



ST. MARIA GORETTI MS/HS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Hello!

Hello! For those who I haven't had the chance to meet yet, my name is Fr. Bill Van Wagner and I am excited to be your new priest here at St. Maria

Goretti. I was ordained a priest just a few months ago on June 28th after many years in priestly formation. My time in seminary brought me to a variety of different places — from Winona, MN, to Rome, Italy, and Detroit, MI — so I am glad to be back in Madison to serve God's people. Religious education is deeply important for all us. You can't love what you don't know. Through religious education, we come to know more about God with our mind in order that we may come to love him more with hearts. This has proven true in my own life. It was only when I began to learn more about God Himself and the teachings of the Church that I came to a deeper understanding of His love for me. From there, it became clear that God's plan for my life was to be a priest and give my life entirely to him and to his people. I look forward to spending the rest of my life seeking to lead others to deeper knowledge and love of God.



Registration will soon be closing! Click [HERE](#) for the Registration and Calendars page!

September Dates to Remember

9/15 All Confirmation Prep Parent Only Meeting 6:30 in school cafeteria

9/18 Welcome Back Dinner for High School Youth Ministry
open to all HS students 7:30-9pm

9/18 Strengthening Catholic Families Series: Family as the Foundation
of Faith Formation 6:30 in the school gym

9/22 First Confirmation Prep session!

9/25 Middle School Religious Education Parent Only Mtg. 6:30 in school
cafeteria

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MIDDLE SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

We are so excited to meet our middle school students! We have 6 adult leaders eager to share the faith! Now all we need is for you to register your child/children so that we can get adequately prepared. Looking to build our “youth ministry” calendar with more service opportunities. It is our desire to add a December event. Looking for ideas or suggestions! Share them via email melissa.coleman@stmariagoretti.org.

CONFIRMATION PREP

WHO: All high school 9th graders and any other high school student not yet confirmed and wanting to be!

WHAT: Classes to prepare you in the faith to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation!

WHY: Who doesn't need God's help in navigating our world and living a life with true meaning and purpose?

WHEN: You choose! 1) Sunday mornings beginning with 9am Mass and class from 10:30-noon OR 2) attend the weekend Mass of your choice and class Sunday evening 6:30-8pm. 1st Session is 9/22!

WHERE: We meet in the school.

WE'RE GETTING READY.....small group leaders have 2 weeks of prayer and study so to be ready to greet our new Confirmandi!



“Whatever you do, think of the Glory of God as your main goal.”

St. John Bosco

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Welcome Back Dinner on September 18th, 7:30-9pm in the school cafeteria! We are looking forward to serving you this year! All high school students are invited. Please RSVP via email at melissa.coleman@stmariagoretti.org or text 920-728-5596.

Mark your calendars for an awesome day at Holy Hill on Saturday Oct. 5th. Fire on the Hill is a fantastic teen rally with great music, speakers, and fellowship with hundreds of Catholic teens! See website for registration form.