

JANUARY 2026



NEWSLETTER



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TWENTY-ONE

WESTSIDE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

RECIPE FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Take twelve fine, full-grown months; see that these are thoroughly free from old memories of bitterness, rancor and hate, cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past—have them fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time. Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot this way) but prepare one day at a time.

Into each day put equal parts of faith, patience, courage, work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), hope, fidelity, liberality, kindness, rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad dressing— don't do it), prayer, meditation, and one well-selected resolution. Put in about one teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor.

-Anonymous

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INITIAL LETTER FOR COVENANT PROCESS

Dear Parent/Guardian,

One of our strongest characteristics at St. Boniface Parish and Westside Catholic School is our family atmosphere. As tours are given to prospective families, the parents often comment on our family atmosphere and the politeness of our students. Our students are very friendly and easily engage with new children.

In order to build upon this strength, beginning with the 2026-2027 School year, St. Boniface Parish is calling all families to engage in a partnership entitled, “A Call To Participation.” **Before enrolling your children in school, you are required to attend one of the parent meetings on either Tuesday, Jan 13 beginning at 5:30 p.m. or Jan. 22 beginning at 6:00 p.m.** If you can not attend either of these meetings, you can contact Father Christopher, Jamie Wicks or Sister Catherine to schedule an individual appointment. Your child will not be enrolled in the school year 2026-2027 until this requirement is met.

The meetings will be held in the Saint Agnes gymnasium.
Please feel free to contact any of us with questions or concerns.

Blessings,
Father Christopher
Jamie Wicks
Sister Catherine



BIG WELCOME TO OUR NEWCOMERS

We are excited to welcome five new students and three new families to the WCS community! We're grateful these families have joined us and look forward to a wonderful year of learning and growth together.

DRESS CODE REMINDERS

The purpose of the school dress code is to promote neatness, discipline, a sense of school Catholic identity, and to provide an atmosphere of learning free emphasis on clothing. The enforcement of the dress code is a joint responsibility of the parents, students, teachers, and principal. The school administration reserves the right to determine what meets these guidelines when there is a question of acceptability or appropriateness.

Girls

Navy or khaki uniform pants or shorts, or navy, khaki, or plaid skorts, skirts or jumpers

No brand names visible, no extra pockets, zippers or loops, no outside stitching, no flared bottoms or capri length permitted. Pants must fit properly and be worn at the natural waistline.

Navy, red, or white long or short sleeved polo shirt or turtleneck

Must be solid color and no brand names visible. A solid white uniform blouse may be worn. All shirts must be tucked in at all times.

WCS Summer Camp

We are gathering interest for our upcoming Summer Camp and don't want your family to miss out on this fun opportunity.

Please complete the interest form at the link below by January 9 so we can start planning accordingly.

<https://forms.gle/xWSJYE89N91VxZcv7>

A MESSAGE FROM PTO

Happy New Year, WCS Families!

Thank you to all who volunteered to help with school events last semester!

You are appreciated! There are more activities coming up this semester with the first being another staff luncheon at the end of the month for Catholic Schools Week. Please check the link below and sign up to cover any shifts you will be able to help with. If you haven't yet completed safe environment training, contact the school office at either campus to get this taken care of.

As always, volunteering is a great way to get to know both your student's teachers and classmates and other school families! Also, if you weren't able to get coverage for your families shifts during the Fall Festival, volunteering for other events is a way your family can still support the school!

[WCS Volunteer Second Semester Sign Up](#)

DRESS CODE REMINDERS, CONTINUED



Boys

Navy or khaki uniform pants or shorts

No brand names visible, no extra pockets, zippers or loops, no outside stitching, no cargo pants permitted. Pants and shorts must fit properly and be worn at the natural waistline.

Navy, red, or white long or short sleeve polo shirt or turtleneck

Must be solid color and no brand names visible. All shirts must be tucked in at all times

Belts

Navy, black or brown - Belts must be solid in color and not have accessories or embellishments. A dress belt must be worn with pants and shorts that have belt loops at all times.

Sweaters

Navy, red, or white cardigan, v-neck or crew neck

No hoods, no zippers or extra trims or designs. Uniform polo shirt, blouse, or turtleneck must be worn underneath and collars must be visible.

Fleece Jackets

Black or navy fleece zipper jackets with the gold WCS logo may be worn (Artex or Southwest Grafix) Uniform polo shirt, blouse, or turtleneck must be worn underneath and collars must be visible.

Socks

Navy, red, white, black, gray or tan ONLY. Socks need to match.

Socks must be worn at all times and should be visible. Trim colors are acceptable but must also be navy, red, white, black, gray or tan if visible. Girls may also wear solid navy, red or white tights.

Shoes

Casual or athletic only - Shoestrings must be tied. Trendy styles such as boots, CROC's, sandals, clogs, and platform shoes are NOT allowed, toes and heels must always be covered.

Hair

Hair should be kept clean and properly styled. Hairstyles bordering on the extreme (multiple colors, braids, beads, shaved, mohawks) will not be permitted. Boy's hair may not touch the collar in the back, should not be over the eyes, and should not be below the ear on the sides.

Jewelry and Accessories

Jewelry may include a watch, bracelet, necklace, ring, and religious metal. Girls may wear one small pair of earrings. No dangles or large hoops.



**SISTER CATHERINE
STEWART**

PRINCIPAL

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

S - Springfield Dominican
I - itinerant preacher (lived in 6 states)
S - sparky
T - tactful
E - energetic
R - resilient

C - curious
A - adventurous
T - tenacious
H - honest
E - enthusiastic
R - real
I - imaginative
N - nurturing
E - effervescent

FEATURED 8TH GRADER



CHLOE WARGEL

Activities: drawing, reading, singing,
crafting, theater and dancing

Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Hollis

Favorite Subject: Social Studies

**What do you want to be when
you grow up:** anthropologist or
criminologist

Most of the fliers are “clickable” on the PDF version and will direct you to a larger image of the flier, the associated website, or the forms that are needed.

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ST. HILDEGARD SYMPOSIUM

Speaker Line-Up

January 31, 2026 | 8:00 am | Griffin Center, University of Southern Indiana

For More Information & Register eaglecatholic.com/symposium

Early Bird Registration until January 3, 2026
Faculty/Person - Regularly \$25 (faculty, staff, community members)
Student - Regularly \$20 (students with a current college ID)

American Labor Movement
Brian, Indiana University
Anno: Foundations of Catholic Social Teaching. Discover how the American labor movement shaped workers' rights, unionization, and the American labor movement principles of human dignity.

Schuermann's Medieval Latin Epoch
Evansville African American Museum
Schuermann's reading of Meister Eckhart in *Broken Hegemonies* for and von Bingen's feminist theology. It explores how Hildegard's ideas were by re-examining the medieval Latin era through a feminist lens. Vyvoda centered scholarship and demonstrates how incorporating women's voices understanding of medieval religious philosophy.

Chair of Dental Assisting and Dental Hygiene Programs, USI
Education reveal the presence of God's beauty within the ordinary realities of those oriented towards healing and service, participate in the divine life. As inherent in dental hygiene and education assume a contemplative call to service to the Body of Christ. Work can become sacramental when we see the human face is where personhood and vulnerability meet.

APPLY NOW

The online application for the 2026-27 school year is now open!

Materdeiwildcats.com click "Apply" at the top

Or scan the code

HOLY FIRE INDIANAPOLIS

Sat., February 28, 2026 - 5:00am to 7:30pm
Pike Performing Arts Center
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

A Collaboration of Evansville Parishes
Holy Redeemer, St. Boniface, Corpus Christi, Resurrection, St. Philip, St. Joe Co., St. Wendel, St. Francis Xavier, Good Shepherd, Holy Rosary, St. Benedict, Annunciation, St. John the Baptist - Newburgh, St. John Evangelist - Daylight

For 6th, 7th & 8th Graders!

Noelle Garcia, Brian Greenfield, Most Rev. Charles C. Thompson, Giancarlo Bernini

REGISTRATION IS OPEN! ARCHINDYYM.COM/HOLY-FIRE

Hosted by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF THE WEST SIDE OF EVANSVILLE INVITES STUDENTS IN GRADES 6TH-8TH

ICE SKATING
@ Swonder

JANUARY 17, 2026 4:00-6:00PM \$10 PER PERSON

INCLUDES ADMISSION TO PRIVATE RENTED RINK, SKATE RENTAL - CONCESSIONS AVAIL. FOR EXTRA COST

CASH/CHECK ACCEPTED. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO YOUR PARISH

SWONDER ICE ARENA || 209 N. BOEKE RD.
RSVP: BY JAN. 15 TO YOUR PARISH CONTACT

**DIOCESAN EVENT PERMISSION & MEDICAL FORM REQUIRED

CORPUS CHRISTI: CECILIA REISING
HOLY REDEEMER: MARY JO KEEN
RESURRECTION: AUBREE BEYER
ST. BONIFACE: JENNY MAYER

ST. JOE: JESSICA RECKELHOFF
ST. PHILIP: MARY WEGEN
ST. WENDEL/ST. FRANCIS XAVIER: SHERIE COOLEY

★ WANTED ★

VOLUNTEERS

REWARD
Help our your child's school!
Get to know other parents, students and the teachers!

There are many opportunities available for help!
Please ensure your CMG Connect Safe Environment training is up to date. If you need assistance, contact either campus.

ALL YOUR HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

★ WCS Volunteer Link ★

Mater Dei High School CHEER CLINIC

CLINIC DATE: Sunday, January 25th
TIME: 1 PM-3 PM
LOCATION: Mater Dei High School Main Gym

PARTICIPANTS WILL PERFORM DURING THE VARSITY GAME @ HALFTIME ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 27TH. GAME STARTS @ 7 P.M.

PRICE: \$35- CASH OR CHECK ONLY

SCAN ME

MATER DEI CHEERLEADING

FOR CLINIC UPDATES & REMINDERS: FOLLOW US ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!

7TH AND 8TH GRADE GLOW DANCE

Friday, January 23rd
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
St. Joe Catholic School
Gym Doors
6130 W St Joseph Rd

ADMISSION \$5.00

A valid school ID must be presented for entry into the dance.

Glow bracelets will be available for purchase at door.
\$.50 per bracelet

MADE FOR MORE

with **CHRISTOPHER WEST & MIKE MANGIONE**

Brought to you by Holy Redeemer and St. Boniface Parishes & The Theology of The Body Institute

February 5, 2026

7-9:30 PM

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

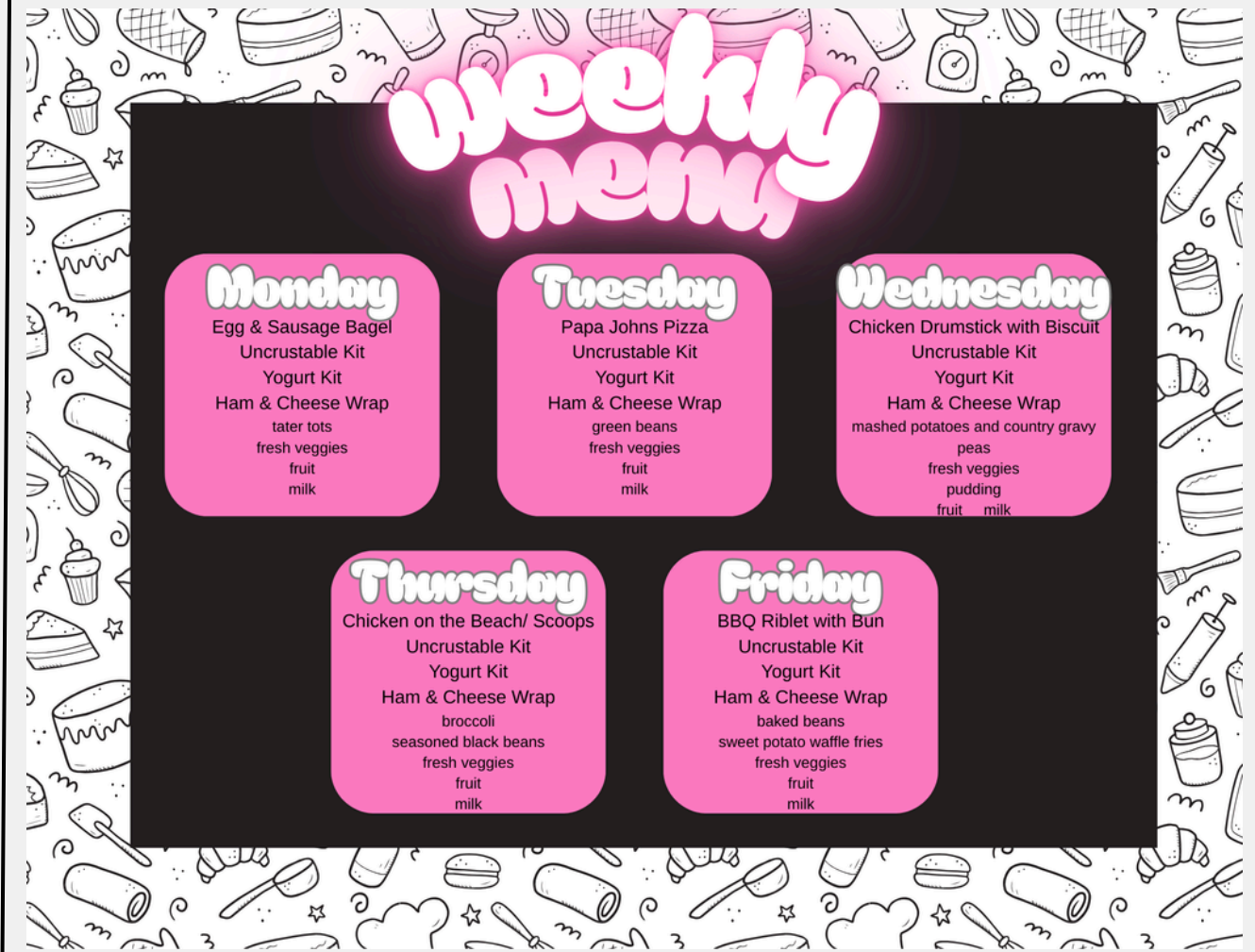
MADE FOR MORE is an inspired blend of teaching, live music, and art that taps the deepest desires of the human heart revealing their ultimate purpose and goal. Want to be inspired by beauty and the wisdom of the Church? Join Christopher West and Mike Mangione as they offer a vision of the Gospel like you've never heard through the lens of Saint John Paul II's Theology of the Body.

Tickets are on sale now and are limited! Grab your tickets today in the parish office or online at <https://aftontickets.com/M4MIN>. Tickets are \$25.



Please contact Amy Schroeder at jimandamyschroeder@gmail.com or Abby Zenthoefer at abbyzenthoefer@gmail.com if you would like more information.

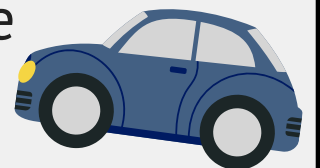
Check out the promo video at the link below
<https://vimeo.com/251850893>



REMINDER

If you have a transportation change for your child, you need to **call the office** to inform them.

If you only send a message to the teacher, it could be missed.





**SAINT AGNES
CHURCH**

THURSDAY - 8:00 AM
SATURDAY - 4:30 PM

SCHOOL MASSES



**SAINT BONIFACE
CHURCH**

TUESDAY - 8:00 AM
WEDNESDAY - 5:30 PM
SUNDAY - 10:00 AM

GROTTO

SATURDAY - 8:00 AM



**SACRED HEART
CHURCH**

MONDAY - 7:30 PM
FRIDAY - 7:30 AM
SUNDAY - 7:30 AM

LATIN MASS

SUNDAY - 12:00 PM

ADORATION TIMES

MONDAY - 6:30 PM SACRED HEART
FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH - 8:00
AM - 5:00 PM - SACRED HEART

SAINTBONIFACEPARISH.ORG

UPCOMING DATES

- Family Fun Time 2-4 Saint Agnes - January 11
- First Covenant Process Meeting - January 13
- MLK Day No School - January 19
- Second Covenant Process Meeting - January 22
- Kick off Mass for Catholic Schools Week & Change for Change Mass- January 25
- All School Mass at Saint Agnes - January 29
- Come & See Night - January 29

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Scarlett Oldham - 2
- Troy Lockett - 3
- Beckett Farmer - 4
- Jael Atwood - 5
- John Atwood - 5
- Eli Van Hook - 9



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

- Leann Helmer - 10
- Braven Klingaman - 11
- Mr. Rust - 21
- Adler Bordelon - 26
- Annaleigh Hollis - 28
- Lacey Fisher - 29

ONE FAITH. ONE FAMILY. ONE FUTURE.