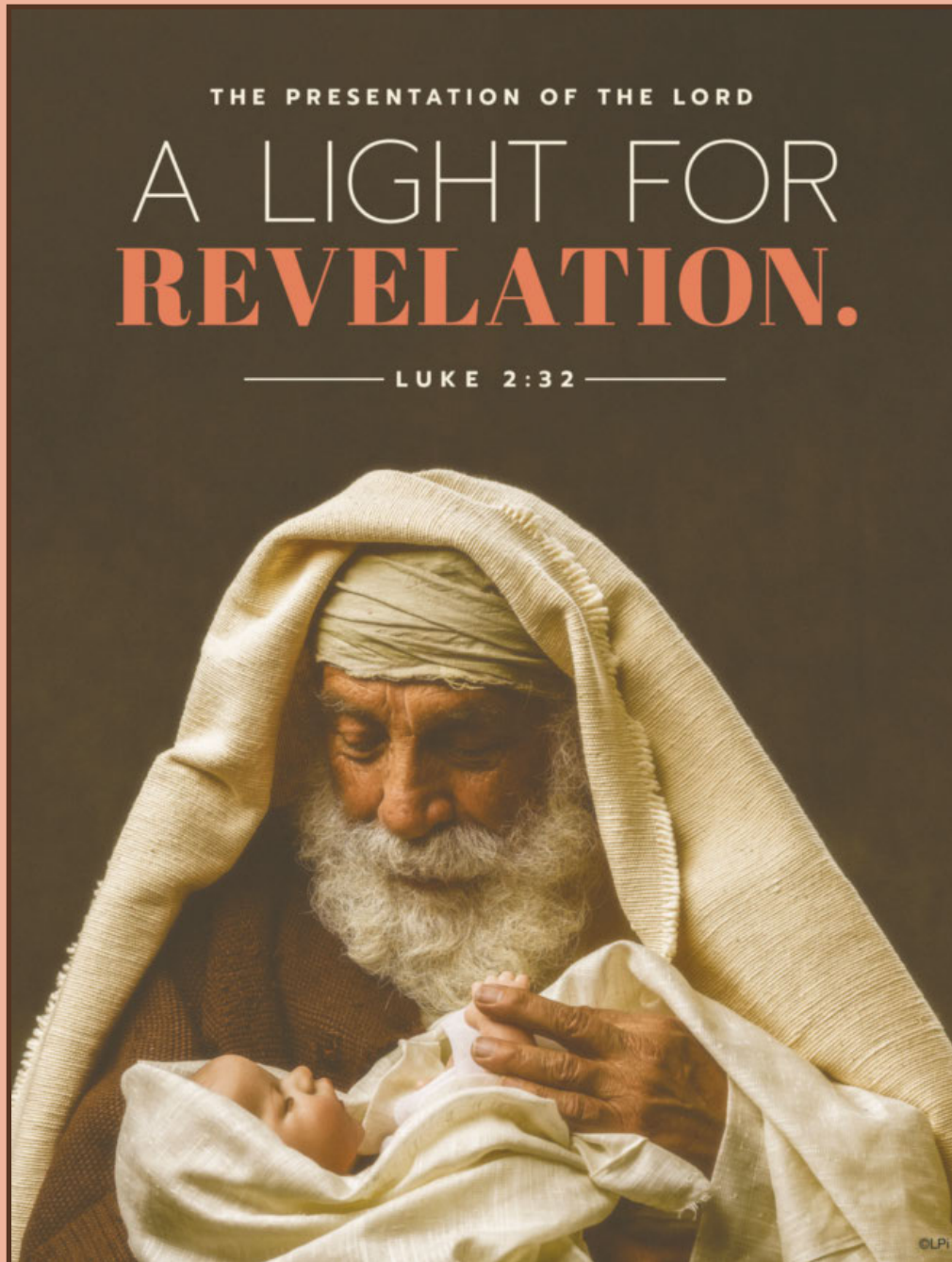


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5333 East Washington Street - Indianapolis, IN 46219

February 2, 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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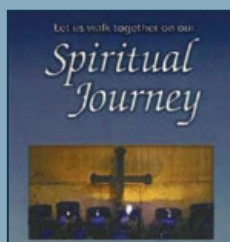
Please send your entries by **NOON** on **MONDAYS** to ensure your article will appear in that week's printing. If you have flyers to be inserted into the bulletin, please bring them to the parish office by 3 p.m. on Thursday.

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,

Today concludes the Christmas Season. 40 days. At least, that ending was true for the Church in earlier times.

40 is one of those biblical numbers that still finds a home in our own time: Lent, 40 Days for Life, etc.

Today we hear of Simeon. The gospel writer Luke narrates:

*Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon...
He came in the Spirit into the temple;
and when [Mary and Joseph] brought in the child Jesus
to perform the custom of the law in regard to him,
he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:
"Now, Master, you may let your servant go
in peace, according to your word,
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples:
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and glory for your people Israel."*

In this Holy Year of Hope, we witness in this encounter "hope fulfilled." It is personal for Simeon. And yet he proclaims it is for "the Gentiles and the people of Israel," which in Jewish understanding means "universal."

Recently, we pondered the words from the Mass: "...as we await the blessed hope, the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ." This is our hope. We echo the words of Simeon, in a sense. We are yet waiting, but we speak a confident prayer that it will be fulfilled, that it will have universal meaning for humankind.

In the Liturgy of the Hours, Night Prayer includes these words of Simeon as the Cantic for that hour. Perhaps you might want to pray it during this Jubilee Year of Hope. Pray it nightly as a pilgrim of hope.



Father Rick

Monday Night Men's Prayer Group: February 10

The Men's Prayer group will meet at the home of Francis Ziegler at 7:30 p.m. on **Monday, February 10**. All men are not only invited, but welcome. If you have any questions: contact Bob Eha at **317-345-9884**.

Confirmation Families!

Our meeting originally scheduled for February 9,
has been moved to February 16.

We will have Dilly Bars as a treat that night. Contact Matthew with questions.
mfallon@ollindy.org

Socialaires

The Socialaires will be meeting at the K of C on Post Road on February 13, at 11 a.m. After we eat, someone will speak briefly about the special mission of God's Embrace Coffee Shop. Please call Diane Beasley **317-527-7946** by February 10, to confirm your attendance. Thank you.

Doughnut Sunday: February 9

Doughnut Sunday will be February 9. Our Sponsor this month is the **Festival of Prayer Committee**. If your group would like to sponsor a Sunday, please contact Sally Bennett at **850-582-4019** or **sallyb718@aol.com**



Our Next OCIA Meeting

Our OCIA meetings (Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Bernadette Hall) have begun discussing the sacraments. This week we'll discuss the sacraments of service: Marriage and Holy Orders. Everyone is welcome to sit in with the group - to welcome them to our parish and Church, or to get a little refresher!

Break Open the Word for Our OCIA Catechumens

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

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, February 2, 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 February with a great breakfast.

Dear Church Family,

On behalf of Karissa Ray Higgins's family and friends, we want to extend our deepest thanks to each and every one of you. Your kindness and compassion have brought us comfort and strength in this time of sorrow.

Words cannot begin to express our gratitude for your unwavering support during this difficult time. Father Rick and Father Jim's Mass touched the hearts of all of us! Thank all of you who organized the Mass, the program, and the team at Hammond and Oakley for their guidance and comfort. Your presence at church, the visitation, your prayers, and the wonderful mercy meal team, were a true blessing! This is the beauty in memory of Karissa that lives on.

May God's blessings continue to shine upon our loving and supportive church community.

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 Schwing, Vonda Sigman, Karen & Larry Thomas, Jim Warrenburg, Arianna Williams, Susan Williams, Scott Woolen

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Wed & Fri 8:15 a.m.

Sat 5 p.m.

Sun 10 a.m.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Since 1974, Catholic Schools Week is an annual celebration of the joys of Catholic Education sponsored by the National Catholic Education Association. This year's theme is "United in Faith and Community." Indeed, each year, we take this week-long opportunity to create renewed focus on the community of faith that makes up Our Lady of Lourdes School.

By the time you are reading this, we will have celebrated by partaking in faith-related activities, community-building activities, and by taking time to be grateful to those who allow us to learn and work at our Catholic School. Following are some fun goings-on from the week:

- A Monday, kick-off pep rally, where we learned what this week is all about, competed in group games between grades, and cheered about how God is so good
- Days when students can dress in Catholic School gear, in a class color, college or professional sports gear, and of course, OLL spirit wear
- Service to our community with neighborhood cleanups, thank you notes to those who help us have the opportunity to learn in a Catholic School, and service to a wider community with collections for victims of California wildfires
- You gotta have a BINGO game at a Catholic School, so schoolwide BINGO was alive and well
- Plenty of friendly competition between students and staff, culminating in the tradition, staff vs. 8th gr. Volleyball game

Thank you for valuing Catholic Education and for the sacrifices you make for this community.

Angie Therber, Principal

Support Life

"A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned."

Pope Francis, Message for the 29th World Day of the Sick 2020 © 2020, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

More Catechists Will Be Needed Soon!

Let's share the load! 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, so there is always a catechist ready and we don't need to cancel classes. Catechists will be shifting their activities elsewhere next year, so we need to replace them – it would be great to get your feet wet this year. Our schedule will be changing next year with our new pastor (both as yet undetermined) so it may be easier to have the time to participate on various routines. Preparation and training materials are available. Talk with Matthew to find out more. mfallon@ollindy.org

Mass Intentions

- 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
- Tuesday, February 4.....Weekday**
5:30 pm Rosary
6:00 pm †Paula Bittelmeyer Req. by Bob Bittelmeyer
- Wednesday, February 5.....St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr**
8:15 am †Dale Jordan Req. by Jim & Sue Lynch
- Thursday, February 6.....St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs**
EXPLANATORY MASS FOR FIRST HOLY EUCHARIST CLASS
6:00 pm †Nell & JJ O'Brien Req. by Jan O'Brien
- Friday, February 7.....Weekday**
8:15 am †Charles F. Welch Req. by Sally Welch
- Saturday, February 8.....5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
5:00 pm †Ethel Mae Ewing Req. by Office of Catholic Schools
- Sunday, February 9.....5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
10:00 am Pro Populo

Ministry Schedule

- Saturday, February 8, 5 p.m. 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- EMHC: _____ (Host), Amy Petrone (Host), Sally Krause (Cup), Monica Collins (Cup), Julie Ritzi (Main Host)
- Hospitality Ministers: Don Flick (HM Team Leader-UN), Kay Campbell (GE), Lisa Flick (GN), _____ (GW), _____ (UN)
- Lector: Paige Kervan (A), Darryl Barthe' (B)
- Sacristan: Mary Morois
- Servers: Ishabethel Saldana, Yeshua Saldana
- Cantor: Michele Kite
- Sunday, February 9, 10 a.m. 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- EMHC Mike Guinan (Host), Mark Pittman (Host), Beverly Durham (Cup), Theresa Brickens (Cup), _____ (Cup), Jan O'Brien (Cup), Chris Houppert (Main Host)
- Hospitality Ministers: John Lockhart (GE), Steve Wuertz (GN), Bob Eha (GW), Megan Wuertz (UN), Cole Bakemeyer (Y)
- Lector: Andrea Kurtz (A), Vic Berlage (B)
- Sacristan: Glen Kurtz
- Servers: Gabriel Certo, Kate Certo
- Cantor: Sylvia Zimmerman
- C.L.O.W. Thomas McKiernan, Max Manley
- Live Streamer: Wayne Bowles
- Small Linens
Sacristan: Tammy Buennagel

READINGS: WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2, 2025

- Sunday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40**
- Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20**
- Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28,30-32; Mk 5:21-43**
- Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7,11-15; Ps 103:1-2,13-14,17-18a; Mk 6:1-6**
- Thursday: Heb 12:18-19,21-24; Ps 48:2-4,9-11; Mk 6:7-13**
- Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1,3,5,8b-9c; Mk 6:14-29**
- Saturday: Heb 13:15-17,20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34**

Calendar of **EVENTS**

Sunday, February 2

8:00 am	SRE	School
10:00 am	Mass	Church
1:00 pm	5th Grade Boys BB Party	Cafeteria

Monday, February 3

5:00 pm	Girl Scouts	BH-A
7:00 pm	Ordinary Women	BH-A
7:30 pm	Parental Prep Meeting	BH-B

Tuesday, February 4

3:00 pm	Jiu Jitsu	Gym
5:30 pm	Rosary	Chapel
6:00 pm	Mass	Chapel
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts	Cafeteria
7:00 PM	Liturgy Committee	BH-C
7:30 pm	OCIA	BH-A or B

Wednesday, February 5

8:15 am	Mass	Chapel
7:00 pm	Welcome Committee	BH-A

Thursday, February 6

EXPLANATORY MASS FOR 1ST HOLY EUCHARIST CLASS

6:00 pm	Mass	Chapel
7:00 pm	Engagement Committee	BH-A

Friday, February 7

8:15 am	Mass (School)	Church
6:00 pm	4th Grade Scouts	BH-A

Saturday, February 8 - CYO Music Festival

8:00 am	Boy Scout Pizza-Making	Cafeteria
4:00 pm	Reconciliation	Church
5:00 pm	Mass	Church

Sunday, February 9

8:00 am	SRE	School
10:00 am	Mass	Church
11:00 am	Coffee & Doughnuts	BH-A&B
11:30 am	Parish Council Meeting	BH-C
7:00 pm	Confirmation Group Meeting	BH-A&B

Stewardship

“Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.”

– Hebrews 2:18

When we join a support group, there is comfort in sharing our pain with people who have experienced the same thing; they understand what we are going through. The next time you experience suffering, talk to Jesus. He has experienced more suffering than most of us, He understands. Plus, Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. Only He can fill the hole **Stewards** feel in their hearts.

Chuck Lofton to address Catholic Business Exchange

Chuck Lofton, Broadcast Meteorologist at WTHR-TV, will address the February Catholic Business Exchange. His topic will be: *Finishing Strong*. The event is February 21, at the Northside Events and Social Club. Mass is offered at 7 a.m. and the program will end by 9 a.m. Cost for the program includes a great breakfast and is \$20 in advance for members and \$25 for non-members. Registration is required by 4 p.m., Tuesday, February 18. To register, pay online and for more information, visit www.catholicbusinessexchange.org



COMMUNION CALLS

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

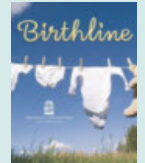
Prayer Vine

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



February Is Birthline Baby Shower Month

Items needed include: Baby Wash, Diaper Cream, Bottles, Sippy Cups, Pacifiers, Books / Toys, Socks, Wash Cloths, Burp Cloths, Towels, Baby Wipes. Thank you for your continued support of Birthline. Dollar Store items are welcome!



NCYC: November 20-22

If you'll be a high school student this November, you are eligible to see the NCYC: National Catholic Youth Conference! This biennial event is an incredible experience of fun, learning, and faith. Even teens who didn't want to go really enjoyed the weekend! Start finding out more about this uplifting experience by going to the website: ncyc.us Then talk with Matthew Fallon about joining our parish group going to the conference! mfallon@ollindy.org

We need two-minute volunteers to share what prayer is for our SRE students! 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 on a Sunday, at 9:40 a.m., just in time for us to get to Mass afterward! — Thank you! To our prayer witnesses in Sunday religious education meetings – the kids enjoy hearing from you, and are excited when I tell them someone is coming. But we need more people to share with the kids about their experience with prayer. Two or three minutes is all we need, but the impacts add up over the weeks. To volunteer or find out more, contact Matthew mfallon@ollindy.org

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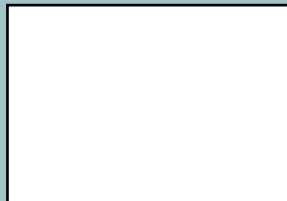
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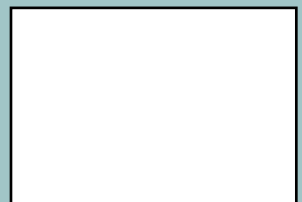
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27 January 2025

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Catholic teaching has long recognized the right and responsibility of each sovereign nation to maintain proper border security to protect its citizens while simultaneously remaining clear on the respect owed to the dignity of every person as created in the image of God. Consequent to this dignity is the right of each person to have proper access to food, water, healthcare, employment, justice, and freedom from oppression. As Pope Francis exhorts us, we must be especially attentive to the needs of the poor and vulnerable, which includes immigrants and refugees. Christians are keenly aware that the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph were refugees for a time, traveling to another country to escape violence and death as imposed by the unjust decree of King Herod.

As pastors, we hear the concerns of our brothers and sisters, heightened by recent threats of aggressive immigration enforcement actions, who flee to escape various forms of injustice, such as violence, war, and persecution. These migrants and refugees are often beloved members of our communities, parishes, and schools who inspire by their faithful witness and devotion to their faith, commitment to their families and fruitful participation in the civic life of their communities. Using the foundational principles of the Church's social and moral teaching, we will continue to advocate for the just and dignified treatment of migrants as well as for national immigration reform that includes targeted, proportionate, and humane enforcement, and reasonable pathways to citizenship for long-time residents with an emphasis on family unity. We are committed to accompanying those in need through prayer, advocacy, ongoing formation and education, legal remedies, and all proper means of support.

In Indiana, we continue to support meaningful reforms that affirm the desire of so many migrants who wish to contribute fruitfully to society. It is our hope that reasonable policies can uplift those who feel trapped by the challenges of navigating our country's immigration system. Serious offenders with a history of harming U.S. citizens and immigrants, however, should not find protection under these reforms.

I invite all in our Catholic communities to join me in supporting our migrant brothers and sisters as we advocate for meaningful immigration reform. As Catholics and Americans, we have a moral obligation to discern the difference between the vulnerable and those who hide among the vulnerable seeking to exploit them. May we never tire of being Christ-centered in our unity as People of God, Pilgrims of Hope, and Missionary Disciples of Jesus Christ, Savior of the World.

Most Reverend Charles C. Thompson
Archbishop of Indianapolis



11th Annual Festival of Prayer

Our Lady of Lourdes Church
February 11 – 18, 2025



Fr. Richard Ginther, the Parish Council, and members of the Spiritual Journey Committee invite you to the 11th 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.

TUES
FEB 11

8:15 AM
5:30 PM
6:00 PM

Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes

School Mass: Liturgy led by 5th grade. Offertory gift remembering visitation of Mary to Bernadette
Rosary
Holy Mass: Anointing of the Sick offered at Mass for those in need

WEDS
FEB 12

8:15 AM
2:00 PM

Holy Mass

Rosary Walk: Students and staff participate with 8th grade leading rosary to sacred music accompanied by Greg Martin. Students will stand as living beads (carnations) of the Rosary around the perimeter of the church while other students process to the Luminous Mysteries.

THURS
FEB 13

5:30 PM
6:00 PM
7:00 PM

Rosary

Holy Mass

Sacred Music Concert: Please join us as our Music Director, Greg Martin, offers a recital of sacred music showing aspects of spiritual searches by historical composers such as Bach, Mozart, Grieg and Mussorgsky reflecting the theme of the 2025 Jubilee Year, Pilgrims of Hope

FRI
FEB 14

8:15 AM

Special St. Valentine's Prayer in the weekly newsletter

SAT
FEB 15

5:00 PM

Mass of Anticipation

We will lift our voices in unison praying Pope Francis's Jubilee Prayer as we seek the grace of this Jubilee Year to reawaken in us a yearning for the treasures of Heaven.

SUN
FEB 16

10:00 AM

Holy Mass

We will lift our voices in unison praying Pope Francis's Jubilee Prayer as we seek the grace of this Jubilee Year to reawaken in us a yearning for the treasures of Heaven.

11:30 AM Feast & Faith

Join us in Bernadette Hall for brunch from Tam's Sweet and Savory. Followed by presentation of "**Pilgrims of Hope**" by Susie Koers Marren of the Archdiocese Office of Refugee and Resettlement Sign up for Feast & Faith here: <https://tinyurl.com/feastandfaith2025>

MON
FEB 17

6:00 PM

Evening Rosary Walk for Hope

Join in an evening Marian pilgrimage walk around the the dimly lit Nave of the Church as we reflect on key moments in the history of salvation that leads us to be Pilgrims of Hope.

TUES
FEB 18

5:30 PM
6:00 PM
6:30 PM

Feast Day of St. Bernadette (as observed in France)

Rosary

Holy Mass

Adoration for Vocations

Celebrate the closing liturgy of the 2025 Festival of Prayer as we honor St. Bernadette on her French feast day and recall her pilgrim journey of hope.

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