



MINISTRY & COUNCIL CONTACTS & PHONE NUMBERS

If you are interested in serving the Church in any capacity, call the appropriate minister below or call Andy or Lucy Douglass, 896-3403.

MINISTRIES

Adopt-a-Mom/Homebound	Carolyn Bullard	815-1989
Adult Bible Study	David Bain	575-8945
Altar Rosary Society (Women's Club)	Cindy Witkowski	440-2234
Angels Employment Network (AEN)	Bill Lilegdon	814-5999
Baptism Preparation	Dan & Kathy Farrell	867-5100
Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) - Men	Mike Treida	896-8000
Women	Kerry Lett	733-6356
Confirmation	Jeff Stankovsky	867-3213, ext. 131
Continental Breakfast	Roger & Kelly Nelson	815-9880
Confraternity of Christian Mothers	Molly Mirande	867-1848
Cursillo	Tom & Joan Scimeca	571-8510
Elijah Cup	Ann Worcester	669-7095
Eucharistic Adoration	Carol Alvarez	843-2530
Funeral Dinners	Sandy O'Neill	815-8248
HELP	Jerry & Kendra Geis	867-3213, ext. 225
	Tom & Suzanne Olinger	
	Ron & Kathy Pelletier	
Shepherd's Gate	Ann Brown	867-3213, ext. 227
	Peggy Norus	
	Leslie Mimms	313-5401
Holy Maidens of Adoration	Jeff Madden	460-9003
Holy Name Society (Men's Club)	Greg & Kim Stanley	580-9185
Italian Festival	Kevin & Abby Kovacs	573-7114
	Jeff Chinn	867-2126
Knights of Columbus	George Wiegand	569-0460
Landscape Volunteers	Joann Wack	773-8449
Librarian/Historian	John Etter	896-5976
Liturgy Committee	Jolene McCann	566-1760
Decorating	Kathy Lengerich	896-5898
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Jim Wack	773-8449
Readers	Jeff Bowen	571-9035
Readers Training	Mark Worcester	753-0944
Ministers of Welcome	Sue Treida	896-8000
Scheduling Liturgical Ministers	Jen Downing	896-9123
Servers for Mass	Tom & Amy Smith	569-7711
Market Day	Denny & Katie Walker	569-7795
	Dave & Cathy Bain	575-8945
Marriage Preparation (Pre-Cana, sponsors)	Leslie Franzen	867-3213, ext. 209
Music Ministry	Georganna Morin	896-5310
Natural Family Planning - Creighton Model	Julie & Marc Weinkauf	867-5436
Sympto-Thermal Method	Becky Navarro	716-0896
Nursery Co-op during Mass	Connie Anderson	867-3213, ext. 203
Protocol In-service (All adults working with minors)	Katie Svec	774-7832
Respect Life Ministry	Julie Stankovsky	896-5505
Roses for Life	Jeanne Derksen	773-0020
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)	Connie Anderson	867-3213, ext. 203
Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC)	Michelle Foley	896-3897
Cub Scouts (www.smgpack152.org)	Ward LaPaglia	896-9887
Boy Scouts	Bridget Burns	867-3405
Girl Scouts	Pat Gerth	896-3771
Silver Angels (55 & Over)	Jeanne Richards	896-9345
Prayer Blankets	Marjorie Thomas	344-2131
	Pat Biddlecombe	867-3213, ext. 226
Sports Ministry	David & Stephanie Kaser	770-0748
Spring Fling	Brian & Mindy McDonald	574-1573
	Jane Schackmuth	574-9774
Stewardship Committee	Mike Treida	867-3213 ext. 229
St. Francis Ministry to the Sick	Connie Martin	574-0999
St. Philip Neri Oratorio	Henry Jensen	776-4648
Technology Support Group	Deacon Steve Miller	574-1705
Temple Knights of the Holy Eucharist	Pat O'Brien	557-7562
Wedding Coordinator	Cindy Boise	848-7694
Welcome Committee	Jeff Stankovsky	867-3213, ext. 131
Youth Ministry - High School / Junior High		

COUNCILS

PARISH COUNCIL

Kathy Althoff	670-6702
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Ann Ledford	844-7857
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Tim Pietras	867-3703
Todd Soukup	569-0209
Youth Representatives:	
Kelsi Maue	867-1500
Bill Thompson	873-3108

FINANCE COUNCIL

Mary Bolk	669-7145
Mike Farrell	896-1285
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Tony Guisinger	669-7879
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Mike Vance	844-2291

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Kyle Arnold	399-8038
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Joe Barrett	574-7934
Rod Clarke	867-5145
Dave Cox	733-3566
David Greene	574-1403
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COUNCIL

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Chris Bock	669-7888
Jeff Chapman	844-5333
Tinamarie Kline	867-5501
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Deborah Vessels	332-2328
Rick Weber	867-8586

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

Jill Sutton, President	776-0492
Stephanie Kaser, Vice President	770-0748
Lisa Blanton, Treasurer	379-6077
Karla Schlichte-Morse, Asst. Treasurer	669-7174
Kristen Dillavou, Recording Secretary	816-0426
Katie Schemanske, Corr. Secretary	815-5789
Colleen Ward, Volunteer Coordinator	569-3963



A NOTE FROM FATHER KEVIN

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today we gather together to celebrate the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time. We welcome all of our visitors who join us this weekend and any new families or individuals who may be joining us for the first time. It is good to be here together with the Lord!

Each month, we send every registered household in the Parish a packet of envelopes to use to support the Church for that given month. Hopefully, unless you are visiting us or are here for the first time, all of you reading these words right now are receiving envelopes and using them regularly. We don't just send them out to keep the Post Office in business. Research has shown the very best way to get Church envelopes into your hands for your use, is to send them out monthly directly to your home. If you are not receiving the monthly mailing with your envelopes, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible for us to figure out what is not working as it should. Since I know that most of us are receiving our monthly packet, I am writing this week to ask everyone to please use your envelopes. Bring it to Mass with you and put it into the collection basket. This is true even if you are using our E.F.T. - Electronic Fund Transfer - option. I would ask that you simply write "E.F.T." on your envelope and still put it into the collection. Even if you are not able to put anything into the envelope, we're still asking you to put the empty envelope into the collection. Just like most parishes today, St. Maria Goretti is using the envelopes to track attendance and participation in our community. This is becoming more and more important in the Church today. I am asking that you please help all of us out, and remember to bring your envelope back to church with you and put it into the collection. We do want YOU with us as often as possible! We do need everybody's support and generosity! And especially as we keep getting bigger all the time, we are trying to keep track of folks and their needs. The weekly envelope showing up in the collection is still pretty much the only way that we have of getting accurate numbers and statistics.



If you have been watching the numbers in the bulletin, you will have noticed that since Christmas we have been having a tough time meeting our weekly budgeted target for giving. It is also a good time to mention that maybe it is time for all of us to pray and think about how we are doing at our tithing. St. Maria Goretti is dependant upon the donations of ALL of us to keep its ministries going. We've all got to do our part to help out. If we are not giving anything, it is time to start. Start out with \$10 a week. Start with something. We can ALL do something. If we are giving, maybe it is time for to see if we can't increase our weekly gift by just \$5 or \$10 a week. If we all did, we could be hitting our weekly budgeted figure easily every week. I know that we just took up the collections for the retired religious and for Haiti, but we've really all got to work together to keep our Parish strong and secure. These are tough days for everybody. Most of us have never seen days like this in our lifetimes. And yet, that's all the more reason why we've got to work together as a Parish family. Use your envelopes. Unless you are doing E.F.T., put something in it. We may not have as much as some to give, but all of us can do something. This is our Church. It belongs to all of us.

And there is an importance to attending Mass at your home parish as often as possible. St. Maria Goretti is our home. All of us are going to be traveling once in awhile or at other parishes for family events. There's nothing wrong with that. But in general, when we are home, we should be going to Mass every Sunday here at our home parish. This is our Parish family. We need to see everybody. And they need to see us! We need everybody to be involved here and know what's going on. We don't belong to our family and then go eat every night at the neighbor's house. We shouldn't treat our parish that way either.

These are just some things for all of us to think and pray about this week. Today at our 10:00 AM Mass we are beginning our celebration of Catholic Schools Week. Kudos to our entire school community for all of the good things going on there every day! And this Wednesday, Feb. 3rd, is the Feast of St. Blaise and we will be having the blessing of throats after Mass on Wednesday evening. Have a great week!

In Christ,
Fr. Kevin

Conceit is an odd disease; it makes everyone sick but the one who has it.

WELCOME: For over 14 years now we have been building the Kingdom of God, not with a few people, but with everyone! Please accept my warmest welcome and I pray you will come to know St. Maria Goretti as we all do, our Spiritual Home and Loving Community. We are glad you are here and look forward to meeting you! God Bless you. - Fr. Kevin

Welcome: Joshua Rooney, Mackenzie Ray, Matthew Beachnau, Randall & Eileen Adams, Christopher Faghihi, TJ Schwarz, Annmarie Reuzenaar, and Scott & Laura Burton

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

SICK: Stella Romanowski; Jane Shackmuth; Laure Robinson; James Pontius; Therese Farrell; Robert Aman Sr.; Beverly Robinson; Marie Ann Burt; Jim Fallin; Juanita Hitch; Joseph Pawletko; Susan Clark; ; Arlene Huffman; Teresa Ohlsen; Tom Campbell; Catherine Duff; Amber Haake; Diana Moreland; Richard Huffman; Evelyn O'Brien; Libby Hodapp; Rachel Walters; Brandon Garner; Cindy McQuinn, Judi Brummett; David Lopes; Dick Saia; Erma James; Mary Caldanaro; Marcia Logush; John Decker; Susan Morris; Patsy Myers; Amie Starr; James Billingsley; Linda Holland; Lauren Thomas; Mary Kate Verhiley; Glen Spiker; Ron Stanko; Colleen Arnold; Jerry Webb; Marty Stauder; Gene Coveney; Ed Willmering; Parker Hodapp; Patricia Ehrman; Angie Hegele; Samantha Stone; Maddie Turkupolis; Gloria Robbins; Rachel Hill; Lisa Kramer; Diane Gadomski; Mary Kramer; Jody Voelker; Katie McShane; Bernard LaPorte; Megan Koontz

DECEASED: David Anthony Constantino, father of Diana Constantino-Minder, Mary Louise Thompson, mother of Frank Thompson, Sonny Cappas, uncle of Shirley Cappas, and all the deceased of our parish family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 30

8:00 am † Kim James
4:30 pm † Leigh Walker

Sunday, January 31

8:00 am Intentions of the Parish
10:00 am † Pauline Beatrice Furnish
5:30 pm † Karl Harford

Monday, February 1

5:30 pm † Suzanne Kerschen

Tuesday, February 2

8:00 am Int. Ree Magoni

Wednesday, February 3

5:30 pm † Frank Pernici

Thursday, February 4

5:30 pm † Poor Souls in Purgatory

Friday, February 5

8:00 am † Edward Prusinski

Saturday, February 6

8:00 am † Dan Godby
4:30 pm Int. Anita Bellflower

Sunday, February 7

8:00 am † Gloria Marra
10:00 am † Nicholas & Catherine Pasquale
5:30 pm Intentions of the Parish



READINGS



FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 31, 2010

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5,17-19 Ps 71:1-6,15,17 1 Cor 12:31-13:13
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14,30;16:5-13 Ps 3:2-7 Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2,9-17 Ps 32:1-2,5-7 Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4,10-12 (Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-12 Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Sir 47:2-11 Ps 18:31,47,50-51 Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Ps 119:9-14 Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Is 6:1-2a,3-8 Ps 138:1-5,7-8 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8,11 Lk 5:1-11

PATRON SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Week of January 31, 2010

SUNDAY: John Bosco (Died 1888) Patron Saint of boys, apprentices and editors.
MONDAY: Henry Morse (Died 1645) One of the 40 Martyrs of England and Wales.
TUESDAY: Presentation of the Lord.
WEDNESDAY: Blaise (Died c.316) One of the 14 Holy Helpers. Ansgar (Died 865) Great preacher and miracle worker.
THURSDAY: Maria de Mattias (Died 1866) Founded a women's congregation for teaching girls.
FRIDAY: Agatha (Died c.250) Martyr and Patron Saint against breast cancer and breast disease.
SATURDAY: Paul Miki & Companions (Died 1597) Martyrs.

ABOUT THE BULLETIN

To publish an announcement in the SMG bulletin, please use our online form at smgonline.org, or submit a Bulletin announcement Form, no later than **3:00 pm two Fridays prior to when you'd like the announcement to appear**. Forms are available just inside the doors near the Parish Offices. Please be concise.

To Advertise: To advertise your business in the SMG bulletin, contact Dan Brady, 1-800-876-7000, ext. 230.

SEWARD SHIP

OUR REDEMPTION GOD AS OUR HOME, EBBENE, &

Jeremiah declares that the Lord knew him before he was born and dedicated and appointed him to his role as prophet even before he drew breath. We, too, are known and sent by the Lord. What deeds of love and service are mine to perform?

JANUARY 23RD AND 24TH COLLECTIONS

Regular Contributions	\$	39,809.27
Weekly Contributions Goal	\$	46,100.00
Overage (Shortfall)	\$	(6,290.73)
Year-To-Date Overage (Shortfall)	\$	(27,822.25)
Religious Retirement	\$	80.00
Catholic Moment	\$	923.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$	25.00
Haiti	\$	375.00
HELP	\$	40.61

SHEPHERDS GATE PANTRY

February's food drive item:

Macaroni & Cheese.

The Pantry continues to accept only donations of food and baby items. (i.e. strollers, car seats, baby clothes up to size 2T, formula, diapers, etc.) These items are to be clean and in good condition. Donation receipts are available. Thank you for all your help.

MARKET DAY

Thanks to all who supported our January sale. For February, Cookie Dough Bonus Days are here! When you purchase Market Day cookie dough, we'll earn extra profit on every box! You can also start qualifying for the Frequent Buyer® Program to earn a FREE Mite 'N' Mighty Step Stool. For details and to order online, visit marketday.com, and enter code 16642. Orders are due by 11pm on Wed. Feb. 3rd. Pick up is Monday, Feb. 8th from 1:45 to 2:45 in the Parish Hall. Please arrive by 2:35. Questions? Call Katie @ 569-7795 or Amy @ 569-7711.

COLLECTION FOR HAITI RELIEF

SMG is now collecting the following items to be sent to Haiti as part of the ongoing relief effort: toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, deodorant, Dixie cups, wash cloths, baby bottles, Pedialyte powered baby formula, underwear and socks (any size for clothing items - child to adult). There will be collection boxes located at the entrances of the main church, Parish and School Offices for drop off. Also, any doctors or nurses interested in participating in a week long mission trip to Haiti can contact Deacon Steve or Connie Anderson for more information.

Spring Fling

ITEM DONATIONS

We're asking every parish family to donate something to the 2010 Spring Fling. The donation could include an item, such as a religious statue, hand-made painting, airline miles or tickets to a sporting event...Or a service, such as babysitting or hosting a birthday party...Or you could make a cash donation. No item is too large or too small, and donations are tax deductible. Please contact David and Stephanie Kaser at 770-0748 or smsgspringfling10@yahoo.com.

COMMUNITY ACQUISITIONS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Spring Fling is in need of help to make phone calls to businesses that have previously donated to SMG. These businesses have already received a donation request letter, and now need personal follow-up. We have an easy-to-follow script to get the conversation started, and most times, the answer is a yes!! This is an easy thing to do from home during your free time, and you can receive FISH hours too! Please contact David and Stephanie Kaser at 770-0748 or smsgspringfling10@yahoo.com

DESTINATION JESUS

Destination Jesus 2010 "Mighty To Save" is Feb. 12-14, 2010. The 800 + High School teens from our diocese and beyond, need you to make this the BEST RETREAT EVER. There are many, many areas for you, your spouse, CRHP Team, BCC group to help. The volunteer opportunities are 1-2 hours long starting Thurs. Feb 11th until Feb. 14th. The areas that need covered are at SMG, Westfield High School, and Guerin Catholic. You could help make meals, serve meals, build stage, overnight chaperone at the sleeping areas (2 hour shifts), security during the day at Guerin, luggage etc. Come out and see the Catholic Teens alive in their faith. If you can help, contact Sheryl Clifford at cliffordwm@msn.com or 867-1273. I will find a job for you. **Protocol training is required!**



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education - 867-3213, ext. 203
Connie Anderson - Director of Religious Education

THIS WEEK'S RCIA TOPIC

The RCIA topic for Monday, February 1 is The Theological Virtues. All adults of the parish are invited to attend any week of RCIA to learn more about our faith. RCIA meets in the Parish Narthex from 7-9 PM.

CALLIGRAPHERS NEEDED

The Religious Education Office is looking for a couple of calligraphers to help complete the First Communion certificates. If this is your talent, please contact Connie Anderson at 867-3213, ext. 203.

HELP FOR THE PARISH MISSION

The Mission Team is looking for several volunteers to help make phone calls inviting SMG families to attend the Mission. Please contact either Twyla Arnold at ktbarnold@aol.com or 399-8038 or Julie Stankovsky at 896-5505.

OPPORTUNITY FOR ADULT/MARRIED COUPLES

Want to unlock the secret of your personality? Want to discover the temperament that God gave your spouse? Then you are invited to hear Art Bennett, author and speaker, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel on February 27th. He will be giving two separate presentations. One presentation will be held from 9-11am for all adults and one presentation with a potluck dinner will be held from 6:30-9:30pm. Cost is \$5.00/person/session. Contact Denise McGonigal at 663-4010 to register.

Youth Ministry - 867-3213, ext. 131
Jeff Stankovsky - Director of Youth Ministry

IMPORTANT DATES

February 3rd — Confirmation Meeting
 February 6th — HOPE tubing trip
 February 12-14 — Destination Jesus

SUPERBOWL PIZZAS

This is the last weekend to purchase TRUTH Superbowl Pizzas. Please see a TRUTH teen or contact the youth ministry office to place your order. Pizzas are to be picked up from 6:30-8PM on Friday, February 5th in the Parish Hall. Thank you for supporting our youth and TRUTH!!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

40 DAYS FOR LIFE IN INDIANAPOLIS

The National 40 Days for Life campaign, a focused period of time of prayer and fasting for the end of abortion will be held from Feb. 17 through March 28, Mon-Sat 8 a.m. -6 p.m., Sunday 12-6pm. A peaceful prayer vigil will take place in front of Planned Parenthood, Indiana's largest abortion facility at 8590 Georgetown Rd. While St. Maria Goretti will not be participating as a parish during this campaign, parishioners interested in participating may register online at www.vigilcalendar.com/indianapolis/login_page. For more information contact Sheryl Dye at s.dye@smgonline.org.

PROTOCOL IN-SERVICE

The Diocese requires all adults working with children in any capacity (PRE, Sports, Nursery, Scouts, School Chaperone, etc) to attend a Protocol In-Service. The next In-Services will be held on February 4th from 7-8PM in the Parish Narthex and February 8th from 7-8 PM in the St. Augustine Room. Contact Connie Anderson at 867-3213, ext. 203 with any questions.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The Holy Name Society will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, February 11th, at 7:00PM in the parish narthex. It will be movie night at SMG, with a screening of the 2003 film "Maria Goretti". All men of the parish are welcome and encouraged to attend. Come join us and learn more about the patron saint of our parish.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN!

We had such a great response to the children's Choir for the Anniversary Mass and for Christmas Eve Mass that we have started up a regular children's choir.

We practice on Thursday afternoons from 3:30 - 4:15pm in the school music room. All children in grades 1-8 are invited to participate. They will sing one Mass a month. If you are interested please e-mail Leslie Franzen at l.franzen@smgonline.org.

ADORATION

Thank you to the many of you deeply dedicated to adoring our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament! We currently have this critical hour: Saturday at 10am. If you can take this critical hour please call Carol Alvarez at 843-2530.





PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOU'RE INVITED TO A BIRTHDAY PARTY!

To end our nine months of prayer for a child in danger of abortion, the Respect Life Ministry will be holding a Spiritual Adoption Program Birthday Party. The party will be on **January 31 after 10AM Mass in the Parish Hall**. All parishioners are invited! Individuals and families will be asked to bring an unwrapped gift for Shepherd's Gate to distribute to mothers and babies in need in our local area. Gifts may include:

- Diapers (all sizes)
- Baby wipes
- Crib sheets
- Receiving blankets
- Baby cribs: This is the pantry's greatest need. They will accept new or gently used cribs and mattresses that meet current safety standards.

You may also join the **Crib Club**.

- \$15 for 10% of a crib
- \$37.50 for 25% of a crib
- \$75 for 50% of a crib
- \$150 to purchase a new crib

Donation boxes will be out the weekend of January 30 & 31 in the church narthex and also accepted at the Birthday Party. Thank you for your spiritual and corporal support of the unborn!

CO-OP NURSERY

Do you have a child between 9 months to 4 years old? The Co-op Nursery is looking for more families with young children to participate. You can use the nursery during the Saturday 4:30, Sunday 8:00 or 10:00 Masses, and only have to volunteer to work in the nursery about 2 times per quarter. We are also looking for high school students who are needing service hours to help in the nursery. Registrations form are available in the nursery during Mass or call Becky at 716-0896 for more information.

NEW ADULT GROUP AT SMG

Please join us for an organizational meeting and to meet new friends. Are you divorced, widowed, single? Are you looking for friendship, support and spiritual growth? We will gather in the St. Augustine room, down the main school hall, on Sunday, January 31st from 7-8pm. At this time we will set the meeting schedule for our twice monthly bible study/get-to-know each other time and also discuss options for other activities. If you have any questions, please call Daria Gabany at 371-3465.

FEATURE FAMILY



Rob and Stephanie Ripma

How you heard about SMG:

We both grew up going to Our Lady of Mt Carmel and then St. Maria Goretti with our families. After graduating from IU, getting married at SMG, and moving to Cincinnati for a couple years, we're finally back in Carmel!

Hobbies:

We love watching and playing sports (especially IU, Notre Dame, and the Colts), cooking, birding, traveling, and spending lots of time with friends and family.

Best thing about SMG:

We love the strong sense of community and all of the different organizations that we can be a part of.

Favorite Prayer:

The Serenity Prayer – "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

Favorite Saint:

St. Francis of Assisi

Prayer for the future:

We pray for the happiness and good health of our family and friends and that we continue to grow closer to each other and to God in our marriage.



SMG SPORTS



SMG Sports Ministry - 867-3213, ext. 226
Pat Biddlecombe - Athletic Director

Registrations NOW OPEN for..

- CO-ED CYO SOCCER (4TH-8TH GRADE)
DEADLINE 2/19/10
- CYO BASEBALL (7TH-8TH GRADE)
DEADLINE 2/19/10
- CYO TRACK AND FIELD (4TH-8TH GRADE)
DEADLINE 2/19/10
- CYO KICKBALL (3RD-8TH GRADE)
DEADLINE 2/19/10
- IN-HOUSE COACH PITCH (AGES 5-6)
DEADLINE 3/12/10
- IN-HOUSE LITTLE LEAGUE COACH PITCH
(AGES 7-8) DEADLINE 3/12/10
- IN-HOUSE LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL
(AGES 9-10) DEADLINE 3/12/10

Please go to www.smgonline.org to
download registration forms.

CYO only—Coaches and athletes **must** register with
CYO **once a year**. Go to www.cyoarchindy.org

CYO GIRLS KICKBALL

Registration is now open for girls CYO spring kickball. If your daughter is in grades 3-8, and enjoys playing outside with friends, sign her up to be a part of the spring team. Register by going online to www.smgonline.org, click on Sports Ministry, then on the "Download" link. Registration deadline is February 19th. Additional information to follow in future bulletins.

UNIFORMS

Parents, please return any and all SMG sports uniforms that might be still laying around the house. The Sports Ministry is in full swing of the spring season and need all the uniforms for our current athletes. Please return to either the school office, parish office or Mr. Biddlecombe.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SMG School - 896-5582, ext. 201
Rebecca Hammel - Principal

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Today we join with our brothers and sisters throughout the country to begin the annual celebration of National Catholic Schools Week. As principal of our Catholic school, I want to let you know what an incredible gift we have in our parish school.

Receiving a Catholic school education offers many of our young people an opportunity to have their faith intertwined in every moment of their day. These are formative years for the students we serve, who range in age from five to fourteen. By having the children for nine school years, we are able to offer them a well-balanced educational experience **immersed** in our Catholic faith. This is more than simply learning about religion, it's about experiencing our Faith through our school Masses, praying the rosary as a school community, supporting one another through our "family" groupings, and cheering for one another at athletic and academic competitions. For nine years we get to watch our SMG Angels grow and mature in their love for the Lord and service to His Church.

We have a great school; our students perform very well academically and are well-prepared for their high school experience. More importantly, however, they know our Catholic Faith and are frequently found serving the Church and participating in the TRUTH group, Temple Knights of the Holy Eucharist, teen Mass choir and even Eagle Scout projects that give back to our parish. Clearly, our students are living their Faith and keeping the vigor and energy alive in our Church.

And so today, on this kick-off of National Catholic Schools Week, I wish to thank our parish community and invite you all to join us Thursday evening, February 4th for our annual PTO Spaghetti Supper in the parish hall. Dinner will be served from 5:00-7:00 pm, and games will be available for children between 5:30 and 6:30 pm in the school narthex. We would love to have you join us!

If you are interested in learning more about sending your children to SMG School, we will host an Open House Monday, February 1st from 9:00-11:00 am. If this doesn't work for your schedule, feel free to call us in the office; we'll happily coordinate a visit to the school to learn more.

Finally, you can read more about the positive impact our school makes in the brochure to be distributed after all Masses this weekend. On behalf of the entire school community of St. Maria Goretti, I offer our sincerest thanks for your continued sacrifice, support and prayers! St. Maria Goretti—*pray for us!*

Mrs. Rebecca Hammel
Principal

