

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

December 22, 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

Information About Reporting Abuse

If you are a victim or know of anyone who is a victim of any type of sexual misconduct, please contact our victim assistance coordinator, at **317-236-1548** or **800-382-9836, ext.1548**, or at victimassistance@archindy.org to make a report. You can also make a confidential report through our EthicsPoint reporting system by visiting <http://www.archindy.org/abuse/reporting.html> or by calling **888-393-6810**.

Pastor's Corner

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

“O Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant. O Come, ye, O come ye to Bethlehem. Come and behold him, born the king of Angels. O come, let us adore him. O come, let us adore him. O come let us adore him: Christ the Lord!”

I love the lyrics of this song, all four verses. They roll from deep within, leaping from throat to voice to the combined sound so festive, so strong, so filled with wonder.

We are joined in voice by the choirs of angels, those same angels who proclaimed to the shepherds “Glory to God in the highest!” with the angels who before the throne of God shout out “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts!” Two anthems we bring to life and song each Sunday and holyday.

But on this day of days, Christmas, and throughout the Season of the Incarnation, our song is stronger, our voices more robust, our bodies resonating with praise as on few other days.

And so, let us prepare our voices for these days of great joy! Let us be ready to nearly to shout:

“Adeste fidelis, laeti triumphantes, venite, venite, in Bethelēm. Natum vide te, regem angelorum! Venite, adoremus! Venite, adoremus! Venite adoremus, Dominum!”

Father Rick



Help Bring Someone Into the Parish!

We are looking for people to help with a function of the OCIA process (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults). From now until Easter, the catechumens taking part in the process will be dismissed from Mass after the homily, to discuss the background and meaning of the readings for the day. We would like more people to facilitate this discussion so that the catechumens receive deeper insight and faith sharing from others, and to get to meet more of their fellow parishioners. A preparation book is available for you to share Church teaching about the readings, to go along with your experience living Catholic! Talk to Matthew to find out more and to sign up! mfallon@ollindy.org

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.

Our Next OCIA Meeting: Explanatory Mass

The activity of our next OCIA meeting (Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Bernadette Hall) will be a brief history of the Church. 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.

Knights of Columbus

Fatima Event Center 1040 N Post Rd

New Years Eve Party 12/31/2024

New Years Eve Dinner, Reverse Raffle \$1,000 Grand Prize, and Music (License No. 001617). The cost of admission is either \$30 per person for our catered dinner and/or \$25 for entry into the reverse raffle. Also, additional raffle tickets may be purchased any time up until the raffle begins for the price of \$25. However, those who decide on dinner the night of the event will pay \$35 per person. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with a social hour, followed by a terrific meal planned by PGK Andy Ritter and prepared by City Barbeque at 7 p.m. The menu consists of Brisket, mashed potatoes, beef gravy, green beans, salad, and a dessert. Shrimp Cocktail appetizer and other snacks will also be available. Throughout the evening you may participate in gaming (e.g., cash tip boards, pull tabs, a 50/50, and raffle baskets). The reverse raffle will begin at 8:30 p.m. and hosted by by PGK Joe Ritter. All gaming will end shortly after the Raffle has ended, while the evening will continue with music. A Photo Booth will be setup in the members room to capture memories with friends. Also, we'll have our version of the Ball Drop countdown at 10 p.m., which includes a complimentary toast to the new year. Proceeds will go to the K of C No.3228 charity account.



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.

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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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TIMES FOR RECONCILIATION

Saturday, December 21, 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 22, 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Lt William Keyes,
Capt Scott Godby,
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SCHOOL NEWS

As we approach Christmas, all of the administration, faculty, and staff, at Our Lady of Lourdes School, appreciate the gift of your children. It is a blessing to be able to practice our vocation here with your kids and be witnesses to their growth throughout the year. Cheers to even more positive experiences in the second semester and 2025!



Angie Therber



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)

Mass Intentions

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

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

Tuesday, December 24...Christmas Vigil-Family Centered Mass
3:30 pm Vigil Begins
4:00 pm †Members of Hartl Family Req. by The Hartl Family

Wednesday, December 25.....The Nativity of the Lord
Midnight Pro Populo
10:00 am †Teresa Sullivan Req. by Mike & Angel Sullivan

Thursday, December 26.....St. Stephen, Martyr
6:00 pm Birthday Philip Doherty Req. by Fr. Rick Ginther

Friday, December 27.....St. John, Apostle
8:15 am †Bernie Price Req. by Terry Schaedel

Saturday, December 28.....Feast of the Holy Family
5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday, December 29.....Feast of the Holy Family
10:00 am †Gordon Osterhaus Req. by Jim & Sue Lynch

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, December 28, 5 p.m. The Holy Family
EMHC: Sally Budreau (Host), Monica Collins (Host), Julie Ritzi (Cup), _____ (Cup), Kirk Forster (Main Host)
Hospitality Ministers: Don Flick (Team Leader, UN), Kay Campbell (GE), Lisa Flick (GN), _____ (GW)
Lector: Darryl Barthe' (A), Sally Krause (B)
Sacristan: Paige Kervan
Servers: Charlotte Fife, Leo Wilhelm
Cantor: Michele Kite

Sunday, December 29, 10 a.m. The Holy Family
EMHC: Paula Schenkenfelder (Host), Beverly Durham (Host), Luke Mervilde (Cup), Chris Kolakovich (Cup), Amy Duke (Cup), Andrea Kurtz (Cup), H. Chris Houppert (Main Host)
Hospitality Ministers: Mike Guinan (Team Leader, UN), Megan Wuertz (GE), Steve Wuertz (GN), Bob Davey (GW), Vivian Kolakovich (Y)
Lector: Matt Cannaday(A), Levi Moran (B)
Sacristan: _____
Servers: David Mervilde, Peter Mervilde
Cantor: Sylvia Zimmerman
Small Linens
Sacristan: Tammy Buennagel



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

READINGS: WEEK OF DECEMBER 22, 2024

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Monday: Mal 3:1-4,23-24; Ps 25:4-5b,8-10,14; Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16; Ps 89:2-5,27,29; Lk 1:67-79
Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5,16-17,27,29; Acts 13:16-17,22-25; Mt 1:1-25

Wednesday, Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3,11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Wednesday, Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

Thursday: Acts 6:8-10,7:54-59; Ps 31:3c-4,6,8a,16b-17; Mt 10:17-22

Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12; Jn 20:1a,2-8

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-5,7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Calendar of **EVENTS**

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

Monday, December 23 - No Events Today

Tuesday, December 24
 3:30 pm Vigil Begins Church
 4:00 pm Mass Vigil, Nativity of the Lord Church
 11:30 pm Vigils & Carols Church

Wednesday, December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord
 Midnight Mass Church
 10:00 am Mass Church

Thursday, December 26
 5:30 pm Rosary Chapel
 6:00 pm Mass Chapel

Friday, December 27
 8:15 am Mass Chapel

Saturday, December 28 - The Feast of the Holy Family
 4:00 pm Reconciliation Church
 5:00 pm Mass Church

Sunday, December 29 - The Feast of the Holy Family
 10:00 am Mass Church

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STEWARDSHIP

“For behold when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy.”
 (LUKE 1:44)

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you “leap for joy?” If not, don’t blame the lector or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing as a Christian Steward to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

The Angel of the Lord declared Unto Mary...

The angel who visits Mary gives her remarkable news: She will be pregnant with a child who will receive an eternal kingdom. The story has many layers of meaning, but one thing it spells out is that unborn children and infants are critically important.

As if to emphasize that point, the angel tells Mary that her relative, Elizabeth, is also pregnant in her sixth month. Mary goes *in haste* to her house in the “hill country of Judea,” a trip that, even if you hurried, would have taken at least a week or two. After that, Mary stayed at Elizabeth’s presumably, for at least three months.

Mary brought the unborn Jesus to Elizabeth’s house, and as soon as she arrived, an unborn child reacted to the sound of her voice. A baby more than six months in utero witnessed to Jesus Christ, who was just a few days in utero.

This astounding witness to the unborn Jesus was greatly amplified after Jesus was born.

Before his birth, an unborn prophet witnessed to him with a jump. After birth, a multitude of angels proclaimed: “To you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

<https://aleteia.org/2023/11/27/advent-and-christmas-the-most-pro-life-time-of-the-year>

Do you have a child who is older than the age of 7 and has not yet begun receiving the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation)? An OCIA process for young people is being organized to begin in January to prepare children to receive the Sacraments this spring. Contact Matthew: mfallon@ollindy.org to have your child(ren) take part.

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) 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>

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 8, 2024

Actual.....	\$	5,707.00
Online Giving		4,588.00
Budgeted.....		12,520.00
Difference +/-.....	\$	(2,225.00)

YTD Sunday & Holy Day

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
Retired Religious Fund.....	\$	736.00
Children’s Offering.....	\$	25.00
Memorial School.....	\$	33.00

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