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Spring, 2017

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Peace and Good!

We are a community blessed with God's presence and grace, called as disciples to witness to the good news of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are guided by the teachings of the Church and the inspiration of our Seraphic Father, Saint Francis of Assisi.

This Directory reminds us of who we are: a parish family, centered on Christ, committed to serving all of God's people, especially those most in need.

Thank you for your presence and for your commitment to our parish through your time, talent, and treasure.

On behalf of my associates and brother friars, Fr. Michael Ciski, TOR, and Fr. Dennis Gang, TOR, please know you're always in our prayers.

In Christ,

Fr. Luke Robertson, TOR  
Pastor

## Church and School Administration

|                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
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## Parish Information

Our Parish Office is open 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, and closed 12:00 Noon to 1:00 pm Monday through Thursday, open Friday's during lunch for parishioner convenience.

## Holy Mass Schedule

### Weekday Daily Mass

Monday-Friday 8:00 am

### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm

Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am and 1:00 pm

### Holy Day Mass Schedule

Vigil 6:30 pm

Holy Day 8:00 am, School Mass 10:00 am, and 6:30 pm

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**Angelie V. Zamora, DDS, FAGD**



## Lent, Triduum, Easter and Advent Season

Please refer to the [smgparish.org](http://smgparish.org) website for the Triduum, Easter, and Advent Mass schedules.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Daily in the Sacred Heart Oratory 6:00 am-10:00 pm.

Friday Adoration in the Church 8:00 am-12:00 noon, with  
Benediction at 12:00 noon.

First Wednesday in the Church 6:00 pm-8:00 pm, with  
Benediction at 8:00 pm

## Sacraments

### First Friday Sacrament

Anointing of the Sick (during the 8:00 am Mass)

### Sacrament of Baptism

Baptismal Instruction Classes-monthly 10:00-11:00 am on the second Saturday of the month.

Baptisms are scheduled on the second and third Sundays at 2:30 pm.  
or may take place during one of our regular Masses.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:00-5:30 pm

First Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00 pm

By appointment via the Parish Office.

### Sacrament of Marriage

At least nine months is needed to prepare for your marriage. If you have been previously married and divorced, considerably more time may be required. Please do not set your wedding date before meeting with one of our Friars.

### Holy Orders and Consecrated Life

If you are interested in becoming a sister, brother, deacon, or priest, please contact one of our Friars or the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. James Wilcox, at [frwilcox@fwdioc.org](mailto:frwilcox@fwdioc.org).

### Quince Años

The Quince Años is a special celebration of a young man or a young woman's 15th birthday. It is "a moment of giving thanks to God for the gift of life, family, and community". Quince Años blessings may take place during one of our regular Masses or outside of Mass during a special Liturgy of the Word celebration. Please contact Ali Poteet at [apoteet@smgparish.org](mailto:apoteet@smgparish.org) at least two months before to your desired date for more information on preparation.

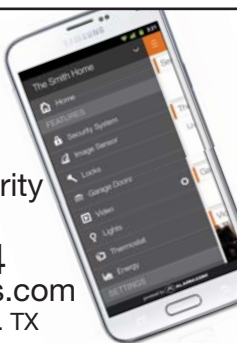


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## Novena Schedule

### **The Holy Spirit Novena**

This begins nine days before the Feast of All Souls (October 25-November 2) each year with the prayer intentions of the Church, the world, our parishioners, and friends remembered at our daily 8:00 am Masses and 6:30 pm Masses during the Novena. Cards are available for a donation to be sent to those who are remembered in our prayer intentions. Donation cards are available to be sent to those who are remembered in our prayer intentions.

### **The Divine Mercy Novena**

This begins each year on Good Friday after the noon Stations of the Cross. Prayers are recited at 8:00 am on Holy Saturday and each 8:00 am Mass during Easter Week. On Divine Mercy Sunday, the faithful gather after the 1:00 pm Mass for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. At the 3:00 pm Hour of Mercy, the prayers of Divine Mercy and Chaplet are recited, and the image of Divine Mercy is blessed. Benediction concludes the Hour of Divine Mercy.

## Parish Ministries

### Adult Faith Formation

Keith Parker, M.T.S. .... Director ..... [kparker@smgparish.org](mailto:kparker@smgparish.org)  
..... 817-274-0643 ext. 226  
Brenda Hawley ..... Secretary ..... [bhawley@smgparish.org](mailto:bhawley@smgparish.org)  
..... 817-274-0643 ext. 227

### **Adult Confirmation**

Baptized Catholics who have not yet been confirmed may receive confirmation at Easter Vigil or Pentecost after having received the proper sacramental preparation.

### **Baptismal Prep**

Prepares Parents and Godparents for their duties to the children being baptized and refreshes their understanding of the Sacrament of Baptism.

### **Catholic Scripture Study**

Parishioners come together to study the Word of God on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm.

### **FORMED.org**

FORMED.org is an online platform featuring the best Catholic videos, audio talks, eBooks and movies from trusted partners like the Augustine Institute, Saint Paul Center, Marian Fathers, Lighthouse Catholic Media, Ignatius Press and Word on Fire.

### **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**

Meetings are held on Thursdays from 7:00 pm-9:00 pm, as well as special rites, and events from August until Pentecost for those who wish to enter into full communion with the Church.





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## **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Sponsor**

A sponsor is a confirmed Catholic in good standing with the Church who represents the community in welcoming new members into the Catholic faith. Sponsors guide and share with the new member on their faith journey to become Catholic by providing encouragement and answering questions. They attend Thursday night RCIA meetings 7:00 pm-9:00 pm as well as special rites and events from August/September until Pentecost (May/June).

## **Ministries/Organizations within Faith Formation**

### **Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP)**

Christ Renews His Parish is a weekend retreat designed to give both the individual and the parish community an experience of spiritual renewal and growth. It is an opportunity to bring members of the parish together to grow individually in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and build Christian community. Men and women participate on different weekends. You must be a parishioner and at least 18 years old to participate.

Jill Granger (Women) ..... smgcrhpwomensgroup@gmail.com

Duncan Granger (Men) ..... smgcrhpmensgroup@gmail.com

### **Morning Joys**

This group of all ages gathers on Thursdays from 10:00 am-12:00 noon in the Padre Pio House for prayer and scripture study.

Cathy Leicht: 817-501-4995 ..... smgmorningjoys@gmail.com

### **Natural Family Planning**

Natural Family Planning reflects the dignity of the human person within the context of marriage and family life, promotes openness to life, and recognizes the value of the child. By respecting the love-giving and life-giving natures of marriage, NFP can enrich the bond between husband and wife.

Crystal Nelson: 817-274-0643 ..... smgnaturalfamily@gmail.com

### **Nursery**

The parish provides a nursery at the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses. Adult and teenage volunteers are welcome. Safe Environment training is required.

Ana Gomez via Parish Office..... smgnursery@gmail.com

### **Small Christian Community**

Small Christian Community Ministry (SCC) is for YOU! Young or old, married or single, new to the Parish or longtime member! The Lord wants to deepen your faith & increase your sense of belonging. Meet parishioners who are looking to connect with other faithful people for fellowship, prayer, scripture study, & reflection.

Come as you are! The only requirement is to come with an open heart!

Cynthia Garcia: 817-988-6876 ..... smgsccg@gmail.com

### **SMG Moms Group**

A casual moms' group has been formed to discuss all things family & faith. A 'bring-your-kids-to-play' format is fellowship friendly for moms & children. Talk with other Catholic moms about their victories, struggles, and coping mechanisms!

Jennifer McAfee: 682-564-3746 ..... smgmomsgroup@gmail.com

### **SMG Immaculata**

Hosts periodic group Marian Consecrations in the Rosary Garden and provides on-line resources for fostering Marian Devotion.

## **Liturgy and Music**

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..... 817-274-0643 ext. 234  
Todd Hughes.....Organist ..... thughes@smgparish.org  
Michele Gilmore...Liturgy Assistant .....mgilmore@smgparish.org  
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## **Liturgy**

### **Altar Servers**

Those who are in sixth grade or above assist the presider during Mass and other liturgical events.

Ron Arseneau ..... smgaltarserver@gmail.com

### **Art and Environment**

Parishioners decorate to correspond with the liturgical seasons and special devotions throughout the year.

Jane Ladik ..... via fbreed@smgparish.org

### **Baptismal Sacristan**

Volunteers assist the priest with baptismal celebrations. Training sessions are provided.

### **Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist**

Lay people assist the clergy with the special responsibility of distributing the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass. The initial training workshop is mandatory, and ministers are required to attend a refresher training session each year.

Nel Blackerby/Rodney Hatch..... via fbreed@smgparish.org

### **Funeral Ministry**

Trained parishioners meet with family members to plan the Funeral Vigil, Funeral or Memorial Mass of their loved one. They help the family to choose readings and music for the Funeral Mass, as well as for the Vigil. In addition, volunteers serve as Greeters for family and friends as they arrive and assist the grieving family with the Funeral Mass Celebration to assure that the liturgy flows smoothly.

## **Hearing Impaired Interpreter**

The Deaf Ministry Program is involved in our parish through Faith Formation classes, Sign Language classes and interpreted Masses. Video telephone number for the Deaf 817-591-0186.

Mary McFarland ..... smgdeafministry@gmail.com

## **Hospitality Ministry**

Greeters/Ushers create a welcoming environment at Mass by greeting the faithful as they enter the Church. They assist in locating seating for Mass attendees, take up the offertory collection, pass out Bulletins and perform the weekly Mass count.

Rachel Green ..... smghospitality@gmail.com

## **Lector**

Lectors should have a love for God's Word and good speaking skills to proclaim the Scriptures at Mass. A "Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word" is available for purchase for all lectors to help them practice the readings. The initial training workshop is mandatory, and lectors are required to attend refresher training sessions.

Annette Boyles/Diego Pena ..... via fbreed@smgparish.org

## **Mass Captain**

The Mass Captain arrives 30 minutes before Mass and assists the Sacristan by ensuring the assigned Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers and Lectors show up properly dressed and on time. At 15 minutes before Mass, the Mass Captain will obtain replacements for any that did not have a substitute or failed to show. They notify the Sacristan when all are signed in or if they are having difficulty finding replacements.

Brad Maunders ..... bmaunders@smgparish.org

## **Mass Sacristan**

Mass Sacristans prepare the sacred books and vessels, bells and linens for Mass, and work with the Mass Captain to ensure there are enough liturgical ministers (Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Servers, etc.) to make the Mass run smoothly. The initial training workshop is mandatory and ongoing training with a current Sacristan is expected.

## **Wedding Ministry**

When couples are married at Saint Maria Goretti, they are assisted in their preparations by parish volunteers who direct the wedding rehearsal and attend the wedding. These volunteers make sure that the Wedding Liturgy flows smoothly according to our parish guidelines. Training is provided.

## **Ministries/Organizations within Liturgy**

### **Marriage Prep Sponsor Couples**

Volunteer couples help couples who are preparing for marriage at Saint Maria Goretti. During 4-6 meetings, the volunteer couple interprets a Fully Engaged survey that aids the engaged couple as they look at important issues that may arise in their marriage.

Aimee & Chris Hoelscher: 817-496-3676 .....

..... smgmarriageprep@gmail.com

### **Visiting Ministry**

Visiting Ministers reach out to our sick and homebound members by making visits and bringing Holy Communion. Volunteers bring the love of Christ by offering conversation and praying with each person. Emma Daniel: 817-451-7799 Coordinator-Home/Nursing Facilities  
Barbara Heunermund: 817-680-6260 Coordinator-Hospitals  
smgvisitingministry@gmail.com

## **Music**

### **Angelus (Children's Choir)**

Children's Choir sings at the 5:30 pm Mass on Saturdays and at special liturgies throughout the year. Children age 8-13 are invited to tryout and interview. Rehearsals are held on Wednesday afternoons, 5:30 pm-6:30 pm.

### **Cantors**

Cantors lead the congregation in song, a role which requires special vocal capabilities and extensive training. Cantors meet once a month on Saturday mornings for private coaching sessions and are members of one of the choirs.

### **Children's Summer Choir Camp**

This week long camp includes Bible Study, Arts, and Crafts, singing, acting and performance rehearsals and techniques all within the theme of the selected musical presentation. The camp concludes the week with the presentation of the musical on the evening of the last day of camp. The camp begins at 8:00 am and ends at 1:00 pm daily and is open to children 8 to 13 years of age. Registration begins April 1st and is limited to 60 participants. Scholarships are available.

### **Choro di pace (Adult Choir)**

The Choro di pace choir sings at the 9:00 am Sunday Mass and at special liturgies throughout the year. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings, 7:30 pm-9:00 pm. The group is made up of male and female members of high school age through retirees.

### **Organist Training**

Todd Hughes is our full-time organist and accompanist for cantors and choral groups in the Music Ministry. If you possess skills to train as an apprentice/assistant organist or accompanist, contact him for an appointment/interview.

### **Saint Cecilia Singers**

Saint Cecilia Singers is a women's ensemble that supports the music at the 11:00 am Sunday Mass and other special liturgies throughout the year. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings, 7:00 pm-8:00 pm.

## Marriage Annulments

Canon Law requires the existence of a Marriage Tribunal in every Diocese in the World. It is the Ecclesial Court which offers assistance to those who request that the Church study their marriage in order to determine if their marriage was lacking (from back to the time of consent) any essential(s) required for a valid marriage.

A Decree of Invalidity of a previous marriage must be proven before marriage in the Catholic Church is permitted.

Every marriage is considered Valid until proven otherwise, by the Tribunal Judges, after much Testimony, Witnesses, Documents, and sometimes Professional Evaluations, etc.

As marriage is a Sacrament and life binding, it can be a long process and take much time to determine if it is invalid. A Civil Divorce does not invalidate a marriage.

Please remember that there are different grounds for a Decree of Invalidity because each marriage case is different and confidential.

Helen Engle, Tribunal Advocate ..... 817-261-9706  
Maria Starrett, Tribunal Advocate ..... [marriagetribunal@smgparish.org](mailto:marriagetribunal@smgparish.org)

## SMG School

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### **Philosophy**

Saint Maria Goretti Catholic School is a community of believers with the purpose of providing a Catholic environment in which the gospel of Jesus Christ is taught, practiced, and experienced.

### **Mission Statement**

Saint Maria Goretti Catholic School is a living testament to our Lord's work in his youngest disciples, exemplified by academic excellence, spiritual formation, and compassionate service to others.

### **School Goals**

In line with our mission statement, we pledge to: develop a spiritual life for the students through the celebration of liturgical prayer and the sacraments, foster an awareness of our responsibilities to self and to the society in which we live to provide the best education possible for students in a Christian environment, and "teach as Jesus did" as the Church encourages us to do.

## History

The Sisters of Saint Mary of Namur founded Saint Maria Goretti Catholic School in 1954. To meet the needs of students and faculty, the school has grown over the years. In addition, fully networked computers with internet access are available in every classroom.

## Social Ministry

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Social Ministry ..... For Clients ..... pjdirector@smgparish.org  
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## Christmas Angel Tree Ministry

Each Christmas, the social ministry decorates a tree with paper angels. Each tag represents a needy child's shoe and clothing sizes, and their wish for a particular toy, sports item or game. Parishioners pick one or more of these "gift Angel tags", register the angel, buy a gift or gifts of clothing and/or the special wish, returning the gifts to the social ministry for distribution.

## Saint Anthony's Bread & Food Pantry

Volunteers distribute food every Tuesday and Saturday, at the Padre Pio House, excluding holidays, by appointment, take out only, serving specific Arlington zip codes beginning at 8:00 am and ending at 12:00 noon. Besides the basic staple food items procured, other foods are donated by SMG parishioners, SMG School, Holy Rosary School children, Saint Joseph's Love trucks, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Knights of Columbus, Salvation Army, and others.

## Saint Therese Baby's World

Volunteers distribute baby items to needy families every Tuesday and Saturday, excluding holidays, by appointment, take out only, beginning at 8:00 am and ending by 12:00 Noon. Items donated include new clothes, clean used clothing, diapers, formula, baby food, etc. Special donations are received via birthday parties, SMG school children/National Jr. Honor Society and private contributions.

## Thanksgiving Basket Ministry

The social ministry reaches out to needy families on Thanksgiving by collecting, preparing and distributing food baskets. A "Love" truck weekend is sponsored for parishioners to assist in providing requested items or by donating funds or gift cards.

## Tools for School

Our parish collects new and gently used school supplies from parishioners and the local community. These are distributed to needy children at the beginning of the school year and as needed, helping them to overcome social embarrassment and impediments to learning. The group also collects supplies to supplement the parish school teacher's "Wish List," assisting the teachers throughout the school year with items they would otherwise have to purchase themselves.

## SMG Saint Vincent de Paul Conference

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVdP) is a volunteer lay Catholic organization. Members are called Vincentians, and come from all ages, socioeconomic backgrounds, and cultures. No act of charity is too small for Vincentians. Through the Saint Maria Goretti SVdP Conference, we will honor the mission of the Society by offering assistance to those who have fallen upon times of hardship and personal crisis. We will assist those individuals and families that need basic necessities such as food, utility and rent payments through home visits of two people. The home visit is what separates the Society from other social agencies. The role of the Vincentian is not only to provide financial assistance but to be loving, supportive, and compassionate. It is through serving those in need that we live the gospel message of loving our neighbor. We work in conjunction with, and in support of, the existing Social Ministry program at Saint Maria Goretti Catholic Church.

Alex Benevites, President .....svdpsmg1200@gmail.com

## Youth Ministry

Ali Poteet..... Director ..... apoteet@smgparish.org

High School: Grades 9-12..... 817-274-0643 ext. 256

Olga Watson..... Coordinator ..... owatson@smgparish.org

Middle School: Grades 5-8 ..... 817-274-0643 ext. 313

## Youth Formation K-4

### K-4-Youth Ministry

Youth in kindergarten through grade 4 encounter God and build a firm foundation of faith through multisensory, creative activities & catechesis using the Ignatius Faith & Life Series and the Sunday Gospel readings.

Sessions are held Sunday mornings from 9:15 am to 10:30 am.

### Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a powerful, fun-filled week of sharing the Gospel with children in kindergarten through 4th grade. Kids will learn how great our God is and how to live out their faith in real ways through multisensory, engaging Bible study, fun music, high-energy games, creative science experiments, crafts, and testimonies from kids their own age.

Shannon Salomao.....ssalomao@smgschool.org



## **Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC)**

The RCIC program is offered for children in 2nd through 4th grade who have not yet been baptized and are now seeking to develop an understanding of and desiring to embrace the Catholic Faith. RCIC meets Sunday mornings to prepare for Baptism, First Reconciliation, and First Holy Communion.

## **Special Sacramental Preparation (SSP) Grades 3-4**

SSP is offered for those children in 3rd & 4th grade that have been baptized in the Catholic faith or another faith tradition but have not yet received First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Classes are Sunday mornings.

## **Catechist for K-4 Youth Ministry**

Catechists present the Catholic Faith in such a way that children both understand and embrace it. They must be confirmed Catholics in good standing with the Church who love children and are able to work with aides and other adult volunteers to prepare an effective weekly lesson plan. K-4 youth ministry classes are held on Sunday morning from 9:15 am to 10:30 am. Training is provided.

## **Catechist Aide for K-4 Youth Ministry**

Aides help in the faith formation of our children by running errands, supervising the classroom, and performing other helpful duties in conjunction with the Catechist.

## **Office Assistant for K-4 Youth Ministry**

Office assistants help to ensure that classes run smoothly. They unlock and prepare classrooms, collect attendance sheets, monitor the hallways, and assist Catechists if extra help is needed.

## **Vacation Bible School Adult Volunteer**

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a powerful, fun-filled week of sharing the Gospel with children in kindergarten through 4th grade. Adult volunteers serve as small group leaders, check-in helpers, our decorating team, the clean-up crew, and more.

Shannon Salomao.....ssalomao@smgschool.org

## **RCIC Catechist**

RCIC catechists prepare children in 2nd-4th grade for Baptism, First Reconciliation, and First Holy Communion. Catechists must be confirmed Catholics in good standing with the Church. Classes are Sunday mornings.

## **RCIC Aide**

RCIC aides help in the sacramental preparation of children in RCIC by running errands, supervising the classroom, and performing other helpful duties in conjunction with the RCIC catechist.

### **RCIC Sponsor**

A sponsor is a confirmed Catholic in good standing with the Church who represents the community in welcoming a child into the Catholic faith. They walk with the child on their faith journey by providing encouragement and answering questions. Sponsors attend weekly meetings as well as special rites and events from August/September until Pentecost (May/June).

### **SSP Catechists**

SSP Catechists prepare children in 3rd and 4th grade to receive First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Catechists must be confirmed Catholics in good standing with the Church. Classes are Sunday mornings.

## **Middle School Grades 5-8**

### **Middle School Youth Ministry Grades 5-8**

Disciples have had a personal encounter with Jesus and have made a conscious decision to entrust their very lives to him. Through the Holy Spirit, Middle School Youth Ministry seeks to facilitate this encounter and to move youth from an inherited faith to an owned faith. 5th-8th grade youth meet on Sunday evenings from 6:15-8:15 pm for dinner, small group discipleship, Adoration, service, and fun. Every youth (public, private, and homeschooled) is welcome. Middle school youth are also invited to attend the Diocesan Middle School Rally and host several service events benefiting the parish during the year.

### **Rite of Christian Initiation for Teens (RCIT) Grades 5-8**

The RCIT program is offered for youth in 5th through 8th grade who have not yet been baptized and are now seeking to develop an understanding of and desiring to embrace the Catholic Faith. RCIT meets Sunday evenings during the normal Middle School Youth Ministry time to prepare for Baptism, First Reconciliation, and First Holy Communion.

### **Special Sacramental Preparation (SSP) Grades 5-8**

SSP is offered for those youth in 5th-8th grade that have been baptized in the Catholic faith or another faith tradition but have not yet received First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. SSP for middle school youth meets Sunday evenings during the normal Middle School Youth Ministry time.

### **Small Group Evangelization Leader (SGEL) Grades 5-8**

SGELs are responsible for the evangelization of a small group of middle school youth. They are well prepared to lead the faith formation and open discussion of the topic of the week. SGELs use relational ministry to serve as mentors and foster a small group culture in which every youth is known and loved. Small group leaders must be a confirmed Catholics in good standing with the church. Training is provided.

### **Small Group Relational Leader (SGRL) Grades 5-8**

SGRLs are responsible for developing and maintaining relationships and community with a small group of middle school youth. They personally speak to every youth in their small group during MSYM, welcome and follow up with visitors, connect with parents, and focus on building community and a sense of belonging to their group outside of youth group time. SGRLs serve as mentors, and can step in and lead the faith formation topic of the week should the Evangelization leader be absent. Small group leaders must be a confirmed Catholics in good standing with the church. Training is provided.

### **Check-In Volunteer Grades 5-8**

Volunteers check in and out all youth attending Middle School Youth Ministry. They help maintain attendance and create a safe and secure environment for our 5th-8th grade youth.

### **Vacation Bible School Teen Volunteer**

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a powerful, fun-filled week of sharing the Gospel with children in kindergarten through 4th grade. Middle school youth serve as small group teen leaders and assist with decorating, clean-up crew, snacks, games, and more.  
Shannon Salomao.....ssalomao@smgschool.org

## **High School Grades 9-12**

### **High School Youth Ministry Grades 9-12**

High School Youth Ministry, through the power of the Holy Spirit, strives to inspire every young person to answer his or her personal call to discipleship and mission and to bear fruit wherever he/she goes. The 9th-12th—grade youth meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30 pm-8:30 pm for fellowship, prayer, small groups, and social nights. High school youth are also invited to be a part of our Praise team to plan and put on a monthly praise and worship night for the entire parish. Youth are encouraged to participate in multiple outreach and faith formation events throughout the year.

### **Rite of Christian Initiation for Teens (RCIT) Grades 9-12**

The RCIT program is offered for youth in 9th through 12th grade who have not yet been baptized and are now seeking to develop an understanding of and desiring to embrace the Catholic Faith. RCIT meets Wednesday nights to prepare for Baptism, First Reconciliation, and First Holy Communion.

### **Special Sacramental Preparation (SSP) Grades 9-12**

SSP is offered for those youth in 9th-12th grade that have been baptized in the Catholic faith or in another faith tradition but have not yet received First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. SSP for high school youth meets Wednesday nights.

### **Small Group Evangelization Leader (SGEL) Grades 9-12**

SGELs are responsible for the evangelization of a small group of high school youth. They are well prepared to lead the faith formation and open discussion of the topic of the week. SGELs use relational ministry to serve as mentors and foster a small group culture in which every youth is known and loved. Small group leaders must be a confirmed Catholics in good standing with the church. Training is provided.

### **Small Group Relational Leader (SGRL) Grades 9-12**

SGRLs are responsible for developing and maintaining relationships and community with a small group of high school youth. They speak to every youth in their small group during HSYM, welcome and follow-up with visitors, connect with parents, and focus on building community and a sense of belonging to their group outside of youth group time. SGRLs serve as mentors and can step in and lead the faith formation topic of the week should the Evangelization leader be absent. Small group leaders must be a confirmed Catholics in good standing with the church. Training is provided.

## **Communications**

Brad Maunders ..... Director ..... bmaunders@smgparish.org  
..... 817-274-0643 ext. 235

### **Bulletin**

The parish bulletin is published weekly. The parish ministry leaders provide articles appropriate to that week's scheduled activities. Parishioners with publishing skills are encouraged to volunteer to assist with the bulletin.

### **Multimedia**

The Multimedia group assists with the recording of Masses or special events in the Church, Holy Family Life Center and Cafetorium. They also take pictures of events for the parish which may be posted on the parish web. Marie Brown /Colleen Weber ..... smgmultimedia1200@gmail.com

### **Narthex TV**

The Narthex TV shows announcements and special events. Faith Formation, Music and Liturgy, Parish Office, School, Social Ministry and Youth Ministry are the primary announcements with an occasional special event added.

### **Parish Web smgparish.org**

The SMG Parish web is constantly evolving with updates for Parish news, events, ministries, organizations, and layout. Not only does it share information on the parish, but also gets input from the Diocese of Fort Worth, other entities such as local retreats, events promoting Catholic Life and Prayer.

## **Parish App**

The Parish Application was introduced to the parish in October 2016 and has grown to over 1500 users. Parish events and messages are sent to users with iPad, iPhone, Tablets, and smartphones. The app has the Mass schedules, Homilies, Readings for the day and many other selections including group options that allow parish ministry leaders to communicate with their groups.

## **Social Media**

Social Media consists currently of Facebook, Flocknote, and Twitter. Local Parish news and events are regularly published on these sites. Flocknote is utilized to send email eBlasts with key information for news and events, primarily from the Pastor and directors.

# **Safe and Sacred Program**

Richard Mathews ..... Coordinator ..... [rmathews@smgparish.org](mailto:rmathews@smgparish.org)  
..... 817-274-0643 ext. 254

Creating a safe environment for children, youth and vulnerable adults is a Diocesan priority. Safe & Sacred training is required for any adult volunteering in any ministry or organization at Saint Maria Goretti or affiliated outside entity. The Safe & Sacred program trains volunteers to observe and report signs of abuse. Ministers, employees, and volunteers are required to participate in Safe & Sacred retraining every three years. The Safe & Sacred program also includes a training dedicated to teens, age 13-17, who regularly volunteer with children, youth or vulnerable adults. The teen must attend a Teen Safe Environment session before volunteering.

# **Parish Organizations**

## **Adult Volleyball**

Adults, age 25 and older meet Wednesday evenings in the Great Hall for fellowship and volleyball.

Rob Neumayer: 817-226-1168 ..... [adultvolleyball@smgparish.org](mailto:adultvolleyball@smgparish.org)

## **American Heritage Girls**

American Heritage Girls is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country. The organization offers badge programs, service projects, leadership opportunities and outdoor experiences to its members. This program of character building has successfully served thousands of girls since its inception and will continue to do so. The founders and volunteers give all credit for its success to God for His constant hand upon the organization and His unceasing blessings. Lynda Lidyard: 817-736-5835 ..... [smgahgtx1508@gmail.com](mailto:smgahgtx1508@gmail.com)

### **Boy Scouts**

Through participation in meetings and outings, 11 to 17-year-old boys learn citizenship, teamwork, responsibility, and leadership. The boys also develop physically, emotionally, and mentally.

Jose Orozco .....smgboyscouts@gmail.com

### **Cub Scouts**

Through participation in den meetings and outings, 1st-5th Grade boys play games, build crafts, earn advancement and learn to do their best.

Cara Saladino .....smgcubscouts@gmail.com

### **Garden Club**

The parish hosts an interdenominational garden club that meets on the morning of the third Wednesday of the month. They listen to a guest speaker who addresses various gardening topics and also get tips on what should be planted and pruned in a particular month. The group also maintains various flower beds on the Church grounds.

Carolyn Price: 817-274-5300.....smggardenclub@gmail.com

### **Italian Club**

Members of the Italian Club meet and promote their Italian culture, language, history, and traditions. They foster both their strong family heritage and social interaction within the community.

Pearl Armstrong.....smgitalianclub@gmail.com

### **Knights of Columbus**

This world-wide leadership organization is for Catholic men who wish to serve others and grow in their personal spirituality. They meet the 1st (Planning Meeting) and 3rd (Business Meeting) Wednesday of the month, 7:00 pm-8:00 pm on the SMG campus, generally in the Saint Maria Center.

Anson Geisel, Grand Knight (2016-2017)  
Ron Arseneau ..... Financial Secretary  
smgkoc14549@gmail.com..... web: kofc14549.org

### **Knights Ladies**

The Knights Ladies are spouses and other female relatives of the Knights of Columbus Council. The Ladies meet regularly and hold fundraisers that benefit the parish and those in need.

Jennifer Geisel & Barbara Peznowski..... smgkladies@gmail.com

### **Leisure Club (50 and older)**

Parishioners age 50 and older gather on the fourth Friday of the month for a dinner and entertainment or educational program. Some members also meet as the “Brown Bag Bunch” every Monday for cards and games.

Columbia (Duddie) Reid: 817-274-9321 .... smgleisureclub@gmail.com

### **Men’s 35+ Basketball**

Men aged 35 or older play basketball on Sunday evenings in the Holy Family Life Center Great Hall.

Tony Licater, 817-795-3459 .....mensbasketball@smgparish.org

### **Serra Club**

The Serra Club is a worldwide organization that promotes vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Pat LaPosta: contacted via the Parish Office...smgserraclub@gmail.com

### **Squires Circle**

The Squires is an international fraternity of approximately 25,000 Catholic young men, ages 10 to 18, in over 1,500 circles worldwide.

The Squires involves young men in programs to benefit the Church, the community, as well as in recreational and social activities.

Ted Sulak.....smgkocsquires@gmail.com

### **Venture Crew 6150**

Venturing is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women who are 14 years of age OR 13 years of age and have completed the eighth grade and under 21 years of age. Venturing's purpose is to provide positive experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults.

KC Bindel.....smgventurecrew@gmail.com

### **Women's Guild**

This social and service organization hosts a social each month during which a guest speaker addresses various topics of interest to the members. The members gather monthly from September through April. They also contribute toward the purchase of the bread and wine used on the Altar by holding bake sales and other fundraisers.

Belinda Tompkins, 817-276-9905..... smgwomensguild@gmail.com

## **Ministries**

### **Authentic Life**

Authentic Life is a fellowship group that formed at SMG during the summer of 2012. It is designed for Catholic young adults in their 20's and 30's. Join us for weekly meetings to enjoy some good food and company followed by small group discussions based on Bible passages and other contemplative faithful readings. We focus on real-life experiences, particularly the challenges facing young people still finding their way through college into a career and beyond. Meetings are Thursday nights, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Saint David Cottage. We welcome married, engaged and singles.

Jennifer Swegler..... authenticlifesm@gmail.com

### **Divine Mercy Prayer Covers**

The Divine Mercy Prayer Cover Ministry provides a “covering” of Blessed Prayers to the Body of Christ to spread the message of God’s mercy, love and healing. The Prayer Cover is a physical symbol of the faith community’s covering of prayer. Upon completion, the cover is blessed by a Priest at a Mass, the greatest prayer in Church tradition. The prayer cover provides comfort and reassurance that the community is praying for each of us and our needs. We are the Body of Christ. No one is ever alone. Prayer covers are available after the 1st Friday Anointing of the Sick Mass and upon special request. To request a prayer cover, donate fabric, or volunteer to sew, please contact: Terry Luna: 817-861-7933..... smgdivinemercypc@gmail.com

## **Outreach Ministries**

### **Arlington Life Shelter**

Homeless and unemployed families are provided temporary room and board while counselors assist them in finding work. Members of Saint Maria Goretti prepare and serve a meal twice a month (1st Monday and 2nd Thursday).

Paul Smith: 817-274-4170..... smgArlLifeShelter@gmail.com

### **Prison Ministry**

This special ministry allows parishioners to fulfill Christ’s commission to visit the imprisoned. Every Tuesday night visitors talk and pray with inmates from two local jails. They also periodically hold a Communion Service.

Tony McCoy..... smgprisonministry@gmail.com

### **Respect Life**

This parish group is dedicated to defending human life from conception to natural death, helping to build a “culture of life” through prayer, pre- and post-abortion counseling, public witness, educational awareness and legislative action. Members provide peaceful presence while praying the First Saturday Rosary each month at a local abortion clinic.

Olga Watson: 817-929-6075..... smgrespectlife1200@gmail.com

### **Respect Life-Pro Life-Gabriel’s Project (Angels)**

Gabriel Angel’s offers pregnant women help through parish-based assistance. The program is in place to meet the client’s physical, material, emotional and spiritual needs.

Olga Watson: 817-929-6075..... smggabrielsangels@gmail.com

### **Ulster Project**

Each summer 16 Protestant and Catholic teens come from Northern Ireland to live and interact with Arlington teens, discovering how to live peacefully in a religiously mixed environment. Families host the Irish visitors, while counselors lead day activities which include community service, team-building exercises, ecumenical worship, and social gatherings. Volunteer counselors and host families (with teens aged 14-16) are needed.

Sheila Galis: 817-860-7583 ..... smgulsterproject@gmail.com



## Prayer Ministries

### Adoration

At Saint Maria Goretti, Eucharistic Adoration is held daily from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm in the Oratory. The Oratory is located in the Parish Office building with the entrance immediately across from the south side entrance to the Church.

Betsy Kalina..... smgadoration@gmail.com

### Cenacles of Life (Respect Life)

The Cenacles of Life are prayer groups that pray two Rosaries (ten mysteries) offering the Rosaries up with fasting. Each member fasts one day a week on bread and water, *to end this culture of death*. The prayer group agrees to meet at least once a week, on the Saint Maria Goretti campus, preferably in the church. *The Cenacles of Life are for renewing the Spirit of Life-from within the Church*. It is the graces from these Cenacles that will be used to transform the face of the earth, and to defeat this war on life. There will be a growth in holiness in these families as well. The group meets every Monday night in the church (unless otherwise noted) from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. All are welcome.

Vicki & Gerry Hauck: 817-637-9382..... smgcenacles@gmail.com

### Family Rosary Crusade

The hope of the Family Rosary Crusade is that every family in our parish will heed Our Blessed Mother's call at Fatima to pray the Rosary daily for peace in our world and especially in our families. The family is known as "the domestic church" where each member, under the God-given authority of the father and mother, can grow in holiness and carry the Gospel message of hope and mercy to the world that is so in need of it. The Rosary was given to Saint Dominic by the Blessed Mother, at the beginning of the 13th century.

Gerald & Vicki Hauck: 817-637-9382..... smgfamilyrosary@gmail.com

### First Responder Mission

Adopt a First Responder was created to provide support to those United States Service Men and Women in Combat situations and local police and firefighters. These include Afghanistan, Bosnia, Iraq and other areas of the world US Service Men and Women serve where it is considered an area of combat. We also want to recognize our local members who put their life on the line for us every day. We lift them all up in prayer.

Gerald & Vicki Hauck: 817-637-9382..... smg1stresponder@gmail.com

### **Men's Rosary Group**

Men of SMG meet in the Saint Maria Center Wednesday mornings at 7:35 am. The Rosary is recited together and takes about 15 minutes. All men are welcome to join us. Please feel free to stop by and join in prayer. Mike Ginani: 214-864-7811 ..... smgmensrosary@gmail.com

### **Rosary Ministry**

Parishioners of Saint Maria Goretti parish gather 30 minutes before to Mass each weekend to pray the Rosary for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Maria Anthraper ..... smgrosary@gmail.com

### **Second Saturday Sidewalk Rosary**

The second Saturday Sidewalk Rosary meets the second Saturday each month in front of the school. From there they travel to the Planned Parenthood Abortion Clinic in Fort Worth and pray the Rosary for the unborn and that the woman considering abortion changes her mind to save the life and soul of the child. Ron Coleman 817-477-4566..... smgrespectlife1200@gmail.com

### **Women's Rosary Group**

The women's Rosary group meets on Monday morning at 7:35 am in the Saint Maria Center during the SMG School year only. They do not meet after school concludes for the year and will begin again when school starts up again in the fall. The Rosary will be recited as a group and takes about 15 minutes. All SMG Women are welcome to participate. Mary Rowell: 817-274-7515..... smgwomensrodary@gmail.com

## **Hospitality / Service Ministries**

### **Birthday Cake Celebration (Respect Life)**

Cenacles of Life provides Birthday Cakes the first weekend of each month except Kountry Karnival weekend to celebrate birthdays of parishioners born in that given month. The group orders the cakes and schedules their volunteers accordingly. The cakes are served after each weekend Mass to include the Saturday 5:30 pm Mass. The presider will announce the celebration and either read a prayer or engage the parishioners in singing "Happy Birthday" or both at the end of Mass. The cakes, coffee, and punch are distributed in the Cafetorium, sometimes along with the Coffee and Donut Socials. Maria Davis ..... cenaclesoflife@smgparish.org

### **Fellowship**

Beginning the first week after Labor Day and running through the end of June the parish has Fellowship on all weekends after the 7:30 am, 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses, with some exceptions. Coffee and donuts are offered. Volunteers pick up the donuts and staff the event. Donations are accepted to cover the cost of the donuts. Brad Maunders..... bmaunders@smgparish.org

### **Hope Ministry**

The parish provides emotional and practical support to people who have suffered a death in their family. Volunteers prepare and serve an after-funeral luncheon and also bring meals to the homes of people who have lost a loved one.

Columbia Reid-contacted via the Parish Office, 817-274-0643

..... hopeministrySMG@gmail.com

### **Reception Committee**

The Reception Committee was created in 2015 to have one central group responsible for all special parish functions. This includes the back to school staff gathering, staff Christmas get together, parish missions, receptions for special visitors, parish picnics and other events as so directed by the Pastor and/or the Parish Manager.

Jessica Geisel & Barbara Peznowski...smgreceptioncommittee@gmail.com

## **Parish Councils and Committees**

### **Finance Council**

The Parish Finance Council is an advisory group of parishioners whose professional skills and abilities enable them to provide assistance to the Pastor with the temporal affairs of the Parish. Members serve at the discretion of our parish pastor. We greatly appreciate their commitment to our Parish.

### **Facilities Committee**

In October 2015, we established the Parish Facilities Committee to address current and future issues involving Parish facilities. This includes both existing and potential facilities, other than ordinary maintenance projects and routine matters. Members of the Parish Facilities Committee should have experience in fields related to facility construction, enhancement, contracts, grounds, or repair and maintenance. The committee acts in an advisory capacity to the Pastor, Parish Manager and Director of Plant Maintenance and may be involved in the process of selecting vendors and contractors for bids. The term of service for committee members is three years.

### **Liturgy Committee**

The SMG Liturgy Committee is an “information sharing body.” The committee is dependent on its members to train and mentor those who commit to ministries as part of the Liturgical Team for each celebration.

Freda Breed .....fbreed@smgparish.org

### **Money Counters**

Volunteers from the Parish assist in counting the collections received from the Masses and event donations. All volunteers must undergo a background check and credit check before to becoming part of the group and be approved by the Pastor.

## **Ombudsman**

An Ombudsman Committee is an adjunct to the Parish Leadership Council, to assist the Friars in addressing problems, questions, and concerns. An Ombudsman is charged with the duty of communicating with any member of the parish who is seeking enlightenment or satisfaction of a perceived problem or injustice. This group activity is directed by the Parish Friars and members are assigned by the Pastor. Mail to: Ombudsman, 1200 S. Davis Drive, Arlington, TX 76013  
Pam Nolan ..... graceland48@yahoo.com  
Pat Pierrett..... pgp916@yahoo.com

## **Parish Leadership Council**

In December 2016, the Parish Leadership Council was established to assist the pastor in developing and maintaining a vision for the parish. The council focuses on the current needs and future direction of the parish through strategic planning, the promotion and practice of stewardship, and the collection and review of parishioner feedback. Ron Arseneau ..... pastoralcouncil@smgparish.org

## **Welcome Committee**

The Welcoming Committee is comprised of parish volunteers that assist in welcoming new members of the parish in making them feel at home with the Saint Maria Goretti Family. The committee will contact each new parishioner after receiving the New Parishioner form from the Parish Office. The committee discusses ministries selections on the forms, whom that ministry leader is and the contact information. The volunteer, in turn, contacts the ministry leader, informing them of the new Parishioner's desire to participate in the ministry. A follow-up email is also sent to the Ministry contact. The committee is also responsible for having volunteers at the New Parishioner Welcoming Table when it is set up at the weekend Masses. The committee serves at the request of the Pastor.  
Mail: Welcoming Committee, 1200 S. Davis Drive, Arlington, TX 76013  
Lucy Aguirre-Kelly ..... welcomingcommittee@smgparish.org

# **Diocesan-Wide Ministries and Organizations**

## **Catholic Charities**

### **Catholic Charities of Fort Worth**

The mission of Catholic Charities is to provide service to those in need, to advocate compassion and justice in the structures of society, and to call all people of goodwill to do the same. Catholic Charities expanded their visibility in Arlington in July 2012 with one counselor. The office in Arlington is located at 709 Magnolia Street, on the Corner of Sanford and Magnolia. Appointments are required to see a counselor  
817-261-0608 ..... <http://www.catholiccharitiesfortworth.org/>

## **Courage**

Courage, an apostolate of the Catholic Church, ministers to those with same-sex attractions and their loved ones. Courage is a support group for SSA in living chastely according to Catholic Spirituality and has been endorsed by the Pontifical Council for the Family and our beloved John Paul II who said of this ministry, "COURAGE is doing the work of God!". Courage also has an outreach called enCourage which ministers to relative and friends of persons with same-sex attractions.

Chaplain for Courage for Ft. Worth/Dallas in Dallas:

Fr. Joseph, Cistercian Abbey, 972-438-2044 ..... <http://couragec.net/>

## **Cursillo Community**

Our group was started in 1983 when the increased membership in the Dallas Cursillo group sought to have a Cursillo Center located closer to home, in Fort Worth. Since its formation over 1,500 people from almost every parish in the diocese have attended the Cursillo weekends. These weekends are designed to draw people to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Following a weekend, participants are encouraged to meet regularly in small or large groups to share the progress of their spiritual journey, pray, and to offer one another encouragement and support.

The weekends are held in the spring and fall of each year. Cursillos are offered in both Spanish and English.

Pre-Cursillo contact ..... <http://www.ftworthcursillo.org/Contacts.htm>

## **Society of Charity**

This unique charitable organization has been formed at Saint Maria Goretti to back the efforts of a single nun, Sister Jean Bernard Kim, of the Sisters of Charity of Saint Paul de Chartres, who works with indigenous people in the mountain ranges of Vietnam. Sister Kim helps this marginalized ethnic group by providing childhood education and performing countless other services.

Robert Mullen, 817-548-8492 ..... [societyofcharity@smgparish.org](mailto:societyofcharity@smgparish.org)

## **University Catholic Center(UCC)**

The University of Texas at Arlington Catholic Center is located at 1010 Benge Road, one block east of Saint Maria Goretti Catholic Church.

Full information is offered at:

<http://www.fwdioc.org/ministries/campus/Pages/uta.aspx>

Jeff Hedglen, 817-460-1155 ..... [jhedglen@fwdioc.org](mailto:jhedglen@fwdioc.org)

## **World Wide Marriage Encounters**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience designed to give married couples the opportunity to learn a technique of loving communication that they can use for the rest of their lives. It's a chance to look deeply into their relationship with each other and with God.

The weekend provides a conducive environment for couples to spend time together, away from the distractions and tensions of everyday life, while encouraging them to focus on each other and their relationship. It's not a retreat, marriage clinic, group sensitivity, or a substitute for counseling. It's a unique approach aimed at revitalizing Marriage.

Fred and Jenny Monger, 972-965-0769 ..... [fmongerxp@aol.com](mailto:fmongerxp@aol.com)

### **Young Adult Ministry**

The Young Adult Ministry is alive and well in the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth. Follow this link for information and updates about young Catholic adults ages 18-35 in the Fort Worth area:

<http://www.fwyam.org>.

Visit our Facebook page and meet other young Catholic adults in the diocese: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/YAM-Catholic-Diocese-of-Fort-Worth/247044872043504>

Jeff Hedglen, 817-460-1155 .....[jhedglen@fwdioc.org](mailto:jhedglen@fwdioc.org)