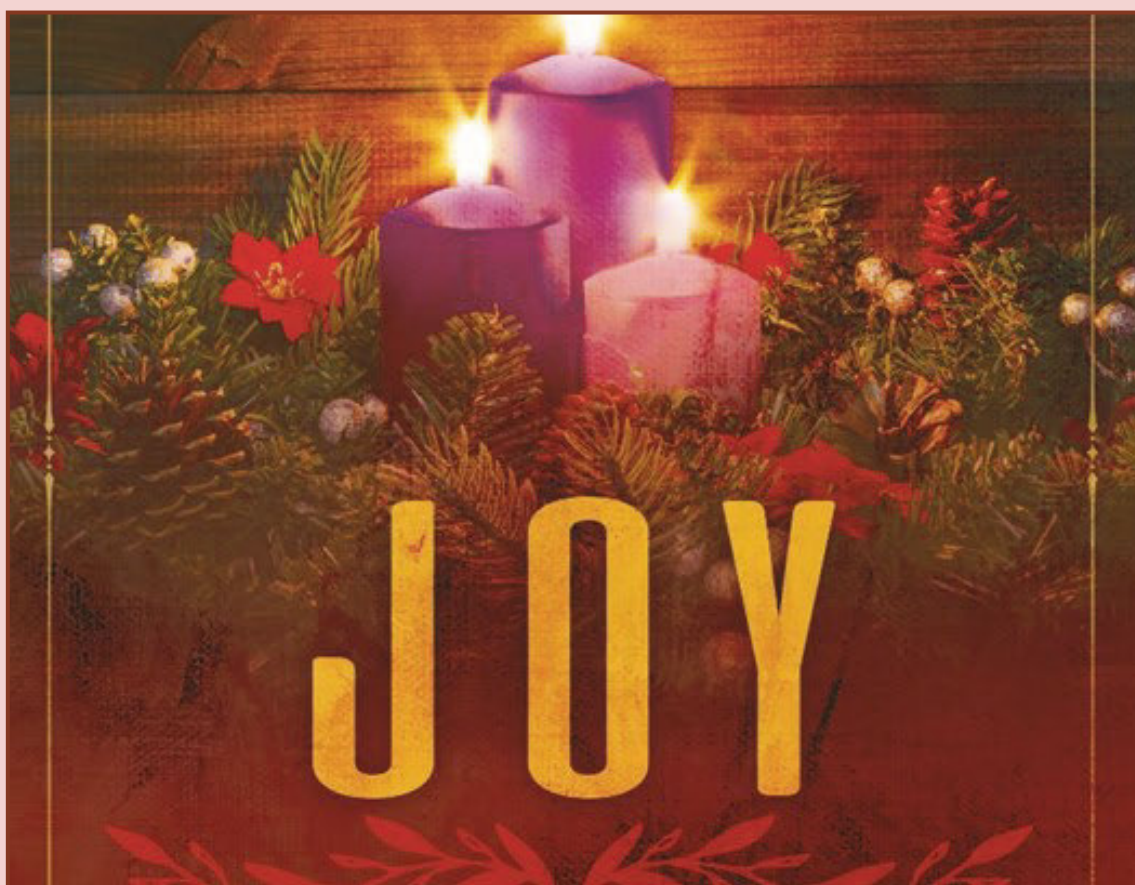


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December 11, 2022

3rd Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday



*"This is the one about whom it is written:
Behold I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
he will prepare your way before you."*

Mt 11:10

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

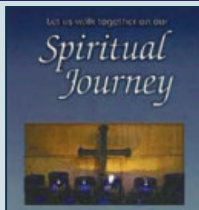
Our Lady of Lourdes offers preschool and kindergarten through 8th grade classes. Please call the School Office for more information at **317-357-3316**.

NEW PARISHIONERS

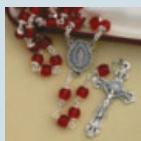
Welcome to our Parish Family!

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

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish,

As we arrive at the Third Sunday of Advent, joy commands our attention (*Gaudete* in Latin, a word of command: "Rejoice!") The vestments are rose (not pink!), and the liturgy reminds us in the prayers, Preface and readings to seek joy in the midst of our waiting (we are half way to the celebration of the Incarnation!)

There is an irony here. Though urged to "joy," few of our Advent songs focus there. This is in sharp contrast to "Joy to the World" at Christmas and "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" during the Easter Season.

And yet, the joy in waiting subtly underlies many of the hymns of our present season. One such is "Comfort, Comfort, Now My People." See the words. Hum the tune. Or break out in voice full-throated – "For the glory of the Lord, now on earth is shed abroad..." Truly a source of joy!

"Comfort, comfort, now my people;
Tell of peace," so says our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness
Mourning under sorrow's load.
To God's people now proclaim
That God's pardon waits for them!
Tell them that their war is over;
God will reign in peace forever.

For the herald's voice is crying
In the desert far and near,
Calling us to true repentance,
Since the Kingdom now is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for Christ a way!
Let the valleys rise to meet him,
And the hills bow down to greet him!

Straight shall be what long was crooked,
And the rougher places plain!
Let your hearts be true and humble,
As befits his holy reign!
For the glory of the Lord
Now on earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token
That God's word is never broken.

Tune: Geneva 42 87.87.77.88

Music: Genevan Psalter, 1553

Text: Tröstet, tröstet meine Lieben, Johann G. Olearus, 1611-1684

Translation: Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Father Ríck

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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**.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday, December 20,
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.

Become a Catechist!

Let's begin planning for next August's religious education program: as it is difficult for anyone to be available for every Sunday morning meeting we will need additional catechists, either full-time or part-time, to keep from having to cancel sessions for students. Talk to Matthew now and we can begin preparations for you to join us next year.

Christmas Day Dinner In Bernadette Hall

Noon to 2 p.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

There is no charge for this home-cooked meal.
RSVP at the Parish Office:
317-356-7291



FRIENDS IN UKRAINE

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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School Office

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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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SCHOOL NEWS

This week began our NWEA Map testing winter session. This is the test that we use to measure academic growth throughout the school year. As I visit classrooms for both informal and formal observations of lessons, I see much evidence of skilled teaching and the resulting engagement of our students.

Our preschoolers are able to understand that a story's events follow a logical sequence, which will prepare them to understand "plot." Kindergarten learned about the sound of the letter F and how to identify it in a story about Frits and his bad luck with fishing. Second graders are learning about how to recognize different types of texts (informational, narrative, and persuasive) and why an author would choose to write in one or another genre. I watched third graders studying similes and metaphors, identifying them and then creating their own. Fourth graders powered through factor families, which will lead to more complicated algebraic skills. In fifth grade, students are learning about the scientific method through a paper airplane project.

All of our staff, myself included, are excited to see the growth from this winter session of NWEA testing that is sure to result from our teachers' hard work!

Angie Therber, Principal

Healing Hidden Hurts

We are blessed, in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis to have a resource for girls and women suffering from an abortion, as well as loved ones who are collaterally affected: **Healing Hidden Hurts**. - Healing Hidden Hurts is a Christ-centered, compassionate and FREE confidential ministry leading those who have been affected by an abortion to reconciliation, restoration and peace of mind and heart. For more information, see: <https://www.healinghiddenhurts.org/> or call: 317-490-1267.

Socialaires

The Socialaires will celebrate Christmas on Wednesday, December 14, by going to the Eiteljorg Museum to view the "Jingle Rails" display, tour the museum and to have lunch in the café. Admission is \$14 for seniors and lunch will be additional. We will meet in the west parking lot at 11 a.m. Please call Diane Beasley if you plan to join us:

317-527-7946

Knights of Columbus Fatima Council Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary will host their annual Christmas Party at their December meeting on Wednesday, December 14, at 6 p.m., at the Fatima Event Center. After a brief meeting, dinner will be provided. Please bring a wrapped \$10 gift for our gift exchange. Contact Mary McGinley: 317-627-2840 or Holly Blagburn: 317-965-8781, as soon as possible, if you plan to attend, so we have an accurate count for the meal. We'd love to hear from you by December 10. If you have any questions, about the Ladies Auxiliary please contact Mary McGinley at 317-627-2840.

Liturgical Ministers, Please Sign-up

Please sign up for our Christmas Liturgies. Your help is needed!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 10	Third Sunday of Advent
4:00 pm	Reconciliation
5:00 pm	†Richard Ross St. Lawrence
	Req. by Ed & Paula Roessler
Sunday, December 11	Third Sunday of Advent
10:00 am	Pro Populo
Tuesday, December 13	St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
5:30 pm	Rosary
6:00 pm	†Jerry Andrews
	Req. by Mary Morois
Wed., December 14	St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor
8:15 am	†Mario Minatel
	Req. by Adrienne Eagan
Thursday, December 15	Advent Weekday
8:15 am	†Patty Himes
6:00 pm	Pro Populo
	Req. by Sally Welch
Friday, December 16	Advent Weekday
8:15 am	†David Raiff
	Req. by Judy Eifert
Saturday, December 17	Fourth Sunday of Advent
4:00 pm	Reconciliation
5:00 pm	Pro Populo
Sunday, December 18	Fourth Sunday of Advent
10:00 am	†Miriam Walsh
	Req. by The Walsh Family

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, December 17, 5 p.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent
EMHC:	Priscilla Campbell (Host), Mary Ann Coffey (Host), Dcn Tom(Cup), Cathy Kervan(Cup), Amy Petrone(Main Host)
Hospitality Ministers:	Don Flick (UW - Team Leader), Kay Campbell (GE), Lisa Flick (GN), Leon Waninger (GW)
Lector:	Nick Petrone (A), Sally Budreau (B)
Sacristan:	Linda Caraher
Servers:	Michael Biggs, Luke McDonald
Cantor:	Sylvia Zimmerman
Sunday, December 18, 10 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent
EMHC:	Jane Pittman (Host), Beverly Durham (Host), Dcn Tom (Cup), Kirk Forster (Cup), Paula Schenkenfelder (Main Host)
Hospitality Ministers:	Mike Guinan (UW - Team Leader), Steve Wuertz (GE), Bob Eha (GN), Bob Davey (GW),
Lector:	Judith Higgins (A), Mark Caraher (B)
Sacristan:	Tammy Buennagel
Servers:	Claire Higgins, Kate Pittman
Cantor:	Linda Caraher
CLOW Leader:	Nikki Rosswurm
Mass Childcare:	Fiona McKiernan, Jenny McNulty
Small Linens Sacristan:	Linda Abner

READINGS: WEEK OF DECEMBER 11, 2022

Sunday:	Is 35:1-6a,10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11
Monday:	Zec 2:14-17; (Ps) Jdt 13:18bc,19; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2,9-13; Ps 34:2-3,6-7,17-18,19,23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Is 45:6c-8,18,21c-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday:	Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2,4-6,11-13; Lk 7:24-30
Friday:	Is 56:1-3a,6-8; Ps 67:2-3,5,7-8; Jn 5:33-36
Saturday:	Gn 49:2,8-10; Ps 72:1-4,7-8,17; Mt 1:1-17

Calendar of EVENTS

Sunday, December 11

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

Monday, December 12

7:00 pm Parish Social Ministry Advocates Rectory
 7:00 pm Men's Monday Night Prayer Jockamo's

Tuesday, December 13

5:30 pm Rosary Chapel
 6:00 pm Mass Chapel
 6:30 pm Christmas Program Grades K-8 Gym
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop #8 Meeting Cafeteria

Wednesday, December 14

8:15 am Mass Chapel
 7:00 pm SVdP Meeting BH-B
 7:30 pm RCIA BH-C

Thursday, December 15

5:30 pm Rosary Chapel
 6:00 pm Mass Chapel
 7:00 pm Finance Committee BH-C

Friday, December 16

8:15 am Mass (School) Church
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack 8 Cafeteria

Saturday, December 17

4:00 pm Reconciliation Church
 5:00 pm Mass Church

Sunday, December 18

8:30 am SRE BH
 10:00 am Mass Church



“You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.”

JAMES 5:8

Patience is another one of those things, with which we struggle. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer, God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves through **Stewardship** with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

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, 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 details or to schedule a time to share.

“Ordinary Women” December 19

Our next meeting will be Monday, December 19, in Bernadette Hall at 7 p.m. Please join us! All women of the parish are welcome. Call Pat at 317-395-8186 for more information.



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



Candidates: Choose Your Confirmation Name

Confirmation candidates: Please submit your choice for a Confirmation Name to Matthew without further delay, and have your worksheet ready for our next meeting, January 8.



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December 4, 2022

Actual.....	\$	14,756.00
Online Giving		9,445.00
Budgeted.....		13,848.00
Difference +/-(-).....	\$	10,353.00

YTD Sunday & Holy Day

Actual.....	\$	253,828.75
Budgeted.....		271,080.00
Difference +/-(-).....	\$	(17,251.25)

Endowment.....	\$	225.00
Cmpn. Human Dvl/pmt.....	\$	10.00
Retired Religious Fund.....	\$	45.00
Children's Offering.....	\$	1.00
SVdP.....	\$	1,710.00

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.

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.

Catch-up on Adult Scripture Studies

If you were interested in an Adult Scripture, but could not attend, you may borrow the videos and study books, get the information, but not the group discussion. Choose from: The Gospel of John, Catholic Prayer, The History of Ancient Israel, How to Read the Bible, The Book of Psalms. For access talk to Matthew.

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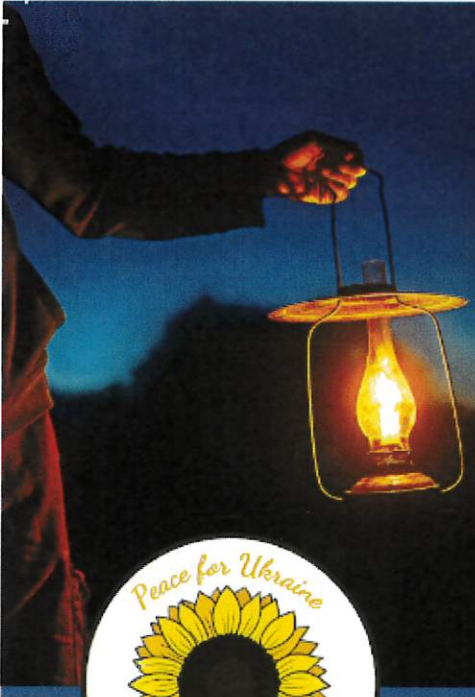
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SHARE THE LIGHT:



December 17 & 18



Peace Light of Bethlehem

The flame of the Peace Light has burned continuously for over a thousand years and originated at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, the site of Jesus' birth. It is transferred lantern-to-lantern from Tel Aviv, to Austria, to New York City. Dedicated volunteers meet, share, and move the live flame from NYC across North America, person-to-person, coast-to-coast. The Peace Light, symbolic of the Light of Christ, especially evident at Christmas, is meant to promote peace, harmony and unity among all people of the world. The Peace Light this year is being dedicated to peace in Ukraine.

Peacelightnorthamerica.org



**Peace Light
North America**

The Peace Light of Bethlehem is currently burning in our sanctuary.

We have set aside times after the Masses on December 17 and 18 for sharing of the Light.

Please bring a candle in a protected vessel as we allow the light to shine in our homes and in our hearts.

Christmas Day Dinner

All Are Welcome!

**Noon to 2 p.m.
In Bernadette Hall**



**There is no charge for this home-cooked dinner.
Free will offerings are accepted.**

Please R.S.V.P. by December 22, at [317-356-7291](tel:317-356-7291).

Volunteers! Your help is needed! Please call the number above.