

General Information for the Day

As we prepare to gather for *Encounter Hope*, please know of our prayers for you and for all who will be joining us. We are grateful for your “yes” to this day of prayer, fellowship, and renewal. Below are a few details that will help your day flow smoothly.

1. Your General Admission Ticket

Your ticket will be emailed to you. You may either **print it and bring it with you** or simply **show it on your phone** when you arrive, whatever is easier for you.

2. Volunteers Available for Assistance

We will have volunteers both at **St. Benedict Cathedral (all entrances)** and **Reitz Memorial High School** to greet you and offer any assistance or direction you may need. Please do not hesitate to reach out to them.

3. Regarding Day-Of Registrations & Payments

Please note that **registration payments will not be handled on the day of the event**. Similar to the tickets themselves, registration will be based on the “honor system.” Those who have not yet registered will be welcomed, asked to provide their **name and email address**, and will receive a **registration link after the event to settle ticket fees**. If needed, scholarships will still be available for use at that time.

4. About Showing Your Ticket at the Cathedral

While you will be asked to show your ticket as you arrive at the Cathedral—since it’s our initial gathering point— please know that **Mass itself is not ticketed**. The ticket is for the *Encounter Hope* event as a whole.

5. Lunch is Included.

We wholeheartedly thank the Good Shepherd Knights of Columbus Council 14673 who are offering a free, light lunch that is available for anyone attending. It will consist of a hamburger or hotdog, chips, salad, cookie, and drink. Lunch is 90 minutes so you may also leave to visit a nearby restaurant or bring your own.

6. If You Are Unable to Attend the 8:00 a.m. (CST) Mass

If you are unable to attend Mass at 8:00 a.m. (CST), you may go **directly to Reitz Memorial High School**, where the main, front entrance doors will be open beginning at 9:00 a.m. (CST) and will be opened throughout the day. Side entrances will be open from 9:00 a.m. to program start and during part of the lunch break.

7. Holy Family Procession

Due to the cold weather, **we will not walk in procession** from St. Benedict Cathedral to Reitz Memorial High School after Mass. Instead, **at 9:15 a.m. (CST), Bishop Siegel will process into Memorial’s auditorium with a statue of the Holy Family. Everyone should already be in their seats in the auditorium by this time.** Nevertheless, we will do our best to assure reasonably sufficient time for travel between St. Benedict Cathedral and Memorial High School before the Bishop processes into the auditorium with the Holy Family statue.

8. Parking

The day will begin at St. Benedict Cathedral and end at Reitz Memorial High School. You are **welcome to park either at St. Benedict Cathedral (1328 Lincoln Avenue, Evansville, IN 47714) or at Reitz Memorial High School (1500 Lincoln Avenue, Evansville, IN 47714).** The *Encounter Hope* event ends at 4:00 p.m. (CST). Please note that there is a Saturday Vigil Mass in the Cathedral at 4:30 p.m. (CST).