

SOWERS OF FAITH

*PRE Newsletter for Parents
St. Maria Goretti Parish
October 18, 2009*



DRE's Notes

My thanks to those who stepped forward to teach and to all of you parents that make religious education a priority in your families!

Join our 7th grade students from the 8:30 session as they participate in today's 10 AM Mass. They will be readers, gift bearers, and ministers of welcome. Thank you to Mr. Craney and Mr. Russell, their catechists, in helping to prepare the students!

Special Needs Ministry

Our special needs ministry for PRE needs few more adults that are willing to work one-on-one with our students during their PRE class. Contact me for more details.

Christopher West

Christopher West, renowned author and speaker, will be coming to St. Maria Goretti! All adults and older teens are invited to attend. The theme is "Into the Heart, an Introduction to Theology of the Body". Theology of the Body addresses some of the most fundamental and important questions of human existence, including:

- Why were we created male and female?
- Where do we come from and why?
- What is the meaning of life? How do we experience it?
- Why is there evil in the world?

This will be held Friday, November 13th and Saturday, November 14th.
Registration is available on the website

and on the table in the Church Narthex. Babysitting will be available to SMG families only on a first come, first serve basis. Contact Kathy Ellington or Connie Anderson for more details.

Vatican International Exhibition: Eucharistic Miracles of the World

St. Maria Goretti is excited to host the Vatican Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles. This photographic exhibit faithfully recounts many well documented miracles in various countries throughout the history of the Catholic Church. The exhibit will displayed beginning November 1st from 12-4:30pm, November 2nd-5th from 6-8:30pm, November 6th from 12-5pm, and November 7th from 11am-3pm. The exhibit will be located in the Church. Entrance is free and open to all. Questions, contact Connie Anderson at 317-867-3213, ext. 203.

Catholic Family Book Club: Orders can be returned to your child's PRE catechist by today, **October 18, 2009**. Make checks payable to: Catholic Family Book Club. This is not a fundraiser, just an opportunity for families to order Catholic books.

There is no PRE next weekend, October 22/23 due to Fall Break. (The calendar follows Westfield's school calendar.) Enjoy your break!

St. Phillip Neri

Need a night out-want to laugh out loud? Then you should attend the Simple Laughs-Comedy Night hosted by St. Philip Neri. All adults are invited to attend on November 6th beginning at 7pm in the Parish Office Narthex.

Adopt a Family Sock Drive

See the attached flyer to help out those in need for Christmas with our annual sock drive.

COAT DRIVE

It's time to clean out your closets! The SMG Help Committee is collecting clean, gently used and new winter coats, gloves and hats of all sizes between now and November 4th. Items may be placed in boxes located in the building entrances.

Altar Rosary Society

All women of the Parish, 18 years of age and older, are members of the Altar Rosary Society here at St. Maria Goretti. The mission of the Altar Rosary Society is threefold: prayer, service, and community. Plan on joining your fellow women on October 27th at 7pm in the Parish Office Narthex.

You can contact me at c.anderson@smgonline.org or 867-3213, ext. 203 with any questions or concerns related to Religious Education.

In Christ,
Connie Anderson
Director of Religious Education

Saint Days

November 1 is the feast of All Saints. This is a day when we pray for and honor all those saints who have lived before us and now reside in heaven.

November 2 is All Souls' Day, the day to pray for and remember those whom have died. In the past, the poor begged for food and promised to pray for the dead in return. Many received little cakes (actually doughnuts-the cake with a hole in the center making a circle, representing eternity). These two days, November 1 and 2, make up the Church's "Memorial Day" if you will.

Halloween is on October 31. The word means, "Hallow's Eve". "Hallows" is another word for saints. Individuals used to dress up as their favorite saint to honor them. Halloween is not just the way to end October, but also actually the way to begin November, the month to remember and honor the dead.

√ **Mark Your Calendar**

October 2009

18/19 PRE
25/26 **NO PRE-Fall Break**

November 2009

1 /2 PRE
8/9 PRE
10 Slow Motion Mass
15/16 PRE
22/23 PRE
29/30 **NO PRE-Thanksgiving**

December 2009

6/7 PRE
8 Immaculate Conception-Holy Day
13/14 PRE
20/21 **NO PRE**
27/28 **NO PRE**

January 2010

3/4 **NO PRE**
10/11 PRE
14 Parent/Child Reconciliation Mtg
17/18 PRE
21 First Reconciliation
24/25 PRE