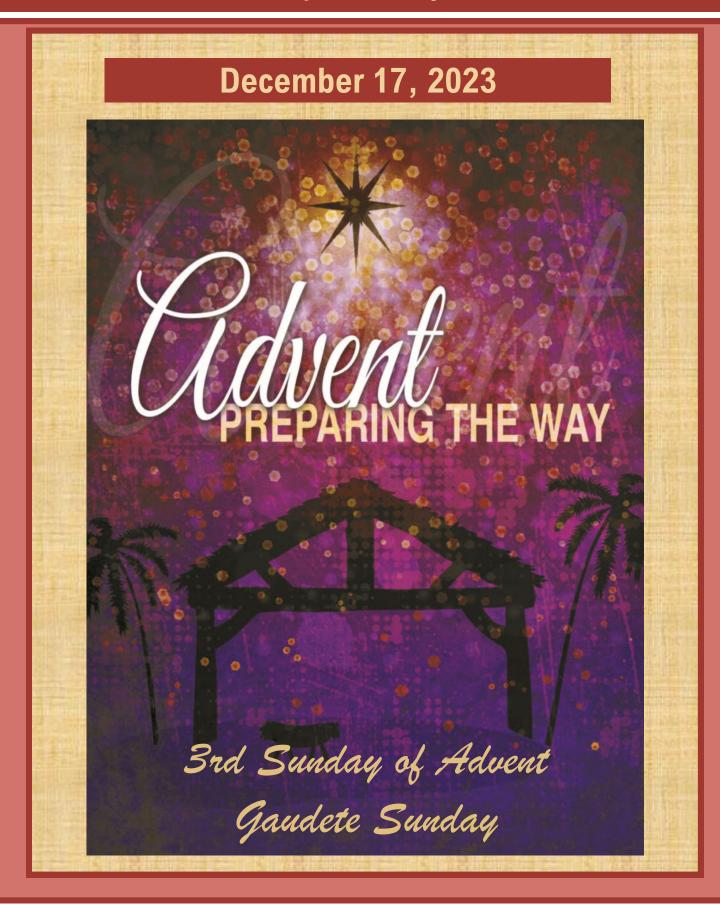
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church 5333 East Washington Street - Indianapolis, IN 46219



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, <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.

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,

We are now in our third week of Advent. Today is Gaudate Sunday – that is, Rejoice! You may be familiar with a British university drinking song: "Gadeamus igitur, juvenes con sumus," (We rejoice therefore, for we are youth!")

We rejoice because our waiting is half over. We rejoice because we move from waiting for the Lord's second coming and begin to prepare to celebrate his first coming.

There are times in our lives when it is apparent that we are not in touch with such waiting. We are not in touch with our longing for God. We are not seeking God in our lives.

Here is an Hasidic tale once told by Elie Wiesel, a survivor of the Nazi death camps. Perhaps we will all find wisdom here.

"Rebe Barukh's grandson, Yehiel, came running into his study in tears. 'Yehiel, Yehiel, why are you crying?'

"'My friend cheats! It's unfair; he left me all by myself, that's why I am crying.'

"Would you like to tell me about it?"

"'Certainly, Grandfather. We played hide-and-seek, and it was my turn to hide and his turn to look for me. So, he gave up; he stopped looking. And that's unfair.'

"Rebbe Barukh began to caress Yehiel's face, and tears welled up in his eyes. 'God too, Yehiel', he whispered softly. 'God too is unhappy; he is hiding, and man is not looking for him. Do you understand, Yehiel? God is hiding and man is not even searching for him.""

Isaiah the prophet, whom we hear much during our Advent Season, urged the people in Chapter 55:6-7:

"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon."

Something to ponder this Third Week of Advent.

Father Rick



Respect Life!

"America you are beautiful...and blessed.... The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless. If you want equal justice for all and true freedom and lasting peace, then America, defend life." - St. John Paul II

Your Help Is Needed!

Decorating of the church for Christmas will take place immediately following the 10 a.m. Mass **Sunday, December 24**. Please stay and give us a hand!

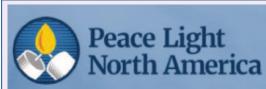


Join Our RCIA Team!

You are invited to join the RCIA team: Help with hospitality, join in discussions, facilitate sessions exploring the weekly Scripture readings at Mass – lots of ways to welcome new Catholics and bring them into communion with the Church! Contact Matthew (mfallon@ollindy.org) to find out more.

Help Our Confirmation Candidates Form Their Faith

The Confirmation group seeks witnesses to share personal stories on January 21, during a Sunday evening meeting, where volunteers will discuss one-on-one with candidates their experiences cooperating with the Holy Spirit since Confirmation. Those interested in contributing to the candidates' readiness to live their faith can connect with Matthew Fallon, DRE, at **mfallon@ollindy.org** Additionally, there's an invitation to write letters of encouragement, support, or instruction for current Confirmation candidates. Please send your letter to Matthew Fallon at **mfallon@ollindy.org** and he will distribute them to the candidates.



Sharing of the Peace Light will take place after the Masses on December 16 & 17.

Socialaires

The Socialaires will celebrate Christmas together on December 21, at noon. We will have a pitch-in meal at the home of Diane Beasely. Please bring a white elephant gift for our "enjoyment." Please call Diane by Monday, December 18, to confirm you're coming and for directions, if Carroll Rd is under construction. Thank you. (317-527-5749)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Susan Abel, Pam Aiello, Emilia Atkinson, Harold Barthé, Paula Bittelmeyer, Rose Boggs, Dick & Kathy Burgess, Denise Byers, 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, Jay & Mitzi Loomis, John Maag & Ellen, Sean Marcum, Jerry MacKenzie, Marilyn May, Mike Miller, Glenda Moore, Victoria O'Neil, Dale Page, Sandi Pavey, Bernie Price, Joseph Rogers, Irene Roseman, Rhonda Roseman, Vonda Sigman, 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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SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Lt William Keyes, Capt Scott Godby, SrA Daniel Willett, Ssgt James Willett, A1C Brian Willett, Ssgt Travis Beasley, PFC Jacob R. Bakemeyer, Sgt Nicholas Eble, Lieutenant Michael B. Kennedy, USN, Lieutenant John S. Kennedy, MC, USN Major Steven E. Miller, USAF SSgt Tyler Brown, USAF

SCHOOL NEWS

Advent, a calm, peaceful season of waiting. Most days, we have about 200 kids aged 3 -14 going about their business – and occasional funny business – during the school hours. Believe it or not, the peace of Advent is taking hold throughout the school.

One symbol from the Jesse Tree decorates each classroom and office space door. A walk through will reveal creative artwork and Bible passages related to these symbols of Jesus' ancestry. Each Monday morning, we gather as a whole school community in the gym for a short prayer reflection as we light successive candles on the Advent wreath. Students have been invited to share prayer intentions at a special location just outside the office. These intentions will be shared during morning announcements. There are many visual reminders of the season, such as Advent wreaths, paper candles in the windows, and teachers' personal decorative touches in the classrooms. During the third week, Mr. Ditzler is planning a Eucharistic Adoration hour. Watch for information coming soon about joining us.

As we do our best to stop, reflect, and feel the peace of this season of waiting, we hope you are able to do the same.

Angie Therber, Principal

Upcoming Communications Survey

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is conducting an archdiocesanwide research initiative to help shape our communications strategies. Hirons, an Indianapolis-based communications firm will be reaching out to parishioners in the coming weeks. For questions or participation information, contact **research@archindy.org**

READINGS: WEEK OF DECEMBER 17, 2023

MLAI	DINGS. WEEK OF DECEMBER $17, 2020$				
Sunday:	Is 61:1-2a,10-11; (Ps) Lk 1:46-50,53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8,19-28				
Monday:	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2,12-13,18-19; Mt 1:18-25				
Tuesday:	Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a; Ps 71:3-6,16-17; Lk 1:5-25				
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38					
Thursday:	Sg 2:8-14; Ps 33:2-3,11-12,20-21; Lk 1:39-45				
Friday:	1 Sm 1:24-28; (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1,4-7,8abcd; Lk 1:46-56				
Saturday:	Mal 3:1-4,23-24; Ps 25:4bc-5ab,8-10,14; Lk 1:57-66				
Monday, December 25 - Midnight					
EMHC:	Christmas Mass during the Night (Host),(Host), Deacon Tom (Cup), (Cup),(Cup),(Cup), (Main Host)				
Hospitality Ministers:	(GE), Tim McDonnell (GN), (GW),(UE)				
Lector:	Sally Budreau (A), (B)				
Sacristan:	Priscilla Campbell M.C. Matt Cannaday				
Servers:	, Cantor: Kate Miller				
Monday, December 25 - 10 a.m.					
EMHC:	Christmas Mass during the Day (Host),(Host),(Cup),(Cu				
Hospitality Ministers:	(GE), (GN), (GW), (UE)				
Lector:	Paige Kervan (A),kman (B)				
Sacristan:	Priscilla Campbell Servers:,				
Cantor:	Small Linens Sacristan: Penny Moss				

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 163rd Sunday of Advent/Gaudete Sunday4:00 pmReconciliation5:00 pm†Mary Ann Heneghan BennettReq. by Fred Bennett
Sunday, December 173rd Sunday of Advent/Gaudete Sunday 10:00 am Pro Populo
Tuesday, December 19Advent Weekday
5:30 pmRosary6:00 pm†Vince SappingfieldReq. by Meredith Brown
Wednesday, December 20Advent Weekday8:15 am†Ernie & Lauretta JonesReq. by The Fleak Family
Thursday, December 21St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor6:00 pm†Maxine & Ed Roessler & Pete & Jean Magnant Req. by Ed & Paula Roessler
Friday, December 22Advent Weekday8:15 am†Richard S. CampbellReq. by Priscilla Campbell
Saturday, December 234th Sunday of Advent 4:00 pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm †Margaret Peiffer Req. by The Peiffer Family
Sunday, December 244th Sunday of Advent 10:00 am Pro Populo
Sunday, December 24The Nativity of the Lord3:45 pmLessons & Carols4:00 pmPro Populo11:20 pmLessons & Carols
Monday, December 25The Nativity of the LordMidnightFr. Jerry TranconeReq. by Mary Morois

Ministry Schedule

Req. by Mike & Angel Sullivan

10:00 am Teresa Sullivan

Saturday, I EMHC:	December 23 - 5 p.m.4th Sunday of AdventMonica Collins (Host), Sally Budreau (Host), Deacon Tom (Cup), Jan O'Brien (Cup), Priscilla Campbell (Main Host)				
Hospitality Ministers:	Don Flick (HM Team Leader-UW), Kay Campbell (GE), Lisa Flick (GN), Jim Lynch (GW)				
Lector:	Sally Krause (A), Paige Kervan (B)				
Sacristan:	Mary Morois				
Servers:	Andrew Wilhelm, Nate Wilhelm Cantor: Ann Skirvin				
Sunday, Do EMHC:	Matthew Fallon (Host), Fletcher Daly (Host), Deacon Tom (Cup), Jill Daly (Cup), Linda Caraher (Cup), Mark Pittman (Cup), H. Chris Houppert (Main Host)				
Hospitality Ministers:	Mike Guinan (HM Team Leader-UW) Gilbert Durham (GE), Steve Wuertz (GN), Bob Davey (GW)				
Lector:	Sylvia Zimmerman (A), Andrea Aikman (B)				
Sacristan: Tammy Buennagel Servers: Amelia Horner, Gerard Horner					
Cantor:	Kate Miller Small Linens Sacristan: Penny Moss				
Sunday, Do EMHC:	ecember 24 - 4 p.m. Vigil Mass of Christmas (Host), Julie Ritzi (Host),(Host),(Host),(Host) (Host),(Host) Deacon Tom (Cup),(
Hospitality Ministers:	(UW) (GE), (GN), (GW), (GW),				
Lector:	(A), (B)				
Sacristan: _	Servers: Michael Biggs, Felix Radomski				
Cantor:					
DTTA					

PLEASE SIGN-UP FOR OUR CHRISTMAS MASSES!

Calendar of EVENT

Sunday, December 17 3rd 8:30 a.m. SRE 10:00 am Mass 11:00 am SVdP Gift Distribution 7:00 pm Confirmation Class	Sunday of Advent / Gaudete Sunday School Church Remote Locations BH							
Monday, December 18 - No Events Today								
Tuesday, December 195:30 pmRosary6:00 pmMass followed by Holy7:00 pmBoy Scouts Troop #8	Chapel Hour Chapel Cafeteria							
Wednesday, December 20 8:15 am Mass 7:00 pm SVdP 7:30 pm RCIA (Make-up Day, if	Chapel BH-B Needed) BH-A							
Thursday, December 21 3:00 pm Girl Scouts K&1 5:30 pm Rosary 6:00 pm Mass 7:00 pm Finance Committee	BH-A&B Chapel Chapel BH-C							
Briday, December 22 - End 2nd Grading Period 8:15 am Mass (School) Noon School Dismissal-No Extended Care-Christmas Break Begins								
Saturday, December 23 4:00 pm Reconciliation 5:00 pm Mass	4th Sunday of Advent Church Church							
Sunday, December 24 8:30 a.m. SRE 10:00 am Mass 3:45 pm Lessons & Carols 4:00 pm Family Centered Mass 11:20 pm Lessons & Carols	4th Sunday of Advent / Christmas School Church Church Church Church Church							
Monday, December 25 Midnight Mass 10:00 am Mass	Christmas: The Nativity of the Lord Church Church							

Advertise in Our Upcoming Guide Book

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please contact Emily Dellinger, Communications & Stewardship Coordinator, at edellinger@ollindy.org

IN GRATITUDE WE SHARE

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YTD Sunday & Holy Day Actual Budgeted Difference +/(-)	\$ \$	272,604.59 <u>263,075.00</u> 9,529.59
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Stewardship

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for vou in Christ Jesus."

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16 - 18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always," means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly," means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances." means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy, for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.



URGENT NEED FOR CHILDREN'S COATS



Winter is right around the corner and we have a shortage of children's winter coats. Please check your closets! If you have gently used or new children's winter coats sizes 2T-18 for both boys and girls, we would appreciate your donations. You can

drop them off at the Distribution Center dock (1201 E. Maryland St.) Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. or at one of our blue donation boxes around the city.

(https://www.svdpindy.org/i-want-to-help/find-a-clothing-bin/) We are also in need of sponsors to help support our **Dream a Little Dream** mattress program benefitting children and their families. Learn more about this program and how you can help at: https://www.svdpindy.org/dreams/

Thank you for helping us keep children warm and in their own beds this winter.



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**.



Prayer Vine

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



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • www.4lpi.com

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Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis, IN

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Christmas Day Dinner

Noon to 2 p.m.

In the School Cafeteria, Door #7



There is no charge for this home-cooked dinner.

Free-will offerings are accepted.

Call the Parish Office for Reservations: 317-356-7291.

We will take reservations until December 22.

Dear Church family, It's time for a New Directory!

St. Mary Cause of Our J



Celebrating faith. Connecting families. Sharing hope.

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

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- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

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East Deanery Mass Times for Christmas

Sunday, December 24

Our Lady of Lourdes: 3:45 p.m. Lessons & Carols, 4 p.m. Mass

& 11:20 p.m. Lessons & Carols

St. Lawrence: 4:30 p.m. (Multilingual), 7 p.m. (Spanish), 10 p.m. (English)

Holy Spirit: 5 p.m. (English), 7 p.m. (Spanish)

Little Flower: 4 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 10 p.m.

St. Michael, Greenfield: 5 p.m., 8 p.m.

Monday, December 25

Our Lady of Lourdes: Midnight Mass (at 12 a.m.): Morning Mass, 10 a.m.

St. Lawrence: 10 a.m. (English)

Holy Spirit: 9 a.m. (English), 11 a.m. (Spanish)

Little Flower: 9:30 a.m.

St. Michael, Greenfield: Midnight & 10 a.m.

