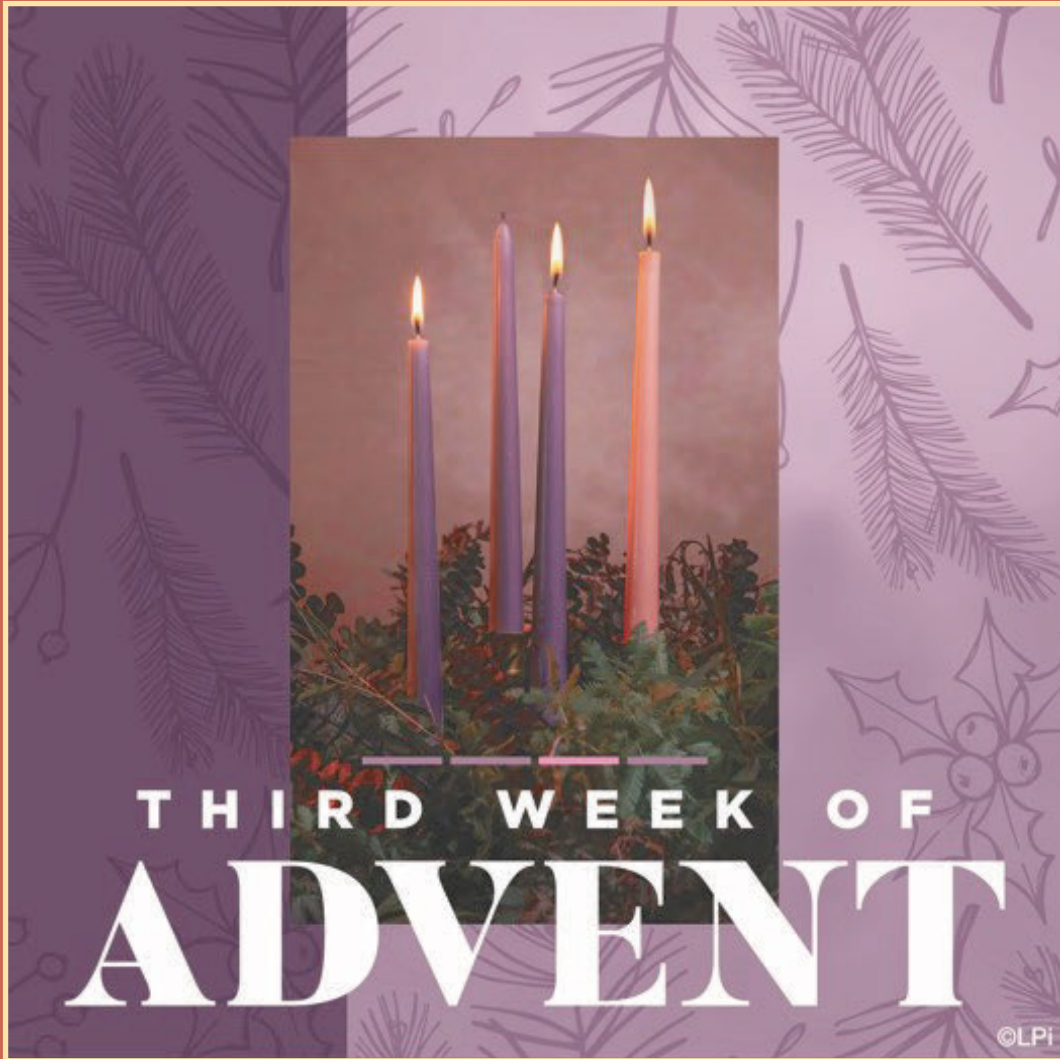


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5333 East Washington Street - Indianapolis, IN 46219

December 15, 2024



GAUDETE 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**.

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.

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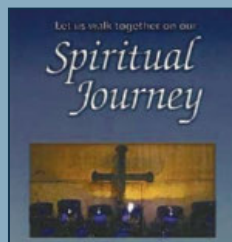
Please send your entries by **NOON** on **MONDAYS** to ensure your article will appear in that week's printing. If you have flyers to be inserted into the bulletin, please bring them to the parish office by 3 p.m. on Thursday.

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

Gaudete Sunday

*Gaudeamus igitur,
Iuvenes dum sumus,
Gaudeamus igitur,
Iuvenes dum sumus!
Post iucundam iuventutem,
Post molestam senectutem,
Nos habebit humus,
Nos habebit humus.*

*So, let us rejoice
While we are young.
So, let us rejoice
While we are young.
After a pleasant youth
After a troublesome old age
The earth will have us,
The earth will have us.*

Perhaps you have heard these words before. They are the first verse of a youthful, college drinking song. It originated in the universities of the German states, probably in the 18th Century.

While these lyrics have nothing to do with Advent, they provide the meaning of "Gaudate" – Rejoice!

"Rejoice Sunday" is the mid-point (more or less) of the Advent Season. Why "Gaudate"? In the original Introit (entrance song) of the Roman Rite, we read:

Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, gaudete. Modestia vestra nota sit omnibus hominibus: Dominus enim prope est. Nihil solliciti sitis: sed in omni oratione et obsecratione cum gratiarum actione petitiones vestrae innotescant apud Deum. Benedixisti Domine terram tuam: avertisti captivitatem Jacob.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your forbearance be known to all, for the Lord is near at hand; have no anxiety about anything, but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God. Lord, you have blessed your land; you have turned away the captivity of Jacob.
—Philippians 4:4-6 (the second reading for today); Psalm 85:1-2

Why are we called to rejoice? On this Sunday, the focus of the season shifts from end-time expectation to the joyful expectation that soon we will celebrate the fulfillment of John the Baptist's proclamation of the One Who is to Come. In keeping with this shift, the advent wreaths third candle is a rosy color, as are the vestments worn by Priest and Deacon.

And so, let us rejoice!

Father Rick

EXPANDED TIMES FOR RECONCILIATION

Sunday, December 15, 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, December 17, 5:30 - 5:45 p.m.
Wednesday, December 18, 8:45 - 9:15 a.m.
Saturday, December 21, 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 22, 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.

Our Next OCIA Meeting: Explanatory Mass

The activity of our next OCIA meeting (Tuesday at 7:30pm in Bernadette Hall) will be an explanatory Mass. Fr. Rick will be our presider. Everyone is welcome to sit in with the group - to welcome them to our parish and Church, or to get a little refresher! If you attend Tuesday evening Mass, this will take longer than usual since Father will stop to explain the actions of the Mass, and to answer questions from the catechumens.

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!

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.

Baptisms: If you will be asking the Church for baptism for your child, please remember that baptisms are not usually celebrated during the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is on March 5, this year, and Lent will continue until the Triduum and Easter on April 20.



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

Parish Office

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

Phone: 317-356-7291

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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

Though there is a statewide push toward improving reading skills in primary grades, and we have explained much in this newsletter about related changes to state law, we still teach math! Our kindergarten through eighth grade teachers and students are enjoying an updated math curriculum this year.

Indiana math standards are categorized by process, number sense, computation, geometry and measurement, and data analysis. From fifth grade down to K, teachers are using the newest version of our math program. It includes many online features and updated texts for the children. There is an emphasis on practicing several methods to master a skill. Teachers encourage students to apply their mathematical thinking to real world problems.

Middle school students and their teacher, Mr. Black, are using a program *new* to OLL called Ready Indiana Math. These older students' standards fall into the same categories named above. The curriculum emphasizes student collaboration to problem solve and then apply skills to real world problems. One small group of eighth graders is taking high school level honors algebra I through a partnership with our East Deanery high school, Seecina. They have adjusted well to their block schedule and introductory high school experience. We are hopeful that we will be able to continue offering this option in coming years as we work through the logistics involved. As we complete our winter benchmark testing, we are seeing evidence that everyone's hard work is promoting growth in math learning throughout our student body.

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! The due date for bringing in donations is **Saturday, December 21**. Thank you!

Children's Liturgy of the Word - Help Needed

We are happily having several young parishioners taking part in Children's Liturgy of the Word each week – we need more leaders 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. Preparation materials will be provided; our goal is that you will lead sessions monthly. Talk to Matthew Fallon for more details or to volunteer: mfallon@ollindy.org

Mass Intentions

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

Tuesday, December 17.....**Advent Weekday**
 5:30 pm Rosary
 6:00 pm †Mike Bisesi Req. by Richard & Penny Moss

Wednesday, December 18.....**Advent Weekday**
 8:15 am †Martin Ginther Req. by Fr Rick Ginther

Thursday, December 19.....**Advent Weekday**
 6:00 pm Intentions of Hall Family Req. by Norma Faye

Friday, December 20.....**Advent Weekday**
 8:15 am †JJ O'Brien Req. by Jan O'Brien

Saturday, December 21.....**4th Sunday of Advent**
 5:00 pm †Florence Miskowiec Req. by Ed & Paula Roessler

Sunday, December 22.....**4th Sunday of Advent**
 10:00 am Pro Populo

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES AT OLL

Family-Centered Mass 4 p.m. (Vigil begins 3:30)
 Mass at Night Midnight (Vigil begins 11:30 p.m.)
 Christmas Morning 10 a.m. (Christmas Carols begin 9:45)

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, December 21, 5 p.m. 4th Sunday of Advent

EMHC: Sally Krause(Host), Amy Petrone(Host),
 Monica Collins(Cup), _____ (Cup), Cathy Kervan (Main Host)

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

Lector: Francis Ziegler (A), Priscilla Campbell (B)
 Sacristan: Paige Kervan
 Servers: Annabelle Bledsoe, Peter Kavanaugh
 Cantor: Michele Kite

Sunday, December 22, 10 a.m. 4th Sunday of Advent

EMHC Mark Pittman (Host), Andrew Warner (Host),
 Fletcher Daly (Cup), Jill Daly (Cup), Matthew Fallon (Cup),
 Lily Forster (Cup), Paula Schenkenfelder (Main Host)

Hospitality Ministers: Mike Guinan (Team Leader, UN), Jim Lynch (GE),
 Vic Berlage (GN), Bob Davey (GW), David Jackson (Y)

Lector: Sylvia Zimmerman (A), Ben Kompar (B)
 Sacristan: Bernice Berlage
 Servers: Clara McKiernan, Ian McKiernan
 Cantor: Kate Miller

Small Linens
 Sacristan: Penny Moss

Please Sign-up For Our Christmas Masses (See flyer)



READINGS: WEEK OF DECEMBER 15, 2024

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; (Ps)Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18
Monday: Nm 24:2-7,15-17a; Ps 24:4-5ab,6,7bc,8-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Gn 49:2,8-10; Ps 72:1-4,7-8,17; Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2,12-13,18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a,5-6b,16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Friday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Sg 2:8-14; Ps 33:2-3,11-12,20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Calendar of **EVENTS**

Sunday, December 15

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

Monday, December 16

7:00 pm	Ordinary Women	BH-A
7:30 pm	Parental Prep Meeting	BH-B

Tuesday, December 17 - GRANDPARENTS DAY

9:00 am	Book Fair	BH-A&B
Noon	School Dismissal (No Extended Care)	
1:00 pm	Christmas Program	Gym
5:30 pm	Reconciliation	Church
5:30 pm	Rosary	Chapel
6:00 pm	Mass followed by Holy Hour	Chapel
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts	Cafeteria
7:30 pm	OCIA	BH-A or B

Wednesday, December 18

8:15 am	Mass	Chapel
8:45 am	Reconciliation	Church
6:30 pm	SVdP Meeting	BH-B

Thursday, December 19

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

Friday, December 20

8:15 am	Mass	Church
Noon	School Dismissal (No Extended Care)	

Christmas Break Begins

Saturday, December 21

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

Sunday, December 22

9:00 am	Reconciliation	Church
10:00 am	Mass	Church

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“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.”

(PHILIPPIANS 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God - He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous Stewards, sharing all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.



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.



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Actual.....	\$	270,524.40
Budgeted.....		287,960.00
Difference +/-.....	\$	(17,435.60)

SVdP.....	\$	203.00
Cmpn. Human Development...	\$	15.00
Holy Days.....	\$	641.00
Endowment.....	\$	20.00
Giving Tree.....	\$	30.00
Christmas Gift to Parish.....	\$	359.00
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Due to Early Bulletin Deadlines, Financial Info for December 15 will appear in the December 22 Bulletin.



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		<u>Tuesday, 4:00 PM</u> Vigil Mass of Christmas (children's Mass)	<u>Wednesday, 12:00 AM</u> Christmas Mass during the Night	<u>Wednesday, 10:00 AM</u> Christmas Mass during the Day
EMHC		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VOLUNTEER NOW - Host (3) Sue Wilson - Host (4) VOLUNTEER NOW - Host (9) VOLUNTEER NOW - Host (10) VOLUNTEER NOW - Cup (1) VOLUNTEER NOW - Cup (6) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> H. Chris Houppert - Host (3) VOLUNTEER NOW - Host (4) VOLUNTEER NOW - Cup (1) VOLUNTEER NOW - Cup (6) VOLUNTEER NOW - Cup (2) VOLUNTEER NOW - Cup (5) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VOLUNTEER NOW - Host (3) VOLUNTEER NOW - Host (4) VOLUNTEER NOW - Cup (1) VOLUNTEER NOW - Cup (6) VOLUNTEER NOW - Main Host (8)
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Hospitality Minister		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VOLUNTEER NOW - (A) (GE) VOLUNTEER NOW - (A) (GN) VOLUNTEER NOW - (A) (GW) VOLUNTEER NOW - (A) (UN) VOLUNTEER NOW - (A) (UN) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VOLUNTEER NOW - (A) (GE) Gilbert Durham - (A) (GN) VOLUNTEER NOW - (A) (GW) Tim McDonnell - (A) (UN) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VOLUNTEER NOW - (A) (GE) VOLUNTEER NOW - (A) (GN) VOLUNTEER NOW - (A) (GW) VOLUNTEER NOW - (A) (UN) VOLUNTEER NOW - (Y) (1)
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Weekend Sacristan		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VOLUNTEER NOW 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VOLUNTEER NOW 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VOLUNTEER NOW
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Choir			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choir - Adult Choir 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Small Linens Sacristan		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Penny Moss

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