

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
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September 15, 2024



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

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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**.

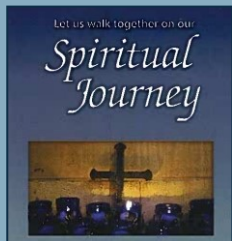
NEW PARISHIONERS

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

Dear brothers and sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish,

Please take a few moments to read and reflect upon this week's flyer regarding, "The Dignity of the Human Person."

- *Father Rick*

Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: "there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance" (Lk 15:7)*.

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Catechetical Sunday

Inspire
the Next Generation!

Become a Catechist!



Attention All Bakers!

The Festival Committee is seeking homemade dessert donations, please deliver to the dessert booth on Thursday, September 26, contact Tony Bewsey at **317-650-4729** with any questions.

The Silent Auction Committee is excited to announce that our parish and businesses have been supportive and blessed us with wonderful items! We have an autographed football, a full set of braces, from Dr. Pritchett, and a Secina scholarship! We have overnight trips, wine parties, Connor Prairie, zoo membership, over 45 baskets, and an iPad! Please stay tuned for our QR Code and please participate! This will be a good time to get deals, while helping the church and its ministries. Our goal is to raise \$20,000. Please help us by telling your friends and family to join in the fun on September 26! They can attend by scanning the anticipated QR while at home or even better yet, coming and joining us at the festival! We can show you how to use the QR code and submit your bid.

You can help us with a donation from your workplace or something you would like to donate! Items may be dropped off at the Parish Office or Please call Teresa at **317-654-7051** or email qsalon@sbcglobal.net to make other arrangements for pick up or questions. Examples of items are: • Music, dance, art or cooking classes • Rounds of Golf • Gift Certificates • Hotel accommodations • Themed gift baskets • Gift Cards • Experiences - dinner theater, comedy club, train ride • Jewelry • New Electronics • Swim Lessons • Sports Tickets • toys, items slightly used or new • Memberships • show tickets • Movie Tickets

Thank you from our parish and most of all reserve Sept 26, 27, & 28, to come to the festival to share in fellowship with our parish and community!



Doughnut Sunday: September 15

The next Doughnut Sunday will be September 15. Our Sponsor this month is the Alzheimer Association. If your group would like to sponsor a Sunday, please call or email Sally Bennett at **317-356-2529** or sallyb718@aol.com



“Ordinary Women” Will Meet Sept 16

The Ordinary Women book group will meet in Bernadette Hall at 7 p.m. on Monday, September 16. Please join us! All women of the parish are welcome. Please call Pat at: **317-395-8186** for more info.

30th Annual OLL Joanne Deery Memorial Kickball Classic: September 21-22

There are so many ways you can support this long-running tradition, such as playing, being a sponsor, or officiating a game or two! Email ollkickballclassic@gmail.com for ways you can help, or with any questions you may have.



OCIA Coming Up

Our next meeting of the OCIA group is Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m., it is a process of preparing people to join our parish as well as the Catholic Church. Everyone is welcome to sit in during a meeting to refresh or contribute, and to welcome to our participants. This Tuesday's topic is "God the Father, and the Holy Trinity", presented by Fr. Rick. Contact Matthew with any questions: mfallon@ollindy.org

Share Your Experience of Confirmation

So you got Confirmed – what did it do for you? Share your answer with current Confirmation candidates. Since Confirmation strengthens us for our Christian life, how has the Holy Spirit done this for you; how do you discern the Spirit working in your life; how do you respond to his promptings? On **Sunday Oct. 6**, at 7 p.m., we will have parish members witness their own memories and experiences resulting from Confirmation, and how they have continued living with the Spirit after the Rite is a memory. Witnesses will speak individually with candidates for 5 minutes; it should only take about an hour. Talk with Matthew Fallon to volunteer or ask questions: mfallon@ollindy.org

Become a Children's Liturgy of the Word Catechist

Young children benefit from hearing Scripture in wording they can understand. We need parishioners to proclaim the Mass readings to our 5 to 7 year-olds, discuss with them what they mean for us, and lead them in prayer. Join our pool of catechists who share these easier readings at Children's Liturgy of the Word at the Sunday Mass. Preparation materials will be provided; our goal is that you will lead sessions about monthly. Talk to Matthew Fallon: mfallon@ollindy.org for more details or to volunteer.

Peace in the Mourning

A Christ-Focused Widow's Retreat is scheduled for Friday, October 25 (6 p.m.) to Sunday, October 27 (Noon). Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. The registration fee is \$220 for a private room. Scholarship money is available to help pay a portion of the cost. The retreat is held at the Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, 5353 East 56th Street. Reservations may be made online:

www.archindy.org/fatima or by calling **317-545-7681**.

Presenters are: Nancy Pinard, Debbie Ahaus, Lisa Egelson-Roever, Janet Harris and Fr. Jim Farrell. The retreat offers widows the opportunity to not only identify with other widows, but also feel companioned and comforted on their grief journey.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Pam Aiello, Emilia Atkinson, Darryl & Harold Barthe', Bob Bittelmeyer, Rose Boggs, Dick & Kathy Burgess, Denise Byers, Will Christiansen, Deborah Clayton, Tim Coffey, Catherine C. Coop, 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, Emerson Linde, Paul Linne, Jay & Mitzie Loomis, John Maag & Ellen, Jerry MacKenzie, Marilyn May, Jeff McBride, Kathy McCoy, Becky Miller, Mike Miller, Glenda Moore, Luke Mulford, Victoria O'Neil, Dale Page, Sandy Pavey, Bernie Price, Joseph Rogers, Irene Roseman, Rhonda Roseman, Kevin Schwering, Vonda Sigman, Karen & Larry Thomas, Jim Warrenburg, Arianna Williams, Susan Williams

Parish Office

Hours: Monday - Friday
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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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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COMMUNION CALLS

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

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

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SCHOOL NEWS

There has been much discussion about the need to improve the reading skills of students across Indiana. In fact, the state legislature has put a new law into place this summer that mandates certain actions within schools related to reading mastery. Soon we will send home more specific information about that to school families. Politics aside, it is a fact that students who read well perform well in all subject areas including math.

While Science of Reading-rooted instruction is a focus at Our Lady of Lourdes – and has been for many years – reading mastery is also developed through other content area studies. This year, we have been blessed with new materials from grades K-8 in science, social studies, and math. With input from teaching staff and administration, these texts, online supplements, and manipulative materials were chosen for their engaging formats and their ability to support the teachers’ best practices. With new, exciting materials in these other content areas, students are both using their reading skills and developing them further with varied vocabulary and thought processes.

Please keep the momentum going by reading aloud to your children, grandchildren, and other children in your life. Encourage them to read independently, and let them see you read independently.

Angie Therber
Principal

Autumn Scripture Study Coming Soon

The End is Near - to join our Autumn Scripture Study!

We will begin our study of **The Book of Job** on September 26. We will hold 2 sessions, mornings at 10 a.m. & evenings at 7:30 p.m. in Bernadette Hall, for 7 weeks. Cost of the study is \$20. Contact Matthew: mfallon@ollindy.org to reserve your spot and we'll get your book ordered.

The book of Job tells the story of a righteous man who is overwhelmed by suffering and complains to God until God comes to speak with him. The stage is set for Job's suffering when God praises his servant Job to Satan, who vehemently asserts that Job is only righteous because God has blessed him in every way. Take away his blessings, the Satan claims, and Job will curse God. In an age where suffering was seen as a sign of punishment for sin, Job's suffering is doubled, when all his friends impugn his character as they witness his sorrows. This story speaks eloquently of the mystery of human suffering. - Listen to God's Word in the midst of pain.

Hear Gary Varvel at the Celebrate Life Dinner, October 1

Do you want to restore a love of life in Indianapolis? Mark your calendars for the upcoming *Celebrate Life Dinner!* Join Right to Life of Indianapolis on Tuesday, October 1, at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown for the Annual Celebrate Life Dinner.

Registration is \$85 per person, tables of 10 available for \$850. Register online at www.rtindy.org or call the Right to Life of Indianapolis office (317) 582-1526 to make your reservation over the phone.

Mark Your Calendars!

Respect Life Mass: October 6, 10 a.m.
Indianapolis Life Chain: October 6, Downtown Indianapolis from 2:30-3:30 p.m. *More details to come.*

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 14.....24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm †Mary Ann Heneghan Bennett Req. by Fred Bennett

Sunday, September 15.....24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 am Pro Populo

Tuesday, September 17..St. Robt. Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor / St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin & Doctor
5:30 pm Rosary
6:00 pm †Wilma Barnhart Req. by Diane Beasley

Wednesday, September 18.....Weekday
8:15 am †James Lynch, Sr. Req. by Jim & Sue Lynch

Thursday, September 19.....St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr
5:30 pm Rosary
6:00 pm †JJ O'Brien Req. by Folk Choir

Friday, September 20..Ss. Andrew Kim, Paul Ha-sang & Comps.
8:15 am †Susan Druley Req. by Lori Malander

Saturday, September 21.....25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm †Gloria Matthews Req. by Joe Matthews

Sunday, September 22.....25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 am Pro Populo

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 21, 5 p.m. 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

EMHC: Monica Collins (Host), _____ (Host), Amy Petrone (Cup), _____ (Cup), _____ (Main Host)

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

Lector: Sally Budreau (A), _____ (B)

Sacristan: Mary Morois

Servers: Isha Bethel, Peter Mervilde

Cantor: Jamie Black

Sunday, September 22, 10 a.m. 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

EMHC: Fletcher Daly (Host), Jill Daly (Host), Beverly Durham (Cup), Andrew Warner (Cup), _____ (Cup), _____ (Cup), Mark Pittman (Main Host)

Hospitality Ministers: Mike Guinan (Team Leader, UN), Jim Lynch (GE), Vic Berlage (GN), Bob Davey (GW), Vivian Kolakovich (Y-1)

Lector: Sylvia Zimmerman (A), Mark Caraher (B)

Sacristan: Bernice Berlage

Servers: Amelia Horner, Gerard Horner

Cantor: Linda Caraher

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

Mass Childcare: _____, _____

Small Linens

Sacristan: Bernice Berlage

READINGS: WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a; Ps 116:1-6,8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26,33; Ps 40:7-10,17; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14,27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Ps 33:2-5,12,22; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2,16ab-17,28; Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd,6-7,8b,15; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: Eph 4:1-7,11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Calendar of **EVENTS**

Sunday, September 15		
8:30 am	Religious Ed	School
10:00 am	Mass	Church
11:00 am	Coffee & Doughnuts	BH-A&B
Monday, September 16		
7:00 pm	Girl Scouts	BH-A&B
7:30 pm	Folk Choir Rehearsal	Church
Tuesday, September 17		
3:00 pm	Jiu Jitsu	Gym
5:30 pm	Rosary	
6:00 pm	Mass followed by Holy Hour	Chapel
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts	Cafeteria
7:30 p.m.	OCIA	BH-A
Wednesday, September 18		
8:15 am	Mass	Chapel
7:00 pm	SVdP	BH-B
Thursday, September 19		
10:00 am	In Stitches	BH-A&B
3:00 pm	Girl Scouts	BH-A&B
5:30 pm	Rosary	
6:00 pm	Mass	Chapel
Friday, September 20 - Blue & White Mass		
8:15 am	Mass (School)	Church
Saturday, September 21 - Kickball Classic		
4:00 pm	Reconciliation	Church
5:00 pm	Mass	Church
Sunday, September 22 - Kickball Classic		
8:30 am	Religious Ed	School
10:00 am	Mass	Church



Stewardship

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”
 MARK 8:34

Living a **Stewardship** lifestyle means not only being responsible for my own life, but for the lives of others as well. We realize that our gifts are not intended for ourselves, rather they are meant to be shared with others. “Taking up my cross” means doing things when someone else needs me and not when it’s convenient for me.

ICAN Hygiene Bags



With your help, I was able to finish the 15 bags I was working on. Thank you. I will repeat when I get enough products together. PLEASE NO TOOTHBRUSHES at this time. **Yes** for travel size shampoo, lip balm, tissues, toothpaste, and lotion. If you are able to give 2 or 3 of an item, together we will have what we need for the next batch! Stephenie Paquette 317-359-6655

Prayer Vine

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



IN GRATITUDE WE SHARE



September 1, 2024

Actual.....	\$	8,457.00
Online Giving		4,464.00
Budgeted.....		12,520.00
Difference +/-.....	\$	401.00

YTD Sunday & Holy Day		
Actual.....	\$	110,690.00
Budgeted.....		112,680.00
Difference +/-.....	\$	(1,990.00)

SVdP.....	\$	495.00
Visiting Sister.....	\$	16.00
Children’s Offering.....	\$	67.00
Catholic U of America.....	\$	110.00
Endowment.....	\$	120.00

September 8, 2024

Actual.....	\$	9,061.00
Online Giving		4,705.00
Budgeted.....		12,520.00
Difference +/-.....	\$	1,246.00

YTD Sunday & Holy Day		
Actual.....	\$	124,456.00
Budgeted.....		125,200.00
Difference +/-.....	\$	(744.00)

SVdP.....	\$	250.00
Catholic U of America.....	\$	207.00
Endowment.....	\$	50.00



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Join us
Tuesday, September 17,
for a Holy Hour for Vocations.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will occur immediately upon conclusion of the 6 p.m. Mass. Benediction will be at approximately 7:30 p.m.



CIRCLE CITY IRISH FESTIVAL RAFFLE

SEPTEMBER 20 & 21
 AT HOLY ROSARY

Come join us for a family friendly event filled with Irish culture, markets & shopping. Purchase tickets for a chance to win in their Festival Raffle.

Scan the QR for more prize information & how to purchase tickets.

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“I will share my love with them...whom shall I send?”

Do you think God may want you to help build his Church by sharing your story with others? Will you respond like Isaiah, “Here I am, send me!” Please share the story of your prayer life with our Sunday religious education students and help them start to develop their own prayer life. We are looking for parishioners to describe their prayer habits (devotions, themes, times, etc) and how they feel and see the power of prayer in their life. Two minutes of your time can make a difference in the entire life of another young disciple. Talk with Matthew Fallon: mfallon@ollindy.org for details of where and when.

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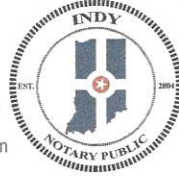


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Dignity of the Human Person



In their statement on *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the Catholic bishops of the United States identify the four main principles of the Church's social teaching and apply them to some concrete issues. This is not to tell the faithful for whom or against whom to vote, but instead to help them form their consciences in accordance with God's truth as they approach this often-challenging decision. The four main principles are the Dignity of the Human Person, the Common Good, Solidarity, and Subsidiarity. They are all interrelated. This bulletin focuses on the **Dignity of the Human Person**, and the other three principles are covered in three other bulletins in this series. —★

Because each human person is created in the image and likeness of God, each one of us possesses innate and inviolable human dignity. This dignity is present in each person from the moment of their conception and throughout their lives. As Pope Francis has emphasized, human dignity is central to building a society in which we are "brothers and sisters all."¹

★ —
"The dignity of the human person is the foundation for a moral vision of society."
—★

Every human being has the right to live with dignity and to develop integrally; this fundamental right cannot be denied by any country. People have this right even if they are unproductive, or were born with or developed limitations. This does not detract from their great dignity as human persons, a dignity based not on circumstances but on the intrinsic worth of their being. Unless this basic principle is upheld, there will be no future either for fraternity or for the survival of humanity.²

Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 107

The dignity of the human person is the foundation for a moral vision of society. As we seek to imitate the Good Samaritan and become neighbor to all, we must work to protect the dignity of all, especially those who are most vulnerable.

As we engage in the public square with a well-formed conscience:

- We work to protect the most vulnerable—children in the womb who are in danger of abortion—while also standing in radical solidarity with mothers.³ Building on their bond of flesh and kinship, and on the network of family, neighbor, and community relationships in which they are situated, the Church actively assists mothers and their children to have a brighter future.

- We continue to protect the dignity of our sister or brother who is elderly, disabled, or ill by strongly rejecting euthanasia and assisted suicide. These practices are symptoms of a “throw-away culture,” in which children of God of inestimable worth are cast aside as worthless.⁴
- Likewise, we must recognize the inherent dignity of the migrant and refugee. In our country now, that means comprehensive immigration reform that offers a path to citizenship, treats immigrant workers fairly, prevents the separation of families, maintains the integrity of our borders, respects the rule of law, and addresses the factors that compel people to leave their own countries.
- We support the dignity of the person, created male or female; therefore, we oppose a gender ideology that fails to recognize the difference and reciprocity between man and woman.⁵
- Racism attacks the dignity of the human person by denying that we are all equally made in the image of God, so we must overcome racism in our hearts as well as in our systems and institutions.⁶
- We continue to seek reform of the criminal justice system and to end the use of the death penalty. We support common sense measures to reduce gun violence.⁷
- Finally, we seek to prevent and remedy any aspects of an “economy of exclusion,”⁸ which “does not hesitate to exploit, discard, and even kill human beings,”⁹ and to work instead toward an “economy of communion” rooted in ethical concern.¹⁰

“Social friendship and universal fraternity”

Pope Francis writes, “necessarily call for an acknowledgement of the worth of every human person, always and everywhere.”¹¹ Through our political participation, our accompaniment of those in need, and the witness of our daily lives, may we support the worth of every person, created in God’s image.

This bulletin insert along with five others was approved by the body of U.S. bishops in November 2023.

Find this and more complementary resources at www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

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- 1 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* (*On Fraternity and Social Friendship*), no. 8.
- 2 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 107. See also: Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate* (*Charity in Truth*), no. 45.
- 3 USCCB, “Letter and Policy Recommendations Supporting Women and Children,” October 26, 2022.
- 4 St. John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*), nos. 8, 15, 18, 23, 94. See also: Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* nos. 18-21.
- 5 Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia* (*The Joy of Love*), no. 56.
- 6 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*, 3-8.
- 7 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, nos. 263-270. See also: *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, no. 84.
- 8 Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* (*Joy of the Gospel*), no. 53.
- 9 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 22.
- 10 Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate*, nos. 45-47.
- 11 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 106.