

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

April 7, 2024



2nd Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday

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**.

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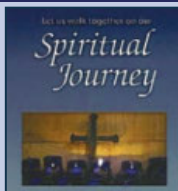
Our Lady of Lourdes offers preschool and kindergarten through 8th grade classes. Please call the School Office for more information at **317-357-3316**.

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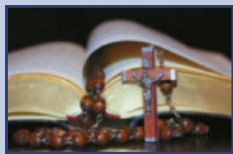
Welcome to our Parish Family!

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



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

Dear brothers and sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish,

On Easter Sunday, we renewed our baptismal promises as we always do, on this pivotal point of our faith in Christ! I find it a very powerful moment! Your responses of "I do" wash over me in their strength!

On Easter Monday, the Office of Readings began to lay out the wonderful First Letter of Peter. The letter is addressed to the newly baptized. It lays out the great gift they have received. It does not spare the challenges of their newfound faith. It urges them to continual growth based on the original gift.

In the second chapter, Peter reminds them of their responsibilities. Here are excerpts of this marvelous chapter.

"By obedience to the truth [that is, Christ] you have purified yourselves for a genuine love of your brothers; therefore, love one another constantly from the heart. Your rebirth has come, not from a destructible but from an indestructible seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

"Now this "word" is the gospel which was preached to you.

"So strip away everything vicious, everything deceitful; pretenses, jealousies, and disparaging remarks, of any kind. Be as eager for milk as newborn babies - pure milk of the spirit to make you grow unto salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

"Come to him, a living stone, rejected by men but approved, nonetheless, and precious in God's eyes. You too are living stones, built as an edifice of spirit, into a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

"You, however, are 'a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people he claims for his own to proclaim the glorious works' of the One who called you from darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were no people, but now you are God's people; once there was no mercy for you, but now you have found mercy."

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, these words of Peter are apt for our reflection. Whether we are Michael Schwartz (baptized at the Easter Vigil), or one touched by the merciful waters of baptism as infants, these words can lead us to examine our life in Christ, especially how we live it with and for each other.

May God's mercy draw us all closer to him through whose death and resurrection we have been made one.

Father Rick

A Message from Deacon Tom

All of our lives are full of changes and complexities. As it turns out, Deacons are not exempt from life's complications. The current circumstances of my life have led to my requesting and being granted a voluntary leave of absence from ministerial duties at OLL. This break in service will allow me to better concentrate on my family's needs. I will miss being with my faith community at Lourdes. Please know that during my absence, I will hold you in prayer and I ask that you keep Virginia and myself in yours. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Blessings, Deacon Tom



Easter Egg Hunt: Thank You, Helpers!

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt. The children had a great time! God provided a warm, sunny day.

Thank you so much for donating, stuffing, hiding and helping to make this a wonderful time.

“Ordinary Women” Monday After Easter

Our next meeting will be **Monday, April 15**, in Bernadette Hall at 7 p.m. Please join us! All women of the parish are welcome. For information, call Pat: **317-395-8186**.



Socialaires

Socialaires will meet on **Thursday, April 11**. We'll meet in the west parking lot of church at 11:30 a.m. We will be going to Four Seasons for lunch. Please confirm your intention to join us. Contact Diane Beasley by Monday, April 8, at **317-527-7946**. (landline)

Volunteer to Help at Confirmation: April 25

Seventeen of our parish eighth-graders will be travelling to the Cathedral to have Archbishop Thompson confer the sacrament of Confirmation upon them. We need volunteers to help make the Mass happen. Please volunteer to be a minister of hospitality or Eucharistic minister; show them your support, and help make the night special for our *Confirmandi*. Mass begins at 7 p.m. and helpers should arrive by 5:30 p.m.



Disabilities Ministry

WE ARE ONE BODY IN CHRIST

Disabilities Awareness Mass
with Archbishop Charles C. Thompson,
as Principal Celebrant and Homilist

Sunday, April 28, 10 a.m., at Ss. Peter & Paul Cathedral

A reception will follow at the Assembly Hall in the Catholic Center. This Mass will celebrate the lives and dignity of persons who have disabilities, their families and friends.

A Prayer for Life

"Lord, you are the creator of all things. Guide my thoughts to consider your creation in all its majesty, beauty and holiness. Guide my heart especially to your creation of precious human life. Help me to comprehend how essential life is in your own heart. Teach me to appreciate, love, and protect all human life through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen"

- Fr. Terry Gensemer/ *40 Days for Life Devotional Guide*

Men's Monday Night Prayer Group

On **April 8**, the Men's Monday Night Prayer group will meet in Bernadette Hall at 7:30 p.m. All men are welcome! Please contact Bob Eha if you have any questions: **317-345-9884**.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Susan Abel, Pam Aiello, Emilia Atkinson, Darryl & Harold Barthé, Paula Bittelmeyer, Rose Boggs, Dick & Kathy Burgess, Denise Byers, Catherine C. Coop, Will Christiansen, Deborah Clayton, Marc Davis, Cassandra Budreau Dunne, 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, Teresa Kerns, Randy Kidwell, 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, Kevin Schwering, Vonda Sigman, Karen & Larry Thomas, Barb Tittle, Jimmy Warrenburg, Arianna Williams

Parish Office

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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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SCHOOL NEWS

During Holy Week, we continued teaching in all the usual academic areas, but everything was set against the backdrop of the somber focus on the final days and hours of the life of Jesus.

Eighth graders are completing a quilt project related to their study of American History. Each small group is creating a quilt thematically linked to an African-American spiritual song. Like those created by enslaved people, the students' creations will contain symbols of God's saving Grace. Some of the songs represented are "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," "Follow the Drinking Gourd," and "Wade in the Water."

PreK has been tracking the Lenten Journey with a gameboard-like pathway, daily spaces are colored in purple as we wind our way toward Easter. This week they read together and discuss the *Easter Story*.

Seventh and eighth grade religion classes have spent the year learning about the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching. Their study culminates with service projects aligned with these teachings. On Holy Thursday, they completed their first project where they cared for God's Creation and helped promote community. Partnering with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, our students worked beside many others from different walks to life to beautify the Marian University campus.

I hope you have found your Lenten Journey to be fulfilling.
Have a Happy Easter Season! - Angie Therber



Who Is Your Favorite, or Most Interesting Saint?

Our second 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. If you missed the recent form in the bulletin asking which saint is most significant to you and why, just email Matthew (mfallon@ollindy.org) with the name of your favorite saint, and why you appreciate them so much. With your help we can build the children's awareness and appreciation of our "cloud of witnesses!"



Find Out More!

Pamphlets and pictures are available at the doors of the church.

Mass Intentions

- Saturday, April 6.....2nd Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy**
4:00 pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Pro Populo
- Sunday, April 7.....2nd Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy**
10:00 am †Marilyn Bathon Peradotta Req. by Gabrielle Schufeldt
- Tuesday, April 9.....Easter Weekday**
6:00 pm †Mike Bisesi Req. by Richard & Penny Moss
- Wednesday, April 10.....Easter Weekday**
8:15 am †Ed Hamilton Req. by The Krause Family
- Thursday, April 11.....St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr**
6:00 pm †Fr. Justin Belitz, OFM Req. by Monica Collins
- Friday, April 12.....Easter Weekday**
8:15 am †Terry Lenahan Warren Req. by Terry Schaedel
- Saturday, April 13.....3rd Sunday of Easter**
4:00 pm Reconciliation
5:00 pm Pro Populo
- Sunday, April 14.....3rd Sunday of Easter**
10:00 am †Don Dammeyer Req. by Bill Bakemeyer

Ministry Schedule April 13-14

Saturday, April 13 – 5 p.m. 3rd Sunday of Easter

- EMHC: Sally Krause (Host), _____ (Host), Deacon Tom (Cup), Cathy Kervan (Cup), Sally Budreau (Main Host)
- Hospitality Ministers: Don Flick (UN-Team Leader), Kay Campbell (GE), Lisa Flick (GN), Leon Waninger (GW), Eli Schneider (Y)
- Lector: Jim Davis (A), Priscilla Campbell (B)
- Sacristan: Paige Kervan
- Servers: Isha Bethel, Yeshua Saldana
- Cantor: Ann Skirvin

Sunday, April 14 – 10 a.m. 3rd Sunday of Easter

- EMHC: Andrew Warner (Host), Mike Guinan (Host), Deacon Tom (Cup), H. Chris Houppert (Cup), _____ (Cup), Kirk Forster (Cup), Chris Kolakovich (Main Host)
- Hospitality Ministers: Gilbert Durham (UN Team Leader), Steve Wuertz (GE), John Lockhart (GN), Tammy Buennagel (GW), _____ (Y)
- Lector: Mark Caraher (A), Sylvia Zimmerman (B)
- Sacristan: Larry Turner
- Servers: Alex Reuhs, Daniel Reuhs
- Cantor: Linda Caraher Choir: Adult Choir
- CLOW: Emily Reuhs, _____ (Y)
- Mass Childcare: Jenny McNulty, Morgan Rohlf
- Small Linens Sacristan: Tammy Buennagel

READINGS: WEEK OF APRIL 7, 2024

- Sunday:** Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31
- Monday:** Is 7:10-14,8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2,5; Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2,9,17-20; Jn 3:31-36
- Friday:** Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1,4,13-14; Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19. Jn 6:16-21

Calendar of **EVENTS**

Sunday, April 7 - 2nd Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy

8:30 am SRE School
10:00 am Mass Church

Monday, April 8 - No School

7:30 pm Men's Monday Night Prayer BH-A

Tuesday, April 9

3:00 pm Jiu Jitsu Gym
5:30 pm Rosary Chapel
6:00 pm Mass Chapel
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop #8 Cafeteria
7:00 pm School Commission BH-C

Wednesday, April 10

8:15 am Mass Chapel
7:30 pm RCIA BH-A

Thursday, April 11

5:30 pm Rosary Chapel
6:00 pm Mass Chapel

Friday, April 12

8:15 am Mass (School) Church

Saturday, April 13 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

9:00 am FHE Retreat BH-A&B
4:00 pm Reconciliation Church
5:00 pm Mass Church

Sunday, April 14 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

8:30 am SRE School
10:00 am Mass Church
11:30 am Parish Council BH-C
7:00 pm Confirmation Class BH-A or B

Prayer Vine

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



Stewardship

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..."

- Acts 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely **"Stewards"** of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

FREE! FREE! FREE!

We are redoing the garden behind the school and we want to remove the pea gravel. You haul it! You may take as much as you would like! Text Lilly Forster with any questions: **317-503-1935**.

Time to Turn-In Your Rice Bowls

Share God's providential gifts with CRS Rice Bowl! It's an effective way to help change lives here in the Archdiocese, and around the world, where our brothers and sisters need a hand to improve their lives. We will be collecting the Rice Bowls at Mass for two weeks after Easter. Look for collection baskets at each entrance. Alternatively, you may write a check for the amount of alms you have set aside during Lent (please put CRS Rice Bowl on the memo line) and put it in the collection basket.

St. Theresa of Calcutta advised us, "If it doesn't hurt at least a little bit, it's not really a sacrifice."

IN GRATITUDE WE SHARE



March 31, 2024

Actual.....	\$	9,759.02
Online Giving		2,939.00
Budgeted.....		<u>13,388.22</u>
Difference +/-.....	\$	(690.20)

YTD Sunday & Holy Day

Actual.....	\$	483,518.64
Budgeted.....		<u>470,108.10</u>
Difference +/-.....	\$	13,410.54

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Criterion.....	\$	50.00
Church in Africa.....	\$	72.00
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Rice Bowl.....	\$	110.75
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VBS is Coming Soon and We Need You!!

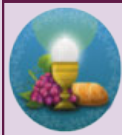
Kids will soon be enjoying Vacation Bible School! The plans and materials are all in place. We just need caring adults to share all this with them. It's time to begin lining up volunteers for games, faith-sharing, crafts, skits, cafeteria help, music, etc.

YOU can join this group of parishioners and help lead our young disciples to deeper faith in God!

VBS will be here before we know it (mornings, June 10-14), so don't wait to hear God calling you to help! Contact Matthew to find out more: mfallon@ollindy.org

2nd Grade Families: Two Important Dates

The re-scheduled **Explanatory Mass** will be held on **April 11**. This is part of your child's preparation to receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time, in May. Our **Eucharist Retreat** will be held on **Saturday, April 13** from 9 a.m. to noon.



COMMUNION CALLS

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



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