

January 1, 2023

HEART



And Mary kept all these
things, reflecting on them
in her heart.

LUKE 2:19

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The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

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**.

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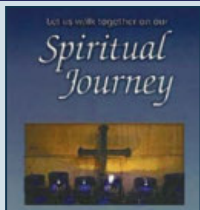
Our Lady of Lourdes offers preschool and kindergarten through 8th grade classes. Please call the School Office for more information at **317-357-3316**.

NEW PARISHIONERS

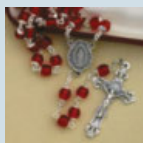
Welcome to our Parish Family!

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 of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish,

Happy New Year! May the unfolding of this year bring blessings, changes to our lives as needed, and strength to face whatever challenges lie ahead!

Today we are celebrating Mary, Mother of God. The Greek word for this is *Theotokos*, that is, God bearer. We actually make note of this throughout the year – from March 25 (Annunciation), May 31 (Visitation), and June 25 (the Birth of John the Baptist).

Mary's acceptance of the angel's invitation is the first step of the biblical unfolding of Mary as Mother of God. As we celebrate this day of her motherhood, let us recall that first step.

Below is a reflection by St. Bernard of Clairvaux upon this moment. The Liturgy of the Hours names it: *The whole world awaits Mary's reply*.

"You have heard, O Virgin, that you will conceive and bear a son; you have heard that it will not be by man but by the Holy Spirit. The angel awaits an answer; it is time for him to return to God who sent him. We too are waiting, O Lady, for your word of compassion; the sentence of condemnation weighs heavily upon us.

"The price of our salvation is offered to you. We shall be set free at once if you consent. In the eternal Word of God we all came to be, and behold, we die. In your brief response we are to be remade in order to be recalled to life.

"Tearful Adam with his sorrowing family begs this of you, O loving Virgin, in their exile from Paradise. Abraham begs it, David begs it. All the other holy patriarchs, your ancestors, ask it of you, as they dwell in the country of the shadow of death. This is what the whole earth waits for, prostrate at your feet. It is right in doing so, for on your word depends comfort for the wretched, ransom for the captive, freedom for the condemned, indeed, salvation for all the sons of Adam, the whole of your race.

"Answer quickly, O Virgin. Reply in haste to the angel, or rather through the angel to the Lord. Answer with a word, receive the Word of God. Speak your own word, conceive the divine Word. Breathe a passing word, embrace the eternal Word.

"Why do you delay, why are you afraid? Believe, give praise, and receive. Let humility be bold, let modesty be confident. This is no time for virginal simplicity to forget prudence. In this matter alone, O prudent Virgin, do not fear to be presumptuous. Though modest silence is pleasing, dutiful speech is now more necessary. Open your heart to faith, O blessed Virgin, your lips to praise, your womb to the Creator. See, the desired of all nations is at your door, knocking to enter. If he should pass by because of your delay, in sorrow you would begin to seek him afresh, the One whom your soul loves. Arise, hasten, open. Arise in faith, hasten in devotion, open in praise and thanksgiving. Behold the handmaid of the Lord, she says, be it done to me according to your word."

From a homily In Praise of the Virgin Mother by Saint Bernard, abbot (Hom. 4:8-9; Opera omnia, Edit Cisterc 4. [1966], 53-54)

Thus God's plan begins to unfold. Whatever Mary's youthful plan may have been, her prudent openness, pondering, being deeply troubled, listening, questioning, receiving the angelic response – finally accepting – was the greatest journey to "yes" ever told.

The Gospels do not tell us why or how she was so disposed to the angelic visitation. One would assume she was prayerfully connected to God in the Covenant of Moses and its observance. One would assume she grew up in a household that encouraged such connection to God.

Perhaps our calling as this New Year commences is to ponder in our hearts the call of God. Raise our questions, listen for response, and after our yes, continue to ponder in our hearts the events in our life that continue to invite a seeking of God and the blessing God's purpose and presence.

Fr. Rick

Winter Adult Scripture Study Beginning Soon!

Our Winter Adult Scripture Study of the Book of Isaiah begins to meet on Thursday, Jan 5 (either 10 a.m. or 7:30 p.m.) If you did not register earlier, come to the meeting and we'll make things official!

Monday Night Men's Prayer Group: January 9

The Men's Prayer group will meet at 7:30 p.m. on **Monday, January 9**, in Bernadette Hall. All men of the parish are welcome. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Bob Eha at **317-345-9884**.

Join Sunday Religious Education

Sunday Religious Education meetings are taking a break for Christmas. We will resume on January 8. Anyone may begin attending meetings at that time!

Socialaires

The Socialaires will be sticking close to home this month. We will meet in Bernadette Hall from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. on January 18. Bring your lunch and we will play cards and/or games. Pure and simple--old fashioned entertainment.

Anyone 55 and older is welcome to join us. If you have any questions, please call Diane Beasley **317-527-7946**.

Confirmation Class: January 8

Confirmation candidates: Please submit your choice of Confirmation Name without further delay. And have your worksheet ready for our next meeting on January 8.

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

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, Paul Kervan, 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, Victoria O'Neil, Dale Page, Carolyn Patterson, Bernie Price, Mike Rawers, Joseph Rogers, Rhonda Roseman, Karen & Larry Thomas, Barb Tittle, Skip Wagoner, Jimmy Warrenburg, Arianna Williams



JANUARY 2023

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Tues & Thurs 6 p.m.

Wed & Fri 8:15 a.m.

Sat 5 p.m.

Sun 10 a.m.

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*January 1
Solemnity of Mary
The Holy Mother
Of God*

Become a Catechist!

Have you thought about serving the parish as a catechist (faith educator) but aren't sure if you are qualified? Talk to Matthew *now* about how to get ready to share the faith *next year*.

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.



READINGS: WEEK OF JANUARY 1, 2023

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1,3c-4,5-6; Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1,7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15,19-20; Mk 1:7-11
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a,9b; Jn 2:1-11

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 31.....Solemnity: Mary Mother of God
 5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday, January 1.....Solemnity: Mary Mother of God
 10:00 am Peace in Ukraine Req. by Fr Rick Ginther

Tuesday, January 3.....The Most Holy Name of Jesus
 5:30 pm Rosary
 6:00 pm †David Malander Req. by Lori Malander

Wednesday, January 4.....St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
 8:15 am †Mary Ann Henneghan Bennett Req. by Fred Bennett

Thursday, January 5.....St. John Neumann, Bishop
 5:30 pm Rosary
 6:00 pm †Arnold Frerichs Req. by Folk Choir

Friday, January 6.....St. André Bessette, Religious
 8:15 am †Scott Pollard Req. by Diane Beasley

Saturday, January 7.....The Epiphany of the Lord
 5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday, January 8.....The Epiphany of the Lord
 10:00 am †James Mellene Req. by Steve Mellene

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 7, 5 p.m. The Epiphany of the Lord

EMHC: Mary Ann Coffey (Host), Nick Petrone (Host),
 Deacon Tom (Cup), _____ (Cup), Julie Ritzi (Main Host)

Hospitality
 Ministers: Brian Bakemeyer (GE), Joe Hammond (GN),
 Dave Skirvin (GW), Don Flick (UE)

Lector: Mark Pittman (A), Sally Budreau (B)

Sacristan: Mary Morois

Servers: Lydia Baker, Linden Johnson

Thurifer: _____

Cantor: Sylvia Zimmerman

Sunday, January 8, 10 a.m. The Epiphany of the Lord

EMHC: Mike Guinan (Host), Sue Wilson (Host),
 Deacon Tom (Cup), _____ (Cup), _____ (Cup),
 _____ (Cup), Kirk Forster (Main Host)

Hospitality
 Ministers: Gilbert Durham (HM Team Leader (UW),
 Steve Wuertz (GE), Bob Eha (GN),
 Priscilla Campbell (GW)

Lector: Mark Caraher (A), Andrea Aikman (B)

Sacristan: Linda Caraher Thurifer: _____

Servers: Mila Christopher, Felix Radomski

Cantor: Kate Miller

C.L.O.W. Leader: Tom McKiernan
 Mass Childcare: Fiona McKiernan, Jillian Okray

Small Linens
 Sacristan: Tammy Buennagel

Knights of Columbus All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast

Fatima Event Center Located at 1040 North Post Road

The Knights of Columbus Fatima Council No. 3228 will be serving an All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast Sunday, January 8, at the Fatima Event Center from 8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$4 for children under 12, and children under 5 are free.

Calendar of **EVENTS**

Saturday, December 31 - (Anticipation) Mary Mother of God

4:00 pm Reconciliation Church
5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, January 1 - Mary Mother of God

10:00 am Mass Church

Monday, January 2 -

7:00 pm Girl Scout Service Unit BH-B

Tuesday, January 3

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

Wednesday, January 4

8:15 am Mass Chapel
7:00 pm Welcome Committee BH-A
7:30 pm RCIA BH-C

Thursday, January 5

6:00 pm Mass Chapel
7:00 pm Engagement Committee BH-A

Friday, January 6

8:15 am Mass Church
6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 875 Cafeteria

Saturday, January 7

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

Sunday, January 8

8:30 am SRE BH
10:00 am Mass Church
11:30 am Parish Council BH-C
7:00 pm Confirmation Class BH-C



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After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal **Steward**. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God’s call. She heard God’s message, and immediately said “yes.” Mary teaches us to live with joy and gratitude for the many blessings God has given us. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ’s light to the world. We do this through lives of gratitude and generosity.

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 you like most about the Eucharist! Give your personal witness for a minute or two, to help form the faith of our younger parishioners. Volunteer 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



Due to early bulletin deadlines, financial information for December 25 will be shared in the bulletin for January 8.

December 18, 2022

Actual.....	\$	7,929.71
Online Giving		2,218.00
Budgeted.....		<u>13,848.00</u>
Difference +/-.....	\$	(3,700.29)

YTD Sunday & Holy Day

Actual.....	\$	278,701.37
Budgeted.....		<u>298,776.00</u>
Difference +/-.....	\$	(20,074.63)

Cmpn. Human Development...	\$	20.00
Retired Religious Fund.....	\$	50.00
Endowment Fund.....	\$	129.00
Military Services.....	\$	15.00
SVdP.....	\$	395.00



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



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First Holy Eucharist Information Meeting

2nd-grade Parents: the informational meeting for those families seeking their child’s first Holy Eucharist will be held Monday, January 16.

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL PARISH UPDATE

Parish Name	Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
Parish Goal	\$45,990
Amount Pledged	\$30,329
Amount Received	\$24,528
Number of Donors	46
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Total Number of Donors Archdiocesan Wide	4,736

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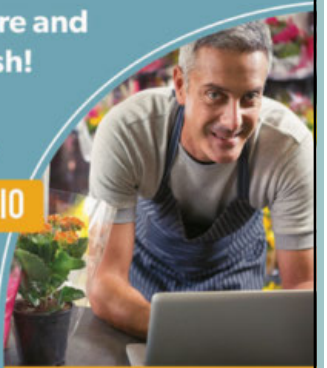
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Have you changed your phone number or email?

Do you have a new child?

Have you moved?

Are you preparing to move soon?

Are you no longer a parishioner?

Here is your chance to update **YOUR** record for the
2023 Guidebook & Directory!

It's time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in **YOUR** family over the past year.

If you have not already informed the Parish Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guidebook & Directory is correct by **January 13th**. You can update your information by emailing census@ollindy.org or online at www.ollindy.org/church-home/census.

Update Your Information Today!