

**Saint Maria Goretti Parish
500 Northgate Drive
Dyer, Indiana 46311
219.865.8956**



Celebrating Deacon Phil



June 29, 2024 - June 30, 2024

This Week In Our Parish

Monday, July 1, 2024

10:00 am - Mass at Sheffield Manor

Tuesday, July 2, 2024

9:30 am - 50/50 Club Drawing
4:00 - 5:00 pm - French Class—Fete
6:00 pm - Music Ministry Choir
and Instrumental Rehearsal

Wednesday, July 3, 2024

12:00 pm - Parish Offices Closed

Thursday, July 4, 2024

Independence Day

Parish Offices Closed

Friday, July 5, 2024

Parish Offices Closed

Saturday, July 6, 2024

12:30 - 1:30 pm - Reconciliation

Sunday, July 7, 2024

11:30 am - 3:30 pm - Parish Picnic

*The Altar Flowers This Weekend
Are In Honor
Of The
Deceased Members
Of The
Muvich and Progar Families*

Ministry Schedule

July 6 - 7, 2024

Lectors

4:00 pm John Ryan
8:30 am Patti Gurnak
10:30 am Radine Green

Eucharist Ministers

4:00 pm Gerrie Hays, Judy Ketelaar,
Deacon Ratliff, Father Leo Gajardo
8:30 am Pamela Schopp-Young,
Lorraine Wojnar, Deacon Muvich,
Father Leo Gajardo
10:30 am Susan Barker, Jeff Sinder,
Deacon Wilk, Father Leo Gajardo

Altar Servers

4:00 pm Chris Kinard
8:30 am Chris Kinard
10:30 am Lailani Johnson, Mallorie Ondas

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, June 29, 2024

4:00 pm Frances Wozniakowski by the Family

Sunday, June 30, 2024

8:30 am Edie Ladd by the Family
10:30 am The People of St. Maria Goretti Parish

Tuesday, July 2, 2024

8:30 am The People of St. Maria Goretti Parish

Wednesday, July 3, 2024

8:30 am Wally Kolodziej by Carolyn Flens

Thursday, July 4, 2024

8:30 am The People of St. Maria Goretti Parish

Friday, July 5, 2024

8:30 am The People of St. Maria Goretti Parish

Saturday, July 6, 2024

4:00 pm The People of St. Maria Goretti Parish

Sunday, July 7, 2024

8:30 am Sandra Shreve by Vince and Pam Didanato
10:30 am Michael Kohut by the Family

Our Weekly Collection

June 15 - 16, 2024

Online Giving - June 18 — June 24, 2024

Regular Collection	446 envelopes	\$	12,532.75
Community Outreach	7 envelopes	\$	355.00
HVAC Project	18 envelopes	\$	11,125.00
Music	9 envelopes	\$	345.00
50/50	350 envelopes	\$	1,750.00
Online Giving	19 envelopes	\$	753.75

Parish Office Information

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Office Hours:

Monday - Tuesday - Thursday:

9 AM – 12 PM and 1 PM – 4 PM

Wednesday and Friday: 9 AM – 12 PM

Saturday and Sunday: Closed

Evening Hours by Appointment

Dear Friends,

I don't know about you, but I find the accounts of the two healing miracles recounted in today's Gospel passage to be very evocative and poignant because of a particular element that Mark mentions in each of them: touch. There is, of course, the element of faith. In the case of the little girl, there is the faith of her parents, which moves them to seek out Jesus and plead on her behalf. In the case of the woman with the hemorrhage, there is her faith that Jesus can heal her, even without asking him.

But what I find particularly moving in these two healings is that the faith expressed in words and actions leads to a touch. The Gospels relate several accounts of miracles that Jesus performed simply by saying a word. But in the case of the woman with the hemorrhage, Mark mentions that she was moved by her faith to touch Jesus' cloak as a way of experiencing his healing power. In the case of the little girl, Mark mentions that before Jesus told her to rise, he "took the child by the hand." In one healing, it is the person in need who reaches out her hand, in the other case, it is Jesus who reaches out his hand. These may seem like mere curious details, but I think that there is much that we can ponder and profit from them.

We live in a time and a culture in which many of us rarely experience or appreciate the power of a healing touch. During the height of the COVID pandemic, we became cautious about touching others. Even before COVID, our increased use of electronic technology, our social fragmentation, and our sensitivity to abusive touches had already caused many of us to limit the amount of physical contact we have with others.

But as embodied spirits, we human beings need the appropriate and supportive touch of others, and of God. There is something deep within us that moves us to reach out to others, and that longs for another to reach out and touch us. One of the things that I love most about our Christian faith is that our sacramental way of life provides for this fundamental need to connect spiritually and physically with others.

I regularly experience this kind of connection when I celebrate the sacraments with others, especially the Anointing of the Sick and the Holy Eucharist. I am always moved by the experience, whether in church, a home, a hospital, or a nursing facility, of praying with someone who is ill, laying hands on them, and anointing their forehead and hands with the oil of the sick. In those encounters, I glimpse something of our-reaching-out-for-God and God-reaching-out-to-us that Mark depicts in the two miracles.

I sense, at times, something similar when I distribute Holy Communion during Mass. While I must confess that, on any given weekend, when I give the Eucharist to hundreds of people, I am not as attentive to this experience as I should. But in moments when am present to what is really happening, I do sense the kind of connection that Jesus had with the woman and the little girl. For a moment, as I extend my hand and place the Eucharist in the hand of someone, I also glimpse the power and vulnerability of the divine-human connection.

This coming Monday will mark two years since I arrived at St. Maria Goretti. In that time, I have had the blessing to offer Holy Communion to many of you and to anoint some of you, as well as to shake many hands in greeting and in peace. In those experiences of human contact, I have glimpsed something of the divine-human communion that God makes possible for us in Christ Jesus. I am so grateful to God and to you that I have been able to sense his healing touch and your support in those interactions.

As we begin our third year together, I am filled with hope and excitement that the Lord will continue to reach out and connect with us through the sacraments he celebrates with us, as well as through companionship and ministry we offer each other and our neighbors. As we continue our journey of faith together, I am confident that God will continue to do great things in us, among us, and through us.

Peace, Father Leo

Lectio Divina for the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time July 7, 2024

We begin our prayer:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, who in the abasement of your Son
have raised up a fallen world,
fill your faithful with holy joy,
for on those you have rescued from slavery to
sin
you bestow eternal gladness.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

(Collect, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading (Lectio)

Read the following Scripture two or three times.

Mark 6:1-6

Jesus departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples. When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Meditation (Meditatio)

After the reading, take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:

- Did this scripture passage remind you of a personal experience, story, or another scripture passage?
- What word or words in this passage caught your attention?
- What in this passage comforted you?
- What in this passage challenged you?

If practicing lectio divina as a family or in a group, after the reflection time, invite the participants to share their responses.

Prayer (Oratio)

Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.

Contemplation (Contemplatio)

Read the Scripture again, followed by this reflection:

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

What kind of wisdom has been given him? What sources of wisdom do I rely on? What sort of wisdom do I need at this moment in my life?

What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! For what shall I give God praise and thanksgiving today? How can I view my surroundings with the eyes of Christ?

He was amazed at their lack of faith. When have I felt that my faith is lacking? What people or things strengthen my faith?

After a period of silent reflection and/or discussion, all recite the Lord's Prayer and the following:

Closing Prayer:

To you I lift up my eyes
who are enthroned in heaven —
As the eyes of servants
are on the hands of their masters.

As the eyes of a maid
are on the hands of her mistress,
So are our eyes on the LORD,
our God, till he have pity on us.

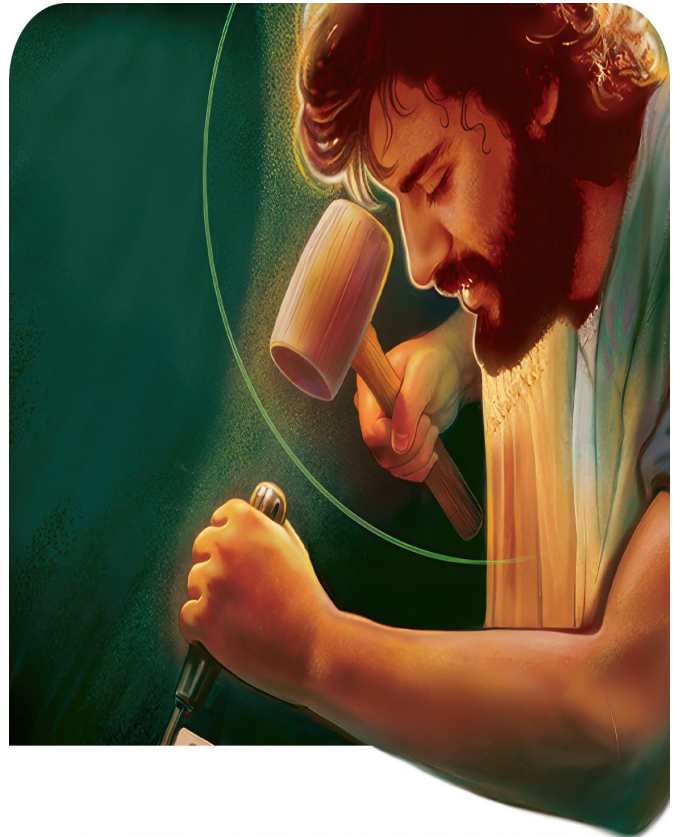
Have pity on us, O LORD, have pity on us,
for we are more than sated with contempt;
our souls are more than sated
with the mockery of the arrogant,
with the contempt of the proud.

(From Psalm 123)

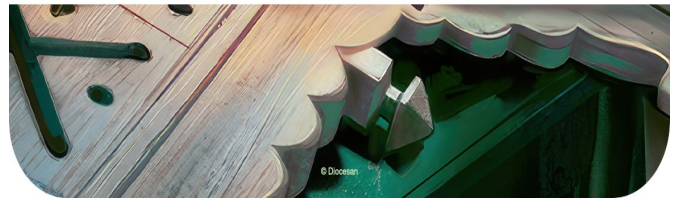
Living the Word This Week

How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?

Prayerfully consider participating in your parish's catechetical efforts, as a learner or as a teacher or both.



IS THIS NOT THE CARPENTER
THE SON OF MARY?



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Due to an error at Our Sunday Visitor, the July mailing packet included envelopes with incorrect printing on the Community Outreach envelope as well as the Heating and Air Conditioning Project envelope. OSV will mail corrected envelopes this week.

If you choose to use the envelopes provided in your July packet, please use the envelope marked "Community Outreach" for your Community Outreach contribution and use the white envelope with the yellow border for your HVAC contribution.

We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused. Please call the parish office at 219.865.8956 if you have any questions.

In Memory or in Honor of...



To help bring more beauty to our celebration of Mass, parishioners can make a contribution for two altar candle rings in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion for \$100.00.

The family donating the candle rings and the name of the person(s) for whom they are given will be included in the bulletin.

Please contact the parish office at 219.865.8956 for available dates and further information.



**Mayslake Peabody Estate
Cooper's Hawk & Lynfred Winery
Bus Trip
Wednesday, August 21, 2024
\$121.00 per person**



Visit a beautiful mansion, enjoy a great lunch & sample great wine!

We begin in Oak Brook, IL at the Mayslake Peabody Estate & tour the Tudor Revival style Mayslake Hall, its retreat wing, and see the Portiuncula Chapel, a replica of the Chapel of St. Francis in Assisi, Italy. On the National Register of Historic Places the mansion was constructed from 1919-1921 for wealthy coal baron Francis Stuyvesant Peabody. At the time he was owner of one of the largest coal companies in the USA.

Enjoy an upscale luncheon at Cooper's Hawk Restaurant in Downers Grove!
The restaurant is known for its great food and exceptional wines!

Pre-Select choice of Atlantic Salmon or Parmesan Crusted Chicken

Top off the day at Lynfred Winery in Roselle. Miles from the vineyards & orchards. Lynfred brings in grapes & fruits to create its award-winning wines. Fred & Lynn Koehler lovingly turned their hobby into Illinois' first winery since Prohibition in 1979.

Here you'll sample different fruits of the vine and branch.

Stained glass windows and oak wood floors adorn the tasting room of this century old house that is Lynfred Winery!

**Bus leaves at 9:00 am from the SMG parking lot.
Bus arrives back at SMG by 4:30 pm.**

**Please call 865.5482 to reserve your seat.
Payment will secure your reservation.
Seating is limited.**

Children ages four through fifth grade are invited to register for St. Maria Goretti and St. Joseph's Vacation Bible Week. Registration will take place after all the Masses on the weekends of June 29 and June 30 and the weekend of July 6 and July 7th. Registration forms will be available in the back of church, in the parish office, and the CFP office. "Run with Spirit" (an Olympic theme) will be held July 15th through July 19th at 9:00 am to Noon in Casa Maria Hall. The fee is \$25.00 for one child with a \$10.00 fee for each additional child. Checks can be made out to St. Maria Goretti. The fee includes a tee shirt and lunch on Friday. Children will visit five stations each day-Bible Station, Music Station, Game Station, Snack Station, and Art Station. Adult and teen volunteers are still needed to help in supervising the children.

Contact Kathy at 219.322.1674 ext.308.



The Winning Number
Drawn On
Tuesday, June 25, 2024

Was #2101.

Congratulations To
Jeffrey and Dawn Ward
Who Won
\$8,452.50 !!!.

The Next 50/50
Club Drawing
is Scheduled for
Wednesday, July 3, 2024.

Please visit the parish website for the
50/50 Club rules and information.

MAIL DELIVERY REMINDER

If you mail in your offering envelopes and would like to participate in the 50/50 club; the parish business office must receive the envelopes for your Sunday contribution and your 50/50 envelope before 8:30 am on the Monday following the envelope date to participate in that weekly drawing.



Parish Book Club

Date: Tuesday, July 16, 2024

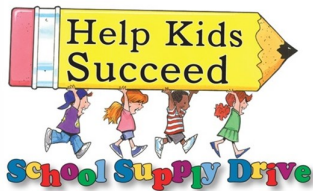
Time: 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Place: Casa Maria Lounge

Book Title: Hang The Moon

Author: Jeanette Walls

Please Contact Stephanie White
at 219.924.2417 with any questions.



Do you have fond memories of starting school with brand new school supplies? St. Maria Goretti Community Outreach Ministry is sponsoring a School Supply Drive. Please join us in this effort by donating new school supplies. If you would prefer a monetary donation, place an envelope marked "School Supplies" in the collection basket. All donated supplies will be distributed on August 6th 11 am – 2 pm. Please direct any questions to 219.865.5481.

Backpacks	Composition Books
Kleenex (rectangle box)	Spiral Notebooks (wide rule)
Disinfecting wipes	1" 3-ring binder
Pens (blue, black and red)	Index cards
Scissors - small	Pocket Folders
Erasers – Pink Pearl	Yellow highlighters
Glue – Sticks or bottles	Sticky notes – 3"x3"
Washable Markers	#2 Pencils
Dry erase markers	Headphones/earbuds
USB Flash Drives	Loose leaf paper (wide rule)
Colored pencils	Small art box
Pencil pouch	
Ziploc bags – all sizes	

**PLEASE DROP OFF ITEMS IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE,
BEFORE OR AFTER MASS. DURING THE WEEKENDS OF
July 13/14 - July 20/21 - July 27/28**

**PARISH MISSION AND CONCERT
WITH**

Sarah Hart

DATE: SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

TIME: 2-5 PM

LOCATION: SAINT MARIA GORETTI CHURCH



Dear Friends,

We are thrilled to offer a special parish mission and concert featuring the acclaimed liturgical musician Sarah Hart! Please join us for an afternoon of inspiration, faith, and beautiful music. This is an event you won't want to miss!

Sarah Hart is a gifted singer-songwriter and storyteller who has touched countless hearts with her music and ministry. Her work spans over two decades, with numerous albums, award-winning songs, and a deep commitment to sharing the love of Christ through her talents.

Sarah's music is not only uplifting and spiritually enriching but also deeply rooted in the Catholic faith, making her the perfect artist to lead us in this unique and moving experience. (continued →)

♪ Sarah's songs are a beautiful blend of contemporary and traditional styles that resonate with listeners of all ages. Her music will lift your spirits and deepen your connection to God.

♪ This parish mission is more than just a concert. Sarah will share her personal faith journey, offering insights and reflections that will inspire and encourage you in your own spiritual walk.

♪ This event is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a parish family. Let's unite in prayer, song, and celebration.

♪ Hosting an artist of Sarah Hart's caliber is a rare and special occasion. Don't miss out on the chance to experience her live performance and powerful message right here in our parish.

The Parish Mission will begin with a welcoming prayer, followed by Sarah's concert and a time for reflection and fellowship. Refreshments will be provided, and there will be an opportunity to purchase Sarah's music and merchandise. Let's be inspired by the incredible ministry of Sarah Hart. We look forward to seeing you there!

This event will fill up fast, so to guarantee your seat, please register by July 7, 2024. You can return this form to the parish office, call the parish office at 219.865.8956, drop it into the collection baskets or use the QR code below:



First and Last Name: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone: _____

How many will be attending? _____

What Has Been Given You To Carry? – Ron Rolheiser

What has been given you to carry? Where do the needs and pains of others conscript your freedom? When is freedom mitigated by circumstance? What are the situations that you are born into or meet in life to which you must respond, perhaps even at the cost of your life? *What may you not walk away from?*

These are important questions, not easy to answer. But they are key questions vis-a-vis discerning one's vocation: what is that special task to which each of us is asked to give over our lives?

Each of us comes into this world with a God-given vocation. In essence, that's easy enough to pinpoint. Simply put, we are all asked to love God and love each other. That's the same for everyone. However, beyond that bald essence, it's no longer the same for everyone because we are all born into and meet different circumstances in life. We are born into different families, different countries, different times in history, different cultures, different situations of poverty or affluence, different faiths, different kinds of intelligence, different natural aptitudes, and different physical bodies that vary greatly in terms of health, strength, and physical attractiveness. Philosophers call this your "existential" situation. In that, in that particularity, like snowflakes, no two persons are ever the same. And that uniqueness will color and perhaps fundamentally define your vocation and help dictate *what will be given you to carry*.

Here's what's at stake. We are all born free, yes, but many things both *conscript* and *constrict* our freedom.

Let me illustrate with a personal example. I was born the twelfth child in a large family. My parents, first-generation immigrant farmers who, during many years of marriage and child-rearing, were unable to fully support our family from the farm alone. We needed some added income. As well, our outback rural community had only an elementary school and any education beyond the eighth grade required leaving home to attend a boarding school, something my parents could not afford.

Because of that, five of my older siblings had to end their education after elementary school, not because they wanted to or because they lacked the desire or intelligence for higher education, but rather because our financial need and the absence of a local high school necessitated that they leave school and take jobs to help support the family. For all of them, particularly for a couple of them, this was a hard sacrifice. Everything in them hungered for more jobs to help support the family. For all of them, particularly for a couple of them, this was a hard sacrifice. Everything in them hungered for more freedom and choice; but,

given their circumstances, *this was what they were given to carry*. And that sacrifice, that giving over of themselves for something beyond themselves, very much defined their vocation and their very persons. A large part of their vocation was to sacrifice many of their own dreams and ambitions for the sake of the family. Among other factors, my own opportunity for an education was largely predicated on their sacrifice.

However, in this, they are not exceptional. Their sacrifice is mirrored in the lives of millions of men and women all over the world: immigrants who need to sacrifice their own ambitions in order to work in the fields or take menial jobs to support their families; young women and men from developing countries who have to leave their families and go abroad to earn money to send back to their families; millions of young people who cannot attend university because of cost; countless women and men who need to sacrifice whole seasons of their lives to take care of an ill or aging parent; and billions of women who have to sacrifice career to raise children. This is *what has been given them to carry* – and their sacrifice helps constitute the heart of their vocation.

Beyond these things which can conscript our freedom and radically dictate our vocation, there are still other things which either *constrict* or *open* our freedom and so help dictate our vocation: having robust physical and mental health as opposed to being physically or mentally fragile; having an athlete's body as opposed to having a physical disability; being an alpha male or a homecoming queen as opposed to being the one who is bullied and shunned; being temperamentally aggressive as opposed to being temperamentally gentle and accommodating; or being the one who comes from privilege as opposed to being the one who comes from a background without privilege.

Each of these not only helps dictate your vocation, but each also helps to specially equip you for your vocation. If you are on the fragile and wounded side of the equation, your seeming human shortcomings can give you special powers to be a healer for others. Being wounded, you have special powers to become a wounded healer. Conversely, if you are on the privileged side of the equation, that privilege also dictates your vocation and your special gift, namely, you are now the one to whom much is given and consequently from whom much is expected.

What has been given you to carry?

Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser is a theologian, teacher, and award-winning author. He can be contacted through his website www.ronrolheiser.com.

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