreat and Confession

March 4<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

### Parent & Sponsor Meeting

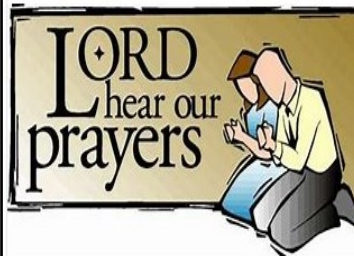
March 5th, Sunday 1:00-2:00PM

### Rehearsal for the Candidates and Sponsors

March 18<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 6: 15 PM

### Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation

March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday, 6:00 PM



## Prayer Corner

~ Please pray for those listed in our Prayer Book of Intentions: those who are sick, in pain or recovery, or in need of spiritual healing.

~ Pray for our Military Personnel, wherever duty calls them to serve.

~ Please pray for the souls of those who have died:

Lee Nguyen, Jose Clemeno, Roy Florentino  
Arriaga, Sr., Linda Visitacion, Byron Clark, Antonio Dela Cuesta, Ana Avila, Aristotle Ramirez, Christopher Navarette, Alona Lee

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.**

## Mass Intentions for the Week of February 26, 2023

Maclovio Lozano, Felipe Corpuz, People of the Parish, Audrey Tsue, Diane Wells, Charito Bachiller, Susan & Bruce Smilanich, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Lilly Alfonso



## RCIA

Rite of Christian

Initiation for Adults

Thursday, March 2, 7 PM

St. Gabriel's Room

Topic: Testimony -Guest Speaker

For more info email: [rcia@smgcc.net](mailto:rcia@smgcc.net)

## Next event

Middle School  
March 03 The Weight of the World  
6:30-8:00PM @ Good Shephard

High School ( XLT)  
March 5  
@ St. Joseph from  
6:30-7:30PM



## Women's Acts Retreat: March 16-19, 2023

For further information please contact:

SMGCC Parishioner

Sandy Dell, [skdell16@yahoo.com](mailto:skdell16@yahoo.com) or (916)-214-3889 or  
Teresa Navarrete, [tnavarrete52@hotmail.com](mailto:tnavarrete52@hotmail.com) or (916) 716-



## SAVE THE DATE

**LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK!**  
Along with giving up, how about giving?

Give an hour of your time to be with Our Lord.



Eucharistic Adoration is the perfect time to reflect on how much God has given us. Save the date for **All-Night Adoration - March 24 -25.**

A wonderful way to increase prayer in your life during this very special reflection time is to participate in the 40 Days for Life - prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. For more details, text **Maria Elena at 916-813-3222.**



## PRE-BAPTISM CLASS

for parents and godparents who desire their child to be baptized at SMG

**THURSDAY, March , 2, 2023 @ 7PM**

St. Michaels's Room

Please Register online @ [smgcc.net](http://smgcc.net)

**ST. MARIA GORETTI CATHOLIC CHURCH: March 2, 2023 PRE-BAPTISM CLASS** ([signupgenius.com](http://signupgenius.com))



## STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Week of Feb 11/12 : \$5,932

*May God Bless You Abundantly  
For Your Generosity!*



### Looking for a convenient way to give?

FaithDirect is St. Maria Goretti's e-giving solution. It allows you to give to SMG collections, including our Capital

Campaign, using electronic funds transfer from either a bank account or a credit/debit card. Links to our SMG page at FaithDirect are found on our website or you can enroll directly at [www.faith.direct/CA1117](http://www.faith.direct/CA1117). FaithDirect staff can help you with any questions by calling 1-866-507-8757



### See's Easter Candy

We are Yum-Raising!

We have two ways you can buy your Easter candy this year - online or in person.

For a wider variety of items

and the ability to pay by credit card, go to <https://www.yumraising.com/secure/stmgp-smg-easter-candy-fundraiser29/Teradm1216/candy> or scan the QR code above. See's candies will process your order and mail your sweet treats to your home. After the sale period, they will send a check to the church for the profits.

**Our in-person sales of limited selection will be held on the weekend of March 25/26 only - cash or check only!**

Proceeds of the sale will go to support our Vacation Bible School Program. We appreciate your support of our program. Thank you!

## PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND! October 26—November 3, 2023



My Dear Parishioners,

I am so excited to announce the Pilgrimage to Poland that I will be heading this year. We will be visiting the birthplace and hometown of St. Faustina and St. Pope John Paul II, pay homage at the Black Madonna Shrine, and spend a few days in Auschwitz and Krakow to witness how Poland celebrates All Saints' Day.

Our pilgrimage website is up!

Click or go to:

<https://www.pilgrimages.com/smgp/>

to register or learn more about the itinerary, prices and destination information.

- Fr. Sylvester Kwiatkowski

Questions? Contact

Alexandra (Travel Consultant)

1(800)-206-8687

[Alexandra@206tours.com](mailto:Alexandra@206tours.com)

*Donations of canned goods for the Elk Grove food bank are welcome. Barrels are located at St. Maria Goretti in the hallway for your convenience.*

*Please no perishable items. A list of most needed items is posted near the barrels.*



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council #15589

Officers Meeting : 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday

General Meeting : 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday

Grand Knight : Sal Lira

Email: [sal-lira@usa.net](mailto:sal-lira@usa.net)

For more info visit KofC website:

<https://uknight.org/CouncilSite/?CNO=15589>

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### World Youth Day Pilgrimage 2023

Contact Antony Ta at (916) 733-0151

or email [ta@scd.org](mailto:ta@scd.org) or Alex Barraza

at 916-733-0134, email: [abarraza@scd.org](mailto:abarraza@scd.org)

### Deus Vocat Retreat:

The Office of Priestly & Religious Vocations invites girls ages 13 to 17 To our Deus

Voocat retreat at Trinity Pines Catholic

Center in Colfax on April 21-23, 2023. Cost is

\$85 Space is limited. For questions please

contact our office at (916) 733-0258 or email

[msmith@scd.org](mailto:msmith@scd.org). You may register your

daughter at [https://scd.formstack.com/](https://scd.formstack.com/forms/deusvocat)

[forms/deusvocat](https://scd.formstack.com/forms/deusvocat).

### Young Adult Discernment Retreat

Discernment retreat for women and men ages

19-35 on Saturday, April 1, 2023 at the Pastoral

Center Young adults can contact us for more

information at (916) 733-0258 or by email at

[msmith@scd.org](mailto:msmith@scd.org). For online registration, please

visit [VOCARE \(Who are you called to be?\)](https://www.vocare.org) -

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Elk Grove Food Bank

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Hours: Mon – Fri: 10 AM – 3 PM;

Saturday: 9 AM – 12 PM

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Submission deadline:

Mondays 12:00 pm

Contact Parish Office

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email: [bulletin@smgcc.net](mailto:bulletin@smgcc.net)

Outside requests?

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