



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- September 1- Labor Day (No School)
- September 10- Faculty Meeting (No Raven Academy)
- September 12- Alternate dress for a donation
- September 13- Bourbon & Blue Jeans Fundraiser

- September 17-Mum Fundraiser Pickup
- September 18/19- Parent/Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal 1:15 p.m.)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Ravens Family,

What a fantastic start to the school year! We are thrilled to welcome 50 new students to our St. Ben's family, bringing our total enrollment to 392 students this year!

This school year, our Diocesan Theme is Building a Future of Hope. Together, as a faith-filled community, we are called to embrace the hope that Christ has placed in our hearts. Rooted in prayer, guided by the Holy Spirit, and strengthened by the Eucharist, we dedicate ourselves to building a future filled with faith, joy, and love for God and one another. May our words, actions, and choices reflect Christ's light as we journey together in faith.

Mark Your Calendars – Grandparents Day is Back!

We are overjoyed to bring this very special tradition back to our community. Grandparents hold such a treasured place in the lives of our students, and we cannot wait to welcome them for a day filled with faith, love, and celebration. See the flyer in the newsletter below for details on this event.

School Fundraiser Bourbon and Blue Jeans - Saturday, September 13

This event is quickly approaching, and we are excited to make it even more successful than last year. Tickets are available now through the Parish Office (contact Angie Wellmeier at awellmeier@evdio.org). We are also working hard toward our goal of selling 1,000 bourbon raffle tickets, available now in the Parish Office. Online silent auction bidding will start soon—stay tuned! This year's Fund-A-Need project is to add additional fencing to our playground to ensure the safety and security of our campus.

PTO News

Our PTO continues to grow, and we couldn't be more excited about the positive energy and changes happening this year. A heartfelt thank you to Jennifer Stute, PTO President, for her dedication to expanding opportunities for parents to get involved. A friendly reminder: PTO membership fees are \$15 per family or \$10 per student. Payments may be submitted to the office with "PTO membership fees" and your family name clearly marked.

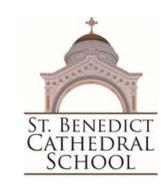
Academics

Please check PowerSchool regularly to stay updated on your child's progress. Progress reports will be sent home, and academic athletic eligibility checks will take place on Wednesday, September 10.

Parent-teacher conferences will take place on September 18 & 19. Students will be dismissed at 1:15 pm on both days. Please check your email for a link to sign up for a conference slot.

As we begin this exciting school year, let us pray for one another and remain united in Christ. May all we do at St. Ben's reflect our commitment to Building a Future of Hope.

Megan Wright Principal



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Raven News

RAVENS IS ACTION









A MESSAGE FROM MRS. SKIPPER, YOUTH FIRST

September marks National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

It is a myth that talking about suicide makes people suicidal. The truth is, talking about suicide helps our students, caregivers, teachers, and community members better understand the warning signs, ways to get help, and how to have more empathic discussions about mental health.

In 7th grade Health classes, Ms Skipper will teach the students a program called Signs of Suicide (SOS). This evidence-based prevention technique helps students recognize if a friend may be struggling and then Acknowledge, Care, Tell (ACT) to get that friend help. Students will also learn about positive ways to manage stress to keep their mind and body healthy.

Ms Skipper trains the St Ben's staff in suicide prevention with a technique called Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR). Staff are routinely taught this technique and how to get a student they are concerned about the support they need.

How Can I Help as a Caregiver?

Check in with your child frequently about their mental health. How are they feeling? What things are stressing them out? Do they have positive friends to help them when they are struggling? Do they know how to relax and destress in a healthy way? Just as we take our children to the doctor to maintain their physical health, mental health needs frequent maintenance, as well!

Warning Signs to Watch for:

- Prolonged depression (for adolescents, depression is not always sadness! It can often look like anger and irritability)
- Alcohol and drug use
- Suicide threats, talking about a desire to die or "just not be here anymore"
- Previous suicide attempts
- · Sudden changes in behavior (academically, socially with peers or family)
- · Giving away prized possessions
- Increased apathy or loss of motivation

If you are worried about your student, please do not hesitate to reach out. The St Ben's administration and Youth First social worker are here to help. You can also speak with your primary care physician for assistance or referrals.

Brooke Skipper is the Youth First Social Worker at St Benedict Cathedral School. You can call the school to reach her personal extension or send her an email at bskipper@youthfirstinc.org. All contacts are confidential.







ST. BEN'S WELLNESS

Families, Staff, and Community of St. Benedict Cathedral School,

St. Benedict has a continued focus on a fostering a culture of wellness for students, families and staff. Studies have shown that healthy students—particularly those who engage in physical activity and healthy eating—are better learners.

In 2016, our school received an Upgrade grant, which provides the tools schools need to offer opportunities for students to win in the classroom through healthy choices and physical activity. Upgrade currently supports 30 schools with evidence-based programs to develop healthy student behaviors for daily success.

A few of the things that have been integrated into our school environment as a part of this initiative include:

- Super-Food HEROES a taste-testing program that allows elementary students to experience 20 different vegetables and their "super powers"
- Walk to School Day (In May)
- Movement-based physical education
- Brain Boosters in the classroom
- Resources and equipment to enable the cafeteria to serve more fresh fruits and vegetables
 Policies ensuring healthy food or non-food classroom celebrations and reward systems
- Minds in Motion pathways in our halls
- · Sensory room equipment

The school wellness council drives these efforts and guides the school to view aspects such as fundraisers, school events, and classroom routines through a lens of health. We ask for your support as we continue to work together to enhance our current programs and create new healthy living opportunities for all those who enter our building.

Know that our wellness policy can be found on our school's website. We look forward to building a foundation that will ensure a sustainable culture of wellness far into the future. Please feel free to contact me with questions regarding this initiative!

To your health,

Megan Wright

Laurie Schopmeyer





Help us support St. Ben's School

> September 22nd 4:00 pm – Close

10% of ALL Sales will be donated

Come on in to your local Culver's restaurant:

Culver's of Evansville

1734 Hirschland Rd., Evansville, IN, 47630 (812) 437-3333





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PICTURE DAY IS COMING UP!

We'll help you get ready

Picture Day for St Benedict Cathedral School is scheduled for Tuesday, Sep 16.

This event's Order Code is 0097JPF.

Use this link to order pictures: https://inter-state.com/FlyerEntry

Picture Day will be an alternate dress day:

- Shirts must have standard short sleeves or longer.
- Jeans may be worn if they do not have holes or rips.
- Athletic pants and sweatpants may be worn. There should be no wording across the seat of the athletic pants.
- Shorts can be worn (before Nov. 1 and after April 1), but they must be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee.
- No yoga, loungewear, pajama pants, joggers, leggings, stretchy, bike shorts, or tight pants/shorts.
- The regular uniform policy regarding shoes must be followed. Socks must be worn.
- Hoods on sweatshirts cannot be worn up while in the school building.



GRANDPARENTS DAY AT ST. BEN'S

Thursday, September 11, 2025 8:00am-9:45 am

K-8 students, Grandparents, and those like Grandparents are invited to school to visit their Grandchildren's classrooms, then attend the 9:00 am Mass. Please park in the back lot off S Willow Road. Enter through the middle doors, door number 9, of The St. Benedict building. There will be a sign-in table to check in at before visiting your grandchild's classroom.

We want it be special for grandparents, so no parents please.

Multiple Grandkids at St. Ben's- no problem, visit the oldest grandchild first and work your way down to the youngest. You will all be able to meet with all your grandchildren at church and sit together at mass.

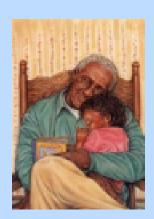


Photo Opportunities Classroom Visit



530 S Harlan Ave

Evansville, IN 47714 Direct questions to:ashepherd@evdio.org

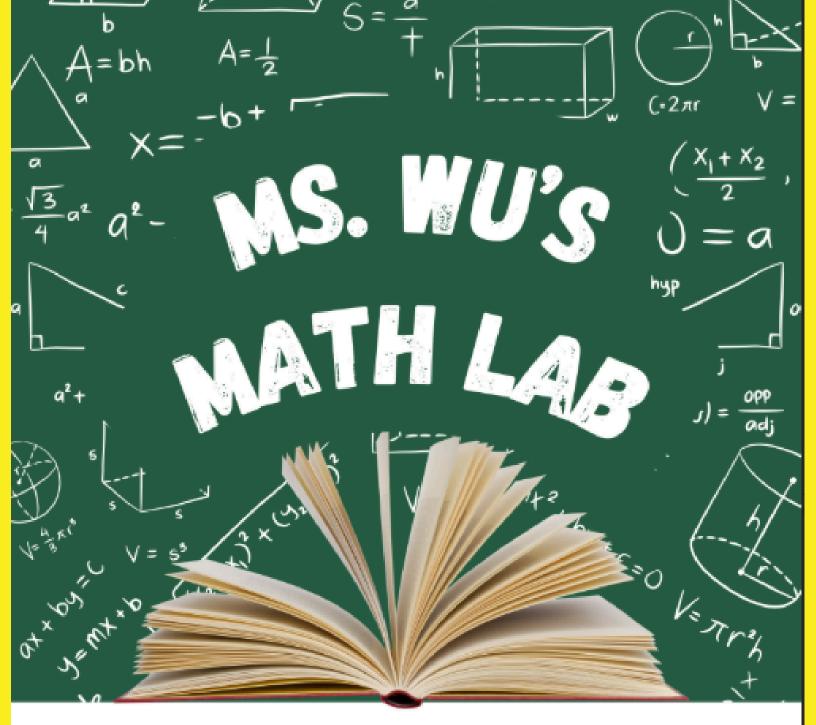




Don't forget, if you have not paid your PTO dues, it is \$10.00 per student or \$15.00 per Family. You can send cash/check to the office in an envelope labeled with your child's name.

Would you like to be a room parent, please sign up using the URL below

HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/SBPTO



WHERE: MS. WU'S CLASSROOM

WHEN: MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY

TIME: 2:35 PM- 3:30 PM

NEW this Year
Middle School Math Lab



Middle School Raven Academy

Where: Mr. Girten's Room (M301)

When: Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays 2:35-3:30

This is a time to get your homework done, please make sure that you bring something to work on when you come to Raven Academy.

Grades 3-5 Study Hall



When: BEGINS SEPT. 2 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 2:35-3:30

Where: Library

This is an opportunity for students to complete their homework in a teacher-supervised study hall. Students need to bring their homework and AR book. ST. BENEDICT CATHEDRAL'S

Bourbon & Blue Jeans

2025 BOURBON RAFFLE

DRAWING: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th AT WAREHOUSE 410
DURING THE BOURBON & BLUE JEANS EVENT

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW! 1 ticket for \$20 / 6 tickets for \$100 / ONE winner drawn

Tickets may be purchased in the parish and/or school offices, or by contacting Angie Wellmeier at 812-425-3369 or awellmeier@evdio.org.



PRIZE = Winner's Choice of:

WELLER FLIGHT:

Weller Full Proof Weller Single Barrel Weller C.Y.P.B. (Bourbons valued at \$1,500)

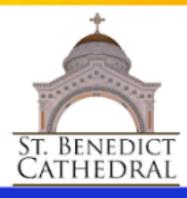
> OR \$1,500 CASH

RAFFLE SPONSORED BY:



Must be 21 to purchase. Need not be present to win.

License #002402 Reference #163335





SPONSOR US

@ Bourbon and Blue Jeans

Do you own a business, or know someone who does, that would sponsor our Bourbon and Blue Jeans event?

\$75.00 - Teacher's Night Out \$500.00- 80 Proof \$1,000.00- 90 Proof \$1,750.00- 100 Proof \$2,500.00- Barrel Proof

PLEASE CONTACT ANGIE WELLMEIER
AWELLMEIER@EVDIO.ORG



SEPTEMBER 13, 2025 • 6:00 PM • WAREHOUSE 410 @ 410 CARPENTER ST. EVV 47708

RESERVE YOUR SEATING TODAY!

INDIVIDUAL TICKET: QTY: \$75.00 TABLE FOR 10: \$750.00 QTY:_____ QTY: TEACHER'S NIGHT OUT SPONSOR: SEND A ST. BEN'S TEACHER TO BOURBON AND BLUE JEANS FOR FREE! INCLUDES NAME DISPLAYED ON SIGNAGE AT THE EVENT I CANNOT ATTEND. BUT WOULD LIKE TO DONATE NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____ _____ EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____ PLEASE LIST THE NAMES OF THOSE SEATED AT YOUR TABLE: (PLEASE INDICATE A "GF" NEXT TO ANY GUEST WHO REQUIRES A GLUTEN-FREE MEAL)

PLEASE SEND THIS FORM AND PAYMENT BY AUGUST 30TH TO: ST. BENEDICT CATHEDRAL, 1328 LINCOLN AVE. EVANSVILLE, IN 47714 OR EMAIL TO AWELLMEIER@EVDIO.ORG

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!







SEPTEMBER 13, 2025 • 6:00 PM • WAREHOUSE 410 @ 410 CARPENTER ST, EVV 47708

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

CATERING SPONSOR (CLAIMED)

\$10,000.00

INCLUDES NAME/LOGO ON DINNER NAPKINS PLACED AT ALL SEATS, TWO (2) VIP TABLES FOR 10 PEOPLE EACH (20 PEOPLE TOTAL), I PREMIUM DRINK TICKET PER PERSON, NAME AND LOGO DISPLAYED ON MAIN PROMOTIONAL FLYER AS A TOP SUPPORTER, NAME DISPLAYED ON INDIVIDUAL SIGNAGE AT THE EVENT, NAME MENTIONED ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND MARQUEE SIGN ON LINCOLN AVENUE

BOURBON RAFFLE SPONSOR (CLAIMED)

\$5,000.00

INCLUDES NAME/LOGO ON ALL RAFFLE TICKETS SOLD IN THE MONTH LEADING UP TO THE EVENT, NAME/LOGO ON RAFFLE FLYER AND ALL RAFFLE PROMOTIONS, NAME AND LOGO DISPLAYED ON MAIN PROMOTIONAL FLYER AS A TOP SUPPORTER, A VIP TABLE FOR 10, 1 PREMIUM DRINK TICKET PER PERSON, NAME AND LOGO DISPLAYED ON INDIVIDUAL SIGNAGE AT THE EVENT, NAME MENTIONED ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND MARQUEE SIGN ON LINCOLN AVENUE

CASH BAR/PHOTO BOOTH SPONSOR (CLAIMED)

\$5,000.00

INCLUDES NAME/LOGO ON SIGNAGE NEXT TO EACH BAR, LOGO ON EACH PHOTO DOWNLOADED AT THE PHOTO BOOTH THAT IS SHARED ON SBC'S SOCIAL MEDIA ALONG WITH GUEST FACEBOOK SHARES, A VIP TABLE FOR 10, 1 PREMIUM DRINK TICKET PER PERSON, NAME AND LOGO DISPLAYED ON MAIN PROMOTIONAL FLYER AS A TOP SUPPORTER, NAME MENTIONED ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND MARQUEE SIGN ON LINCOLN AVENUE

BID PADDLE SPONSOR (CLAIMED)

\$5,000.00

INCLUDES A VIP TABLE FOR 10, 1 PREMIUM DRINK TICKET PER PERSON, NAME AND LOGO DISPLAYED ON HAIN PROMOTIONAL FLYER AS A TOP SUPPORTER, NAME AND LOGO DISPLAYED ON THE BACK OF THE BID PADDLES USED FOR THE LIVE AUCTION AND THE FUND-A-NEED. NAME MENTIONED ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND MARQUEE SIGN ON LINCOLN AVENUE

BARREL PROOF SPONSOR

\$2,500.00

INCLUDES A VIP TABLE FOR 10, 1 PREMIUM DRINK TICKET PER PERSON, NAME AND LOGO DISPLAYED ON INDIVIDUAL SIGNAGE AT THE EVENT, NAME MENTIONED ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND MARQUEE SIGN ON LINCOLN AVENUE

100 PROOF SPONSOR

\$1,750.00

INCLUDES A VIP TABLE FOR 10, 1 BEER/WINE DRINK TICKET PER PERSON, NAME DISPLAYED ON SPONSOR GROUP SIGNAGE AT THE EVENT, NAME MENTIONED ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND MARQUEE SIGN ON LINCOLN AVENUE

90 PROOF SPONSOR

\$1,000.00

INCLUDES 6 TICKETS, NAME DISPLAYED ON SPONSOR GROUP SIGNAGE AT THE EVENT, NAME MENTIONED ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND MARQUEE SIGN ON LINCOLN AVENUE

80 PROOF SPONSOR

\$500.00

INCLUDES 2 TICKETS, NAME DISPLAYED ON SPONSOR GROUP SIGNAGE AT THE EVENT

TEACHER'S NIGHT OUT SPONSOR

\$75.00

SEND A ST. BEN'S TEACHER TO BOURBON AND BLUE JEANS FOR FREE! INCLUDES NAME DISPLAYED ON SIGNAGE AT THE EVENT

NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
PHONE:	EMAIL:
SPONSOR LEVEL:	TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$

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FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!







Dear families,

The Literati Everglow Forest Book Fair is coming to St Benedict School on September 18 – 26, 2025! Families are specially invited to visit the fair during Parent-Teachers Conferences on September 18-19 from 10 – 3pm. Every purchase supports our school!

Our **online fair** will be open from now until the end of our school book fair. Visit the QR code or URL below to find more favorite titles—including *Dog Man* and *The Baby-Sitters Club*—only available online! And be sure to shop your teacher's wishlist in our school's Literati Store.

Want a 20% volunteer discount? Whether you're crafty, creative, or social media savvy, we'd love your help! To sign up by clicking on the link below:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B44A8AC22A6FA7-57973054-tumble



SHOP Books & Games

Online, you'll find a bigger selection of popular series and educational games.

All purchases support our school!



PURCHASE Digital Gift Cards

Students get a free glow bracelet when they redeem their gift cards in person.

Gift cards make great gifts for teachers and librarians!



DISCOVER Literati Book Club

Raise a reader and support our school. Each new, active sign-up = \$100 for our fair!

> Get started at Literati.com/Fall25

Literati

Connect to our school at LITERATI.COM/STORE



Literati BOOK FAIRS

Gift Card Guide

FOR PARENTS

Gift cards are an easy student payment method, and they make great gifts for teachers and librarians. You can also send gift cards as donations to our school to help ensure every student can shop the book fair!

Literati gift cards are purchasable online at **Literati.com/Store**, and they can be used for both online orders and in-person purchases. Leftover balances may be used at future Literati Book Fairs or throughout the year at our school's Literati Store.

Gift card codes will be delivered via email and can be printed out for easier in-person checkout. To redeem a gift card, present or enter in your code at checkout. If you're sending a gift card to another recipient, they'll know who it came from.

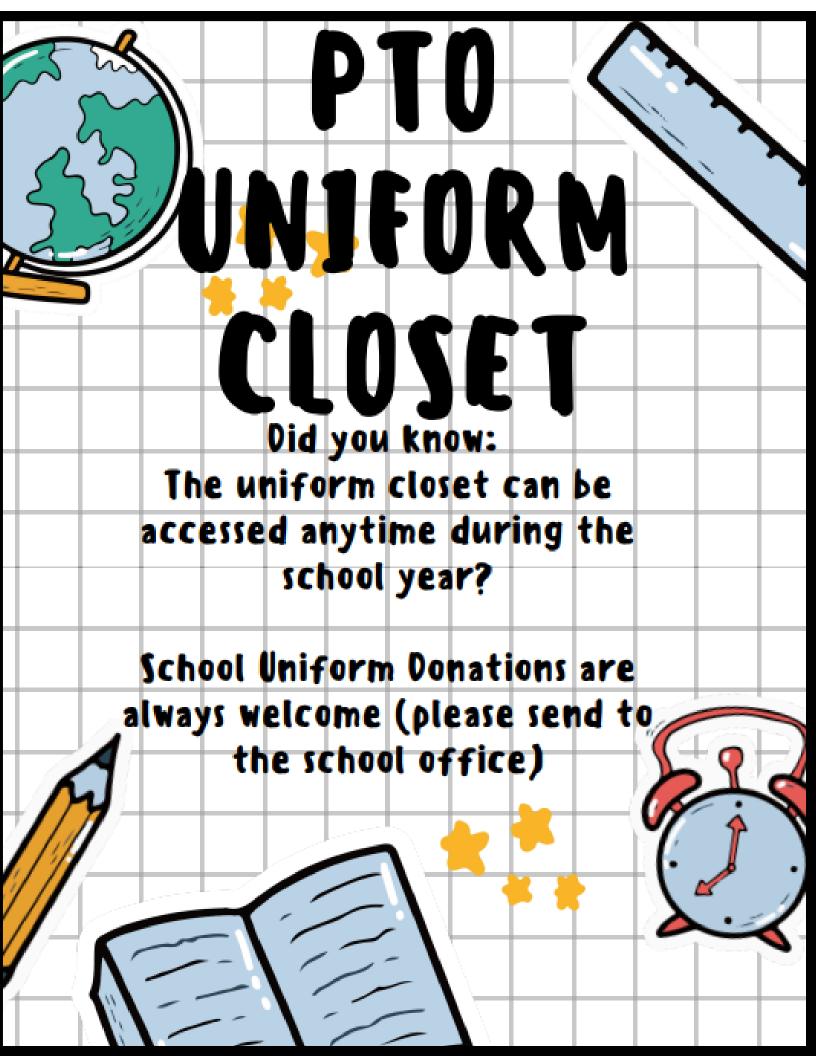
PURCHASING GIFT CARDS

- Go to Literati.com/Store and connect to our school.
- Select the "GIFT CARDS" tab at the top of the page.
- Choose a gift card amount and click the purple button to continue.
- Select what the gift card is for and enter recipient details. Click Add to Cart, then continue to checkout to complete the purchase.
- Once the purchase is complete, check your email for your gift card. Print it out if you'll be using it at the in-person book fair!

Contact as at 200.000.1008 or UMBagement@terrel.com Citerati GIFT CARD Book Fairs & School Store Hi Marie Smith, You have received a Literati Book Fairs gift card from Penny. Thank you for all you do! We can't wait to see what books you'll add to the classroom illorary. \$40.00





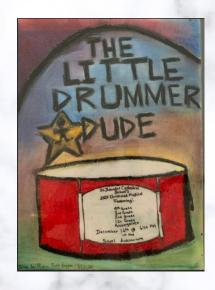


Save the Date



Proudly Presents Our

2025 Christmas Program



The Little Drummer Dude

Abel, the PTB's band roadie discovers his passion for playing the drum. On his way, he meets Wise Men and hopes to play his drum for the King. The wise men encourage his efforts on his journey to Bethlehem. We celebrate Jesus' birth and learn that God can do amazing things with the tiniest of individuals.



December 16, 2025 @ 6 PM

St. Benedict School's Auditorium Featuring:

Kindergarten-4th Grade Students



Ravens, Show your Support and help the Fight Against Hunger Friday, September 12 Alternate Dress with a donation

(see handbook for guidelines)



9th Annual Friday Knights Hunger Bowl to Raise money for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry

The 8* Annual Friday KNIGHTS Hunger Bowl is scheduled for Friday, September 12 at Enlow Field at Bosse High School. Game time is 6:30 pm. This project raises monies for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry. The Hunger Bowl Game will feature the Reitz Memorial Tigers and Mater Dei Wildcats. This is the 9th annual Friday Knight HUNGER Bowl. Mary Reed, SVDP Food Pantry Manager, appreciates all the monies from the supporters of Memorial and Mater Dei. Over the first eight years over \$130,000 has been raised to help St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry. Our goal

this year is to raise \$40,000.

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry recently lost one of its largest suppliers, which had previously donated \$120,000 in graceries annually. This major loss comes at a time when the number of households seeking assistance continues to climb; many of them first-time visitors struggling to keep up with inflation and food insecurity.

As successful as we have been, the needs continue to grow and more help is needed. Some sobering facts from last Fiscal year at SVDP Food Pantry:

- Distributed An estimated 94,032 boxes of food weighing 666,108 pounds.
- Not unusual for us to serve over 100 families per day.
- Spent \$154,000 on food purchases for distribution, up from \$90,000 the previous year
- Coinciding factors were a decrease in the amount of food provided from Tri-State Food Pantry and an increase in the number of households seeking assistance - many were first-time visitors.

The Friday Knights Hunger Bowl began nine years ago after John Sandwell, Knight of the Auxillio Knights of Columbus Council 16454 read about a similar activity Florida. The first year resulted in just over \$3,000 collected. After the check presentation to then SVDP Food Pantry manager,, Sister Donna Marie Herr, OSB, Brother Knight Mark Hackert(St. Benedict Cathedral Council 7544) met for celebratory pizza at Deerhead Pizza across the street. The conversation quickly turned to how to increase donations in the future. The enthusiasm and ideas discussed were instrumental 9in driving the HUNGER BOWL forward to unforeseen heights.

Each year the student bodies of Memorial and Mater Del, the Catholic grade schools, the area K of C Councils, attendees of the game itself and community supporters are involved in the fund raising. Over the last few years, foundations, trusts and businesses have supported this worthy need. Each year we have worked to involve more people to increase the amount of support we can offer the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry. We again ask for support in promoting this event with the goal of promoting the gift of giving to those in need. Donations can be made directly to St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry online at: https://www.fridayknightshungerbowl.org

In addition, this year we would like to be able to share information on the Knights of Columbus with your students and their families. There is a separate sheet on the Knights of Columbus.

Web Page: https://www.fridayknightshungerbowl.org

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/FridayKnightsHungerBowl

Knights of Columbus: http://www.kofc.org

Knights of SW Indiana: https://www.facebook.com/kofcswindiana

For more information on the Knights of Columbus and Hunger Bowl contact:

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John Sandwell812-250-1923 sandwell@sbcglobal.net

Contact At St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry

KIDS TRIATHLON

SWIM BIKE RUN FUN!



Saturday

September 13, 2025



Time

09.00 AM - 12.00 PM



Deaconess Aquatic Center

24 Don Mattingly Way Evansville, IN 47711

ends in Garvin Park

Age Groups:

- 5–6 years (25 yd, .75 mi, .25 mi)
- 7–9 years (50 yd, 1.5 mi, .75 mi)
- 10–12 years (75 yd, 2.25 mi, 1.5 mi)

Early Bird Fee: \$20 (until August 1)

Fee After August 1: \$25

Registration Closes September 6, 2025

Scan the QR Code to Register



Running clock format; no official times will be kept. For questions, email dacmastersswimming@ymcaswin.org



*training wheels permitted



Encounter † Deepen † Engage



Encounter H(t)PE

A Jubilee Year Event **Building Christ-Centered Families**

Saturday, December 6th | 8 am - 4 pm (CST)

Opening Mass with Bishop Siegel | St. Benedict Cathedral Adult Conference Following Mass | Reitz Memorial HS Auditorium

Featured Speakers ...



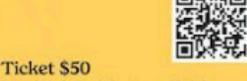
Bobby & Jackie Angel



Mark Hart



Fr. Alex Zenthoefer



Limited Seating available. Scan for more information. Or visit evdio.org/encounter

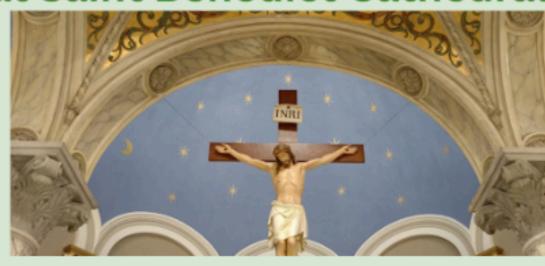


Friday Night Bilingual | Featuring HOLY HOUR

Tony Melendez

December 5th | 6-7 pm (CST) St. Benedict Cathedral. No Ticket Required.





Women's Welcome #1: January 31-February 1, 2026

Men's Welcome #1: February 28-March 1, 2026

For FAQ about Welcome and to sign up, scan the QR code below

Scan here for Women's Welcome

