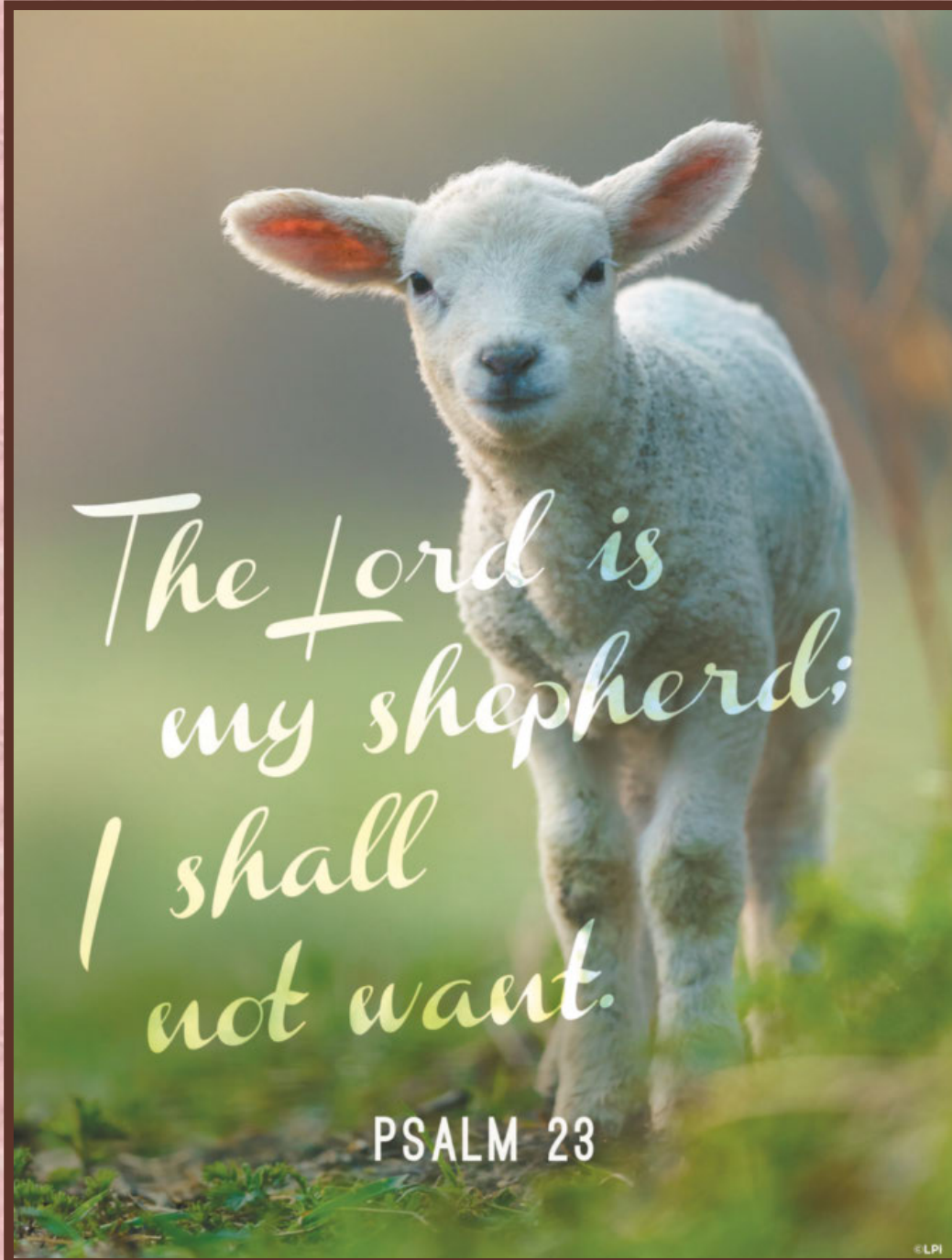


March 19, 2023



4th Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday

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

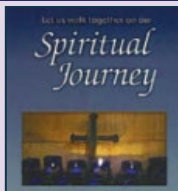
Our Lady of Lourdes offers preschool and kindergarten through 8th grade classes. Please call the School Office for more information at **317-357-3316**.

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 of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish,

Our song during Preparation of the Gifts this weekend is the most popular, most sung hymn in the United States. Sung in both religious and secular settings, the melody (New Britain) brings the words to the fore. There is a driving element, both humble and triumphant, in this wedding of lyric and melody. I am writing, of course, of *Amazing Grace*.

What are the origins of these beloved lyrics? Various sources provide the following background.

"Amazing Grace" published in 1779. The words were written in 1772 by English Anglican clergyman and poet John Newton (1725–1807).

He was born in 1725 into a Christian home in London, England. His pious mother died when he was seven, and he joined his father at sea when he was eleven.

He led a licentious and tumultuous sailing life that included a flogging for attempted desertion from the Royal Navy and captivity by a slave trader in West Africa. After his escape, he himself became the captain of a slave ship.

Several factors contributed to Newton's conversion: a near-drowning in 1748, the piety of his friend Mary Catlett, (whom he married in 1750), and his reading of Thomas à Kempis' *Imitation of Christ*.

In 1754, he gave up the slave trade and, in association with William Wilberforce, eventually became an ardent abolitionist. Together, with many others, they brought about the end of the slave trade in the British Empire (Slave Trade Act, 1807) and Abolition of Slavery Act, British Empire, 1833).

Soon after he was ordained for ministry, he wrote this great hymnic text. Newton wrote, "I can see no reason why the Lord singled me out for mercy...unless it was to show, by one astonishing instance, that with him 'nothing is impossible'"

(Newton, *The Life of John Newton*).

The original text (with the addition of an anonymous fifth verse) is below. It is an apt text for Lenten reflection.

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

The Lord has promised good to me,
His words my hope secure,
He will my shield and portion be
All long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
This grace that brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

When we've been here ten thousand years
Bright, shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.



Lourdes Word News

Due to unforeseen circumstances, mailing "hard" copies of the winter edition have been delayed. We apologize. Please note that electronic copies are available on the parish website.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Tuesday, March 21,
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.



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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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Seeking Communications & Stewardship Coordinator

Our Lady of Lourdes is seeking a full-time Communications & Stewardship Coordinator. This Coordinator will design and execute well-branded communications under the direction of the pastor and school principal, as well as assisting with specific stewardship responsibilities. The candidate would utilize communications vehicles such as social media, website, newsletters and bulletins to effectively communicate the activities and programs of the parish and school communities to a variety of audiences. The candidate would coordinate the Annual Stewardship Renewal program and work with various parish committees regarding donors. The position reports to the Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes and works in collaboration with the school principal and staff, as well as volunteers. Candidates should have 3 years of communications experience using multiple forms of print and electronic media. Interested candidates should provide a resume and cover letter to: skrause@iu.edu

Forty Days for Life

Have you considered praying for unborn babies this Lent outside the Planned Parenthood at 8590 Georgetown Road? Forty Days for Life's Indianapolis campaign of prayer is February 22- April 2. According to a February 24, article in the *Indianapolis Star*, "Planned Parenthood has temporarily stopped performing abortions at its Georgetown Road clinic in Indianapolis, while the health care provider conducts training for new staff, organization officials said." Patients are being referred to other locations; Planned Parenthood is the largest provider of abortions in our state. You may sign up for a time at:

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/indianapolis>

or simply show up at your convenience. It's a very peaceful, prayerful way of keeping our unborn fellow citizens in the public eye.

Knights of Columbus

Fatima Event Center Located at 1040 North Post Road

Fatima Council's Dinner with the Knights will be on Monday, March 27th at 6:30 p.m. hosting a Lasagna dinner that includes salad, breadsticks and dessert. The cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children 5 -12, and children under 4 are free. Please join us for a great evening.

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 Bezsmerntnyi.

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, Sean Marcum, Marilyn May, Mike Miller, Glenda Moore, Victoria O'Neil, Dale Page, Carolyn Patterson, Bernie Price, Joseph Rogers, Irene Roseman, Rhonda Roseman, Karen & Larry Thomas, Barb Tittle, Jimmy Warrenburg, Arianna Williams

“Ordinary Women” March 20



Our next meeting will be Monday, March 20, in Bernadette Hall at 7 p.m. Please join us!

All women of the parish are welcome.
Call Pat: **317-395-8186** for more information.



Coffee & Doughnuts: March 26



The next Doughnut Sunday will be March 26. If your group would like to sponsor a Sunday, please email Sally Bennett at: sallyb718@aol.com

Seeking Saints Statuary

The First Eucharist Retreat will include a discussion of the Communion of Saints. We want to create a feeling of this “Cloud of Witnesses” by surrounding the candidates with statuary of different saints. Would you have a figure that we could borrow for the retreat in April (after Easter)? Talk with Matthew Fallon about it and God bless you!

Liturgical Ministers Needed: April 27

Confirmation night is coming closer – can you volunteer to help make this Mass possible? OLL will need to supply ministers of hospitality, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, and altar servers. Candidates may help with the readings. Thank you for taking part in the rite and honoring our young disciples! Contact Matthew to volunteer.

SRE Students Experience the Seder Meal

The young parishioners in our Sunday Religious Education classes held a Seder meal last week and learned the roots of the Eucharist and how it is a foreshadowing of God’s plan of salvation through Christ. Check out the photos in the west entrance.

Blood Drive on 3/19: It’s Not Too Late!

Even if you forgot to make an appointment, you can still donate blood. Check with the Versiti folks over in Bernadette Hall between 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to see how you can help out. Thank you so much!



Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 18.....4th Sunday of Lent / Laetare Sunday
5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday, March 19.....4th Sunday of Lent / Laetare Sunday
10:00 am †Rokeya Begum Req. by Carey Rahman

Tuesday, March 21.....Lenten Weekday
5:30 pm Rosary
6:00 pm †Pamela Strattan-Holmes Req. by Richard & Penny Moss

Wednesday, March 22.....Lenten Weekday
8:15 am †Anthony Certo Req. by The Certo Family

Thursday, March 23.....St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
5:30 pm Rosary
6:00 pm †James Mellene Req. by Steve Mellene

Friday, March 24.....Lenten Weekday
8:15 am †Fr. Noah Casey Req. by The Certo Family

Saturday, March 25.....5th Sunday of Lent
5:00 pm †Ross St. Lawrence Req. by Thu St. Lawrence

Sunday, March 26.....5th Sunday of Lent
10:00 am Pro Populo

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, March 25, 5 p.m. 5th Sunday of Lent
EMHC: Monica Collins (Host), Jan O’Brien (Host),
Deacon Tom (Cup), Julie Ritz (Cup),
Sally Budreau (Main Host)

Hospitality Ministers: _____ (GE), Joe Hammond (GN),
Dave Skirvin (GW), Priscilla Campbell (UE)

Lector: Paige Kervan (A), Nick Petrone (B)

Sacristan: Mary Morois

Servers: Gavin Connel, Miles Parrish

Cantor: Michele Kite

Sunday, March 26, 10 a.m. 5th Sunday of Lent
EMHC: Andrea Aikman (Host), Paula Schenkenfelder (Host),
Kirk Forster (Cup), Deacon Tom (Cup),
Beverly Durham (Cup), _____ (Cup), _____ (Cup),
Jane Pittman (Main Host)

Hospitality Ministers: Mike Guinan, Team Leader(UW), Gilbert Durham (GE),
Bob Eha (GN), Bob Davey (GW), _____ (Y)

Lector: Vic Berlage (A), Jim Davis (B)

Sacristan: Tammy Buennagel

Servers: Ian McKiernan, Kate Pittman

Cantor: Silvia Zimmerman

Small Linens

Sacristan: Tammy Buennagel

Stations of the Cross: Sylvia Zimmerman, _____ Your help is needed!
Fridays at 7 p.m.

READINGS: WEEK OF MARCH 19, 2023

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16; Ps 89:2-5,27,29;
Rom 4:13,16-18,22; Mt 1:16,18-21,24a

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9,12; Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9,13c-14,17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a,12-22; Ps 34:17-21,23; Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30

Saturday: Is 7:10-14,8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Calendar of EVENTS

Sunday, March 19

8:30 am	SRE	BH
9:00 am	Versiti Blood Drive	BH
9:00 am	Reconciliation	Church
10:00 am	Mass	Church
4:30 pm	Raingutter Regatta	Cafeteria

Monday, March 20

7:00 pm	Ordinary Women	BH-A
7:30 pm	Folk Choir Rehearsal	Church

Tuesday, March 21

3:00 pm	Girl Scout Troop #13	BH-A
5:30 pm	Rosary	Chapel
6:00 pm	Mass + Holy Hour for Vocations	Chapel
6:30 pm	Spring Benefit Committee	BH-A
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts Troop #8 Meeting	Cafeteria
7:00 pm	Creation Care Committee	BH-C

Wednesday, March 22

8:15 am	Mass	Chapel
6:00 pm	IAM Soup Supper <u>AT Irvinton Pres.</u>	Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	IAM Lenten Prayer Service	IUMC
7:30 pm	RCIA Class	BH-A

Thursday, March 23 - Noon Dismissal, No Extended Care

10:00 am	Adult Scripture Study	BH-C
5:30 pm	Rosary	Chapel
6:00 pm	Mass	Chapel
7:30 pm	Adult Scripture Study	BH-C

Friday, March 24 - Noon Dismissal, No Extended Care

8:15 am	Mass	Church
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	Church

Saturday, March 25

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

Sunday, March 26

8:30 am	SRE	BH
9:00 am	Reconciliation	Church
10:00 am	Mass	Church



*“Not as man sees does God see,
because man sees the appearance but
the Lord looks into the heart.”*

1Samuel 16:7

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into the hearts of his **Stewards** to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.



A Lenten Tradition: Project Rice Bowl

Sharing Success

Most people in Turkana, Kenya, raise live-stock and a few are farmers. But the hot

and dry climate makes this work difficult - and climate change is making it even harder. Rebecca and Lotiang participated in a CRS program that installed a water well and taught them new farming techniques. They can support their family with their crops and are teaching others in their community what they learned. How can you use your skills and knowledge to help others? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

Join the Faith Formation Commission

How will the parish adapt, improve and provide faith formation activities? Add your voice! Become part of the Faith Formation Commission. Talk with Andrea Fleak (Chairperson) or Matthew Fallon about this monthly commitment.

Prayer Vine

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



Grade 2 Families: As you continue to work on the preparation books together feel free to contact Matthew Fallon in the office with any questions that arise along the way (kids can ask some doozies!). The next group event is our retreat on the morning of April 29.



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



March 12, 2023

Actual.....	\$	5,517.00
Online Giving		4,385.00
Budgeted.....		<u>13,002.00</u>
Difference +/-.....	\$	(3,100.00)

YTD Sunday & Holy Day

Actual.....	\$	425,488.91
Budgeted.....		<u>449,931.00</u>
Difference +/-.....	\$	(24,442.09)

Church in Africa.....	\$	80.00
Catholic Relief Services.....	\$	20.00
Criterion.....	\$	368.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$	27.00
SVdP.....	\$	298.00



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Easter Egg Hunt: Donations & Help Needed

CANDY:

Please consider making a candy donation for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We have 4,000 eggs to fill. Any small, individually WRAPPED candy is acceptable. Also needed are items to be given away as "grand prizes." Donations may be left at the parish office. Thank you!



VOLUNTEERS:

We are in need of helpers to assist with the filling and distribution of plastic eggs and registration on the morning of the Easter Egg Hunt, **Saturday, 4-1**. This is an excellent service opportunity for our teens. Egg filling will take place on Monday, 3-27, from 10 a.m. – noon. Anyone interested may contact Mary Williams (**317-357-7329**) or the parish office at (**317-356-7291**).

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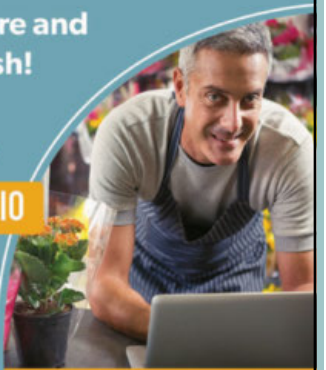


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