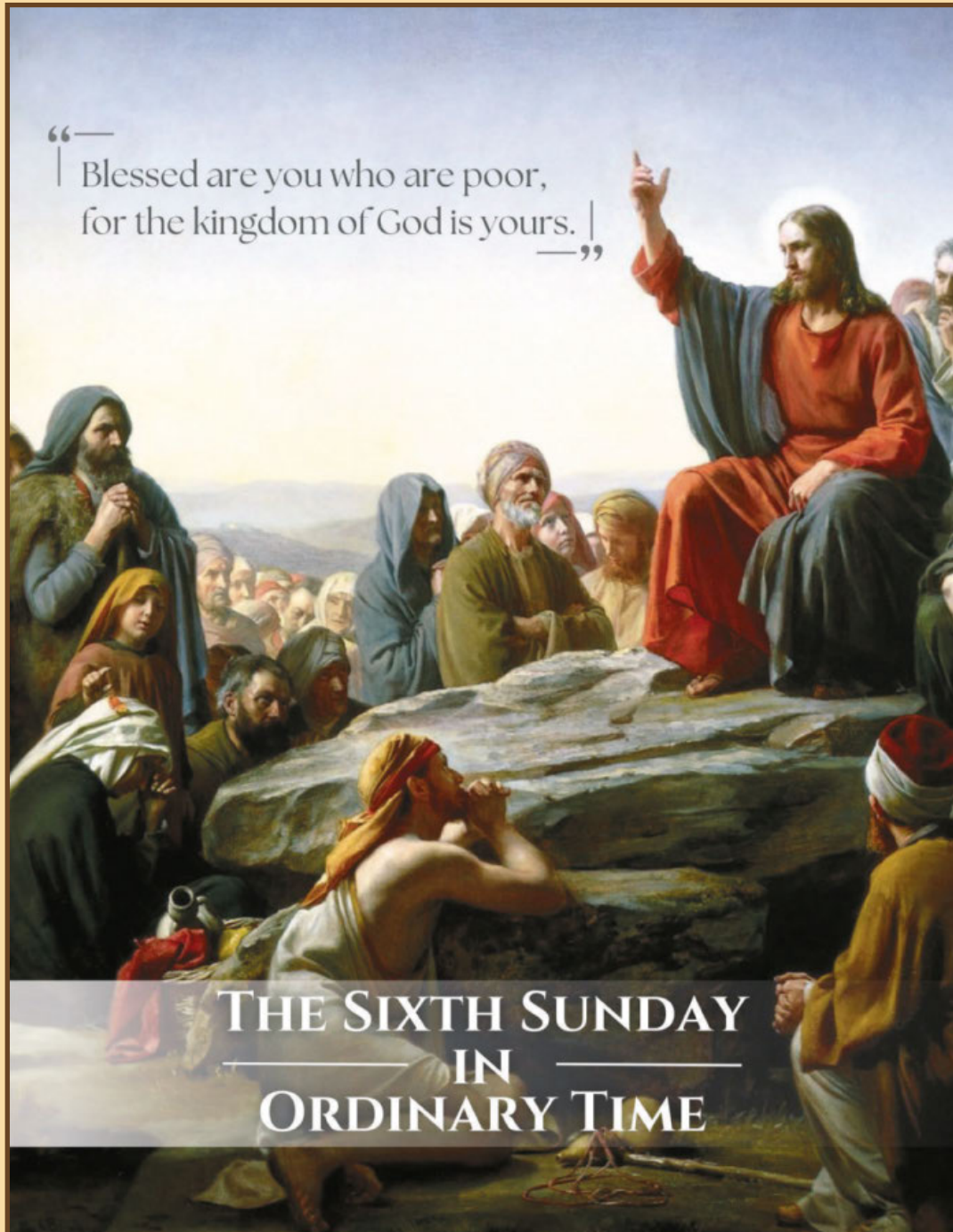


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SACRAMENTS

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

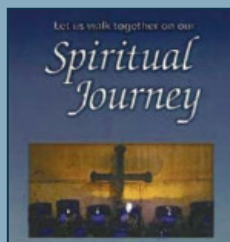
Please send your entries by **NOON** on **MONDAYS** to ensure your article will appear in that week's printing. If you have flyers to be inserted into the bulletin, please bring them to the parish office by 3 p.m. on Thursday.

THANK YOU!

parishsecretary@ollindy.org

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,

As we journey through our annual Festival of Prayer, it is good to note that the Spiritual Journey Committee chose to focus this festival upon hope. This is the theme of our Ordinary Jubilee Year (every 25 years). It is apt for this, our time in history, where the ugly reality of authoritarianism has once again raised its deadly head across our world.

I urge us all to pray the Jubilee Prayer daily. Having prayed it, let it bolster our faith, inflame our hope through Christ, and lead us to love through the gospel's consistent call to love God, neighbor and self.

Our neighbor right now in our country is the immigrant, the refugee. Our neighbor in Indiana is the homeless person. Their human dignity, just like our own, is essentially valuable. May we strive to see them as neighbor, indeed, as the very face of Christ, himself an immigrant, refugee, and one who knew homelessness.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity
enkindled in our hearts
by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us
the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure
expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your
glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us,
Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace
spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

Father Rick

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Join us

Tuesday, February 18,
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.



VBS Update!

Vacation Bible School will be changing this summer. Since we will be sharing a pastor with Little Flower, we will be combining our VBS program with them, instead of Holy Spirit parish. The program will be held in the evenings (dates to be determined). If you are interested in helping provide fun and learning to young Catholics, talk to Matthew. For more info and to sign up contact him at mfallon@ollindy.org

Our Next OCIA Meeting

Our OCIA meetings (Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Bernadette Hall) have begun discussing Christian morality. This week we will be discussing the first three Commandments of the Decalogue. Everyone is welcome to sit in with the group - to welcome them to our parish and Church, or to get a little refresher!

Registration now open for the 6th annual **St. Vincent de Paul 5K Run/Walk** April 26, 2025, 9 a.m. at White River State Park!

The Love Your Neighbor 5K raises funds for SVdP Indy's multiple programs for the unsheltered - including the organization's new supportive housing unit: *the Love Your Neighbor Center*. Visit: www.svdindy.org/neighbor to register, or for additional information. Questions? Darlene Sweeney dsweeney@svdindy.org



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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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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! The bassinette is located at the west side of the main vestibule.

LENTEN MORNING OF REFLECTION - MARCH 1

Please join with fellow parishioners and friends for our annual **Lenten Morning of Reflection** on **Saturday morning, March 1, at 9 a.m. in Bernadette Hall**. Sr. Cathy Anne Lepore, OSB, from Our Lady of Grace Monastery will share with us, **Lent: Do I have to do it again this year?** Sr. Cathy Anne will discuss and encourage reflection about finding "Freedom in the Desert," and look at how we approach our Lenten practices of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. Refreshments will be provided. **If you would like to attend the presentation in Bernadette Hall, please RSVP by Thursday, February 27, via the sign up or by calling the OLL parish office, 317-356-7291.**

<https://tinyurl.com/leentrelection2025>

ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPER - MARCH 5

A St. Bernadette parish tradition will continue as Our Lady of Lourdes begins its Lenten Observance with a simple soup and bread meal following 6 p.m. Mass on Ash Wednesday, March 5. The meal will be held in Bernadette Hall immediately following Mass. Bring a crock-pot of your favorite meatless soup to share! You may drop off your soup before Mass. No time to make soup? Choose to bring a package of crackers or a fresh loaf of bread - French baguette, sourdough, Italian, etc.

For additional information, please contact:

Tammy Buennagel/j.buennagel@sbcglobal.net/317-373-3454

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OLL Parish Office/parishsecretary@ollindy.org/317-356-7291

Sign up at - <https://tinyurl.com/lentensoupsupper>



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Major Steven E. Miller, USAF
SSgt Tyler Brown, USAF



SCHOOL NEWS



Every teacher has a unique personality, areas of particular interest, a classroom vibe, and other qualities that make the learning experience engaging for their students. They forge relationships with students, getting to know their particular interests and background. These qualities and practices are like the special sauce when added to instruction.

The in-depth focus this year for teacher professional development has been to further refine instructional practices to make sure that while we are working hard to teach well, we don't forget to slow down and make sure the students are learning well. During this third quarter the weeks are nicely arranged for lots of forward progress in covering lessons. While we are enjoying this momentum of progress toward yearly school goals, we have met in groups to discuss how well our students are mastering skills. Teachers review benchmark testing data, review grades, and plan for communication with parents as needed. They talk through how and when to check students' understanding before moving forward. We discuss how to best approach remediation or acceleration.

The combination of this focus on teaching and the evidence of learning with the unique gifts of each teacher creates the best learning experiences for our kids.

Angie Therber

Additional Catechists Needed!

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. Some 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 our current routine. Preparation and training materials are available. Talk with Matthew to find out more at mfallon@ollindy.org

Caregiver Support Group

February 20, from 1 - 2:30 p.m.

In person at the Catholic Center, 1400 N Meridian St.

Registration required. February: open discussion.

Sponsored by Catholic Charities. Contact Monica Woodsworth at 317-261-3378 or mwoodsworth@archindy.org for more info.

A Message from the Eble Family

Thank you to all of you who have offered condolences and prayers for Diane. A special thanks to Fr. Nick and Fr. Jim for the Mass and Homily. Also to Fr. Rick and the Parish Secretary for helping arrange the liturgy and the program. Thanks to the meal assistance crew who served 70 when they were told it would be 50, and also another special thanks to Deacon Tom and Joe Hammond for their assistance. - All of you, and those who attended Diane's Funeral Mass, were a source of support and consolation for each of us who were grieving Diane's passing.

She was special to you and to us. - The Eble Family

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 15	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm †Wilma Barnhart	Req. by Ed & Paula Roessler
Sunday, February 16	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 am Pro Populo	
Tuesday, February 18	French Feast of St. Bernadette
5:30 pm Rosary	
6:00 pm †Mike, Kay & Joann Seigner	Req. by Mary Morois
Wednesday, February 19	Weekday
8:15 am †Diane Eble	Req. by Socialaires
Thursday, February 20	Weekday
5:30 pm Rosary	
6:00 pm †Paula Bittelmeyer	Req. by Bob Bittelmeyer
Friday, February 21	St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor
8:15 am †Kathy McCoy	Req. by Bill Bakemeyer
Saturday, February 22	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm Pro Populo	
Sunday, February 23	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 am †Patricia Lockhart	Req. by Kathryn Bienemann

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 22, 5 p.m. 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

EMHC: Jan O'Brien (Host), _____ (Host), Cathy Kervan (Cup), Sally Krause (Cup), Sally Budreau (Main Host)

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

Lector: Paige Kervan (A), Darryl Barthe' (B)

Sacristan: Mary Morois

Servers: Annabelle Bledsoe, Vincent Camper

Cantor: Linda Caraher Choir: Adult Choir

Sunday, February 23, 10 a.m. 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

EMHC Mike Guinan (Host), Andrew Warner (Host), Fletcher Daly (Cup), Jill Daly (Cup), Beverly Durham (Cup), Chris Kolakovich (Cup), Mark Pittman (Main Host)

Hospitality Ministers: John Lockhart (GE), Gilbert Durham (GN), Tammy Buennagel (GW), Jim Lynch (UN), David Jackson (Y)

Lector: Ben Kompar (A), Levi Moran (B)

Sacristan: Bernice Berlage

Servers: Alex Reuhs, Daniel Reuhs

Cantor: Kate Miller

C.L.O.W. Emily Reuhs, Kate Certo

Live Streamer: _____

Small Linens

Sacristan: Penny Moss

READINGS: WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16, 2025

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-4,6; 1 Cor 15:12,16-20; Lk 6:17,20-26

Monday: Gn 4:1-15,25; Ps 50:1,8,16bc-17,20-21; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8,7:1-5,10; Ps 29:1a,3-4,9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13,20-22; Ps 116:12-15,18-19; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-18,19-23,29; Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34-9:1

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a,4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Calendar of **EVENTS**

Sunday, February 16

8:00 am	SRE	School
10:00 am	Mass	Church
11:00 am	Feast & Faith	BH-A&B
	Presentation on "Pilgrims of Hope"	
11:30 am	School Commission	BH-C
5:00 pm	Blue & Gold Banquet	Cafeteria
7:30 pm	Confirmation Group	BH-A&B



Monday, February 17 - No School - Presidents' Day

6:00 pm	Evening Rosary Walk	Church
7:00 pm	Folk Choir	Church
7:30 pm	Parental Prep Meeting	BH-AorB



Tuesday, February 18 - French Feast of St. Bernadette FESTIVAL OF PRAYER BEGINS

3:00 pm	Jiu Jitsu	Gym
5:30 pm	Rosary	Chapel
6:00 pm	Mass followed by Adoration	Chapel
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts	Cafeteria
7:30 pm	OCIA	BH-A



Wednesday, February 19

8:15 am	Mass	Chapel
6:30 pm	SVdP	BH-B

Thursday, February 20

10:00 am	In Stitches	BH-A&B
5:30 pm	Rosary	Chapel
6:00 pm	Mass	Chapel

Friday, February 21

8:15 am	Mass	Chapel
6:00 pm	4th Grade Scouts	BH-A

Saturday, February 22

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

Sunday, February 23

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

Stewardship

“Blessed are you when people hate you...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name... on account of the Son of Man.”

- LUKE 6:22

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to live **Stewardship**. Proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

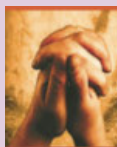
Project Rice Bowl Is Coming!!

This year is the 50th anniversary of our Lenten tradition of giving alms to help needy brothers and sisters in our archdiocese and around the world. Your generosity funds Catholic Relief Service's projects, helping people become self-sufficient. It is the charity of the Church in North America. You can find out more about the work Project Rice Bowl funds by visiting crsricebowl.com 25% of our donations are used in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Look for your Rice Bowl in the pews next week!



Prayer Vine

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



IN GRATITUDE WE SHARE



February 9, 2025

Actual.....	\$	3,668.00
Online Giving		3,686.00
Budgeted.....		12,520.00
Difference +/(-).....	\$	(5,166.00)

YTD Sunday & Holy Day

Actual.....	\$	378,231.79
Budgeted.....		400,640.00
Difference +/(-).....	\$	(22,408.21)

SVdP.....	\$	78.00
Endowment.....	\$	200.00
Church in Latin America.....	\$	10.00
Criterion.....	\$	22.00
Memorial School.....	\$	28.00
Memorial Contributions.....	\$	650.00

“We often assume parenthood happens easily after ‘I do,’ but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility...If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you...God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility”
respectlife.org/navigating-infertility

Prayer:

For married couples struggling with infertility: May the Lord help them trust in His love and sustain them with His peace.

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

Share Your Prayer Life!

Some things only get done if **you** do them. We are trying to inform and inspire the religious education students in their prayer life by sharing the different ways people pray. They will then be aware of, and consider the many ways people find connection with God, and start forming their own prayer habits. Can you give two minutes before Mass to share your prayer habits with our young disciples and build their faith? Talk to Matthew at mfallon@ollindy.org to get on the schedule. Thank you!!

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Dear Families,

This Lent, our community will participate in CRS Rice Bowl as Catholic Relief Services celebrates 50 years of the program. CRS Rice Bowl started in Allentown, Pennsylvania, by parishioners to help families facing famine in The Sahel region of Africa. Shortly after, it was adopted by the United States bishops and made an official program of CRS.

At this very moment, millions of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers are facing life-threatening levels of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition. At the root of this crisis is a perfect storm of poverty, climate change, conflict and inequality.

There is no one solution to breaking the cycle of hunger for every community around the world—but we can do our part through CRS Rice Bowl by answering Jesus' invitation us to share bread for life with our sisters and brothers during Lent—so all may live with dignity.

Throughout these 40 days, we will learn about families in Nigeria, Guatemala and Bangladesh who are building resilience in the face of adversity and helping their community live healthy lives. This is all possible because of our donations of Lenten alms to CRS Rice Bowl. We also help our local community through the program because 25% of every donation stays in our diocese to fight hunger and poverty.

CRS Rice Bowl provides resources for daily reflection throughout the liturgical season. Consider these suggestions in your family's Lenten plan:

- Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar each day to guide your prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- Visit crsricebowl.org to read weekly Stories of Hope and watch the accompanying videos.
- Use the CRS Rice Bowl recipes from crsricebowl.org/recipe to prepare simple, meatless meals on the Fridays of Lent to eat in solidarity with our global family.

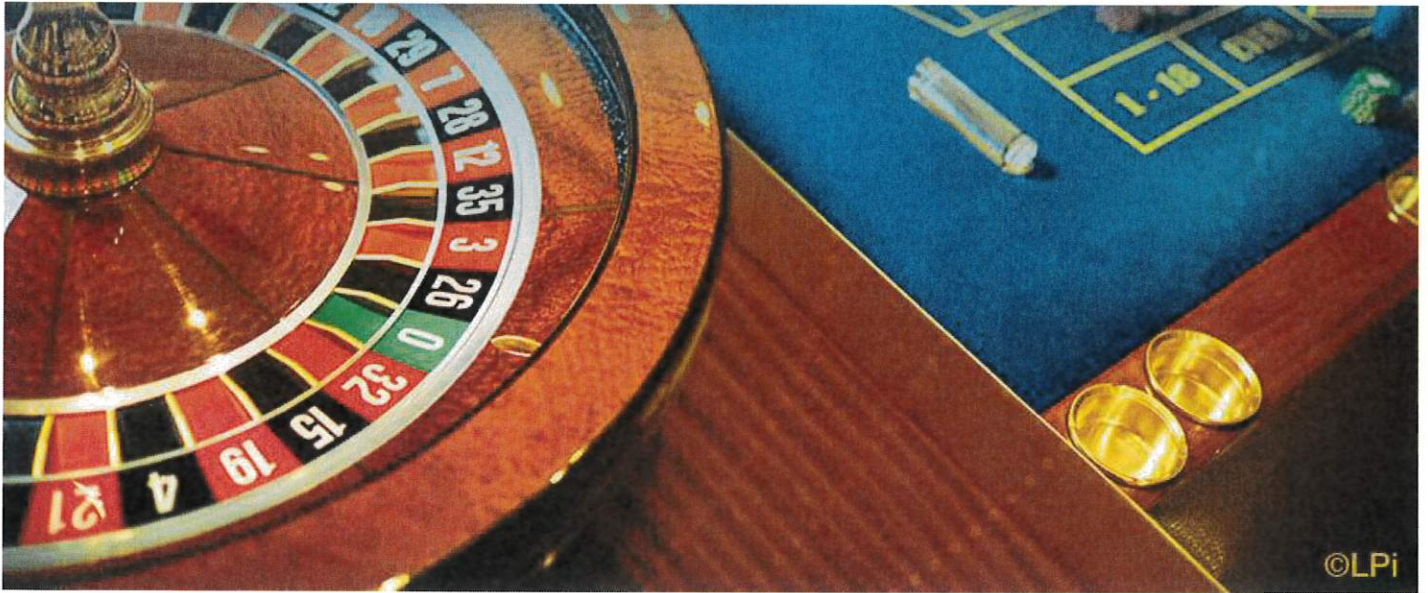
During this holy season, may your Lenten journey be a transformative and enriching experience as you put your faith into action for our sisters and brothers experiencing the greatest need.

Rice bowls will be collected at the end of Lent, so stay tuned to learn more. Thank you for participating in CRS Rice Bowl.

Sincerely,



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317-989-3586 / daniel.mcnelis1@gmail.com

Location: 1305 N. Delaware St. Indianapolis, IN 46202

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