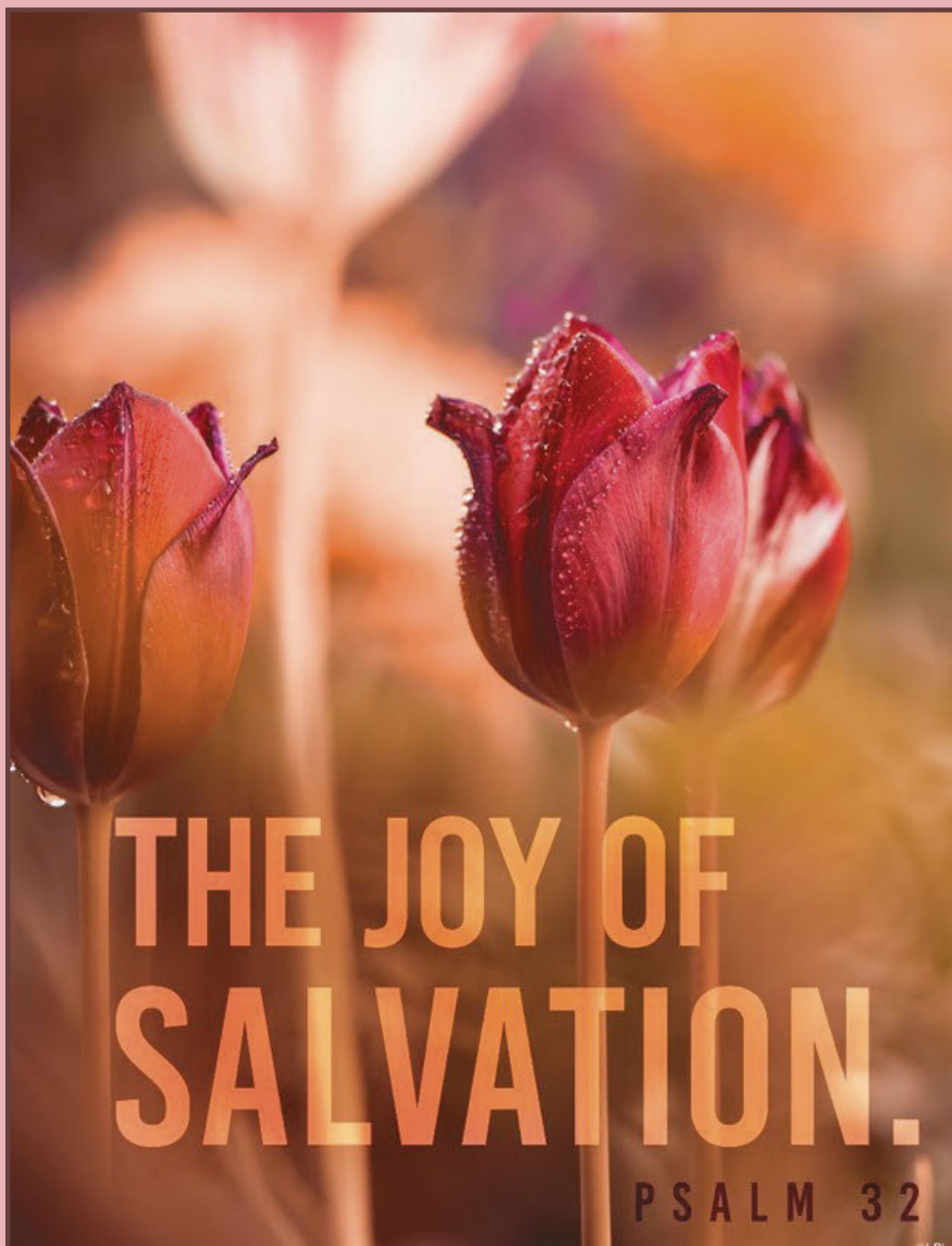


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5333 East Washington Street - Indianapolis, IN 46219

February 11, 2024



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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, please call the parish office at **317-356-7291**.

PARISH SCHOOL

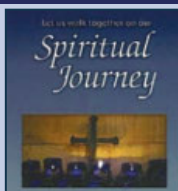
Our Lady of Lourdes offers preschool and kindergarten through 8th grade classes. Please call the School Office for more information at **317-357-3316**.

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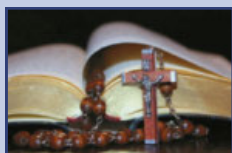
Welcome to our Parish Family!

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



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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

Dear brothers and sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish,

This Wednesday we begin our annual Lenten "desert contest." Our "alleluia's" will be silenced. Our appetites curbed. Our thoughts moved toward a fuller realization of our sinful longing for repentance, healing, and renewed spiritual vigor.

As we commence, let's consider the following passage I found in my Lent resources.

"What the Christian warfare means is giving up sin and building up ways of virtue in place of sin. This is not done without effort and real struggle. Actually, for each person it means mobilizing energies and facing the enemy right at the front lines and battling there.

"While the precise character of the battle varies with the individual person, the weapons which the church provides are the same for all. And each person will find that these weapons meet precisely her or his individual needs in the battle. These weapons are prayer, fasting and almsgiving." *Jane Marie Murray, OP, from "Going to God, Book One: The Christian Life," 1957, Fides Publishers Association, Chicago.*

I was born in 1950, on the very day that the Korean conflict became a declared war. In my lifetime (73 ½ years) I have seen actual wars and warfare every year. My dislike for the words "war" or "warfare" is nearly visceral; it wells up as a silent scream.

And yet, beyond my personal negative reaction, Lent is an apt time for "spiritual warfare."

Saint Paul in Romans, Chapter 7, describes his back-and-forth battle with his desires and his failures in not doing what is right and doing instead what is wrong. I can relate to such a description! There is conflict between my physical and emotional desires and my spiritual longings.

Our culture does not encourage us to bridle our appetites and desires. We are not encouraged to pursue virtue. We are not encouraged to be the "master / mistress" of our urgings. Because it involves suffering, change, and a sometimes-radical departure from "cultural norms."

When I have read about decisive battles that "turned the tide," each of them took planning, and analysis of strengths and weaknesses, opportunities and threats. The plan always produced alternatives established for various situations, pivots to one of the alternatives, discipline and training, and an internal willingness to say "no" to foolish choices.

If we apply this to our Lenten practices to combat our outsized desires and habits, then we can arrive at our own "battle plan," that will result in a spiritual outcome – an outcome resulting in a balance of personal discipline and spiritual renewal.

We have time to begin the plans for our "battle" with our physical appetites, outsized desires, and sinful habits. By God's grace, may we endure through the season of Lent to the new life of Easter.

Father Rick

K of C Men's Lenten Prayer Group Starts Feb 13

Our study this year is to learn more about the reality of Jesus in the Eucharist as part of the National Eucharistic Revival. Please join this Lenten Prayer Group that will meet for 6 consecutive weeks on Tuesday mornings starting on Feb 13, from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m., at the Fatima Event Center, 1040 N. Post Rd. Doors open at 6:15 a.m. We ask for a one-time goodwill \$10 donation to cover coffee, snacks, printing, and facility costs. Contact Bill McLaughlin, 317-748-2800, by phone or text with questions or to sign-up. Please include your name, telephone #, and email address.

2024 Spring Benefit: See How You Can Help!!

Would you be interested in helping with the OLL School Spring Benefit? This is the school's largest fundraiser and we need volunteers to help make this the most successful year yet! You don't need any experience: just a friendly face and a helping hand. If you are interested, please join us for a **Volunteer Call-Out on Monday, February 12, at 7 p.m.** in Bernadette Hall. Your support will directly contribute to the betterment of our teachers, students, and school infrastructure. Your help will contribute to vital programs like art, music, Spanish, physical education, and technology. **Questions, comments, or ideas, please email Stephanie Sponsel at ssponsel@netlogx.com or text 317-490-7169.**

Men's Monday Night Prayer Group: Important Info!

On **February 12**, we will attend the Musical Presentation at OLL, "**a musical celebration of Christ's presence in Holy Communion**," at **7 p.m.** We'll plan to sit together, if possible, on the left side near the front. There will be a reception afterward, at the home of Francis Ziegler. For more information, please contact Bob Eha: **317-345-9884**

Birthline Baby Shower: Lasts Thru February!

Many lovely items have been donated to Birthline and we are most grateful.

The Birthline Baby Shower will run through all of February. If you have donations, the bassinet is by the northwest church door. - Also, yarn is available to knit or crochet baby items for Birthline. Contact the parish office: **317-356-7291** for additional information.



Pictorial Directory 2024 Update: Additional Dates!

Exciting News! Slots are almost completely full for our February dates, which allows us to open up more dates! Additional opportunities to have your photo taken for our pictorial directory will be held on March 8 & 9. Every family photographed will receive a complementary 8x10 and a directory. To schedule your photography appointment online, go to **www.ucdir.com** Our church code is: IN1906 and password is: **photos** (Online Scheduling Only available Mon-Fri). To set an appt by phone, call **888-742-5823**. Please help spread the word, so we get as many of our parishioners included as possible!

Update Membership Information

Here is your chance to update your family membership record for our annual Guide Book & Directory! Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published? 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 Guide Book & Directory is correct. Contact Emily Dellinger: **edellinger@ollindy.org** with any changes, additions or deletions. Thank you for your help!

READINGS:

WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 11,
2024

Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2,44-46; Ps 32:1-2,5,11; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45
Monday:	Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68,71-72,75-76; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-15,18-19; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6a,12-14,17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6,16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4,6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6a,18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

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, Jerry MacKenzie, Sean Marcum, Jeff McBride, Marilyn May, Becky Miller, 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

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8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Phone: 317-356-7291

School Office

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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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SCHOOL NEWS

During this time of the school year, many teachers assign projects that reinforce what the students have been learning. One such project in eighth grade social studies class was the mock trial of Andrew Jackson.

The students were very well prepared and took on all of the roles one would expect to see in a courtroom. They dressed the parts of prosecuting and defense attorneys, a bailiff, witnesses, defendant, a jury, and an audience. In a surprise move, the defense decided that Jackson should not testify. Attorneys debated arguments related to the federal banking system, Native American rights, and the right to protest.

The most creative argument came from the defense. They presented an ingenious argument for a mistrial. Their reasoning was that there were distracting interruptions of the court proceedings from loud clanging of the boiler heating system. The judge ruled against them, preventing their attempt to rewrite history.

Angie Therber, Principal

OLL Students Seek Pen Pals: Be One Today!

The OLL School is starting a pen pal program with the OLL parish. OLL has nearly fifty 3rd - 8th graders interested in participating and we need that many parishioners to volunteer as pen pals. Each month, you will receive a note from your assigned student through the parish office. You will then reply to the student by either mailing in your letter or dropping it off to the parish office.

Full names and addresses will be kept confidential. If you would like to participate, reach out to the parish office by phone at 317-356-7291 or via email at parishsecretary@ollindy.org Please respond by Monday, February 19. After that date, you will receive more information on the pen pal program and the first letter from your pen pal! Thank you for your consideration in this wonderful opportunity to strengthen the relationship with our school and give the children this wonderful opportunity!

Please Take Home a CRS Rice Bowl!

Please take home a Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl from the pew for your Lenten almsgiving! Students in our school will receive one in their classrooms. Share God's generosity to our less fortunate brothers and sisters in the Archdiocese and across the globe. Find out more about the efforts of CRS and Project Rice Bowl at crsricebowl.org

Who Is Your Favorite, or Most Interesting Saint?

Our 2nd graders have begun their preparations to begin receiving the Holy Eucharist. Part of these will be to discuss our connection with the Communion of Saints, at our retreat. Please write to Matthew Fallon mfallon@ollindy.org about the saint(s) most significant to you and why. A short paragraph is sufficient, so we can build their awareness and appreciation of this "cloud of witnesses!" Please submit paragraphs by Easter Sunday. Thank you!



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 10.....6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday, February 11.....6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am †Kate Cline Req. by Lynette Koffskey

Tuesday, February 13.....Weekday

5:30 pm Rosary
6:00 pm †Gretchen Lautzenheiser Req. by Judy Eifert

Wednesday, February 14.....Ash Wednesday

8:15 am †Anthony Mauser Req. by Margaret Cronin
6:00 pm †Ruth Steinbuch Req. by Anonymous

Thursday, February 15.....Thursday After Ash Wednesday

5:30 pm Rosary
6:00 pm †John J. Gilday Req. by Maureen Bond

Friday, February 16.....Friday After Ash Wednesday

8:15 am †Mildred Houppert Req. by Mary & Jeff Williams

Saturday, February 17.....1st Sunday of Lent

4:00 pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday, February 18.....1st Sunday of Lent

10:00 am †Clementine Zernick Req. by Joann Zernick

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 17 - 5 p.m. 1st Sunday of Lent

EMHC: _____ (Host), Luke Mervilde (Host), Jan O'Brien (Cup), Sally Budreau (Cup), Cathy Kervan (Main Host)

Hospitality

Ministers: Don Flick (UN), Kay Campbell (GE), Lisa Flick (GN), Priscilla Campbell (GW), _____ (Y)

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

Sacristan: Paige Kervan

Servers: Joseph Mervilde, Peter Mervilde

Cantor: Linda Caraher Choir: Adult Choir

Sunday, February 18 - 10 a.m. 1st Sunday of Lent

MHC: Paula Schenkenfelder (Host), Andrea Aikman (Host), Andrew Warner (Cup), Chris Kolakovich (Cup), _____ (Cup), _____ (Cup), Amy Duke

(Main Host)

Hospitality

Ministers: John Lockhart (GE), Bob Eha (GN), Jim Lynch (GW), Mike Guinan (UN), Catherine Carey (Y)

Lector: Sally Welch (A), Sylvia Zimmerman (B)

Sacristan: Larry Turner

Servers: Dominic McKiernan, Heath Nelson

Cantor: Kate Miller

C.L.O.W. Emily Reuhs, _____

Mass Childcare: Jenny McNulty, Jillian Okray

Small Linens Sacristan: Linda Abner

Friday, February 23 - 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Lector: Paige Kervan (A) Server _____
Sacristan: Larry Turner

Coffee & Doughnuts: February 18

On February 18 our sponsor will be the **The Festival of Prayer Ministry**. If your group would like to sponsor a Sunday, please email Sally Bennett at: sallyb718@aol.com **Please join us!**



Calendar of **EVENTS**

Sunday, February 11		6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
FEAST DAY: OUR LADY OF LOURDES		
FESTIVAL OF PRAYER BEGINS		
8:30 am	SRE	School
10:00 am	Mass (followed by Anointing)	Church
11:30 am	Feast & Faith	BH-A&B
Monday, February 12 - Festival of Prayer		
6:30 pm	Girl Scout Service Unit	BH-A or B
7:00 pm	Concert (The Miracle of the Eucharist)	Church
7:00 pm	Men's Monday Night Prayer (to Concert)	Church
7:00 pm	Spring Benefit Meeting	BH-A&B
Tuesday, February 13- Festival of Prayer		
3:00 pm	Jiu Jitsu Club	Gym
5:30 pm	Rosary	Chapel
6:00 pm	Mass followed by Holy Hour	Chapel
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts Troop #8	Cafeteria
7:00 pm	School Commission	BH-C
Wednesday, February 14 - Ash Wednesday - Festival of Prayer		
8:15 am	Mass	Church
6:00 pm	Mass	Church
6:00 pm	RCIA (receive ashes & attend Soup Supper)	Church
7:00 pm	Soup & Bread Supper	BH-A&B
Thursday, February 15 - Festival of Prayer		
2:00 pm	Rosary Walk	Church
3:00 pm	Girl Scouts (K-1)	BH-A
6:00 pm	Mass	Chapel
Friday, February 16 - Festival of Prayer		
8:15 am	Mass	Chapel
9:00 am	All Things Spiritual Meeting	BH-A
5:30 pm	OLL Fish Fry	School Cafeteria
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
Saturday, February 17 - Festival of Prayer		
		1st Sunday of Lent
8:30 am	Lenten Day of Reflection	BH-A&B
4:00 pm	Reconciliation	Church
5:00 pm	Mass	Church
6:00 pm	Girl Scout Father-Daughter Dance	Gym
Sunday, February 18 - Festival of Prayer		
		1st Sunday of Lent
FEAST DAY: St Bernadette (in France)		
8:30 am	SRE	School
10:00 am	Mass (Rite of Sending)	Church
11:30 am	Coffee & Doughnuts	BH-A&B
5:00 pm	Blue & Gold Banquet	Cafeteria
7:00 pm	Confirmation Class	BH-A&B




Come one, come all, to the Our Lady of Lourdes

LENTEN FISH FRY

Fridays, February 16 & 23, March 8

IN GRATITUDE WE SHARE

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Difference +/-.....	\$	(555.00)
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Budgeted.....		367,002.00
Difference +/-.....	\$	17,673.65
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Stewardship

“Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.”
- 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31

Do a quick check of your **Stewardship** priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, "If I'm doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?"

Confirmation Candidates: What questions do you have regarding our faith and our Church? Let's discuss your questions in our **February 18**, meeting. Please submit these questions ahead of time to: mfallon@ollindy.org so that we will be ready to fully explore them. It is good to explore your uncertainties prior to professing your belief in the Church's teachings.



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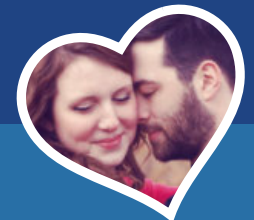
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ASH WEDNESDAY

SOUP & BREAD SUPPER



Join us for our annual Lenten Soup & Bread Supper as we enter the holy season of Lent with a simple meal of homemade meatless soups, bread and beverages.

Ash Wednesday, February 14

The meal will be held in Bernadette Hall immediately following the 6pm Mass.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

If you can help with the meal by preparing a meatless soup, bringing crackers/bread or help with set up and/or serving,

Please Sign Up at <http://tinyurl.com/AshWedsSupper24> or Scan QR Code.



10 ANNUAL

Festival of Prayer

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH FEB. 11-18, 2024



EIGHT DAYS OF MEDITATION, PRAYER, MUSIC, AND FELLOWSHIP

Fr. Richard Ginther, the Parish Council, and members of the Spiritual Journey Committee invite you to the 10th Annual Festival of Prayer, instituted by our late pastor Fr. Noah Casey in 2015, to honor Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette. All events are open to OLL parishioners, school families, community, and guests. All are free of charge.

SUNDAY, FEB. 11

10:00 a.m.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES FEAST DAY MASS

11:30 a.m.

FEAST AND FAITH EVENT

Join us for Mass this morning as Fr. Jim Farrell and Fr. Joe Rautenberg offer anointing of the sick for anyone who suffers from serious mental or physical illness, those facing surgery or other serious treatments, and those experiencing adverse effects of aging. After Mass, join us in Bernadette Hall for a delicious brunch catered by Bittersweet proprietor, Laura Johnston, followed by a reflection on the Eucharistic Prayer led by Fr. Jim Farrell.

Please RSVP at <http://tinyurl.com/FeastandFaith24> or call the parish office at 317-356-7291 by Feb 6.

MONDAY, FEB. 12

7:00 p.m.

SACRED MUSIC CONCERT

In keeping with the Eucharistic revival, join our own Music Director, Greg Martin and guest artists, Christina Nicastro, Nathaniel Hein, and Daniel Narducci as they explore with us the miracle of Christ's true presence in Holy Communion. Beethoven's beautiful piano sonata in A major, op 101, will be presented, followed by choral works by Mozart and Vaughn Williams, among other. All are welcome!

TUESDAY, FEB. 13

5:30 p.m.

ROSARY

6:00 p.m.

MASS

6:30 p.m.

ADORATION for the intentions of Eucharistic Revival and vocations

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14

6:00 p.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

7:00 p.m.

SOUP AND BREAD SUPPER

Join us for our annual Lenten soup and bread supper after Mass this evening as we enter the holy season of Lent with a simple meal of homemade meatless soups, bread and beverages.

Please go to <http://tinyurl.com/AshWedsSupper24> to sign up to volunteer or bring food item.

THURSDAY, FEB. 15

2:00 p.m.

ROSARY WALK

Join OLL school children this afternoon in honoring Our Lady of Lourdes with song and prayer as we process within the warmth of the church in a pilgrimage approach to praying the Rosary. All families and children are encouraged to participate as we pray for greater understanding of the gift of the Eucharist.

FRIDAY, FEB. 16

8:15 a.m.

MASS

5:30 p.m.

LENTEN FISH FRY

7:00 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join the school children for Mass this morning and return this evening for our annual Lenten Fish Fry in the school cafeteria before returning to church for the Stations of the Cross.

SATURDAY, FEB. 17

9:00 a.m.

LENTEN MORNING OF REFLECTION

Join us as Deacon Richard Wagner leads us in a Morning of Reflection.

Please RSVP at <http://tinyurl.com/LentenMOF24> or call the parish office at 317-356-7291.

SUNDAY, FEB. 18

10:00 am.

MASS

11:30 a.m.

DONUT SUNDAY

Join us for Mass this morning on the French Feast of St. Bernadette. Following Mass, come to Bernadette Hall for coffee, donuts, and fellowship and special prayers to St. Bernadette as we honor her faithfulness in carrying forth Our Lady's message.