

JANUARY 2026



# NEWSLETTER



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TWENTY-THREE

## WESTSIDE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### NEW YEAR

**A new year can remind us of new life, hope and opportunity.**

Every new season is a testimony of God's grace. Creation itself reminds us of God's great faithfulness as we witness renewal and rebirth. Things can be renewed. Even in a cursed, fallen world, hope for change can exist. In a sense, every day with Jesus is a chance to turn the page on an old way of life and embrace a new one. We are, after all, new creation people, and we serve a King who renews us daily by the Holy Spirit.

**A new year can remind us to be intentional.**

A new cycle of life can serve as a reminder to be present and intentional with the time we've been given. The writer of Ecclesiastes says, "Remember also your Creator

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## NOTE FROM SISTER CATHERINE

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thanks for attending our mandatory parent meetings; we had a wonderful turn out and a very positive response. For those of you who were unable to attend, I'm holding a short meeting (10-15 minutes) at 7:00 a.m. at St. Boniface on Wednesday, Jan. 28. I know a few families already plan on attending this meeting. We will gather in the gym.

If you can't make this meeting, please contact Father Christopher, Jamie Wicks or me to set up an individual appointment. You must meet with one of us before you can enroll your child/ren for the 2026-2027 school year.

Blessings on your day!

Sister Catherine

## INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY REMINDER

“If it is necessary to close the school, an announcement will be made via a message sent to the contacts of the student via SchoolMessenger. Westside Catholic School will follow the decision of their local school public school corporation regarding school closures/delays due to weather.”

As we head into the weekend with the potential for significant snowfall, please keep an eye out for notifications from School Messenger and our social media pages for updates. We will share information regarding closures or delays as soon as decisions are made.

If school is canceled on Monday, we will not use a virtual learning day. Instead, school will be held on February 16 to make up for the missed day.

Thank you for your continued support and flexibility.

## NEW YEAR CONTINUED

in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, ‘I have no pleasure in them’” (Ecclesiastes 12:1). As Gospel-centered people, we should be mindful of the fragility of human life. 2021 is young and the opportunities seem fresh. Every breath is a miracle, a gift given to us by our Creator.

**A new year is a great time to recalibrate.** Last year was a mix of joys and sorrows, goals accomplished and goals missed, friendships gained and friendships lost, year of pandemic, new jobs and some lost—but now it’s behind us. Choose God first this year! The proper response to the past year, whether good or bad, is not “I made it through” or “Look what I achieved.” It should be “Thank you, Lord!” Purposefully remembering God’s goodness instead of our own performance is a great way to begin again.

**A new year is the perfect opportunity to pray and reflect.** May this year be brighter as you push into Christ. Let’s spend time in prayer recounting what Christ did for us. Let’s repent and fully worship his Majesty. Let’s renew our minds and commitments to Jesus first, then marriage, family, and church. Let’s rest this year. Don’t let the whisper of the enemy say you have less worth because you blew your resolutions last year. Jesus loves us unconditionally, and He doesn’t need our perfect performance to call us home and empower us for His mission.

**Anonymous**





**WESTSIDE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

**UNITED IN FAITH & COMMUNITY**

**Week**  
Sunday, January 25 - January 30

<p><b>SUNDAY</b></p> <p>We celebrate our Parish</p> <p>Join us at the 10:00 am Mass at Saint Boniface as we celebrate the gift of a Catholic Education</p>	<p><b>MONDAY</b></p> <p>We celebrate the Evansville Community</p> <p>Dress as your future self (what will you be when you grow up?) *No sweats or jeans*</p> <p>Thank you cards &amp; trail mix delivered to first responders</p>	<p><b>TUESDAY</b></p> <p>We celebrate our students</p> <p>A comfy day: sweats and jeans allowed *no pajamas* (8<sup>th</sup> grade can change after the Diocesan Mass)</p> <p>Friendship feast at Saint Agnes Movie &amp; popcorn in the afternoon</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b></p> <p>We celebrate our Country</p> <p>Uniform bottoms with red/ white/ blue tops</p> <p>1:30 ALL School Rosary &amp; Benediction at Saint Boniface</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY</b></p> <p>We celebrate our Vocations</p> <p>Uniform bottoms with house shirts</p> <p>8:00 ALL School Mass at Saint Agnes 9:00-10:15 House Meeting 5:00-7:00 Come and See Night at Saint Agnes</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY</b></p> <p>We celebrate our families</p> <p>Dress as a novel character or a story book character</p> <p>10:30-11:30: Open House (visit classrooms) 11:30-12:00: Join us for lunch *reservation needed* *continued below*</p>

**FRIDAY CONT.**

12:00-12:30: Play with us  
12:30-1:30: Family activity in your child's classroom  
1:30: Optional dismissal time if you choose to continue celebrating with your family elsewhere

## YOUTH FIRST PARENT AND CAREGIVER RESOURCES FOR RESILIENCY



Youth First is empowering parents with monthly talks

**January 2026**

**"Talk. They Hear You."**

**Topic: Parenting in a Digital World:  
Navigating the Challenges & Opportunities**

Read the full article [here](#)

## PTO NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

There are two events coming up next week with the staff luncheon for Catholic Schools Week and also the Come and See Night at the Saint Agnes campus. There are still several open slots that need to be filled at both campuses for both teacher luncheons and no one is signed up to help yet for the Come and See Night.

[WCS Volunteer Second Semester Sign Up Link](#)



**COURTNEY HARPER****SAINT BONIFACE  
CAMPUS  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
ASSISTANT**

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Courtney is in her second year at Westside Catholic and can be found at the Saint Boniface campus. She and her husband, Chase, have four boys ranging in age from 12 to 19. At home, they have three dogs and an aquarium full of fish. Courtney loves all things crafty, from creating flyers to making rosaries and shirts. On the weekends, you can find her watching her boys at their activities or hanging out with family. She enjoys getting to know the older students and seeing their personalities shine at Saint Boniface.

Courtney runs on Christian music, coffee, iced tea with Splenda, reading, a love for minty-teal and pigs (which you've probably noticed if you've stopped by the office!)



# FEATURED 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADER

## ZAYNE WEINZAPFEL

**What are your hobbies:** Football and Wrestling

**Favorite Book:** Percy Jackson

**Favorite Subject:** Social Studies

**What do you like best about Westside Catholic School:** The teachers





Most of the fliers are “clickable” on the PDF version of the newsletter 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](http://eaglecatholic.com/symposium)

**Early Bird Registration until January 3, 2026**  
/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  
ed workers' rights, unionization, and the American labor movement  
ciples of human dignity.

**Schuermann's Medieval Latin Epoch**  
Evansville African American Museum  
Schuermann's reading of Meister Eckhart in *Broken Hegemonies* for  
ard 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  
nderstanding of medieval religious philosophy.

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



## 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](http://ARCHINDYYM.COM/HOLY-FIRE)

Hosted by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis

## ★ 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](#) ★

## WESTSIDE WILDCATS

# BASEBALL TRYOUTS

**MARCH 14 & 18, 2026**

[FACEBOOK.COM/EVVWESTSIDEWILDCATS/](https://facebook.com/evvwestsidewildcats/)

**7U TRYOUT QR CODE** **8U TRYOUT QR CODE**

SCAN ME SCAN ME



## 7<sup>th</sup> AND 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE

# GLOW DANCE

Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>  
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.  
\$5.00 per bracelet


## 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 27<sup>th</sup>. 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!

## READING ALOUD: FORMING MINDS AND HEARTS ONE STORY AT A TIME

We invite you to read this wonderful article by The Institute for Catholic Liberal Education. Reading aloud is more than learning, it's formation. This article reflects on how stories help shape children's hearts, nurture virtue, and draw them closer to truth, goodness, and beauty.

[Article Link](#)





## 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](mailto:jimandamyschroeder@gmail.com) or Abby Zenthoefer at [abbyzenthoefer@gmail.com](mailto:abbyzenthoefer@gmail.com) if you would like more information.

Check out the promo video at the link below

<https://vimeo.com/251850893>







**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](http://SAINTBONIFACEPARISH.ORG)



## UPCOMING DATES

- Kick off Mass for Catholic Schools Week & Change for Change Mass- January 25
- Catholic Schools Week - January 25-30
- All School Mass at Saint Agnes - January 29
- Come & See Night - January 29
- Lent Family Activity after 10am Mass - February 8
- Science Fair - February 10
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade to Soup Kitchen - February 11
- No School (potential snow make up day) - February 16
- Mardi Gras party - February 17
- Ash Wednesday Saint Agnes Mass 8:00 - February 18
- Ash Wednesday Saint Boniface Mass 12:10 - February 18

## 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.