



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 7, 2025



## ST. PATRICK: HERE IS WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



### ARCHBISHOP THOMPSON WAS IN TOWN TO CONFIRM LOCAL CATHOLIC YOUTH

On Sunday, August 3 the culmination of months of preparation came to fruition as TH Catholic Teens and St. Patrick Middle School student received the Sacrament of Confirmation by the the Most Reverend Charles Thompson, Archbishop of Indianapolis. During the beautiful liturgy students reaffirmed their faith and commitment to God, and received the gifts of the Holy Spirit to help guide them in their Christian life.

Those students (and their Confirmation name) confirmed include: Aubree "Mary Magdalene" Collom, Brian "Ignatius" Todd, Bruce "Sebastian" Landes, Jena "Cecile" Gormong, Mark "Hubert" MacDonald, Isaiah "John" Hellmann, Zoie "Dominick" Taylor, Khloe "Christina" Ellis, Maddie "Joan" Barroso- Gutierrez, Austin "Gabriel" Baker-Rodriguez, Carte "Medard" Harris, Harriet "Veronica" Shagley, Megan " Catherine" Gardner, Megan "Anne" Mascari, Regan "Francis" Freeman, Ryder "Anthony" Gleason and Sophia "Theodore" Medley.

Our teens were committed to the expectations and requirements and the support of the parents was evident. We ask that you pray for our teens.

Now that you are confirmed with the Holy Spirit, never forget that you are invited to participate in all youth group activities. A place to grow in faith, make new friends, and have fun.

**REGISTRATION IS  
OPEN FOR RELIGIOUS  
ED WHICH BEGINS ON  
SEPTEMBER 7!**



### DO I HAVE TO GO?

A Message From the Office of Youth  
Faith Formation

It was always a burning question at my house. When I was their age there wasn't a choice. The answer was "Yes!" and eventually they understood that "No" wasn't an option. It is very difficult to raise a child in faith right now and if this isn't one of your top priorities it probably isn't going to happen.

We want you to know, we have a vision and we want to partner with you. This may seem like another activity to you right now, but if you want your kids to go to Mass after they graduate high school, if it means something to you for your grandkids to be raised in a Catholic household then it needs to be at the top of your list and we are going to help you do that.

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Think of it as guiding youth to explore questions like:

- Who is God to me?
- How do I live out my beliefs?
- What does faith look like in my everyday choices?

We look forward to having you join us and may Mighty God bless you and keep your family safe.

Veronica Castillo-Rogers  
vrogers@saintpat.org

# ALTAR SERVER TRAINING FOR NON-SCHOOL YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS

Marty Schmidt will provide Altar Server training after the Saturday 10 AM Mass. If you are interested in being trained, please come to the church for 10 AM Mass (or after if that works better for you). We will put you on the September schedule.

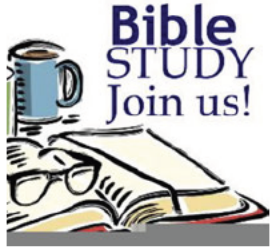


## REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR BIBLE STUDY

LEARN HOW TO RESPOND TO GOD IN PSALMS. SUNDAY MORNINGS AND WEDNESDAY EVENINGS. REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 17.

THERE IS A \$30 FEE FOR MATERIALS.

CONTACT GERI MARCH 812-240-7456 OR BY EMAIL AT VICTORIAN1411@GMAIL.COM



## Parishioners Steve and Libby Fields Circumnavigate over 15,000 Miles

American's Great Loop is an approximately 6000 mile trip circumnavigating the eastern portion of the US and Canadian Waterways. But Parishioners Steve and Libby Fields actually completed over 15,000 miles during their nearly six years of "looping" the waterways in their 405 Carver (40 foot) cabin motor yacht named "San Souci" which they purchased in 2019. They also joined that American Loop organization. But their first two years were greatly minimized due to COVID. Then high diesel fuel prices (\$7 per gallon) were prohibitive for two more seasons. But voila! In 2023 they were back on track--or --on water.



They wintered in Marathon where they are familiar with the local Catholic Church, the marinas and the boaters. Cruising up the east coast was interesting. Prior to arriving in New York Harbor they saw a number of war ships off the coast. It was "Fleet Week" with various ships parading in the Harbor. Cruising up the Hudson River, and the Erie Canal, they arrived in Kingston, Ontario. Unfortunately the navigation system took them the wrong way and they hit rocks in Northern

Bay causing damage to San Souci. Soon, they arrived back in the good ole' USA which completed their America's Great Loop. for them. Over the six years of their adventure, they used 6,000 gallons of diesel fuel averaging in cost from \$1.45 -\$7.00 per gallon.

Steve and Libby's adventure did not stop them from attending Mass. They have visited numerous Catholic churches and cathedrals, getting there by walking, Ubers and bicycles. When there was no church available, they were able to utilize the You Tube broadcast from Terre Haute. They actually attended a Mass that was in Portuguese.

They met many friends during the years of their adventure. While waiting for a taxi, they met former Loopers at San Pablo Catholic Church. They immediately became great friends! Another Looper friend unfortunately passed away unexpectedly.

In looking back over their adventure, Steve and Libby have seen beautiful sites and met wonderful, helpful people along the way, making lifelong friends of many. San Souci recently sold and Steve and Libby are looking forward to their next adventure.





## LOST YOUR SPOUSE? GOOD GRIEF! IS A GREAT RESOURCE

Here are the activities coming up.



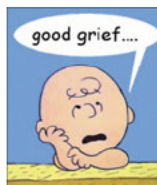
Each Tuesday, 10 AM walk at Meadows Mall followed by lunch. (Meet at Paitson Bros. Hardware.) Monthly, the group goes to breakfast after 9 AM Mass. The next breakfast is

on August 25 at Meadows Cafe.

Good Grief! also plans special events. The next event is a good one! Lunch on August 8 at Lavina's Amish Kitchen in Rockville. Meet at 11 AM in the SPC parking lot.

The group understands the reluctance to join in Good Grief! activities so they encourage you to bring a friend along. They hope you will consider participating.

Contact Carla Haley to RSVP for any upcoming events by email at [haleycarla38@gmail.com](mailto:haleycarla38@gmail.com) or text 812-236-9602.



## ITEMS SOUGHT FOR THE ANNUAL ST. MARGARET MARY YARD SALE



### Yard Sale

The time is now to clean out those closets, cabinets, sheds, basements and garages for items you no longer need or want and donate them to the annual St. Margaret Mary Yard Sale. Items are now being accepted Tuesday through

Friday from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Household items, linens, books, collectables, tools, toys, etc. can be delivered to the Dede Center first floor landing. Outdoor items and furniture are to be delivered to the office garage and adult clothing to the house garage. Please do not leave any items outside of any of the buildings! Please do not bring computers, televisions, mattresses, infant car seats or broken items as they are NOT accepted.

Donations will be accepted until August 22. For questions or more information, please call the office at 812-232-3512.

And, mark your calendars for Labor Day weekend to shop the sale. There will be treasures for everyone!



## Join Us in Empowering Our Youth!

Do you have a heart for guiding young souls in their faith journey? We're seeking compassionate and enthusiastic volunteers to help with our youth programs with ongoing Faith Formation, chaperoning, Bible stories, arts/crafts & games. Whether you enjoy organizing, sharing stories, or just being a joyful presence, your gifts can make a lasting impact. Come be part of a mission that nurtures faith, friendship, and fun!

All RE materials are provided.

**Classes begin September 7, 2025**

## The Sisters of Providence at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods **NEED YOU!**

Volunteer opportunities include:

### Anytime Activities

- \*Farm - Garden or Livestock Projects
- \*Bring an Activity to Long-term Care
- \*Car Wash
- \*Cleaning up Campus

### Public Events/Festivals

- \*Christmas Fun at the Woods, 12/13
- \*Winter Used Book Sale, Feb. 2026
- \*Earth Day Festival, April 2026



Days and times are flexible — help as much or as little as you'd like!

**FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE • GIVE BACK • FEEL GOOD**

**Contact us to learn more!**



[Volunteer@spsmw.org](mailto:Volunteer@spsmw.org)  
812.535.2878  
[Volunteer.SistersofProvidence.org](http://Volunteer.SistersofProvidence.org)

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Breaking boundaries, creating hope.®



## PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Tang Family	Linda Howaniec
Jerry Wagner	Gabriella Rigdon
Michael Schacklee	Chuck Tartaglia
Cheryl Errgang	Allison McElroy
Tom & Bonnie Born	Andrea Yohey
Benedict Eziefule	Donna Raguseo
Shelia Barnhart	Devin Nibbs
Jeff Spencer	Rebekah Southard
Willilam Landes	Paul Oberholtzer
Joan Caldwell	Doug Fauber
Jocelyn Long	Liz Bryant
Margy Fauber	Hans Pfister
Daniel Wilcox	Kris Southard
Barbara Hofmann	Rhett Detamore

Aug 9

Aug 10

Aug 16

Aug 17

Aug 23

Aug 24

Aug 30

Aug 31

## ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

PLEASE INFORM THE OFFICE OF ANY DATES YOUR CHILD  
IS NOT AVAILABLE TO SERVE IN SEPTEMBER.

## SCHOOL NEWS



**GIRL SCOUT STRONG**

**Girl Scout Strong  
All Week Long  
August 9 - 17**

Save **\$20** on a Girl Scout membership! **45%** savings  
valid Aug. 9-17. Find details below to join in person  
or scan the QR code below to register online.

**Girl Scout Strong Week Deal**  
Sign up your Girl for Girl Scouts for only \$25.00!  
Enjoy a year of friendship, fun, & curiosity.

Terre Haute Culver's locations  
Saturday \* August 16th \* 11am-1pm

Come register in person and receive a free SWEET treat!

Questions? Contact Stacey at [srozmin@girlscoutsindiana.org](mailto:srozmin@girlscoutsindiana.org)

**girl scouts**  
of central indiana



Saint Patrick School  
of the Terre Haute Deanery



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**St. Patrick School**

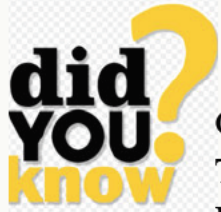
# Back to School

## PARTY

**Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**6-7:30pm**  
**Dobbs Park**  
**5170 E Poplar St, Terre Haute**

Connect with other St Pats families,  
FREE ice cream from Bring Back The  
Past Ice Cream Novelties, games for  
the kids, and the beautiful park to  
enjoy!





## WHAT ARE THE PRIMARY BELIEFS OF CATHOLICISM?

Catholicism has a rich history and a set of core beliefs that guide the faith of its followers. These beliefs encompass various aspects of theology, morality, and practice.

**Belief in the Holy Trinity.** God is one being in three divine persons: the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit. This belief emphasizes the unity and diversity within the Trinity.

**Faith in the Incarnation.** Jesus, the Son of God, took on human flesh, lived among us, and ultimately sacrificed himself to redeem humanity.

**The Authority of the Church.** The Pope, as the successor of Saint Peter, holds a special role as the visible head of the Church on Earth, guiding the faithful and interpreting scripture.

**The Sacraments.** Sacraments are important rituals in the Catholic faith and are outward signs of God's grace and play a crucial role in our spiritual journey.

**The Eucharist.** Jesus Christ is the Real Presence in the Eucharist. During the Mass, the bread and wine used for Communion become the actual body and blood of Christ.

**The Virgin Mary and the Saints.** Catholics have a deep devotion to the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. They also honor and seek the intercession of saints, considering them as powerful allies and examples of holy living.

**Belief in the Afterlife.** Catholics believe in the existence of heaven, hell, and purgatory. They believe that those who die in a state of grace will have eternal life with God in heaven, while those who die in a state of mortal sin will be separated from God in hell.

**The Role of Good Works.** Catholics believe in the importance of good works as a response to God's grace. While they emphasize that salvation is a gift from God, they also believe that good works, performed in faith, are an essential part of their Christian discipleship.

**Social Justice and Care for the Vulnerable.** The Catholic Church places great emphasis on social justice and caring for the vulnerable and encourages us to seek the welfare of others, promote human dignity, and address social issues such as poverty, inequality, and injustice.

**Hope for the Second Coming.** Finally, Catholics believe in the Second Coming of Christ anticipating the return of Jesus at the end of time, when he will judge the living and the dead and establish his kingdom in its fullness.

SOURCE: <https://moodycatholic.com/fundamental-catholic-religion-beliefs/>

THE SHAMROCKERS  
NEXT ADVENTURE  
IS SEPTEMBER 3  
AND WILL BE  
VISITING PARIS!  
SAVE THE DATE!

THE NEXT  
ALTAR SOCIETY  
MEETING IS  
SEPTEMBER 9.  
MORE INFO  
LATER

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING

# THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MESSINA STYLE

**EXPERIENCE THE  
PROCESSION**

**SAINT MARGARET  
MARY AUGUST 15  
6:00 PM**

LA VARA



*feast of the Assumption*

PROCESSION FOLLOWED BY ROSARY, MASS, ITALIAN DINNER, AND  
A SPECIAL LIVE CONNECTION WITH MESSINA, SICILY!!!

# YOUTH & TEEN FAITH



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## WHAT'S TRENDING?

It's not just about memorizing doctrines—it's about shaping the whole person: heart, mind, and spirit. use the QR Codes to register:

**St Patrick**



**St Margaret Mary**



**TH Catholic Teens**







A big **THANKS** to those who lead the Rosary each weekend. They include Tom Haley, Jim Jones, Lauren Pate, Doug Fauber, Margy Fauber, Marty Schmidt, Benita MacDonald, Joan Caldwell, Liz Bryant, Linda Hudson, Larry Kelly, Jerry Wagner. Doug Fauber schedules the leaders for Sunday and Linda Hudson for Saturday, if you are interested.

Paul Thiemann leads a Communion Service at 7:15 AM Monday through Friday. Join him to get your workday started off right. Thanks Paul for your early morning dedication to this.



When a scheduled adorer needed a substitute for her adoration hour for several weeks, Linda Hudson stepped up and promised to cover even though she had already agreed to cover a vacation as well



Thanks to the many local gardeners who bring their vegetables to the Soup Kitchen for soup and distribution to soup kitchen patrons. There is something so good about fresh vegetables!



Jerry Wagner is a faithful liturgy participant and can be seen lighting the high altar candles each Sunday.

The new **ST. PATRICK CHURCH WEBSITE** is a result of the work of three members of our Parish. Ian Ludden, Greg Neumann, and Adam Nolte not only created it but they serve as web masters! Thanks! Check it out. [saintpat.org](http://saintpat.org)



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The **Adoration Chapel** is in need of additional Adorers. If you would like to sign up for a routine time or are available to serve as a substitute, please contact Debbie McMillan at her email address [magnoliamade@gmail.com](mailto:magnoliamade@gmail.com). There are several open hours which include Mondays at 3 and 6 PM. Thursdays at 10 AM, Noon and 1 PM. Fridays at 10 AM and Noon and Saturdays at 9 AM. If you are able to commit to one of these hours, contact Debbie McMillan
- Currently the **Soup Kitchen** is accepting donations of zipper sandwich bags, peanut butter, & jelly.
- Volunteers to work at the **Soup Kitchen** are needed for some days! Contact the office if interested!
- If you are interested in serving on a rotating **usher** schedule or as a sub, please contact Scott Rhodes, the ministry leader by email at [sc-rhodes@hotmail.com](mailto:sc-rhodes@hotmail.com)
- August 7 - First Day of School for **Saint Patrick School of the Terre Haute Deanery**
- August 8 - **Back To School Party** at Dobbs Park 6 - 7:30 PM free ice cream!
- August 8 - **Good Grief!** Lavina's Amish Kitchen in Rockville. Meet at 11 AM in the parking lot.
- August 9 - After 10 AM Mass **Altar Server Training** for non-school youth and young adults
- August 10 **COFFEE AND DONUTS** after 9 AM Mass
- August 11 **Parish Pastoral Council** meeting, 5:30, Fr. Kern Center upstairs
- August 12 - 7-8 PM **Taize Prayer Service** at St. Mary of the Woods.
- August 15 - **SAVE THE DATE** Feast of the Assumption Special Celebration @ SMM 6:00 PM
- August 17 - Registration deadline for **Bible Study**
- August 20 - **OCIA** Instruction Begins
- August 25 - **Good Grief!** breakfast after 9 AM Mass at Meadows Cafe
- September 3 - **Shamrockers** travel to Paris, IL for lunch at Betty Jane's Kitchen
- September 7 - **Youth Faith Formation** begins
- September 28 - **SAVE THE DATE** for the **Parish Picnic**



## WEEKEND MINISTERS: If you are unable to serve, please find a sub.

SACRISTAN	USHERS	READERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
<b>SATURDAY AUGUST 9</b>				
Lauren Pate	Bill Siebenmorgan Adam Nolte Richard Collins Larry Kelly	M Bryant R Laubert	J. Wagner L. Bryant P. Grabowski	
<b>SUNDAY AUGUST 10</b>				
Rebecca Olinske	Pat Monaghan Rick Shagley Richard Shagley Joseph Steppe Tim Monaghan Bill Cummins	S. Dinkel B. Haley	K. Freeman B. Haley C. Haley	

## St. Patrick & St. Margaret Mary MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY COMMUNION SERVICE	7:15 AM Monday-Friday at Saint Patrick
RECITATION OF THE HOLY ROSARY	30 minutes prior to weekend masses
SACRAMENT OF PENANCE	Friday 9:30-10:30 AM at SMM (except 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday - after 6pm Mass) Saturday 3 PM at SMM and after 6PM Mass at SP Sunday 8 AM at SP Wednesday 5-6PM at SP
FRIDAY August 8	9AM Saint Margaret Mary - Fr. Elmer 9:30-10:30 AM Adoration ^ Reconciliation 6 PM Saint Patrick - Fr Elmer
SATURDAY AUGUST 9	10 AM Saint Patrick - Fr. Todd 4 PM Saint Margaret Mary - Fr. Elmer 6 PM Saint Patrick - Fr. Elmer
SUNDAY AUGUST 10	9 AM Saint Patrick - Fr. Elmer 11 AM Saint Margaret Mary - Fr Elmer
TUESDAY AUGUST 12	9 AM Saint Patrick - Fr Elmer 6 PM Saint Margaret Mary - Fr Todd
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 13	9 AM Saint Patrick - Fr Elmer 6 PM Saint Margaret Mary - Fr Elmer
THURSDAY AUGUST 14	9AM Saint Margaret Mary - Fr Elmer 6 PM Saint Patrick - Fr Elmer