



ST. MARIA GORETTI MS/HS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

November and December 2019 Newsletter

Hello!

My name is Colleen Fearing and my husband, Chase Fearing, and I are excited to be back as catechists for our second year! I am originally from Round Rock, Texas, a suburb of Austin, and moved to Wisconsin six years ago to pursue a career in the field of Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice. Chase is from Reedsburg, Wisconsin and now works at Sub-Zero as an Electrical Engineer. Chase and I met at a social dance party at a Latin and Ballroom dance studio and married several years later. We still love to dance and are currently members of a Rumba and Salsa formation team!



Growing up in a good Catholic family, I did all the right things. I attended Mass and retreats, played saxophone in the church choir, and of course, became confirmed. Although I grew up in a faithful household and was active in the church, my faith did not become my own until college. While pursuing my degree I became involved with the Catholic Center on campus and met many amazing people striving to become closer with Jesus. I realized that in my many years of formation I had not fully learned what it means to have a relationship with Jesus. With the support and inspiration of friends, I spent my college years growing my relationship with Jesus.

Both Chase and I have experienced the power of relational ministry in our own faith journeys and have felt compelled to share it with others. As small group leaders, we have strived to follow the example of St. Paul among the Thessalonians, and "share not only the Gospel of God, but our very selves as well." (1 Thess. 2:8)

Chase and I are very excited to be involved in SMG Youth Ministry for another year. Our favorite part of Youth Ministry is getting to know all the amazing students in our small groups and sharing the beautiful Catholic faith with them.

Dates to Remember

- 11/16-17 Confirmation Retreat at Camp Gray
- 11/17 NO Confirmation Prep Sessions
- 11/20 MS RE Class 6:30-8pm and Youth Group 7:30-9pm
- 11/23-24 Bread Sale Fundraiser after all Masses
- 11/24 Confirmation Prep Sessions
- 11/27 NO MS RE classes
- 12/1 NO Confirmation Prep Sessions
- 12/2 High School Movie Night at Marcus Point Theaters at 7pm *St. Faustina Movie*
- 12/4 MS RE Class 6:30-8pm and Youth Group 7:30-9pm
- 12/8 Confirmation Prep Sessions
- 12/11 MS RE Class 6:30-8pm
- 12/15 Confirmation Prep Sessions
- 12/18 MS RE Class 6:30-8pm and Youth Group 7:30-9pm
- 12/22 High School day trip to Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in La Crosse
NO Confirmation Prep Sessions

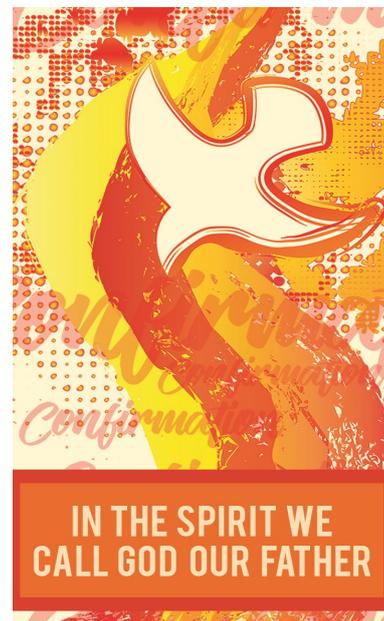
MIDDLE SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Birthday Bag service project! Imagine not being able to afford a birthday celebration. There are many in our community in just this situation. We are looking to provide "birthday bags" to the SVdP Food Pantry. From now until December 18th, we will be collecting cake mixes, icing and candles. On the 18th we will have a night of celebration and assemble the birthday bags to be donated. This can only happen if people donate. Have your child ask neighbors, friends, extended family members to help us collect donations!

Mass and a Movie! January 18th we will attend 5:15pm Mass as a group then have pizza and watch a movie. Taking movie suggestions!

CONFIRMATION PREP

- Sponsor letters and information have been sent.
- Please complete and return make up work from missed classes. If you need it resent, I am happy to do so. Reminder that 3 absences require a meeting with Fr. Scott.
- Patron Saint selection should be in progress. It has been brought to my attention that Bishop Hying asks each candidate about their chosen saint. The sooner one identifies his/her patron saint the better acquainted one can become.
- Join us at Frassati Fest 1/31-2/2 in the Dells (see below)



"It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do so without the Holy Mass."

St. Pio of Pietrelcina

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

The Holy Spirit is at work here!

*Mass and Breakfast Fridays in December. All high school students are invited to attend 6:30am Mass followed by breakfast and scripture discussion. Joy can be found in sacrifice and fellowship. We can work out rides to school if needed.

*Frassati Fest registration is now open! This is a great mix of rally and retreat put on by the Diocese of Madison at the Kalahari Resort in the Dells. See parish website for all details. Registration ends Dec. 12th! Don't delay!!

Beginning in January we will meet every Wednesday evening 7:30-9pm!