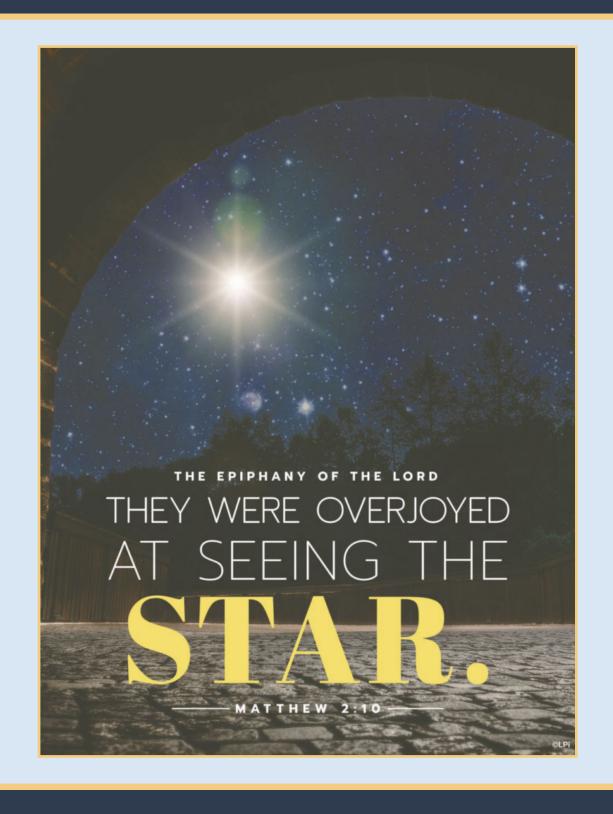
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church 5333 East Washington Street - Indianapolis, IN 46219

January 5, 2025



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, <u>please</u> 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.

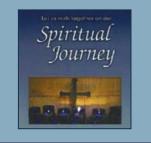
BULLETIN DEADLINE

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,

Blessed New Year! This greeting is more in keeping with our Catholic-Christian hopes and wishes. Yes, may any blessing you receive this new year be a cause for thanksgiving, especially for God's goodness to you.

This morning during my time of prayer, I noticed something which brought me up short. Attentiveness.

More than once during the sacrament of reconciliation, young and old alike have confessed "distraction during Mass." With folks around us, colors, sounds, and so many words, such distractions are understandable.

But what of attentiveness in personal prayer? This invited me to ask some questions.

Is devotion, religion, faith in the background? Or are they in the foreground? These came to me as I finished the sign of the cross and found myself filling my cup of coffee.

This led me to recall talking to someone while typing on a computer. (The parish staff will attest to this!) They are in the background, as the computer image or text is in my foreground. If I were to turn from the computer screen to face them, they would be in the foreground, with the screen in the background.

These are two habits of mine. Morning prayer with my coffee carafe easily at hand. A conversation with a staff person or volunteer while my fingers ply the keys.

Get the stimulant into the cup. Get the job at hand completed.

And so I return to the original focus: is devotion, religion, faith in life just in the background? Is it true in your life?

God is not in the background, even if we so place him. For us to have a prayerful relationship with the God who has loved us first, it is ours to place God in the foreground. If we treat God in this way, I do believe that we will treat one another in like manner. And pay more attention to how devotion, religion and faith are integral to our living in Christ.

In the Friday Newsletter of 27 December, one section addressed new year's resolutions. I believe I have stumbled upon mine for 2025. Perhaps we can share this resolution.

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 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

"Ordinary Women" to Meet January 6



The Ordinary Women book group will meet in Bernadette Hall at 7 p.m. on Monday, January 6. Please join us! All women of the parish are welcome. Please call Pat: **317-395-8186** for more info.

Socialaires

Socialaires will be meeting on January 9 at 11:45 a.m. at Tammy's Place, 4801 Southeastern. Please RSVP to Diane Beasley: **317-527-7946** by January 6 so reservations can be made. Thank you.

Knights of Columbus

Fatima Event Center Located at 1040 North Post Road Knights of Columbus Fatima Council No. 3228 will be serving an All You-Can-Eat Breakfast on Sunday, January 5, from 9 a.m. to Noon. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12, and children under 5 are free. Start your New Year with a great breakfast.

Our 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: January 13

The Men's Prayer group will meet in Bernadette Hall at 7:30 p.m. on **Monday, January 13**. All men are not only invited, but welcome. If you have any questions: contact Bob Eha at **317-345-9884.**

2025 REVERSE RAFFLE JANUARY 18, 6 p.m. in LYONS HALL

The Reverse Raffle is the single biggest fundraiser for OLL Athletics and is a fun way to spend a Saturday Night. Tickets (\$50) include dinner from Jugs Catering, beer/wine, and a chance to win \$2,500.

To buy tickets, please go to **oll-raffle.org**

For more information, contact Nick Reuhs at nreuhs@gmail.com



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Emilia Atkinson, Darryl & Harold Barthe', Bob Bittelmeyer, 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

School Office Phone: 317-357-3316 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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HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH: HEARGODSCALL.COM/HIGH-SCHOOL-LUNCH

Prayer Service for Christian Unity

You can participate in the annual Prayer Service for Christian Unity. This year the service is being held on January 9, at 6 p.m., at Nativity of Our Lord Parish (7225 Southeastern Ave, Indpls., IN) Archbishop Thompson will be in the lead role among other Christian faith leaders. All are welcome!

Confirmation Coming-Up in April

Our Confirmation candidates (8th graders) are scheduled to receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation, on Thursday, April 24. We will need volunteers to help present this special liturgy at the Cathedral! If you can help as a minister of Hospitality, as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, or know a young person who could be an Altar Server, contact Matthew Fallon for more info: mfallon@ollindy.org

Consecration to the Holy Family

In December, we invite each family to devote themselves to the ideal familial love set by Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Prayer cards for the Consecration of the Holy Family have been provided by the Knights of Columbus. Please see the tables at the entrances of the church.

Five suggested steps before praying the Consecration to the Holy Family:

1. Discuss how you might want Joseph and Mary to pray for our family.

2. Ask Jesus to help each of the kids in your family how to grow in age, grace and wisdom.

3. Ask forgiveness of each other in the family and, if possible, receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

- 4. Focus during the Christmas season on helping someone else.
- **5.** Pray each day that God will bless your family.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 4The Epiphany of the Lord5:00 pm†Paul RosenhahnReq. by Dave Leising
Sunday, January 5The Epiphany of the Lord 10:00 am Pro Populo
Tuesday, January 7St. Raymond of Penyafort5:30 pmRosary6:00 pm†Paula BittelmeyerReq. by Bob Bittelmeyer
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Wednesday, January 8Christmas Weekday8:15 am†Kay Carol HurleyReq. by Ann Miller
Thursday, January 9Christmas Weekday5:30 pmRosary6:00 pmAnniversary: Ed & Paula RoesslerReg. by The Roesslers
Friday, January 10Christmas Weekday 8:15 am †James, Timothy & Willam Russell Req. by Cathy Russell
Saturday, January 11The Baptism of the Lord5:00 pm†JJ O'BrienReq. by Mary Babbitt
Sunday, January 12The Baptism of the Lord 10:00 am Pro Populo

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, J EMHC:	anuary 11, 5 p.m. The Baptism of the Lord (Host), Mary Ann Coffey (Host), Priscilla Campbell (Cup), Sally Krause (Cup), Julie Ritzi (Main Host)
Hospitality Ministers:	(GE), Joe Hammond (GN) Dave Skirvin (GW), (UN)
Lector:	(A), Paige Kervan (B)
Sacristan:	Mary Morois
Servers:	Mikie Biggs, Vincent Camper
Cantor:	Michele Kite
Sunday, Ja	nuary 12, 10 a.m. The Baptism of the Lord
EMHC	Fletcher Daly (Host), Jill Daly (Host), H. Chris Houppert (Cup), (Cup), Chris Kolakovich (Cup), Andrew Warner (Cup), Mark Pittman (Main Host)
Hospitality Ministers:	Gilbert Durham (Team Leader, UN), John Lockhart (GE) Steve Wuertz (GN), Megan Wuertz (GW), Cole Bakemeyer (Y)
Lector:	Matt Cannaday (A), Sylvia Zimmerman (B)
Sacristan:	
Servers:	Alex Reuhs, Daniel Reuhs
Cantor:	Linda Caraher
C.L.O.W.	Emily Reuhs, Austin Anglemyer
Small Linens Sacristan:	Tammy Buennagel

Readings: Week of January 5, 2025

Sunday:	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13; Eph 3:2-3a,5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Monday:	1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7b-8,10-12a; Mt 4:12-17,23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4,7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2,10,12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2,14,15bc,17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15,19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a,9b; Jn 3:22-30

Calendar of EVENTS

Sunday, . 8:00 am 10:00 am	January 5 - The Epiphany of the Lor SRE Mass	r d School Church
	Girl Scouts Ordinary Women	BH-A BH-A BH-B
3:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Rosary	Gym Chapel Chapel Cafeteria BH-C BH-A or B
Wednesd 8:15 am 7:00 pm	ay, January 8, 2025 Mass Festival of Prayer Meeting	Chapel BH-A
10:00 am	, January 9 In Stitches Girl Scouts Rosary Mass	BH-A&B BH-A Chapel Chapel
Friday, Ja 8:15 am Noon	nu ary 10 Mass (School) Early School Dismissal	Church
	January 11 - The Baptism of the Lo Reconciliation Mass	ord Church Church
8:00 am 10:00 am 11:30 am		r d School Church BH-C BH-A Cafeteria

Confirmation Group Meeting



7:00 pm

COMMUNION CALLS

BH-A&B

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

IN GRATITUDE WE SHARE

Church Decem	nber 15	, 2024
Actual Online Giving	\$	6,031.00 7,154.00
Budgeted Difference +/(-)	\$	<u>12,520.00</u> 665.00
<u>YTD Sunday & Holy Day</u> Actual Budgeted Difference +/(-)	\$ \$	284,208.40 <u>300,480.00</u> (16,271.60)
SVdP Cmpn. Human Development Holy Days Endowment Giving Tree Christmas Gift to Parish Retired Religious Fund Children's Offering	\$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$ \$\$	480.00 25.00 499.00 70.00 53.00 120.00 308.00 26.00

Due to Early Bulletin Deadlines, Financial Info for December 22 & 29 will appear in the January 12 Bulletin.



"They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh."

What gifts do Christian Stewards give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold - we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense - represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh - is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

Greet Our OCIA Candidates & Catechumens

Our OCIA catechumens and candidates are displayed in photos in the North entrance to the church. They will be joining the Catholic Church and our parish this Easter. Please familiarize yourself with them and greet them when you see them at Mass!

Our Next OCIA Meeting

The activity of our next OCIA meeting on 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. Come and welcome them to our parish and church, or to get a little refresher.

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. 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-eucharistreconciliation-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

Prayer Vine

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





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December 22, 2024

Actual	. \$	6,068.00
Online Giving	1	4,120.00
Budgeted		12,520.00
Difference +/(-)	\$	(2,332.00)
YTD Sunday & Holy Day		
Actual	¢	204 206 40
Budgeted	\$	294,396.40
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Difference +/(-)	\$	(18,603.60)
SVdP	. \$	736.00
Spring Benefit	\$	25.00
Holy Days	\$	
Endowment	. \$	10.00
Giving Tree		103.00
Christmas Gift to Parish		
Retired Religious Fund	Ψ	3,250.00
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Children's Offering		
Memorial School	T	5.00
Memorial Contributions	\$	645.00

IN GRATITUDE WE SHARE		
Church Decen	nber	29, 2024
Actual	\$	6,544.00
Online Giving		4,138.00
Budgeted		12,520.00
Difference +/(-)	\$	(1,838.00)
Budgeted Difference +/(-)	\$	<u>325,520.00</u> (20,391.60)
Christmas Offering	\$	5,845.00
SVdP	\$	324.00
Spring Benefit	\$	25.00
Holy Days	\$	50.00
Endowment	\$	350.00
Giving Tree	\$	103.00
Christmas Gift to Parish		345.00
Retired Religious Fund		20.00
Children's Offering	\$	27.00
Church Latin America	\$	2.00
Memorial School		100.00
Memorial Contributions Fall Festival Donation	\$ \$	100.00
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