

# Saint Maria Goretti Catholic Church



October 28, 2020

Dear Family of Faith,

“How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, the gateway to heaven!” (Gn 28:17)

How blessed and grateful we are to have St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church, a house of God. Amidst these difficult times, we need to know that God is with us, that He resides with us, that He walks with us, and that He hears us. The physical presence and spiritual connection to our parish home gives us hope and reassurance that God is here.

St. Maria Goretti has always been a welcoming place, and even though Covid-19 changed many things in our lives, we strove to safely keep our doors open. Anyone who entered the doors of St. Maria Goretti was greeted by a priest, a deacon, or a sister. Priests were available to hear confessions and people took comfort in adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and praying with their priests. They came knowing that our house is open and the sacraments are evermore present. St. Maria Goretti remains a gateway to heaven.

Your incredible generosity has made our parish an awesome place. It is a house of God for all peoples seeking to know, to love, and to serve Jesus Christ. Through monumental efforts by the staff, our school is overflowing with joy-filled students. Religious education is on to a new year with new endeavors. Our outreach ministries continue to adapt and adjust to the needs of the community, along with countless other ministries. What love our parish family has shown for God and for our neighbor.

As we approach a new year, the St. Maria Goretti family needs your support. We ask that you make a commitment to all that St. Maria Goretti is and does for our community. You will find stewardship materials and a commitment card with this letter. Please take some time to review this information, complete the card, and bring it to Mass on Stewardship Commitment Weekend, November 14-15. You may also mail the card to the parish office or fill it out on our website.

We do not give for ourselves. We give for God. We give for the future of our Faith. We give so that the house of God remains strong for “our hope is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.” (Ps 124:8)

God bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fr. Scott Emerson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Fr. Scott Emerson  
Parochial Administrator