

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

January 26, 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, 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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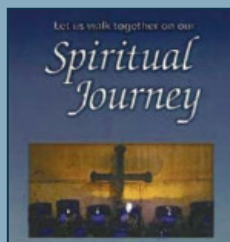
Please send your entries by **NOON** on **MONDAYS** to ensure your article will appear in that week's printing. If you have flyers to be inserted into the bulletin, please bring them to the parish office by 3 p.m. on Thursday.

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

Dear brothers and sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish,

In 2019, Pope Francis announced that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time would be celebrated as the Sunday of the Word of God. (*See the Apostolic Letter, Aperuit illis: Instituting the Sunday of the Word of God*). Today is that day, 2025.

The Word of God is a great gift, and the major source of God's self-revelation!

In the fourth century, Saint Ephrem the Syrian, a deacon, wrote a reflection on the Diatessaron. The Diatessaron was an attempt to conflate the four gospels into one. It was eventually a failed practice and abandoned.

Ephrem loved God's word and found it a well-spring ever sating his thirst for understanding and growing closer to God. I hope you enjoy his words.

From a commentary on the Diatessaron by Saint Ephrem, Deacon
(1, 18-19: *SC 121, 52-53*)

God's word is an inexhaustible spring of life.

Lord, who can comprehend even one of your words? We lose more of it than we grasp, like those who drink from a living spring. For God's word offers different facets according to the capacity of the listener, and the Lord has portrayed his message in many colors, so that whoever gazes upon it can see in it what suits him. Within it he has buried manifold treasures, so that each of us might grow rich in seeking them out.

The word of God is a tree of life that offers us blessed fruit from each of its branches. It is like that rock which was struck open in the wilderness, from which all were offered spiritual drink. As the Apostle says: They ate spiritual food, and they drank spiritual drink.

And so, whenever anyone discovers some part of the treasure, he should not think that he has exhausted God's word. Instead, he should feel that this is all that he was able to find of the wealth contained in it. Nor should he say that the word is weak and sterile or look down on it simply because this portion was all that he happened to find. But precisely because he could not capture it all he should give thanks for its riches.

Be glad then that you are overwhelmed, and do not be saddened because he has overcome you. A thirsty man is happy when he is drinking, and he is not depressed because he cannot exhaust the spring. So let this spring quench your thirst, and not your thirst the spring. For if you can satisfy your thirst without exhausting the spring, then when you thirst again you can drink from it once more; but if when your thirst is sated the spring is also dried up, then your victory would turn to your own harm.

Be thankful then for what you have received, and do not be saddened at all that such an abundance still remains. What you have received and attained is your present share, while what is left will be your heritage. For what you could not take at one time because of your weakness, you will be able to grasp at another if you only persevere. So do not foolishly try to drain in one draught what cannot be consumed all at once, and do not cease out of faintheartedness from what you will be able to absorb as time goes on.

Father Rick

Submit Your Articles for the Lourdes Word

The theme for the upcoming edition of the *Lourdes Word* is: **Forgiveness**.

All parishioners are invited to submit articles for publication.

Due to space constraints, please limit your writing to no more than 525 words.

Please submit your composition to Mark Hudson via email

at markchudson@gmail.com by January 28.

How Do We Show Compassion?

Many people are unaware that someone they know personally is silently suffering from participation in abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn how in "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion":

<http://bit.ly/friend-had-abortion>

Prayer: For those suffering after abortion, may they know that the Lord desires to bring healing, and may they turn to Him for His mercy and peace. + Amen.

Knights of Columbus

Fatima Event Center Located at 1040 North Post Road

Fatima Council's Dinner with the Knights will be on **Monday, January 27**, at 6:30 p.m., featuring Chicken & Noodles, mashed potatoes, salad and dessert. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 5 -12, and children under 4 are free.

Please join us for a great evening.

Confirmation Coming Soon!

Our Confirmation Candidates (8th graders) are scheduled to receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation on **April 24**. We will need volunteers to help present this special liturgy at the Cathedral! If you can help as a Minister of Hospitality, or as a Eucharistic Minister, please contact Matthew Fallon at mfallon@ollindy.org for details and to sign up!

Our Next OCIA Meeting

Our OCIA meetings (Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Bernadette Hall) have begun discussing the sacraments.

Everyone is welcome to sit in with the group - to welcome them to our parish and Church, or to get a little refresher!

Sunday Religious Ed Needs You!

We are lucky to have very fine catechists helping with our religious education classes! But sometimes people are ill or have other responsibilities which keep them from being present on a given Sunday. We need more people to join us in sharing and passing on the Catholic faith, to our youngest disciples. Our schedule will be changing next school year with our new pastor (both as yet undetermined) so it may be easier to have the time to participate on some routine. Preparation and training materials are available. Talk with Matthew to find out more: mfallon@ollindy.org

Sisters of Providence to Offer Teen Volunteer Opportunity in February

Teenagers! Come share your time and talents with the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana. Join us Saturday, Feb. 1, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Visit with elder sisters and health care residents and enjoy spending time with them. Register at TeenVolunteer.SistersofProvidence.org or contact Sister Joni Luna at **361-500-9505** or jluna@spsmw.org to learn more.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Emilia Atkinson, Darryl & Harold Barthe', Bob Bittelmeyer, Dick & Kathy Burgess, 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 Loomis, John Maag & Ellen, Jerry MacKenzie, Marilyn May, Jeff McBride, 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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8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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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

Our fifth grade teacher, Ms. Sidney Moore, is a lifelong learner who had a very interesting career at the Children’s Museum before deciding to pursue her teaching license.

While the fifth grade curriculum introduces Crispus Attucks and a few examples of important events at the start of the American Revolution, Ms. Moore brought more! She holds a masters degree in museum studies, and so drew on her vast knowledge and experience to help our students understand the connection between the tidbits in their texts and our own historic Indianapolis near westside community. In her words, Ms. Moore “let the students know that this area used to be a segregated area of Indianapolis where African Americans lived and that in the 1970's it was annexed by what is now IUI (IUPUI). I explained that I created an exhibit for my master's degree internship called, ‘Welcome to the Neighborhood’ that is in the science and engineering lab building on campus.”

Ms. Moore explained to the students that creating the permanent exhibit about the historic Indiana Ave. community led her to visit the museum inside Crispus Attucks High School and interview many residents of the neighborhood. She explained why this high school was named for the person they had just learned about in their social studies book. Here is a [link](https://news.iu.edu/live/news/25051-exhibit-showcases-thriving-neighborhood-that-gave):

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where you can read the IU news release about Ms. Moore’s work in historic Indy. Ms. Sidney Moore is just one among many staff members at OLL School who inspire beyond the basics.

Break Open the Word

You have noticed our OCIA catechumens being dismissed from Mass to discuss the weekly readings – you can be one of the people who facilitates this discussion! You can prepare using a resource book which is available for you, share your faith with these new disciples, and help integrate them into the parish. Contact Matthew to become part of the action! mfallon@ollindy.org



Mass Intentions

- Saturday, January 25.....3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
5:00 pm †Gypsy Noonan Req. by Anonymous
- Sunday, January 26.....3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
10:00 am Pro Populo
- Tuesday, January 28.....St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor**
5:30 pm Rosary
6:00 pm †Patricia Lockhart Req. by Kitty Bienemann
- Wednesday, January 29.....Weekday**
8:15 am †Kate Cabell Req. by Bill Bakemeyer
- Thursday, January 30.....Weekday**
5:30 pm Rosary
6:00 pm †Mark Barth Req. by Cliff & Julie Wagoner
- Friday, January 31.....St. John Bosco, Priest**
8:15 am †Mary Ann Heneghan Bennett Req. by Fred Bennett
- Saturday, February 1.....The Presentation of the Lord**
5:00 pm †JJ O'Brien Req. by Folk Choir
- Sunday, February 2.....The Presentation of the Lord**
10:00 am Pro Populo

Ministry Schedule

- Saturday, February 1, 5 p.m. The Presentation of the Lord**
EMHC: Monica Collins (Host), Mary Ann Coffey (Host), Jan O'Brien (Cup), Julie Ritzi (Cup), Cathy Kervan (Main Host)
Hospitality Ministers: Don Flick (HM Team Leader-UN), Kay Campbell (GE), Lisa Flick (GN), _____ (GW), _____ (UN)
Lector: Kayla Richart (A), Mark Pittman (B)
Sacristan: Larry Turner
Servers: Valeria Huerta, Ellie Richart
Cantor: Darin Richart
- Sunday, February 2, 10 a.m. The Presentation of the Lord**
EMHC: Jane Pittman (Host), Amy Duke (Host), Luke Mervilde (Cup), Fletcher Daly (Cup), Jill Daly (Cup), Andrea Kurtz (Cup), Sue Wilson (Main Host)
Hospitality Ministers: John Lockhart (GE), Vic Berlage (GN), Bob Eha (GW), Jim Lynch (UN), Cale Thompson (Y)
Lector: Matthew Fallon (A), Ben Kompar (B)
Sacristan: Glen Kurtz
Servers: David Mervilde, Peter Mervilde
Choir: Folk Choir
C.L.O.W.: Patrick McNulty, _____ Live Streamer: Larry Turner
Mass Childcare: Jillian Okray, Morgan Rohlf
Small Linens
Sacristan: Bernice Berlage

READINGS: WEEK OF JANUARY 26, 2025

- Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10; Ps 19:8-10,15; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4,4:14-21
- Monday:** Heb 9:15,24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday:** Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2,4ab,7-8a,10-11; Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday:** Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday:** Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-4b,5-6; Mk 4:21-25
- Friday:** Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6,23-24,39-40; Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday:** Heb 11:1-2,8-19; (Ps) Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41

Calendar of **EVENTS**

Sunday, January 26 - SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

8:00 am SRE School
 10:00 am Mass Church
 11:00 am School Open House OLL Campus

Monday, January 27 - CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

3:15 pm Angie Therber Small Group BH-A
 7:00 pm Folk Choir Church

Tuesday, January 28 - CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

3:00 pm Jiu Jitsu Gym
 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, January 29 - CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

8:15 am Mass Chapel

Thursday, January 30 - CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

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

Friday, January 31 - CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

8:15 am Mass (School) Church

Saturday, February 1

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

Sunday, February 2

8:00 am SRE School
 10:00 am Mass Church

Stewardship

**“Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks,
 and allot portions
 to those who had nothing prepared...”**

- NEHEMIAH 8:10

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here's the hard part – to share all we have in Stewardship, without expecting anything in return.

Save the Date!

Our Lady of Lourdes Festival of Prayer

February 11 thru February 18

Everyone is Invited!

More information will be coming soon!



COMMUNION CALLS

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

Prayer Vine

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



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!**

IN GRATITUDE WE SHARE



January 19, 2025

Actual.....	\$	6,902.05
Online Giving		4,133.00
Budgeted.....		12,520.00
Difference +/-.....	\$	(1,484.95)

YTD Sunday & Holy Day

Actual.....	\$	343,296.45
Budgeted.....		363,080.00
Difference +/-.....	\$	(17,033.55)

SVdP.....	\$	205.00
Spring Benefit.....	\$	25.00
Holy Days.....	\$	10.00
Endowment.....	\$	91.00
Church in Latin America.....	\$	15.00
Memorial School.....	\$	5.00
Memorial Contributions.....	\$	425.00

Help with *Children's Liturgy of the Word*

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 details or to volunteer: mfallon@ollindy.org
Thank You to Pat McNulty for recently joining this ministry!

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



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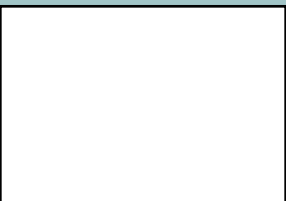
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Festival of Prayer



Fr. Richard Ginther, the Parish Council, and members of the Spiritual Journey Committee invite you to the 9th Annual Festival of Prayer, instituted by our late pastor Fr. Noah Casey in 2015, to honor Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette. All events are open to OLL parishioners, school families, community and guests. All are free of charge.

TUESDAY
February 11

Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes

Rosary at 5:30pm, Holy Mass at 6pm
Special Feast Day Mass with Anointing of the Sick

WEDNESDAY
February 12

Holy Mass at 8:15am
Prayer activity at 2:00pm in the Church
Students form living Rosary / Luminous Mysteries

THURSDAY
February 13

Rosary at 5:30pm, Holy Mass at 6pm
Music Concert at 7:00pm

FRIDAY
February 14

Holy Mass at 8:15am (School Mass)

SATURDAY
February 15

Mass of Anticipation at 5:00pm

SUNDAY
February 16

Holy Mass at 10:00am
Feast & Faith in Bernadette Hall at 11:30am
Presentation — ***Pilgrims of Hope***

MONDAY
February 17

Evening Rosary Walk for Hope in the Church at 6:00pm

TUESDAY
February 18

Feast Day of St. Bernadette (observed in France)

Rosary at 5:30pm, Holy Mass at 6pm
Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations at 6:30pm

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Volunteers Needed – Work from Home

We have two volunteer opportunities available that can be performed from the comfort of your own home. Both opportunities involve responding to requests from neighbors requesting assistance with food, clothing, household furnishings, and rent/utility assistance. Computer/internet access is required and training is provided.

Telephone Ministry:

- English Helpline: Volunteers needed to take calls from English-speaking neighbors requesting assistance. Minimum commitment is a 2-hour shift, 2 days a month. Daily shifts are 8:30-10:30am, 10:30am-12:30pm, and 12:30-2:30pm. If interested, contact Heather Snyder, hsnyder@svdpindy.org, 309-533-2678.
- Spanish Helpline: Volunteers needed to take calls from Spanish-speaking neighbors requesting assistance. Commitment TBD. If interested, contact Maria Gonzalez, marilena1940@aol.com, 317-294-0607.

On-line Volunteers:

Volunteers needed to field on-line requests made through our website from neighbors requesting assistance. Shifts are 7 days a week every 6 weeks. If interested, contact Paula Light, paula.light@att.net, 317-403-1385.

If you have limited time available, you may want to consider being a substitute on the telephone ministry to replace a regular volunteer on vacation, out sick, etc. These are great opportunities for anyone looking to volunteer from home and make a difference in the lives of others.