

December 31, 2023



The
Holy
Family

Jesus,
Mary
&
Joseph

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

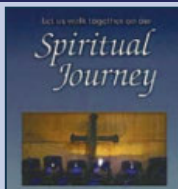
Our Lady of Lourdes offers preschool and kindergarten through 8th grade classes. Please call the School Office for more information at **317-357-3316**.

NEW PARISHIONERS

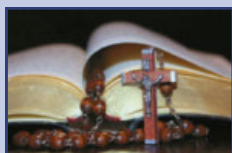
Welcome to our Parish Family!

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,

How do you tell time? How do you count the days? When does the year begin? Such questions could be on our mind as we end 2023 and open 2024.

You know, our calendar is solar based. The Julian Calendar (named after Julius Caesar (46BC), set aside the lunar Roman calendar which had become horribly inaccurate, and replaced it with a twelve-month, 365 1/4-day, solar based calendar. That calendar was itself updated by Pope Gregory in 1582, correcting for a 23 second error which, over time, had caused the calendar to be 10 days wrong by 1582!

Day, week, month, year. Time marks the rhythms of life, seconds, minutes, hours. As Deacon Tom noted in his homily (Fourth Sunday of Advent – see the text posted to the OLL website, or go to the Facebook / YouTube recording), we do not hold “time in a bottle.” It washes over us, carrying us forward as by a river.

There is one day a week which is counted by Christians as greater than the other six: Sunday. Sunday is a “little Easter,” as the Exultet proclaims each Easter Vigil. As Easter is the pinnacle of our liturgical year, and the point in time upon which all liturgical celebrations are anchored, so it would seem to me that our gathering each week to celebrate Sunday as a little Easter is essential to our faith life, our community life as Church, our family life.

Tradition has it that we make New Year's resolutions for an improvement of our lives in general. Perhaps a commitment to Sunday (Saturday evening) celebration of our God in Christ in the great gift of Eucharist (see or listen to my Christmas Homily) could be first on our list of resolutions!

Happy New Year in Christ our Lord!

Father Rick



Help Our Confirmation Candidates Form Their Faith

The Confirmation group seeks witnesses to share personal stories on January 21, during a Sunday evening meeting. Volunteers will discuss one-on-one with candidates their experiences cooperating with the Holy Spirit since their 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.

Thank You for Your Generous Donations to Birthline!

Many lovely items have been donated to Birthline and we are most grateful. If you have donations, the bassinets is by the northwest church door. - Also, yarn is available to knit or crochet baby items for Birthline. Please contact the parish office: **317-356-7291**

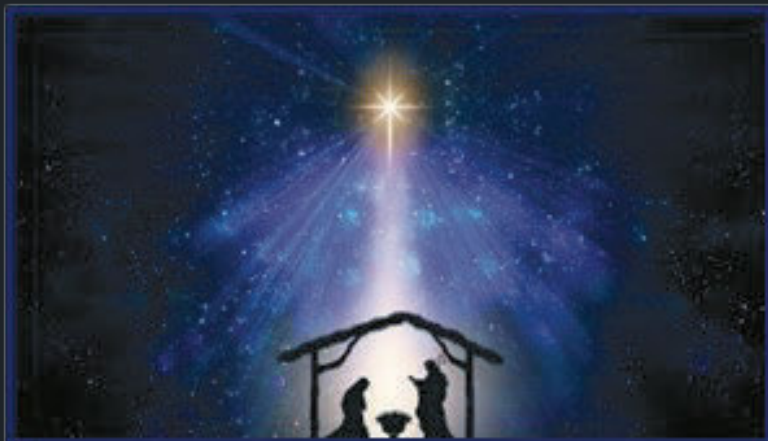


2023 REVERSE RAFFLE

JANUARY 21, 6 p.m. in LYONS HALL

The Reverse Raffle is the single biggest fundraiser for OLL Athletics and is a fun way to spend a Saturday Night. Tickets (\$50) include dinner from Jugs Catering, beer/wine, and a chance to win \$2,500. To buy tickets, please go to oll-raffle.org

For more information, contact Nick Reuhs at nreuhs@gmail.com



Consecration to the Holy Family

At the entrances to the church, please find a prayer card of the Consecration to the Holy Family, which has been given to you by the Knights of Columbus Fatima Council No. 3228. This prayer asks for the intercession of the perfect son Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect mother, and Joseph who is a model for every father. Through the intercession of the Holy Family we are choosing a way of life for our families to devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Five suggested steps before praying the Consecration to the Holy Family:

1. Discuss how you might want Joseph and Mary to pray for our family.
2. Ask Jesus to help each of the kids in your family how to grow in age, grace and wisdom.
3. Ask forgiveness of each other in the family and, if possible, receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
4. Focus during the Christmas season on helping someone else.
5. Pray each day that God will bless your family.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Susan Abel, Pam Aiello, Emilia Atkinson, Harold Barthé, Paula Bittelmeier, 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.

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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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Communications Survey Coming Up!

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis is conducting an archdiocesan-wide research initiative to help shape our communications strategies. Hiron, an Indianapolis-based communications firm, will be reaching out to parishioners in the coming weeks. For questions or participation information, please contact research@archindy.org <https://inact.questionpro.com/archindyfocusgroup>.

Knights of Columbus

Fatima Event Center Located at 1040 North Post Road

New Years Eve Party

New Years Eve Dinner, Reverse Raffle \$1,000 Grand Prize, and Music (License No. 001617) Cost \$50 (\$25 dinner-\$25 Reverse Raffle) Can purchase one or the other and additional raffle tickets. \$35 at door for dinner ticket if not purchased in advance. Doors open at 6 p.m. Dinner at 7 p.m. Raffle starts at 8:30. Dinner by City Barbeque includes: Brisket, mashed potatoes, beef gravy, green beans, salad, dessert & Shrimp Cocktail Appetizer. Music played softly throughout the evening. Upbeat tunes, after Raffle has ended. - Additional raffles for baskets, 50/50, and pull tabs throughout the night. Photo Booth and champagne toast after our version of the Ball Drop countdown at 10 p.m. The proceeds go to the K of C No.3228 charity account.



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Check Out RCIA!

A few of our fellow parishioners are attending RCIA meetings as a refresher, and to build community with our catechumens and candidates. It would be lovely to have more people join us on any given Wednesday evening in Bernadette Hall, at 7:30 p.m., to meet our forming Catholics and to add to their appreciation of the life and people of our parish.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 30..The Holy Family: Jesus, Mary & Joseph
4:00 pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm †David Rockey Req. by Rosemary Tudor

Sunday, December 31....The Holy Family: Jesus, Mary & Joseph
10:00 am Pro Populo

Tuesday, January 2.....Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
5:30 pm Rosary
6:00 pm †David Malander Req. by Lori Malander

Wednesday, January 3.....The Most Holy Name of Jesus
8:15 am †Jimmy Flanagan Req. by Mark Hudson

Thursday, January 4.....St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
5:30 pm Rossary
6:00 pm †Mary Ann Heneghan Bennett Req. by Fred Bennett

Friday, January 5.....St. John Neumann, Bishop
8:15 am Intentions of Fr Rick Ginther Req. by Stephen Wilson

Saturday, January 6.....The Epiphany of the Lord
4:00 pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm †Brian & Sue Hambrick Req. by The Wieland Family

Sunday, January 7.....The Epiphany of the Lord
10:00 am Pro Populo

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 6 - 5 p.m. The Epiphany of the Lord

EMHC: Mary Ann Coffey (Host), Monica Collins (Host),
Deacon Tom (Cup), Julie Ritz (Cup),
Sally Krause (Main Host)

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

Lector: Priscilla Campbell (A), Francis Ziegler (B)

Sacristan: Larry Turner

Servers: Andrew Wilhelm, Nate Wilhelm

Cantor: Michele Kite

Sunday, January 7 - 10 a.m. The Epiphany of the Lord

MHC: Linda Caraher (Host), H. Chris Houppert (Host),
Deacon Tom (Cup), Amy Duke (Cup), Jill Daly (Cup),
Jan O'Brien (Cup), Mark Pittman (Main Host)

Hospitality
Ministers: Gilbert Durham (HM Team Leader-UW), Jim Lynch (GE),
Bob Eha (GN), John Lockhart (GW), Catherine Carey (Y)

Lector: Mark Caraher (A), Vic Berlage (B)

Sacristan: Tammy Buennagel

Servers: Chiron Christopher, Mila Christopher

Cantor: Sylvia Zimmerman

C.L.O.W. Becky Ubelhor, _____

Small Linens Sacristan: Bernice Berlage

READINGS: WEEK OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6,12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40

Monday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1-3,6; Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1,7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1-5; Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15,19-20; Mk 1:7-11

Calendar of **EVENTS**

Sunday, December 31	Feast of the Holy Family
10:00 am Mass	Church
Monday, January 1	NO MASS TODAY
Tuesday, January 2	
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, January 3	
8:15 am Mass	Chapel
7:00 pm Welcome Committee	BH-A
7:30 pm RCIA	BH-A
Thursday, January 4	
5:30 pm Rosary	Chapel
6:00 pm Mass	Chapel
6:30 pm PPC Exec Board	Rectory
7:00 pm Engagement Committee	BH-A
Friday, January 5	
8:15 am Mass	Chapel
Saturday, January 6	The Epiphany of the Lord
4:00 pm Reconciliation	Church
5:00 pm Mass	Church
Sunday, January 7	The Epiphany of the Lord
8:30 am SRE	School
10:00 am Mass	Church

Stewardship

*“...as the Lord has forgiven you,
so you must forgive.”*

COLOSSIANS 3:13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then in **Stewardship**, share the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

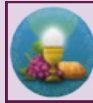


Merry Christmas!

Our Light Has
Come to Us!

COMMUNION CALLS

If you know someone who would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please call the parish office at **317-356-7291**.



VOLUNTEER FOR YOUTH MINISTRY

Several parish teens recently went to the National Catholic Youth Conference and got a great boost to their faith! If you would like to help chaperone or plan social, spiritual or cultural activities for our parish teens, contact Matthew in the parish office. Then go to Franciscanathome.com to pursue training in reaching teens through youth ministry events. Who knows where this may take folks of all ages?

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. The Guide Book is 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



December 17, 2023

Actual.....	\$	8,622.01
Online Giving		5,916.00
Budgeted.....		<u>10,838.00</u>
Difference +/-.....	\$	3,700.01

YTD Sunday & Holy Day

Actual.....	\$	297,735.60
Budgeted.....		<u>284,751.00</u>
Difference +/-.....	\$	12,984.60

Retired Religious Fund.....	\$	385.00
Cmpgn. Human Development..	\$	50.00
Children's Offering.....	\$	28.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$	84.00
Endowment.....	\$	50.00
Memorial School.....	\$	50.00
SVdP.....	\$	885.00



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United Catholic Appeal: Progress So Far

Parish Name:	Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
Parish Goal:	\$52,246
Amount Pledged:	\$17,907
Percentage to Goal:	36.3%
Number of Donors:	51
Total Pledged in Archdiocese:	\$3.4 million

Due to Early Bulletin Deadlines, the Financial information for December 24, will appear in next week's bulletin.

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