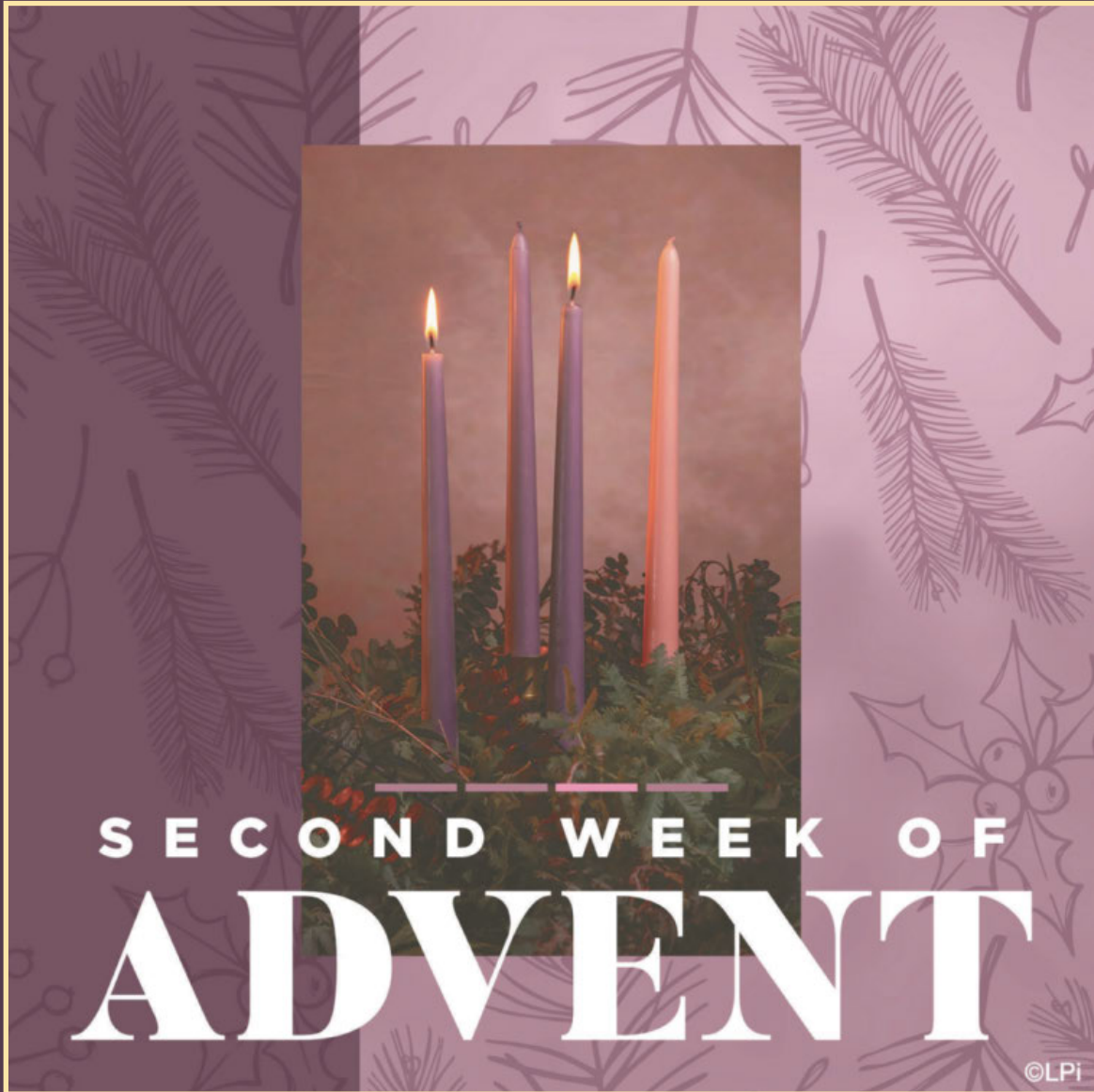


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December 8, 2024



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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

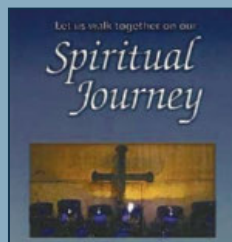
Please send your entries by **NOON** on **MONDAYS** to ensure your article will appear in that week's printing. If you have flyers to be inserted into the bulletin, please bring them to the parish office by 3 p.m. on Thursday.

THANK YOU!

parishsecretary@ollindy.org

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US

AT HOME OR IN CHURCH:
TUESDAYS/THURSDAYS
AT 5:30 P.M.



Pastor's Corner

My dear brothers and sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish,

There are times when the prayers that are prayed at Mass can stir our faith, our ardor.

The Collect from the First Sunday of Advent is a good example.

Keep us alert, we pray, O Lord our God,
as we await the advent of Christ your Son,
so that, when he comes and knocks,
he may find us watchful in prayer
and exultant in his praise.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
— Amen.

We can miss the depth of the prayers led by the presider, no matter how well prepared he may be to bring them to life. Let's, then, consider a few phrases of this prayer.

Keep us alert – we want to be alert during Advent, but we need God's help to push back against all the distractions of daily life and the season.

As we await the advent of Christ your Son – the three comings – in history, into our hearts, in final glory.

When he comes and knocks – an allusion to the Lord's knocking at the door of our heart, hoping to enter there when answered to sit with us in our prayerful praise. I always mentally see the traditional painting of Jesus outside the door, knocking.

I pray our Advent season will find us watching and waiting in prayer for the blessed hope, the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Father Rick

A Message for Life

"For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully *and wonderfully made*; *Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well.*"

(Psalm 139:13-14)

Our Next OCIA Meeting

The subject of our next OCIA meeting (Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Bernadette Hall) will be The Liturgical Year. Fr. Rick will be our presenter. Everyone is welcome to sit in with the group - to welcome them to our parish and Church, or to get a little refresher!

Next Scripture Study Begins in January!

So many women have played important and inspiring roles in salvation history as recorded in Holy Scripture. This year's winter Scripture study will focus on these faithful women. There are three sections to the study: Women in the OT, part 1 (5 sessions); Women in the OT, part 2 (3 sessions); Women in the NT (5 sessions). Join us for any or all the sections! The cost of the study will be \$20 per section. Look for the link to sign up online, or send an email to Matthew indicating your interest: mfallon@ollindy.org To get the study completed before Holy Week, we will begin sessions on Thursday morning/evening, January 9, and complete the study April 10.

Monday Night Men's Prayer Group: December 9

The Men's Prayer group will meet at Jockamo's at 7:30 p.m. on **Monday, December 9**. All men are not only invited, but welcome. If you have any questions: contact Bob Eha at **317-345-9884**.

Socialaires

The Socialaires will be celebrating Christmas on December 12, at noon in the home of Diane Beasley. It will be a pitch-in affair with a couple of fun, quirky things happening. White Elephant gift exchange. As in the past, bring something you want to purge--don't buy something. Added this year, an ugly sweater contest w/ a prize for the ugliest. Again, it isn't necessary to buy anything; decorate one you already own. If you plan to attend, please call Diane: **317-527-7946**, by Monday, December 9. Thank you

OCIA Welcomes Your Participation!

Research confirms that one of the biggest factors in peoples' decision to join a church is how welcomed they feel when they first begin attending. Can you extend 7 minutes of hospitality to the OCIA participants on a Tuesday evening? The meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. – Come introduce yourself and let them know we are interested in them joining us in the faith and here at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

You could also help with The Breaking Open of the Word, when the catechumens are released from Mass before the Eucharist, to talk about the messages in the Scripture readings that week. Talk with Matthew: mfallon@ollindy.org to find out more and to get on the schedule. Thank you!



Support Birthline

Thank you for your generous support of Birthline. Baby items may be placed in the bassinette located on the west side of the main vestibule. The bassinette is checked weekly. If you would like to crochet or knit baby items for Birthline, yarn is available. Please call the parish office for info. **Thank you!**



Your Help is Needed

Decorators needed to decorate the Church for Christmas. Sunday, December 22, right after Mass. Any of you delivery drivers who would like to help once you've completed your deliveries, we'd love to have you join us, too. Confirmation candidates needing service hours, join us. Many hands make light work.

Prayer Vine

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



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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 & Mitzi 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, Phil Reed, Joseph Rogers, Irene Roseman, Rhonda Roseman, Kevin Schwering, Vonda Sigman, Karen & Larry Thomas, Jim Warrenburg, Arianna Williams, Susan Williams, Scott Woolen

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

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School Office

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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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SCHOOL NEWS

“Let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.” Psalm 98:8-9

Advent is upon us, and it is interwoven throughout all of our school days. Of course there are Advent wreaths and window candles in each classroom, but we also have more guided focus opportunities throughout the coming weeks.

Each Monday in Advent, we begin the day with all students and staff gathered in the gym. One eighth-grader lights the candle on the Advent wreath while Mrs. Therber and Mrs. Page lead a prayer and reflection time. This Monday was the start of a week focused on HOPE. Hope is also the focus for the December school lifeline. Any time a student is “caught” doing something extra for someone else, he or she will be given one piece of straw (yellow strip of paper) to place in the manger in hopeful preparation for Jesus’ coming.

Each day, during morning announcements, 5th graders will open our day with an Advent prayer. Then Mrs. Therber will explain the day’s Jesse tree ornament and it’s significance in the family history of Jesus. A student will place the ornament on the tree in the front entryway of the school.

While Target and Amazon and the Hallmark channel would have us think that it’s Christmas, we are working hard to keep our focus on the peaceful, prayerful awaiting of Jesus to come, both on Christmas as a child, and once again at a time none of us know.

Angie Therber



COMMUNION CALLS

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



The Sign-Up Genius Link for the Giving Tree is:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44ACAE2FA4FCC07-52300830-svdp>

Please also watch for the link and QR code in the Friday Newsletter!

READINGS: WEEK OF DECEMBER 8, 2024

- Sunday:** Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6,8-11; Lk 3:1-6
- Monday:** Gn 3:9-15,20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6,11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3,10ac,11-13; Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4,8,10; Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday:** Zec 2:14-17; (Ps)Jdt 13:18b-19; Lk 1:26-38
- Friday:** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4,6; Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4,9-11; Ps 80:2ac,3b,15-16,18-19; Mt 17:9a,10-13

Mass Intentions

- Saturday, December 7.....2nd Sunday of Advent**
5:00 pm †Mary Ann Heneghan Bennett Req. by Fred Bennett
- Sunday, December 8.....2nd Sunday of Advent**
10:00 am Pro Populo
- Monday, December 9.....Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
8:15 am †Mark C. Habina Req. by Catherine Russell
6:00 pm Pro Populo
- Tuesday, December 10.....Our Lady of Loretto**
5:30 pm Rosary
6:00 pm †Arthur Fallon Req. by Matthew Fallon
- Wednesday, December 11.....St. Damasus I, Pope**
8:15 am †Rose Wallace Req. by Sally Welch
- Thursday, December 12.....Our Lady of Guadalupe**
6:00 pm †Peggy Earnest Req. by Bill Bakemeyer
- Friday, December 13.....St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr**
8:15 am †Paula Bittelmeyer Req. by Bob Bittelmeyer
- Saturday, December 14.....3rd Sunday of Advent**
5:00 pm †Sandyhook Victims Req. by Anonymous
- Sunday, December 15.....3rd Sunday of Advent**
10:00 am Pro Populo

Ministry Schedule

- Monday, December 9, 6 p.m. Immaculate Conception**
- EMHC: _____ (Host), _____ (Host), _____ (Cup),
_____ (Cup), Mary Ann Coffey (Main Host)
- Hospitality Ministers: _____ (GE), _____ (GN),
_____ (GW), Gilbert Durham (UN)
- Lector: Sally Budreau (A), Paige Kervan (B)
- Sacristan: Mary Morois Servers: _____, _____
- Cantor: Sylvia Zimmerman

PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR DECEMBER 9!

- Saturday, December 14, 5 p.m. 3rd Sunday of Advent**
- EMHC: Sally Budreau (Host), _____ (Host), Sally Krause (Cup),
Priscilla Campbell (Cup), Amy Petrone (Main Host)
- Hospitality Ministers: Don Flick (Team Leader, UN), Kay Campbell (GE),
Lisa Flick (GN), _____ (GW), _____ (Y)
- Lector: Nick Petrone (A), Paige Kervan (B)
- Sacristan: Mary Morois
- Servers: Ishabethel Saldana, Yeshua Saldana
- Cantor: Jamie Black



- Sunday, December 15, 10 a.m. 3rd Sunday of Advent**
- EMHC _____ (Host), _____ (Host), Matthew Fallon (Cup),
Chris Kolakovich (Cup), Theresa Brickens (Cup),
_____ (Cup), Mark Pittman (Main Host)
- Hospitality Ministers: Mike Guinan (Team Leader, UN), Megan Wuertz (GE),
Steve Wuertz (GN), Bob Davey (GW), Cale Thompson (Y)
- Lector: Andrea Kurtz (A), Mark Caraher (B)
- Sacristan: Bernice Berlage
- Servers: David Mervilde, Joseph Mervilde
- Cantor: Linda Caraher
- C.L.O.W. Emily Reuhs, Austin Anglemyer
- Small Linens
Sacristan: Linda Abner

Calendar of **EVENTS**

Sunday, December 8

8:00 am	Sunday Religious Ed	School
9:00 am	Reconciliation	Church
10:00 am	Mass	Church
11:30 am	Parish Council	BH-C
4:30 pm	Pack 8 Meeting	Cafeteria
7:00 pm	Confirmation Group Meeting	BH-A&B

Monday, December 9 - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:00 am	Santa Shop	BH-A&B
8:15 am	Mass (School)	Church
TBA	Arrival of Peace Light	Church
6:00 pm	Mass	Church
7:30 pm	Men's Monday Night Prayer	BH-A

Tuesday, December 10

3:00 pm	Jiu Jitsu	Gym
5:00 pm	Reconciliation	Church
5:30 pm	Rosary	Chapel
6:00 pm	Mass	Chapel
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts	Cafeteria
7:30 pm	OCIA	BH-A or B

Wednesday, December 11

8:15 am	Mass	Chapel
8:45 am	Reconciliation	Church

Thursday, December 12

3:00 pm	Girl Scouts	BH-A&B
5:30 pm	Rosary	Chapel
6:00 pm	Mass	Chapel

Friday, December 13

8:15 am	Mass	Church
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Saturday, December 14

4:00 pm	Reconciliation	Church
5:00 pm	Mass	Church

Sunday, December 15

8:00 am	Sunday Religious Ed	School
9:00 am	Reconciliation	Church
10:00 am	Mass	Church

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“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value.”
(PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)

During the Christmas shopping season, it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that “gift” truly an expression of your love for the other person? Or are you just fulfilling your “obligation” to give them something? To live Stewardship and grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them and learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less “stuff” and spend more time with those you love.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Join us
Tuesday, December 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.

Seccina Morning Small Bus Driver Wanted!

Seccina Memorial High School is seeking a morning small bus driver to transport students from the Greenfield / New Palestine area to Seccina. A regular Indiana driver's license is required, and we will pay a stipend. In total, the route will take approximately 75 minutes. If interested in driving one or multiple days per week, please contact Magy Garcia, Assistant to the President, at mgarcia@scecina.org or 317-352-3226. **Thank you!**

1st Holy Eucharist Parent Meeting January 15

Preparations for 2nd graders to receive Holy Eucharist for the first time will begin with a parent meeting (not the children) on January 15, at 7:30 p.m. in Bernadette Hall. But you can register your child to receive the sacrament now! Please use the following link to sign up:

<https://www.osvhub.com/ollindy/forms/1st-eucharist-reconciliation-registration24-25>

Confirmation Group Meeting December 8

Confirmation Candidates: Our next group meeting is next Sunday, December 8, at 7 p.m.! Please have your confirmation name selected and be ready to turn in your worksheet on your chosen saint at the meeting. Hopefully you will have completed reading a Gospel by that time as well!

We need two-minute volunteers to share what prayer is for them! How, when, what do you pray; where do you see the power of prayer in your life and in the world? Describe it to them in two minutes (or so) one Sunday at 9:40 a.m., just in time for us all to get to Mass afterward! Contact Matthew to volunteer or find out more: mfallon@ollindy.org

IN GRATITUDE WE SHARE



December 1, 2024

Actual.....	\$	11,052.00
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Difference +/-.....	\$	3,071.00
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Budgeted.....		275,440.00
Difference +/-.....	\$	(15,851.60)
SVdP.....	\$	480.00
Cmpn. Human Development...	\$	10.00
Holy Days.....	\$	60.00
Endowment.....	\$	238.00
Giving Tree.....	\$	10.00
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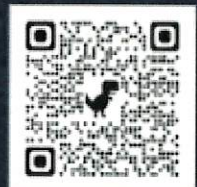
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Remember a loved one with a poinsettia at Christmas. These poinsettia plants will be used to decorate the Church for Christmas. If you wish to take the plants home, you may pick them up after January 5. A memorial publication will be included in the bulletin the weekend before Christmas Day.

Donor Name _____ (as you wish it to appear on the flyer)

Phone# _____

A donation of \$15 is requested for each plant.

The poinsettias will be either Red or White. #Red _____, #White _____

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_____ I want my donation of _____ to help defray the cost of decorating the church for Christmas.

Or sign-up online:

<https://www.osvhub.com/ollindy/forms/memorial-poinsettia-2024>

Your Help Is Needed!

If you can help with the
Annual Christmas Day
Dinner, please check out the
QR Code below.



Christmas Day Dinner

Noon to 2 p.m.

In the Our Lady of Lourdes
School Cafeteria

(30 S Downey Ave)





Expanded Times for Reconciliation



December 1, 9:00 – 9:30 am

December 3, 5:30 – 5:45 pm

December 4, 8:45 – 9:00 am

December 8, 9:00 – 9:30 am

December 10, 5:30 – 5:45 pm

December 11, 8:45 – 9:15 am

December 15, 9:00 – 9:30 am

December 17, 5:30 – 5:45 pm

December 18, 8:45 – 9:15 am

December 22, 9:00 – 9:30 am

EVENTS AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES

2024

November 30 – First Sunday of Advent

Mass, 5:00pm, Blessing of Advent Wreath

December 9 – Reception of Peace Light 2:00pm

December 1 – First Sunday of Advent

Mass, 10:00am, Blessing of Advent Wreath

December 4 – Advent Penance Service 7:00 pm

at Little Flower

December 7 – Advent Morning of Reflection

December 7 – Second Sunday of Advent

Mass, 5:00pm, Lighting of Advent Wreath

December 8 – Second Sunday of Advent

Mass, 10:00am, Lighting of Advent Wreath

December 9 – Immaculate Conception

of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass, 8:15 am

Mass, 6:00pm

December 14 – Third Sunday of Advent

Mass, 5:00pm, Lighting of Advent Wreath

December 15 – Third Sunday of Advent

Mass, 10:00am, Lighting of Advent Wreath

December 21 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass, 5:00pm, Lighting of Advent Wreath

December 21 & 22 – Peace Light Sharing

with OLL Community after Mass

December 22 – Peace Light Sharing with Irvington Community

During Luminaria

December 22 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass, 10:00am, Lighting of Advent Wreath

Other Events, Resources

Reflection Booklet: "Christ Our Light,"

with Reflections from a variety of spiritual authors.

Please Note: Additional Times for Reconciliation at Left