

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
5333 East Washington Street - Indianapolis, IN 46219

December 4, 2022

2nd Sunday of Advent



*On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of
Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom.*

Is 11:1

We, the faith community of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, strive to live, share and be Christ in all we do.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation: Saturday 4-4:30 p.m.
You may also call the parish office to arrange for an appointment.

Baptism: 3rd Sunday of the month during or immediately after 10 a.m. Mass, or at another pre-arranged time. Preparation classes are held quarterly. Please call the parish office for additional information.

Marriage: Please contact the pastor at least six months in advance. No wedding dates will be set until a couple has met with the pastor.

Communion Calls: Please call the parish office to arrange Communion calls for the home-bound.

Anointing of the Sick: If you are going to have surgery, or have a chronic illness and wish to be anointed, please contact the parish office. If a family member is in or admitted to the hospital, please call the parish office at **317-356-7291**.

PARISH SCHOOL

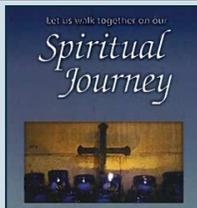
Our Lady of Lourdes offers preschool and kindergarten through 8th grade classes. Please call the School Office for more information at **317-357-3316**.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to our Parish Family!

To register or to schedule a tour of Our Lady of Lourdes, please call or stop by the parish office.

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US



AT HOME OR IN CHURCH:
TUESDAYS/THURSDAYS
AT 5:30 P.M.



BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please send your entries by **NOON** on **MONDAYS** to ensure your article will appear in that week's printing. If you have flyers to be inserted into the bulletin, please bring them to the parish office by 3 p.m. on Thursday.

THANK YOU!

parishsecretary@ollindy.org

Pastor's Corner

Dear brothers and sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish,

We begin Week 2 of our Advent Season today. Our focus continues to be "waiting in joyful hope!" That hope will be fired and made stronger as we take the time to allow Christ, the One who is, who was, and is to come, into our hearts.

St. Charles Borromeo wrote a pastoral letter about Advent in the 16th Century. Part of that letter follows here.

"In her concern for our salvation, our loving mother the Church uses this holy season to teach us through hymns, canticles and other forms of expression, of voice or ritual, used by the Holy Spirit. She shows us how grateful we should be for so great a blessing, and how to gain its benefit: our hearts should be as much prepared for the coming of Christ as if he were still to come into this world. The same lesson is given us for our imitation by the words and example of the holy men of the Old Testament."

The Advent hymns we sing each week are truly treasures for our hearts. For the next three weeks, I will be sharing the lyrics of one of those hymns. Food for our hearts, so to speak.

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken for he brings
Glad tidings of the king of kings.

Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;
Make straight the way of God within
And let each heart prepare a home
Where such a mighty guest may come.

For you are our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Without your grace we waste away
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out your hand,
And bid the fallen sinner stand;
Shine forth and let your light restore
Earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise to you eternal son,
Whose advent has our freedom won,
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Spirit, ever more.

One of the early church writers, St. Gregory of Nazianzen, also wrote something of note for this Second Sunday of Advent. It is not a hymn, but surely it speaks to our hearts.

"Christ, the light of all lights, follows John, the lamp that goes before him. The Word of God follows the voice in the wilderness; the bridegroom follows the bridegroom's friend, who prepares a worthy people for the Lord by cleansing them by water in preparation for the Spirit."

Ah, may it be so!

Father Rick

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Help Decorate the Church for Christmas

We will be changing over the church décor from Advent to Christmas on Thursday, December 22, beginning at 7 p.m. Please enter thru the ramp door. Your help is needed and very much appreciated.



Monday Night Men's Prayer Group: December 12

The Men's Prayer group will hold their annual Christmas meeting at Jockamo's Pizza at 7 p.m. on **Monday, December 12**. Please note that the time is one half-hour earlier than usual. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Bob Eha at **317-345-9884**.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception: December 8

Two Masses at OLL:

8:15 a.m. (School)

And 6 p.m.



Versiti Blood Drive Results

Goal: 24
Scheduled Online: 19
Registered Day Of: 18
Deferred: 2
First Time Donors: 3
Collected: 16 Units

Impact: Because each individual donation can save up to 3 separate lives, **48 Indiana lives** will potentially be saved due to your efforts with this blood drive!



FRIENDS IN UKRAINE

We pray for all people in Ukraine, especially our friends:
Dmitry Gvozdik, Yosyp Heletei, Vlad Mokryi, Ihor Liutak,
Oleksii Shtefan, and Illia Bezsmertnyi.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Emilia Atkinson, Paula Bittelmeyer, Rose Boggs, Lucy Bross, Dick & Kathy Burgess, Denise Byers, Catherine C. Coop, Will Christiansen, Deborah Clayton, Mike Davis, Cassandra Budreau Dunne, Gilbert Durham, Debby Eha, Mona Eitel, Norma Faye, Tina Fields, Teresa Foster, Jim Funk, Steve Gray, Katie Guzman, Ben Hall, Charles Hart, Isabelle Hofmeister, Kevin Houppert, Michael James, Teresa Kerns, Randy Kidwell, Peggy Kloenne, Joseph Kossack, Emerson Linde, Paul Linne, Mitzi Loomis, John Maag & Ellen, Jerry MacKenzie, Marilyn May, Mike Miller, Clarence Mobley, Glenda Moore, Dale Page, Carolyn Patterson, Bernie Price, Mike Rawers, Joseph Rogers, Rhonda Roseman, Karen & Larry Thomas, Barb Tittle, Skip Wagoner, Jimmy Warrenburg, Arianna Williams

Parish Office

Hours: Monday - Friday
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Phone: 317-356-7291

School Office

Phone: 317-357-3316

Fax: 317-357-0980

Mass Schedule

Tues & Thurs 6 p.m.

Wed & Fri 8:15 a.m.

Sat 5 p.m.

Sun 10 a.m.

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SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

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Sgt Nicholas Eble,
Lieutenant Michael B. Kennedy, USN,
Lieutenant John S. Kennedy, MC, USN
Scott Bovard, Specialist, ARNG
Major Steven E. Miller, USAF
SSgt Tyler Brown, USAF

Calendar of **EVENTS**

Saturday, December 3
 9:00 am Advent Morning of Reflection BH-A&B
 11:00 am Santa Brunch Gym
 4:00 pm Reconciliation Church
 5:00 pm Mass Church

Sunday, December 4
 8:30 am SRE BH
 10:00 am Mass Church
 4:30 pm Pack 8 Pizza Making Cafeteria
 7:00 pm Confirmation Class BH-C

Monday, December 5
 7:00 pm Girl Scout Service Unit BH-C
 7:30 pm Ronen Chamber Ensemble Church

Tuesday, December 6
 5:30 pm Rosary Chapel
 6:00 pm Mass Chapel
 7:00 pm Liturgy Committee BH-C
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop #8 Meeting Cafeteria

Wednesday, December 7
 8:15 am Mass Chapel
 7:30 pm RCIA BH-C

Thursday, December 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception
 8:15 am Mass (School) Church
 6:00 pm Mass Church

Friday, December 9
 8:15 am Mass Church
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 8 Cafeteria

Saturday, December 10
 4:00 pm Reconciliation Church
 5:00 pm Mass Church

Sunday, December 11
 8:30 am SRE BH
 10:00 am Mass Church
 11:30 am Parish Council BH-C



“Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”
 MATTHEW 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused? Our time, talent and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with our **Stewardship** is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

What Does the Eucharist Mean to You?

Pope Paul VI wrote, “Modern (people) listen to witnesses more than teachers.” During this first year of the Eucharistic Revival, please share your witness to our Religious Education students! Relate what the Eucharist means for you personally – how it affects you, how you respond to Jesus, what you most appreciate about the sacrament celebrated at Mass and then lived out in daily life. Give your witness for a minute or two, to help form the faith of younger members in our community, one Sunday at 9:40 a.m. – in time to get to church and receive Christ again. Talk with Matthew in the office for more details or to schedule your time to share.

IN GRATITUDE WE SHARE

November 20, 2022

Actual.....	\$	7,615.00
Online Giving		5,942.27
Budgeted.....		<u>10,663.00</u>
Difference +/-.....	\$	<u>2,894.27</u>

YTD Sunday & Holy Day

Actual.....	\$	221,950.75
Budgeted.....		<u>246,569.00</u>
Difference +/-.....	\$	<u>(24,618.25)</u>

Endowment.....	\$	25.00
Cmpn. Human Dvlpmnt.....	\$	131.00
Disaster Relief.....	\$	25.00
World Mission Sunday.....	\$	3.00
SVdP.....	\$	541.00

November 27, 2022

Actual.....	\$	5,151.00
Online Giving		2,526.00
Budgeted.....		<u>10,663.00</u>
Difference +/-.....	\$	<u>(2,986.00)</u>

YTD Sunday & Holy Day

Actual.....	\$	229,627.75
Budgeted.....		<u>257,232.00</u>
Difference +/-.....	\$	<u>(27,604.25)</u>

Endowment.....	\$	26.00
Military Services.....	\$	350.00
Catholic University.....	\$	2.00
Cmpn. Human Dvlpmnt.....	\$	350.00
Retired Religious Fund.....	\$	55.00
Children's Offering.....	\$	410.00
World Mission Sunday.....	\$	4.00
SVdP.....	\$	572.00

COMMUNION CALLS



If you know someone who would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please call the parish office at 317-356-7291.

Prayer Vine

To add someone's name to the Prayer Vine, please contact Laura Hughes at: vineollstb@gmail.com



Scan this QR code to sign up for OLL online giving or to make changes to your current online giving account.



Upcoming Adult Scripture Study

Isaiah is the most-quoted prophet in the New Testament – join us to learn more about this major prophet and what message he brings about the Messiah. The study will begin on January 5 (7:30 p.m.), to finish before Holy Week. The cost for study materials will be \$20. Sign up online on the parish website by December 23, or look for the link in the weekly newsletter.

Time for Confirmation Class: December 4

Confirmation families: We will hold our “1st-Sunday-of-the-Month” meeting this Sunday, December 4, at 7:30 p.m. in Bernadette Hall. Be ready to answer: Who do you say that Jesus is? See you then!

Join the Faith Formation Commission

The Faith Formation Commission is accepting new members to help explore, discuss, and guide our parish religious education activities. If you are interested in providing input to our evangelizing and educating efforts, talk with Matthew in the office.



OUR VIRTUAL GIVING TREE

This year, the Giving Tree will once again be done via Sign-up Genius. All gifts are due by the 5pm Mass on December 17, 2022. Delivery will be Sunday, December 18th from 11:00am-1:00pm. Gifts may be dropped off at the Parish office or the back of the church by the giving trees

Gifts should be wrapped and tagged with the numerical identifier for each child as well as the age/gender assigned to that identifier (example: "1-1A 2 year old boy" should be included on the tag). That helps us identify the family and child.

Thank you for your generosity!

www.tinyurl.com/OLLgivingtree22

or

Scan the QR below





The Our Lady of Lourdes Conference of
THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

invites the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes to join us in serving the needy families of our neighborhood this Christmas season by participating in the following activities:

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE
Through Sunday, December 11

You are invited to bring the following items to church by **Sunday, December 11** and place them in the grocery cart at the back of church. These items will be used to complete a ham dinner to be distributed prior to Christmas.

Boxed instant mashed potatoes
Boxed stuffing
Canned cranberry sauce
Canned fruit

Canned yams
Canned gravy
Canned corn
Packaged cookies
Christmas candy

The above are recommendations only. All other items are welcome and if not used for the Christmas baskets will be distributed to needy people in our community.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE
Through Saturday, December 17

You are invited to buy a Christmas gift for a needy child in the neighborhood. We are using SignUpGenius to coordinate this effort. See the parish bulletin, Friday e-newsletter for sign-up information.

All gifts are due by the 5pm Mass on **Saturday, Dec. 17**. Gifts may be dropped off at the parish office during business hours or the back of church by the Giving Trees prior to Mass.

CHRISTMAS GIFT & FOOD BASKET DELIVERY
Sunday, December 18

Gifts and food baskets will be delivered after 10am Mass on **Sunday, Dec. 18** from **11am – 1pm**. To help deliver, meet at the basement (rear) door of the rectory.

Thank you for any assistance you can offer!

CHRISTMAS GIVING FOR ICAN

Support the ICAN Food Pantry
this winter!

Donate new or clean, gently-used
hats, gloves, scarves,
mittens, socks
for
all ages and genders



Donations accepted at:

Artisan Realtors

Black Sheep

Downey Ave. Christian Church

Jockamos

Snips Salon

Starbucks



Questions: Click on the ICAN Food Pantry Facebook page
317-936-9639 or foodpantry@downeyavenue.com

Thank you!

Support the ICAN Food Pantry
this winter!

Purchase a beautiful, handcrafted
All Occasion card set
and/or

Only 4
card sets
left!



Christmas gift tags set

All proceeds benefit the pantry

12 cards in each card set for \$15

or

12 Christmas gift tags for \$5;



Cash only please

Contact the pantry for purchases:

Click to send a message on the ICAN Food Pantry
Facebook page

call 317-936-9639 message line

email foodpantry@downeyavenue.com

Thank you for helping!