

SAINT MARIA GORETTI PARISH LENT 2024

HOLY WEEK

HOLY THURSDAY

March 28 7:00 pm Mass

GOOD FRIDAY

March 29 3:00 pm
Passion of the Lord

EASTER VIGIL

March 30 7:30 pm Mass

EASTER SUNDAY

March 31 8:30 am or
10:30 am Mass



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PALMS

Beginning the weekend of January 27/28, there will be a basket provided in the back of church for you to bring your palms from last year. These palms will be burned and the ashes used on Ash Wednesday.

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14 – We invite you to Mass with distribution of ashes at 8:30 am or 7:00 pm.

WEEKDAY MASS

Starting in Lent, Mass will be celebrated in the chapel at 8:30 am Tuesday to Friday.

LECTIO DIVINA

Join us for prayerful reflection on the Sunday Gospel every Thursday in Lent (February 15, February 22, February 29, March 7, March 14, and March 21) at 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm in the chapel.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We invite you to pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent (February 16, February 23, March 1, March 8, March 15, and March 22) at 7:00 pm in the church.

CONFESSION

Father Leo will be available in the chapel on Saturdays in Lent (February 17 and 24, March 2, 9, 16 and 23) from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm for those who would like to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

We invite you to participate in the communal penance service with the opportunity for individual confession on Thursday, March 14 at 7:00 pm. Priests from local parishes will be available for reconciliation.

PALM SUNDAY

Mass with the blessing of palms will be celebrated at 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, March 23 and 8:30 am on March 24. Weather permitting, the 10:30 am Mass on March 24 will begin at the rock with the blessing of palms and a procession into church.

ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP AND SALAD SUPPER

You and your family are invited to join fellow parishioners in Casa Maria Hall for a soup and salad supper on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Supper will be available from 5:00 pm until the beginning of Ash Wednesday Mass at 7:00 pm. The menu includes vegetable soup and a salad bar.

Help is needed to set up, clean up, and serve. For further information please contact Kathy Hansen at KathyH@smgdyer.org or 219-322-6124 x 308.

PARISH LENTEN CELEBRATION/BRUNCH

From Ashes to the Living Font: Baptism, Lent, and Christian Life

Sunday, February 18, 11:30 – 1:30 pm

Casa Maria Hall

Come join us for a delicious brunch and fellowship, featuring a presentation by Kimberly Belcher, Associate Professor of Theology, the University of Notre Dame.



We begin Lent with ashes reminding us of our mortality, but it ends at the baptismal font where we receive the life of the Trinity. Using art, Dr. Kimberly Belcher will help us consider the ties between Christian initiation, Christian seasonal practices of repentance, and our new life in Christ.

Kimberly Hope Belcher teaches sacramental theology and ritual studies and is the current President of the North American Academy of Liturgy. She also represents the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops on several dialogues with Protestants. Her most recent book is *Eucharist and Receptive Ecumenism: From Thanksgiving to Communion*.

Brunch - 11:30 am

Professor Belcher's Presentation – 12:30 – 1:30 pm

Children's crafts and activities – 12:30 - 1:30 pm – CFP classrooms

To help us plan for the brunch and activities, reservations are required.

Please RSVP by Friday, February 9, by using the QR code below, call the parish office or see the bulletin.



PARISH-WIDE LENTEN SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

We invite you to join fellow parishioners in an experience of Christian community through small group Scripture reflection. To discern what God is calling our parish to be and do at this time and place in the world, we will be reading and reflecting upon Jesus' model of Christian community as expressed in the Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes.

Small groups will be offered at various times of the day so that you may choose the most convenient time for you. Sign-up sheets will be available in the church vestibule after all Masses the weekends of February 4 and 11.

We hope you will consider this opportunity to share and explore your faith together with fellow members of our parish this Lent!

FRIDAY FISH FRYS

February 23

March 1, 8, 15, and 22

No fish fry on February 16.

Tickets sold from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Casa Maria Banquet Hall – Food prepared by Lencioni Catering.

Adult volunteer sign-up sheets will be available in the back of church starting on February 10.

ADULT DINNER \$18.00 - Fried or baked white fish, broasted potatoes, cabbage & noodles, green beans, and all you can eat salad bar.

(Coffee & iced tea included)

CHILD DINNER \$8.00 (Ages 6-12/under 6 free)

Chicken nuggets, tater tots, macaroni & cheese, and all you can eat salad bar.



PARISH MISSION

*Living the Eucharist: The People of God, Formed and Renewed
presented by Father Bill Stenzel*

March 5, 6 and 7 3:00 pm or 7:00 pm in church



Since the pandemic, we have experienced and lived through a re-shaping of our celebrating, socializing, and praying together. That re-shaping was not a choice, it was a necessity. It has left its mark on many aspects of our life including our shared prayer as worshipping communities.

In our Parish Mission we will have an opportunity to re-call what happened, re-form our experience, renew our shared prayer when we gather as church, and strengthen our own mission to live Eucharist each day when we celebrate Eucharist on the Sabbath.

Father Bill Stenzel is a native of the South Side of Chicago. A graduate of Leo High School, the Illinois Institute of Technology, and Mundelein Seminary, Father Stenzel was ordained for the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1975. He served in several parishes in the archdiocese, including St. Victor in Calumet City. He has been active in ministry to persons and families experiencing addictions and has served in retreat and parish missions ministries for many years. He currently lives in Cedar Lake and provides sacramental ministry in several parishes in Lake County.

PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH

Sunday, March 24 9:30 am to 10:30 am *or* 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Everyone is welcome at the Palm Sunday Brunch at Casa Maria Hall after the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Masses. Please call the parish office at 219-865-8956 if you have any questions.

EASTER BASKET BLESSING

Saturday, March 30

11:30 am in the church

The tradition of having an Easter basket blessing goes back to Europe in the Middle Ages and has its roots even earlier, when Christians began to fast leading to Christ's Passion. As the church evolved, the people began to celebrate the end of the rigors of fasting by eating a special meal on Easter Sunday that included many of the foods that were avoided during Lent. Beginning around the 15th century, parishioners began asking their pastor to bless this Easter food which was often brought to church in a basket.

Today the food in the basket is brought to church on Holy Saturday and placed before the altar for a blessing. The blessing reminds the faithful that the sadness of Lent will soon give way to the joy of Easter Sunday.

CHILDREN'S BUNNY TRAIL

Saturday, March 30

11:45 am

Join us for snacks, crafts, and of course an Easter Egg Hunt. Preschoolers and children eight and under are invited to participate in the "Saint Maria Goretti's Bunny Trail" on Saturday, April 8 at 11:45 am (right after the Easter Basket Blessing). The Bunny Trail, in the garden outside of the chapel and the south parking lot, will be open until 1:00 pm. Children will visit several Easter themed stations and play games. We encourage children to bring a basket or bag to collect their treats.

We are looking for volunteers to help plan, set-up/clean-up, and run the stations. There will be a meeting in the CFP office on Monday, March 4 at 5:30 pm to plan. All are welcome!

The registration form is on the following page and will also be available in the back of church, in the parish office, the CFP office, and in the bulletins. You may also use the QR code on the following page to register through JotForm.

REGISTRATION FOR “BUNNY TRAIL”



Please register before March 17.

Family Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Name and ages of children participating in the event:

Name

Age

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

I would like to volunteer (teens are needed as well as adults) to help:

Name: _____

Call the CFP office at 219-322-6124 or email KathyH@sngdyer.org if you have questions or suggestions.



LENTEN REQUESTS FOR THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY

**We sincerely thank everyone for the generous contributions regularly
made to our Food Pantry!**

During Lent we would like to ask you to consider
specific & different needs each week.

Weekend of February 17th/18th

Beverages

Such as coffee (regular and decaf), tea, fruit juices (low sugar are also appreciated), Propel, lemonade or Kool-Aid mixes, juice boxes, protein drinks like Ensure, etc.

Weekend of February 24th/25th

Toiletries

Such as bar soap, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste & brushes, mouthwash, deodorant, liquid hand soap, Q-tips, etc.

Weekend of March 2nd/3rd

Spring cleaning & Household supplies

Such as all-purpose cleaners (Lysol, Mr. Clean, etc.), window cleaner, tub/shower cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, bleach, ammonia, fabric softener, etc.

Weekend of March 9th/10th

Perishables

Such as butter (soft spread or sticks), sour cream, cheese, cottage cheese, eggs, yogurt, milk, cream, etc.
(Coolers will be available this weekend in the church vestibule).

Weekend of March 16th/17th

Kitchen staples

Such as cooking oil, flour, sugar, salt, pepper, seasoned salt, dish soap, dishwasher soap, SOS, or Brillo scrubbies, aluminum foil, Ziploc bags, etc.

Weekend of March 23rd/24th

Breakfast Foods

Such as cereal, oatmeal, jelly, pancake mix & syrup, breakfast bars, peanut butter, Nutella, etc.

Of course, we always graciously accept any contribution you are willing to provide.

Please contact Karen Boyle at KarenB@smgdyer.org or 219-865-8956 with any questions.



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Please help our parish office update our records.

To ensure we have your up-to-date contact information for parish communications, please provide your current phone number(s) and email address using the QR code below, email info@smgdyer.org or call the parish office at 219-865-8956. You can also fill in the slip below and place it in one of the contribution baskets at the back of the church. Thank you.



Name: _____

1st Phone (circle one: home or mobile): _____

2nd Phone (circle one: home or mobile): _____

Email address: _____