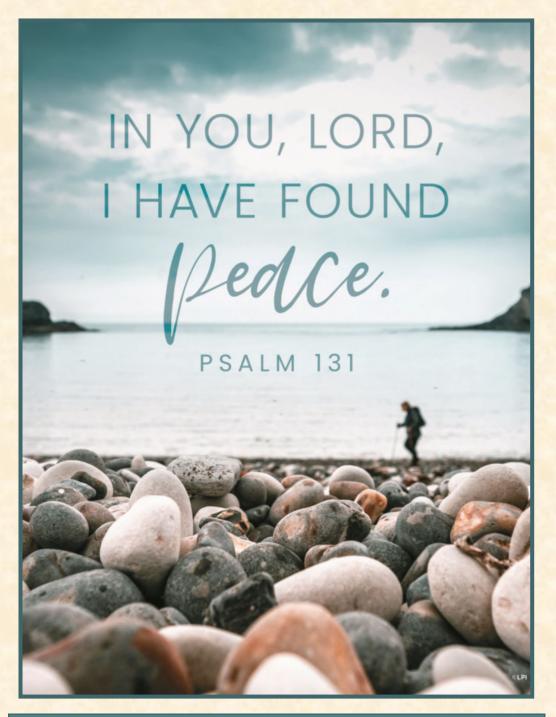
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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

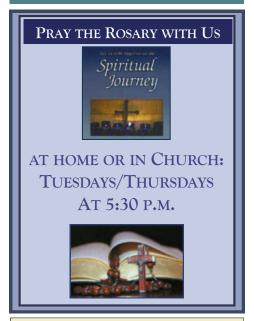
Anointing of the Sick: If you are going to have surgery, or have a chronic illness and wish to be anointed, please contact the parish office. If a family member is in or admitted to the hospital, <u>please</u> call the parish office at 317-356-7291.

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.



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,

A few days ago, Psalm 42 had its monthly moment during the Office of Readings (a part of the Liturgy of the Hours). I was struck by its poetic words.

Like the deer that yearns for running streams So my soul is yearning, for you, my God. My soul is thirsting for God, the God of my life. When can I enter and see the face of God. (42:1-2)

A connection formed. Psalm 63 came to mind.

My God, you are my God, for you I long. My body pines for you, like a dry, weary land without water. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary To see your strength and your glory. (63:1-3)

Another connection formed. My soul, my body, my entire being, longs to drink in the wonder of God, to gaze upon the face of God. In the sanctuary.

Our Jewish ancestors came again and again to the Temple to worship, to make sacrifice, and to be in God's presence symbolically in the Ark of the Covenant. They entered that they might sense the wonderful presence of God, "the God of my life."

When we enter our church building – indeed, any Catholic church – a simple, red sanctuary lamp invites our eye, reminding us of God's real presence, safely held in a place of honor, an "Ark of the Covenant in Christ," if you will.

Our busy lives enter the church with us. They do not stop at the door. Unless we intentionally hold them aside and, having attained our place, "gaze on you in the sanctuary."

How can we know if we are intentional about our approach to the living presence? Often I see it in our coming in and genuflecting – to the pew, to the altar, to the wall. Yes, we do the "form," but miss the intentional aiming of body, eyes and mind toward the place of repose of the great gift of Christ's presence. True, it is not always easy to see through limestone columns or the person in front of us – but we know the place for our gaze, for our attention.

This moment of intentionality leads us to acknowledge the Lord's presence. It prepares us for the Lord's presence in the Assembly, in the person of the priest (*in the person of Christ who is the head*), in the Word, in the great prayers of the Church, and in the gift of taking into our bodies the one that we then "...carry in our bodies the death of the Lord, that we might be the gift of his life." (2 Corinthians 4:10)

I invite us all to spend time this week praying Psalms 42 and 63. And if you want, continue to Psalm 100 ("...come before him singing for joy...") Perhaps these words of our ancestors in faith will stir a greater intentionality in the presence of God in Christ.

Father Rick



"Ordinary Women" Meeting

Our next meeting will be **Monday, November 6**, in Bernadette Hall at 7 p.m. Please join us! All women of the parish are welcome. For information, call Pat: **317-395-8186**.

What's Happening in Sumday Religious Ed?

Instead of Halloween, our SRE students learned a little more about the saints of the Church, and were visited by a pair of Irish saints: Dymphna and Patrick!

Help Break Open the Word for RCIA Participants

Have you ever wanted to go a little deeper into the meaning of the Mass readings? You can get a copy of "Breaking Open The Lectionary" to understand the readings more fully! You can then use this knowledge to help form the understanding of our RCIA participants. Beginning on Sunday, November 26, we will be excusing the catechumens from Mass (after the Liturgy of the Word) to discuss the readings for that day; we need 4-5 volunteers to lead the informative and faith-sharing discussion, on a rotating basis. Your involvement will help build the faith of our intentional Catholic learners, and help them meet more of the parish community! Talk with Matthew to serve God and the parish in this way, and thank you!



Why support the United Catholic Appeal?

Scan to watch a video that will give you all the reasons why. Then, prayerfully consider your gift that will bring hope to others.



Join the RCIA Team!

People learn about the Catholic Faith and prepare to join the Church through the RCIA process; you can help them along the way in different manners. You can find good, independent training at **FranciscanAtHome.com** in the Catechumenal (RCIA) Track of trainings. Go to **www.FranciscaAtHome.com**, create a free personal account, and identify your sponsoring groups: the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, and then our OLL parish. Start watching and learning and then join us for RCIA meetings! See Matthew Fallon to help (**mfallon@ollindy.org**)

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

Susan Abel, Pam Aiello, Emilia Atkinson, Harold Barthé, Paula Bittelmeyer, Rose Boggs, Dick & Kathy Burgess, Denise Byers, Cathy Cancilla, Catherine C. Coop, Will Christiansen, Deborah Clayton, Marc Davis, Cassandra Budreau Dunne, Gilbert Durham, Mona Eitel, Norma Faye, Tina Fields, Teresa Foster, Jim Funk, Steve Gray, Katie Guzman, Ben Hall, Charles Hart, Isabelle Hofmeister, Kevin Houppert, Harold Irons, Michael James, Karen Jaskelski, Teresa Kerns, Randy Kidwell, Peggy Kloenne, Joseph Kossack, Joe Leach, Emerson Linde, Paul Linne, Mitzi Loomis, John Maag & Ellen, Jerry MacKenzie, Marilyn May, Mike Miller, Glenda Moore, Victoria O'Neil, Dale Page, Bernie Price, Joseph Rogers, Irene Roseman, Rhonda Roseman, Karen & Larry Thomas, Barb Tittle, 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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SCHOOL NEWS

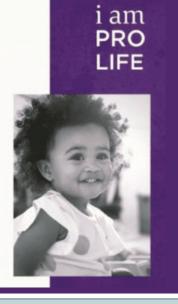
Research says that teachers exert a powerful influence on students' school performance both academically and socially. If I were more a researcher and less a practitioner, I would find the data to support my belief that teachers are the MOST powerful influence on a student's school performance. Because of this, I value every opportunity for our teachers to feel supported in their work. Part of this support is providing opportunities to learn and grow in the profession. Last week our staff attended the Indiana Nonpublic Education Association Teacher Conference.

Thank you for your willingness to adjust, so that your children could be out of school for two days. Our teachers were able to benefit last week from a variety of conference sessions aligned with learning strands. A few of those themes were: Early Learning, The Science of Reading, Effective Instructional Practices, Special Education, and Innovations in Education.

Later this month, we will come together as a faculty to discuss our takeaways from the conference. I have already heard excitement around some new ideas that teachers want to discuss for our school. Their excitement will surely enhance our students' enthusiasm in the classroom and around our school community.

- Angie Therber, Principal

"All life... should be protected, honored & cherished as the beautiful gift that it is."



Help Support Our NCYC Participants

Help support our 11 high school students who will be attending the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) from November 16-18, 2023, in downtown Indianapolis. The cost for each teen to attend is \$300, with a parish goal of \$5,000, to cover additional costs. Teens who attend come back energized in their faith and ready to serve the Church. If you would like to contribute to help make the conference more affordable for our 11 participants, there are a few ways to help.

- You can give online at tinyurl.com/OLLncyc23 or through OLL's Online Giving website.
- There are also envelopes at the doors of the church. Checks may be made out to Our Lady of Lourdes, with "NCYC" in the subject line.

Thank you for your generosity to the faith formation of our youth! Through your sock and bake sale purchases, and donations online, we have raised \$1,000 so far to help our teens have a meaningful experience. Volunteer at NCYC:

https://ncyc.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/

Mass Intentions

4:00 pm	Reconciliation	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Reg. by Cliff & Julie Wagoner
Sunday, N	•	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:30 pm		Weekday Req. by Angela Gilmer
	ay, November 8 †Mike Bisesi	
5:30 pm	Rosary	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Req. by Raymond & Donna Schwering
	vember 10 †Dick & Joy Reynolds	.St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor Req. by Vera Sullivan
4:00 pm	November 11 Reconciliation †David Malander	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Req. by Lori Malander
	November 12 Pro Populo	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, November 11	- 5 p.m	. 32nd Sunday	in Ordinary	/ Time
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EMHC: Jan O'Brien (Host), Sally Krause (Host), Deacon Tom (Cup), Luke Mervilde (Cup),

Julie Ritzi (Main Host)

Hospitality

Kay Campbell (GE), Joe Hammond (GN) Ministers:

Dave Skirvin (GW), Priscilla Campbell (ÚE)

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

Sacristan: Paige Kervan

Servers: David Mervilde, Peter Mervilde

Cantor: Michelle Kite

Sunday, November 12 - 10 a.m. 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fletcher Daly (Host), Mike Guinan (Host), EMHC:

Deacon Tom (Cup), Jill Daly (Cup), H. Chris Houppert (Cup),

Matthew Fallon (Cup), Sue Wilson (Main Host)

Hospitality

Ministers: John Lockhart (GE), Steve Wuertz (GN),

Bob Davey (UE), Vic Berlage (Y)

Lector: Judith Higgins (A), Joe Therber (B)

Sacristan: Bernice Berlage

Servers: Mila Christopher, Claire Higgins

Cantor: Sylvia Zimmerman

C.L.O.W. Leader: Bett L. Spence, Mary Spence Mass Childcare: Morgan Rolf, Andrew Warner Small Linens Sacristan: Tammy Buennagel

READINGS: WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5, 2023

Sunday: Mal 1:14b-2:2b,8-10; Ps 131:1-3; 1 Thes 2:7b-9,13; Mt 23:1-12

Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31,33-34,36; Lk 14:12-14

Monday: Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1cde,2-3; Lk 14:15-24 Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2,4-5,9; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12; Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11,16-17;

Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9,16,22-27; Ps 145:2-5,10-11; Lk 16:9-15

Calendar of EVEN

Saturday, November 4
CONFIRMATION RETREAT The 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time SAINT MEINRAD

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

The 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, November 5 8:30 a.m. SRE

School 10:00 am Mass Church

Monday, November 6

6:30 pm Girl Scout Service Unit 7:00 pm Ordinary Women BH-C BH-A

Tuesday, November 7 5:30 pm Rosary

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

Wednesday, November 8

7:30 pm RCIA BH-A

Thursday, November 9 - 4th Grade to Camp Tecumseh 10:00 am In Stitches 5:30 pm Rosary Chapel 6:00 pm Mass Chapel

Friday, November 10 - 4th Grade to Camp Tecumseh 8:15 am Mass (School) Church

The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, November 11

10:00 am 1st Reconciliation Church 4:00 pm Reconciliation Church 5:00 pm Mass Church

The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, November 12

9:00 am VERSITI BLOOD DRIVE BH-A&B 8:30 a.m. SRE School 10:00 am Mass Church 11:30 am Parish Council BH-C 7:00 pm Confirmation Class

Independent Scripture Study for Women:

Take up and Read! Inviting women to read, to ponder, and to respond to the Word of the Lord. First, we take up and read the word of God daily. We know that the Bible is God's story for us, and we want to live in the center of that holy narrative every day. Through careful scripture study-both in print and on video-we seek the will of the Lord. God's word gives us words for one another, a common language of love in Him. We emphasize beginning the day with *lectio* divina and letting the fifth step -actio - drive all aspects of living out the true call of an authentic Catholic woman. Plus check out all the other resources they have to offer. To learn more, click the link: https://www.takeupandread.org/

IN GRATITUDE WE SHARE



October 29, 2023

Actual Online Giving Budgeted Difference +/(-)	\$	5,845.00 2,486.00 <u>11,371.00</u> (3,040.00)
YTD Sunday & Holy Day Actual Budgeted Difference +/(-)	\$	213,015.42 210,509.00 2,506.42
NCYC Fund Cmpn. Human Development Endowment Memorial School World Mission Sunday SVdP	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	200.00 45.00 103.00 5.00 40.00 550.00



"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." - MATTHEW 23:12

The world celebrates people in the spotlight and those who have the most of everything. We think celebrity, money and possessions is the key to happiness. Yet, without **Stewardship**, our world is filled with loneliness, anxiety and depression. The key to a happy life is relationship. Relationship with God and each other. Trust is the foundation of any good relationship and humility is the seed of trust.

Attention: First Reconciliation Families!

It is time to get those home workbooks turned-in! Please have your child bring their notebook to their school class for confirmation. We will celebrate the sacrament in the church on November 11, at 10 a.m. Families are invited to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation along with their candidate.

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





Our Lady of Lourdes Versiti Blood Drive

Sunday, November 12 - 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Our Goal is to collect 20 blood products, to help meet the demand from hospitals in our community. - You are a beacon of hope, whose kindness saves lives.

https://donate.indiana.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/159359



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Pray for Our Confirmation Candidates

Our confirmation candidates are on retreat this weekend at Saint Meinrad Archabbey. Please pray for their deepening relationship with God, and their safe travels.

Knights of Columbus

Fatima Event Center Located at 1040 North Post Road Knights of Columbus Fatima Council No. 3228 will be serving an All You-Can-Eat Breakfast on Sunday, November 5, from 9 a.m. to Noon. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12, and children under 5 are free. Start your week with a great breakfast.

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our Lady of Lourdes School Cafete

Our Lady of Lourdes School Cafeteria 30 S. Downey Avenue

Hosted By: Irvington Churches No Charge, but "Free Will Offerings" Gratefully Accepted

To attend or request delivery, please contact the Parish Office at Our Lady of Lourdes at 317-356-7291 or parish@ollindy.org by Tuesday, November 21st.

Please provide name and the number of people attending, or if requesting delivery, please provide name, address, telephone number and number of meals requested.





IRVINGTON COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET

NAME	PHONE				
Please place a check next to the item(s) or service(s) you would like to donate or perform.					
☐ I offer my prayers.	☐ Bake a Turkey				
Canned Food Items - #10/XL Cans	☐ Setup/Decorations (Wed, Nov. 22)				
□ Cranberry Sauce□ Green Beans□ Sweet Potatoes	☐ Food Prep (Wed, Nov. 22 or Thur, Nov. 23)				
☐ Monetary Donation (Please	☐ Serve Meals				
make checks payable to Our Lady of Lourdes).	☐ Prepare Dessert/Pie				
Online donations accepted. Visit: https://www.osvhub .	☐ Deliver Meals				
com/ollindy/giving/funds/ thanksgiving-dinner or use	☐ Dishwasher				
QR code below.	☐ Cleanup				

Upon completion, please return this form to the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Office.
You may also signup online at https://tinyurl.com/OLLThanksgiving23.
Please feel free to email your volunteer request to parish@ollindy.org.

If you have questions, please call 317-356-7291 ext. 10.



Thank you!



Hello Parishioners,

Exciting News! Our Little Lyons Daycare is expanding to include babies ages 3-12 months. We couldn't be happier to provide a nurturing environment for our tiniest ones. If you have a heart for little babies and can spare some time (once, twice, or more a week) to help feed and comfort them, please reach out to Fiona McKiernan at fmckiernan@ollindy.org or call the parish office at 317-356-7291.

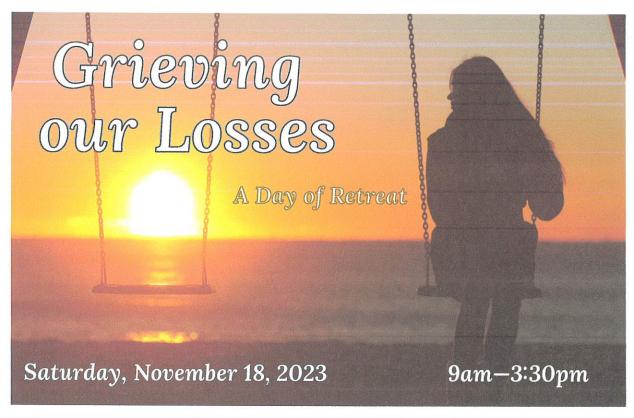
Additionally, we are in need of these gently used items to make this expansion possible:

- High chairs
- Swings
- Diaper pail
- · Rocking chair/glider
- Small/college size fridge
- Bottle warmer
- Bibs
- Crib sheets
- Sleep sacks
- Burp cloths
- CD player
- Infant toys
- Textured balls
- Board books

We are grateful for your time and donations as we embark on this wonderful journey of nurturing and caring for the youngest members of our community.

Warm regards,

Emily Dellinger Communications & Stewardship Coordinator Our Lady of Lourdes Parish 317-356-7291



When one experiences significant losses in their life, whether that be the death of loved one or losing one's job, or even loss in vibrancy of life due to aging, illness, or shift in life circumstances, the process of grieving and the feelings that arise need to be understood. This retreat will provide a safe environment for retreatants to explore these issues and learn about the correlation between grief and spirituality and our relationship with God.

Sr. Olga Wittekind, Ph.D. is a clinical psychologist trained at St. Louis University and is a Jungian Analyst trained in Zurich and Chicago. She is the Director of the Oldenburg Franciscan Center in Oldenburg, IN. Sr. Olga is a Franciscan Sister who has taught clinical psychology at Marian University in Indianapolis, IN. She enjoys combining psychology and spirituality and has presented many workshops and retreats on these subjects. She is a therapist and Spiritual Director.

Registration: \$45.00 per person

Includes program, lunch and Mass

To Register online please go to www.archindy.org/Fatima & click on "Register" - scroll down to find this program OR you may scan the QR code to the right .

To register over the phone or if you have questions about this program, please contact Registrar, Lisa Coons at (317) 545-7681; lcoons@archindy.org



