

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

July 17, 2022



16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him.
She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak.

Lk 10:38-39

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**.

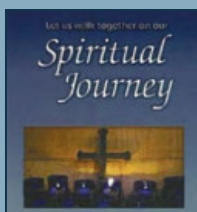
NEW PARISHIONERS

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

A Message from Carey Rahman

Hello, Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners,

My name is Carey Rahman, and I am the new business manager for the parish. It is an honor and a blessing to be serving the Lord along side Father Rick, the rectory staff, and all of you.

I am a former Central Catholic student and St. Catherine parishioner (now Good Shepard parish) who grew up on the South side of Indianapolis. Formerly a teacher and assistant principal, I chose this line of work for the community involvement, peaceful environment, and new challenges.

My husband and I have one son and a beautiful grandson who will be 3 this September! We enjoy traveling, trips to the zoo, working in our yard and garden, visiting with family and friends, lounging with our two Yorkies, Victoria and Cleo, movies, and most of all, food! It is always a good day when we have tried a new recipe or restaurant!

My prayer is to serve the OLL community as business manager and through ministry. I hope to be seeing you at Mass soon.

May peace be with you,
Carey



Happy Birthday to Rudy!

Rudy Haeussermann, long-time St. Bernadette and OLL parishioner, presently homebound due to disabilities, enjoys hearing from fellow parishioners. He has almost no family and very limited social contacts. He will be observing a birthday (86) on July 16. If OLL members could send him a birthday card, it would be appreciated greatly. He also enjoys crossword puzzles, and the parish was very generous in its response to an earlier appeal. They can be dropped off at the parish office. Thank you for your thoughtfulness in helping Rudy stay connected to OLL.

Rudy's address: Mr. Rudy Haeussermann
629 S. Irvington Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 45219

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Join us
Tuesday, July 19,
for a Holy Hour for Vocations.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will occur immediately upon conclusion of the 6 p.m. Mass. Benediction will be at approximately 7:30 p.m.



Parish Office

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

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School Office

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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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Join OLL parishioners and school families for a night of baseball at Victory Field. Come out to see Father Rick Ginther perform the National Anthem before the start of the game. Tickets may be purchased at baseball.ollindy.org

Knights of Columbus

Fatima Event Center Located at 1040 North Post Road

Fatima Council's **Dinner with the Knights** will be on **Monday, July 25**, at 6:30 p.m. serving **Chicken Noodles and more**. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 5 -12, and children under 4 are free. We will also present monthly awards for **Family of the Month** and **Knight of the Month**. Please join us for a great evening.

Special Session of the Indiana General Assembly

The Indiana General Assembly will meet on **Monday, July 25**, for a special session. The multi-week session will hold many challenges, and during that time we need to share the Church's unique voice in defense of the truth of the human person and with charity toward those who disagree. As the special session kicks off, and in the days leading up to the session, Catholics and all people of good will in Indiana have an opportunity to share their voice with legislators through an action alert. The Church recognizes that further protecting preborn life should also be accompanied by a strengthening of support for women and families in need. If you're interested in learning about developments as they happen and would like to hear about how you can help bring the Church's voice to the Statehouse, sign up to receive action alerts and emails during the special session.

FRIENDS IN UKRAINE

We pray for all people in Ukraine, especially our friends:
Dmitriy Gvozdk, 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, Jean Covington, Mike Davis, Cassandra Budreau Dunne, Debby Eha, Mona Eitel, Norma Faye, Tina Fields, Teresa Foster, Katie Guzman, Ben Hall, Charles Hart, Isabelle Hofmeister, Michael James, Teresa Kerns, Randy Kidwell, Peggy Kloenne, Joseph Kossack, Johanna Lakin-Thomas, Emerson Linde, Paul Linne, Mitzi Loomis, John Maag, Jerry MacKenzie, Marilyn May, Mike Miller, Clarence Mobley, Glenda Moore, Dale Page, Carolyn Patterson, Hayden Proffitt, Mike Rawers, Joseph Rogers, Rhonda Roseman, Karen & Larry Thomas, Skip Wagoner, Arianna Williams

No "In Stitches" Meeting in July

Unfortunately, the "In Stitches" meeting has been canceled for this month.

Note to Parishioners: If you have gently used cloth placemats (for making wheelchair and walker caddies and/or cloth napkins that you would like to donate, "In Stitches" will accept them and put them to good use at St. Paul's Hermitage and Little Sisters of the Poor.

Please bring items to the church office.

Socialaires Next Meeting: July 28

The Socialaires will meet on Thursday, July 28, at 11 a.m. in the west parking lot of the church. We will be going to Rosie's in Noblesville for lunch. Exploring downtown Noblesville will be next. Reservations are requested. So please call Diane Beasley at **317-527-7946** by Monday, July 25. Thank you!

Adults, Join the Summer Reading Series!

Our next book for the summer reading series is another classic from C.S. Lewis – *The Great Divorce*. Get your copy and begin reading now in preparation for our group discussion on August 26.

Confirmation Enrollment is Now Open!

Families with 8th graders who wish to prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation may register and pay the registration fee online using the link below. Matthew Fallon will be happy to discuss any questions you may have. Contact him in the parish office, or mfallon@ollindy.org

Registration link: tinyurl.com/Confirm22OLL

Share Your Experience of Confirmation

Our confirmation candidates need to hear from their faith community!! Please generously share an hour of time, and your witness about your experience of confirmation and how the Holy Spirit works in our lives. Talk to Matthew when he gets back from his pilgrimage (7-29-2022) to sign up for this activity scheduled to take place on **September 11**.

What Does the Eucharist Means to You?

What does the Eucharist, the Real Presence of Christ available to us, mean in your life? How do you respond to God's grace? How is it most meaningful for you? Do you ever take part in Eucharistic Adoration? Please share your personal experience with our Sunday Religious Education students to help form their own faith; a two-minute time frame will be sufficient. Matthew is scheduling 1 to 2 parishioners on multiple weeks to give this Sunday Religious Education effort some legs, beginning in September.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 16.....The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm †Mike Bisesi Req. by Richard & Penny Moss

Sunday, July 17.....The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 am Pro Populo

Tuesday, July 19.....Weekday
5:30 pm Rosary
6:00 pm †Eloise Hudson Req. by Bill Bakemeyer

Wednesday, July 20.....St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr
8:15 am †Howard & Diane Bracken Req. by Norma Faye

Thursday, July 21.....St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor
5:30 pm Rosary
6:00 pm †Howard Luellen Req. by Mike & Annie Luellen

Friday, July 22.....St. Mary Magdalene
8:15 am Intentions of Olivia Garrison & LaShanti Gunn
Req. by Vera Sullivan

Saturday, July 23.....The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm †Carl C. Beck Jr. Req. by The O'Brien Family

Sunday, July 24.....The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 am Pro Populo

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, July 23, 5 p.m. The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

EMHC: Sally Krause, Mary Ann Coffey, Julie Ritzi
Hospitality
Ministers: Brian Bakemeyer (A-GE), Joe Hamond (A-GN),
Dave Skirvin (A-GW), Don Flick (A-UE), _____ (Y-1)
Lector: Francis Ziegler (A), Peter Certo (B)
Sacristan: Cara Swinefurth
Servers: Jeff Swinefurth, Andrew Wilhelm, Nate Wilhelm
Cantor: Michele Kite

Sunday, July 24, 10 a.m. The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

EMHC: Kirk Forster, Theresa Brickens, Sue Wilson
Hospitality
Ministers: Gilbert Durham (Team Leader, A-UW), Vic Berlage (A-GE),
Mike Guinan (A-GN), Tammy Buennagel (A-GW),
_____ (Y-1)
Lector: Sylvia Zimmerman (A), Andrea Aikman (B)
Sacristan: Bernice Berlage
Servers: Amelia Horner, Gerard Horner, Jacob Marshall
Cantor: Kate Miller
Small Linens
Sacristan: Sally Bennett

READINGS WEEK OF JULY 17, 2022

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42
Monday: Mi 6:1-4,6-8; Ps 50:5-6,8-9,16b-17,21,23; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15,18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Jer 1:1,4-10; Ps 71:154a,5-6b,15,17; Mt 13:1-9
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3,7-8,12-13; Ps 36:6-7b,8-11; Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Sg 3:1-4a; Ps 63:2-6,8-9; Jn 20:1-2,11-18
Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6a,8a,11; Mt 13:24-30



Calendar of **EVENTS**

Sunday, July 17		
10:00 am	Mass	Church
Monday, July 18		
Tuesday, July 19		
5:30 pm	Rosary	
6:00 pm	Mass	Chapel
	Followed by Holy Hour for Vocations	
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts Troop #8	Cafeteria
Wednesday, July 20		
8:15 am	Mass	Chapel
Thursday, July 21		
5:30 pm	Rosary	
6:00 pm	Mass	Chapel
Friday, July 22		
8:15 am	Mass	Chapel
Saturday, July 23		
4:00 pm	Reconciliation	Church
5:00 pm	Mass	Church
Sunday, July 24		
10:00 am	Mass	Church



“...I am a minister in accordance with God’s stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God.”
COLOSSIANS 1:25

We are all called to evangelize – to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel. Our faith is more attractive to others by our actions than by our words alone. We may not be called to evangelize like St. Paul, but we should look for opportunities to share our faith through our actions and words, especially with those closest to us, like our family, friends and neighbors. Pray for the courage to live in **Stewardship**, joyfully expressing your faith the next time the opportunity arises.

Looking for a Few Confirmation Candidates

Confirmation Candidates: Are you looking for a parish service opportunity? Come help with the Sunday Religious Education meetings (SRE). You will be paired with a veteran catechist to help share your love of God with our young disciples. You will have a big influence on their growth – they see someone like you as a full grown-up!

Children’s Liturgy of the Word

Have you ever felt uncertain what the readings were saying in the Liturgy of the Word during Mass? Imagine what a young child must think! Children’s Liturgy of the Word is for young parishioners from Kindergarten to second grade, to hear the readings in wording they can more easily comprehend. Can you help once each month or two to proclaim the Word to our young disciples and to talk about what it means for our lives? Preparation resources will be provided. Call or email Matthew Fallon about serving the parish in this way.

SRE: Sunday Religious Education Registration Is Now Open!

Registration for Sunday Religious Education is now open!! Take a look at the insert in this bulletin to get an idea of some of the group topics/activities we’re planning for the season. Log onto the parish website to register and pay for our upcoming Sunday meetings – which commence on **August 21**. Sign up at this link: tinyurl.com/SRE22OLL



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



COMMUNION CALLS

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



IN GRATITUDE WE SHARE



July 10, 2022

Actual.....	\$	4,256.00
Online Giving		6,980.00
Budgeted.....		<u>11,750.00</u>
Difference +/-.....	\$	(514.00)
YTD Sunday & Holy Day		
Actual.....	\$	22,481.00
Budgeted.....		<u>23,500.00</u>
Difference +/-.....	\$	(1,019.00)
SVdP.....	\$	490.00
Endowment.....	\$	500.00
Children’s Offering.....	\$	8.00

Prayer Vine

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



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June 2022 Campaign Update

Reporting Period	May 5/31/22	June 6/30/22	Increase
Amount Pledged	\$2,601,216	\$2,602,068	\$852
Amount Received	\$1,348,564	\$1,357,668	\$9,104
Number of Donors	279	279	0

Project Update:

Work is expected to begin in the next week on renovations to Lyons Hall. This includes new interior lighting, repainting the gym ceiling, and work on the new gym concession stand. We are also working towards beginning electrical work around the church.

OLL Campus Security Plan

Over the past year, the Safety and Security Committee has been hard at work determining the safety and security needs of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and School. After meeting with Parish and School leaders, they have developed a plan to address a variety of needs. This plan has been presented, amended, and approved through the insights and work of the Facilities Committee, Finance Committee, and Parish Pastoral Council. These safety and security upgrades will work alongside the *Sharing our Faith, Securing our Future* Capital Campaign additions. Below you will find a brief summary of several key components that have been included in this plan.

- **Security Cameras** – Cameras will be installed on buildings throughout campus to assist in maintaining visibility. No cameras will be installed directly on the church but rather on poles in several locations while maintaining the aesthetic look of future exterior church lighting.
- **Door Access Controls** – Exterior doors will be upgraded to include door access control components such as keys pads and a badge system. This will help keep track of who is using our facilities.
- **Phone / Paging System** – The phone system will be upgraded to a more modern and reliable system. Each classroom will have a phone installed for quick contact if needed. Our 1950s paging system will also be upgraded and will include an emergency messaging system.
- **Gates** – New gates will be installed at the parking lot entrances and exits as well as next to the gym alley to the back parking lot for when students are playing on the playground.
- **Classroom Doors** – Classroom doors will be updated with solid doors and new hardware made for security.

Funding to complete this plan is estimated to be \$200,000. We have received two James P. Scott Endowment Grants from the Archdiocese totaling \$60,000. We have also received assistance from the Hare Family Charitable Trust of \$5,140. We are working to find additional funding through grants and other sources.

The Joy of Forgiveness

A quiz about Penance and Reconciliation

DAVID O'BRIEN

This quiz can help you, your students, and your students' families review what you know about our Catholic faith. Check your answers against the answer key on page 3.

- 1** Before going to confession, Catholics do an examination of _____ to identify their sins and examine how they have hurt God and others.
a) hair and teeth b) homework
c) clothes d) conscience
- 2** A _____ sin breaks one's relationship with God completely.
a) mortal b) venial c) hidden
d) church
- 3** "For the wages of _____ is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).
a) not studying for tests b) bullying
c) sin d) not being nice to your family
- 4** During the first part of Mass, we strike our chests and pray: "Through my _____, through my _____, through my most grievous _____."
a) thought b) fault c) brother
d) mistake
- 5** A _____ sin is not mortal (cutting one off from God), but it still damages one's soul.
a) vanilla b) Venus
c) vegetable d) venial
- 6** If you commit a sin, but you didn't know it was wrong or you didn't mean to do it, it is still a sin and you are fully guilty.
True | False
- 7** Because of the power of Christ's love in the Eucharist, _____ sins are forgiven when you are truly sorry and pray for God's mercy during Mass.
a) baby b) super mean c) revenge
d) venial
- 8** The priest is _____ allowed to reveal the sins he hears in confession.
a) always b) sometimes c) never
d) reluctantly
- 9** The positive _____ effects of confession include increased spiritual strength for the Christian battle.
a) spiritual b) physical c) athletic
d) musical
- 10** _____ is an outward action that shows a change of heart away from sin and toward God.
a) Silence b) Penance c) Giving presents
d) Vengeance
- 11** Even if you commit the same sin after confessing it, you can confess it again the next time you go.
True | False
- 12** The _____ is the parable Jesus told about a sinful son and a forgiving father (see Luke 15:11-32).
a) Prodigal Son b) Good Samaritan c) Lost Sheep
d) Workers in the Vineyard
- 13** _____ wants us to avoid confession and become crippled by our guilt and sinfulness.
a) principal b) bishop c) devil
d) government
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a) principal b) bishop c) devil
d) government
- 15** The _____ wants us to avoid confession and become crippled by our guilt and sinfulness.
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- 16** The _____ wants us to avoid confession and become crippled by our guilt and sinfulness.
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- 17** The _____ wants us to avoid confession and become crippled by our guilt and sinfulness.
a) principal b) bishop c) devil
d) government
- 18** The _____ wants us to avoid confession and become crippled by our guilt and sinfulness.
a) principal b) bishop c) devil
d) government
- 19** The _____ wants us to avoid confession and become crippled by our guilt and sinfulness.
a) principal b) bishop c) devil
d) government
- 20** The _____ wants us to avoid confession and become crippled by our guilt and sinfulness.
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d) government

12 The earliest Christians believed that _____

was the normal way to have their sins forgiven.

- a) Baptism b) death c) martyrdom
d) First Communion

13 Priests stand in the place of _____ and offer his forgiveness to the penitent during confession.

- a) the president b) the pastor
c) the pope d) Jesus

14 During the first centuries of the Church, three sins were considered virtually unforgivable: adultery, abandoning or renouncing the faith (apostasy), and _____.

- a) piercing your toenail b) lying
c) sleeping during Mass d) murder

15 Jesus instituted the sacrament of reconciliation by giving the Apostles the authority to forgive sins or hold people bound to their sins. True | False

16 Common forms of penance include extra prayer, pilgrimages, fasting, charitable works, and _____.

- a) self-denial b) no water for a week
c) going to confession
d) writing "sinner" on your forehead

17 When the priest forgives sins in confession, it is called _____.

- a) the great washing b) absolution
c) the moment of truth
d) exhilaration

20 If you turn your back on God for years but ask for God's forgiveness right before you die, God will forgive you.

True | False

ANSWERS TO Catholic I.Q.

1. d) God speaks to us through our consciences, helping us avoid evil and sinful behavior. After we sin, our consciences make us feel bad and give us the desire to fix things.

2. a) Like a mortal wound on the battlefield that kills the soldier, a mortal sin kills our soul's ability to be close to God until we get rid of that sin through confession.

3. c) St. Paul warned the Romans that if they kept habitually sinning, it will result in an awful life and eventually completely separate them from God.

4. b) Recognizing that we sin is the first step to realizing how much we need God's forgiveness.

5. d) Venial sins compromise your integrity and create habits of vice, not virtue, eventually leading to mortal sins (see CCC, 1863).

6. False. "Mortal sin requires *full knowledge* and *complete consent*. It presupposes knowledge of the sinful character of the act, of its opposition to God's law" (CCC, 1859).

7. d) "As bodily nourishment restores lost strength, so the Eucharist strengthens our charity, which tends to be weakened in daily life; and this living charity *wipes away venial sins*" (CCC, 1394).

8. c) "The *secret of the sacrament of reconciliation* is sacred, and cannot be violated. . . . It is a crime for a confessor in any way to betray a penitent for any reason" (CCC, 2490).

9. a) Confession gives us grace to avoid our previous sins and instead to choose what is good, right, holy, and beautiful.

10. b) Penance helps make real our conversion to Christ. Just as "faith without works is dead" (James 2:26), so also repentance without penance is dead.

11. True. Jesus said we should forgive others seven times 70 times because he knew that the Father will always forgive

us, even if we struggle with the same sins all our lives.

12. a) Baptism forgives all sins and is necessary for salvation (see CCC, 980). In the early centuries of the Church, sins committed after Baptism required a public confession, sometimes harsh public penances, and they could only be forgiven by the Apostles or their successors, the bishops.

13. d) Because of his ordination, the priest acts in *persona Christi*, or in the person of Christ, with all Christ's power and authority to forgive sins in confession (see CCC, 1548).

14. d) All three of these sins violated the sacred trust of the community. For the first Christians who could be arrested, tortured, and killed for their faith, being able to trust everyone within the Church was a nonnegotiable.

15. True. When Jesus appeared to the Apostles after the Resurrection, he said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:23).

16. a) Voluntary self-denial breaks our addictions to earthly comfort, reminds us of our weakness, and turns a sacrifice into a prayer of remorse and contrition.

17. b) The priest absolves our sins, which means that we are released from guilt and punishment because of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.

18. a) God is like the forgiving father who is more focused on his son's repentance and his coming home and being part of the family than he is on his son's sins.

19. c) By his cross, Jesus has already paid the price for our sins, so we are forgiven and free no matter how bad we have messed up. Satan wants us to feel unforgivable and trapped in our sins.

20. True. No one knows for certain how God judges us, but Jesus forgave anyone who repented, even the thief on the cross. Jesus said: "Today you will be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43).