

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

March 16, 2025

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



*Then from the cloud came a voice that said,
"This is my chosen Son; listen to him."*

(Luke 9:35)

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,

We all know that Lent is a time for almsgiving. The generous response from our hearts is an essential response to the generosity of our God.

Saint Gregory of Nazianzen, a priest and bishop of the 4th Century, penned an insightful reflection that addresses the why of our generous response.

"Recognize to whom you owe the fact that you exist, that you breathe, that you understand, that you are wise, and, above all, that you know God and hope for the kingdom of heaven and the vision of glory, now darkly as in a mirror but then with greater fullness and purity. You have been made a son of God, coheir with Christ. Where did you get all this, and from whom?"

"Let me turn to what is of less importance: the visible world around us. What benefactor has enabled you to look out upon the beauty of the sky, the sun in its course, the circle of the moon, the countless number of stars, with the harmony and order that are theirs, like the music of a harp? Who has blessed you with rain, with the art of husbandry, with different kinds of food, with the arts, with houses, with laws, with states, with a life of humanity and culture, with friendship and the easy familiarity of kinship?"

"Who has given you dominion over animals, those that are tame and those that provide you with food? Who has made you lord and master of everything on earth? In short, who has endowed you with all that makes man superior to all other living creatures?"

"Is it not God who asks you now in your turn to show yourself generous above all other creatures and for the sake of all other creatures? Because we have received so many wonderful gifts from him, will we not be ashamed to refuse him this one thing only, our generosity? Though he is God and Lord he is not afraid to be known as our Father. Shall we for our part repudiate those who are our kith and kin?"

"Brethren and friends, let us never allow ourselves to misuse what has been given us by God's gift. If we do, we shall hear Saint Peter say: 'Be ashamed of yourselves for holding on to what belongs to someone else. Resolve to imitate God's justice, and no one will be poor. Let us not labor to heap up and hoard riches while others remain in need.' If we do, the prophet Amos will speak out against us with sharp and threatening words: 'Come now, you that say: When will the new moon be over, so that we may start selling? When will the sabbath be over, so that we may start opening our treasures?'"

"Let us put into practice the supreme and primary law of God. He sends down rain on just and sinful alike and causes the sun to rise on all without distinction. To all earth's creatures he has given the broad earth, the springs, the rivers and the forests. He has given the air to the birds, and the waters to those who live in the water. He has given abundantly to all the basic needs of life, not as a private possession, not restricted by law, not divided by boundaries, but as common to all, amply and in rich measure. His gifts are not deficient in any way, because he wanted to give equality of blessing to equality of worth, and to show the abundance of his generosity."

*From a sermon by Saint Gregory of Nazianzen, bishop
(Oratio 14, De Pauperum amore, 23-25: PG 35, 887-890)*

Father Rick

Changes to VBS This Year!

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



Additional Times for Reconciliation at OLL:

Saturdays 4 to 4:30 p.m.

Sundays 9 to 9:30 a.m.

Penance Service (with Little Flower, at OLL)

Thursday, March 20 at 7 p.m.

“Ordinary Women” to Meet March 17



The Ordinary Women book group will meet in Bernadette Hall at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 17. Please join us! All women of the parish are welcome. Please call Pat: **317-395-8186** for more info.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Join us
Tuesday, March 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.



IAM Lenten Services

Soup Supper @ 6 pm with Worship @ 7 pm

DATE:	Church:	Speaker:
Mar. 19	Irvington United Methodist Church (IUMC)	Rev. Adam Bradley, DACC
Mar. 26	Gethsemane Lutheran Church (GLC)	Rev. Maureen Wilson, IPC
Apr. 2	Downey Avenue Christian Church (DACC)	Father Rick Ginther, OLL
Apr. 9	Our Lady of Lourdes (OLL)	Rev. Lee Welker, GLC

Locations:
IUMC (30 N Audubon Rd)
GLC (6810 E 10th St)
DACC (111 S Downey Ave)

ICAN Clothing Closet / Pantry Needs



The ICAN Clothing Closet is in need of Deodorant, Body Wash and Bar Soap, as well as Men's underwear (M-XL), Jeans (waist sizes 36-40) and Sweats (M-XXL). Additionally, the ICAN Food Pantry is in need of Laundry Sheets. If you are able to donate any of these items, they may be brought to the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Office and we

will make sure they are taken to the ICAN Clothing Closet or Food Pantry. Thank you very much!!

Our Next OCIA Meeting

Our OCIA usually meets on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in Bernadette Hall. Everyone is welcome to sit in with the group - to welcome them to our parish and Church, or to get a little refresher!

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, Brian Houppert, Harold Irons, Michael James, Teresa Kerns, 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 Pavay, Phil Reed, Joseph Rogers, Irene Roseman, Rhonda Roseman, Cathy Russell, 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

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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



Last Wednesday morning saw our whole school and many parishioners gathered together in church to celebrate the Ash Wednesday liturgy. Students left Mass with reminders to do their best to use the coming weeks leading to Holy Week to focus on growing closer to Jesus through understanding His Sacrifice for us.

Of course, teachers are reinforcing practices of prayer, sacrifice, and alms giving throughout our school days. In addition, staff and students will keep the Lenten focus foremost with several activities:

- Committing to Lenten promises which are noted on the purple chain at the front entry of school
- Physically burying the Alleluia which will be “unburied” after we return to Mass the week of Easter
- We will pray the Stations of the Cross together each Friday.
- Students will portray the Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 18, at 9 a.m. in church.
- Please join us for any of our prayer activities during this Lenten Season.

Angie Therber

Ronen Chamber Ensemble Concert Sunday, March 23 at 4 p.m.



Discounted Tickets for OLL Parishioners, available at \$10 each.

READINGS: WEEK OF MARCH 16, 2025

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12,17-18; Ps 27:1,7-9,13-14; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28-36

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8-9,11,13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10,16-20; Ps 50:8-9,16bc-17,21,23 Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16; Ps 89:2-5,27,29; Rom 4:13,16-18,22; Mt 1:16,18-21,24a

Thursday: Jer: 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4,6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43,45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15,18-20; Ps 103:1-4,9-12; Lk 15:1-3,11-32

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 15.....2nd Sunday of Lent
5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday, March 16.....2nd Sunday of Lent
10:00 am †Harold & Ruth Steinbuch
Req. by The Steinbuch & Dowell Families

Tuesday, March 18.....St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor
5:30 pm Rosary
6:00 pm †Denise Miller Req. by Lori Malander

Wednesday, March 19...St. Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin Mary
8:15 am †Diane Eble Req. by The Fleak Family

Thursday, March 20.....Lenten Weekday
7:00 pm **PENANCE SERVICE with Little Flower, at OLL**

Friday, March 21.....Lenten Weekday
8:15 am †JJ O'Brien Req. by Jan O'Brien

Saturday, March 22.....3rd Sunday of Lent
5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday, March 23.....3rd Sunday of Lent
10:00 am †Paula Bittelmeyer Req. by Bill Bakemeyer

Ministry Schedule

Friday, March 21, 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Lector: Paige Kervan
Sacristan: Bernice Berlage Server: _____

Saturday, March 22, 5 p.m. 3rd Sunday of Lent
EMHC: Sally Budreau (Host), Amy Petrone (Host), _____ (Cup), Julie Ritzi (Cup), Nick Petrone (Main Host)
Hospitality Ministers: Joe Hammond (GE), _____ (GN), Dave Skirvin (GW), _____ (UN)
Lector: Sally Krause (A), Darryl Barthe (B)
Sacristan: Mary Morois Servers: Ishabethel Saldana, Yeshua Saldana
Cantor: Ann Skirvin

Sunday, March 23, 10 a.m. 3rd Sunday of Lent
EMHC: Beverly Durham (Host), Paula Schenkenfelder (Host), Chris Houppert (Cup), Fletcher Daly (Cup), Jill Daly (Cup), _____ (Cup), Jan O'Brien (Main Host)
Hospitality Ministers: Mike Guinan (HM Team Leader-UN), Megan Wuertz (GE), Jim Lynch (GN), Bob Davey (GW), Cole Bakemeyer (Y)
Lector: Sylvia Zimmerman (A), Ben Kompar (B)
Sacristan: Tammy Buennagel
Cantor: Darin Richart Servers: Chiron Christopher, Mila Christopher
C.L.O.W. Thomas McKiernan, Max Manley
Live Streamer: _____
Small Linens
Sacristan: Penny Moss

Friday, March 28, 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Lector: Andrea Kurtz
Sacristan: Bernice Berlage Server: _____

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays During Lent
7:00 PM in the Church



COMMUNION CALLS



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

Calendar of **EVENTS**

Sunday, March 16

8:00 am	SRE	School
8:30 am	Versiti Blood Drive	BH-A&B
10:00 am	Mass	Church
11:30 am	School Commission	BH-C

Monday, March 17

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



Tuesday, March 18

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

Wednesday, March 19

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

Thursday, March 20

10:00 am	In Stitches	BH-A&B
3:00 pm	Girl Scouts	BH-A
7:00 pm	Penance Service w/ LF at OLL	Church

Friday, March 21

8:15 am	Mass + Stations(School)	Church
6:00 pm	4th Grade Scouts	BH-A
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	Church

Saturday, March 22

9:00 am	1st Eucharist Retreat	BH-A&B
4:00 pm	Reconciliation	Church
5:00 pm	Mass	Church

Sunday, March 23

8:00 am	SRE	School
9:00 am	Reconciliation	Church
10:00 am	Mass	Church
4:30 pm	First Aid (Pack 8)	Cafeteria



“I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession.”

- GENESIS 15:7

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses, and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a **Stewards** sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

Paying It Forward As a Lead Mother in Nigeria

In Nigeria, over 25 million people are experiencing extreme food insecurity due to climate change, poverty and conflict. Because of violence in their hometown, Amina and her family were forced to flee and start life over again in a new village. Learn how Amina's participation in a Catholic Relief Services program helped her prepare nutritious meals for her family and support other families in her community to overcome the challenges of hunger and malnutrition. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-2 to read this week's story of hope.



Drivers Needed

Calling all drivers from 2024! We need to make a Lily pick-up run on April 14, to get the lilies to the church on time! If you're driving a pick-up truck, your truck must have a shell on it to protect the lilies from the weather. Van drivers, you're welcome, too!! Please contact Sally in the Parish Office to volunteer: **317-356-7291**. Thanks!

NCYC: November 20-22

If you are a teen or know a teen, **looky here:** NCYC (Nat'l Catholic Youth Conference) is coming on Nov. 20-22, and all high school students may join our group going to the fun! Go to NCYC.us/about/ to find out why you should be one of the 15,000 teens from around the country coming to conference, and then let Matthew Fallon know you're coming with us! mfallon@ollindy.org

Share Your Prayer Life!

I have prayer habits – you probably have them, too. Let's share how we pray with the Religious Education students, so they can start their own routine! Matthew Fallon can put you on the 9:45 a.m. schedule to inform our students what rote prayers you use, what devotions you have, when you like to pray and where. Please take 2-3 minutes before Mass to help the kids make a meaningful connection with our God! mfallon@ollindy.org

Knights of Columbus respect, defend, and promote the dignity of every human person, at every moment and in every condition. Whether by supporting women and their children through pregnancy center support, marching to defend the unborn and their mothers from abortion, or fundraising for a life-saving ultrasound machine, Knights are building a civilization of life and love. — “A woman that's going through a crisis pregnancy...she needs so much. She needs our prayers and our sacrifices. She needs accompaniment and friendship. And she also needs science and technology. God uses everything. Knights of Columbus have been at the forefront of this movement for years now.” - *Sister Therese Marie, Sisters of Life*

IN GRATITUDE WE SHARE



March 9, 2025

Actual.....	\$	7,087.00
Online Giving		4,372.00
Budgeted.....		12,520.00
Difference +/-.....	\$	(1,061.00)

YTD Sunday & Holy Day

Actual.....	\$	445,530.00
Budgeted.....		450,720.00
Difference +/-.....	\$	(5,190.00)

SVdP.....	\$	243.00
Criterion.....	\$	369.00
Black & Indian Missions.....	\$	323.00
Endowment.....	\$	50.00
Church in E. Europe.....	\$	81.00
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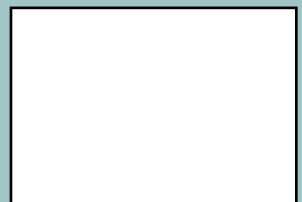
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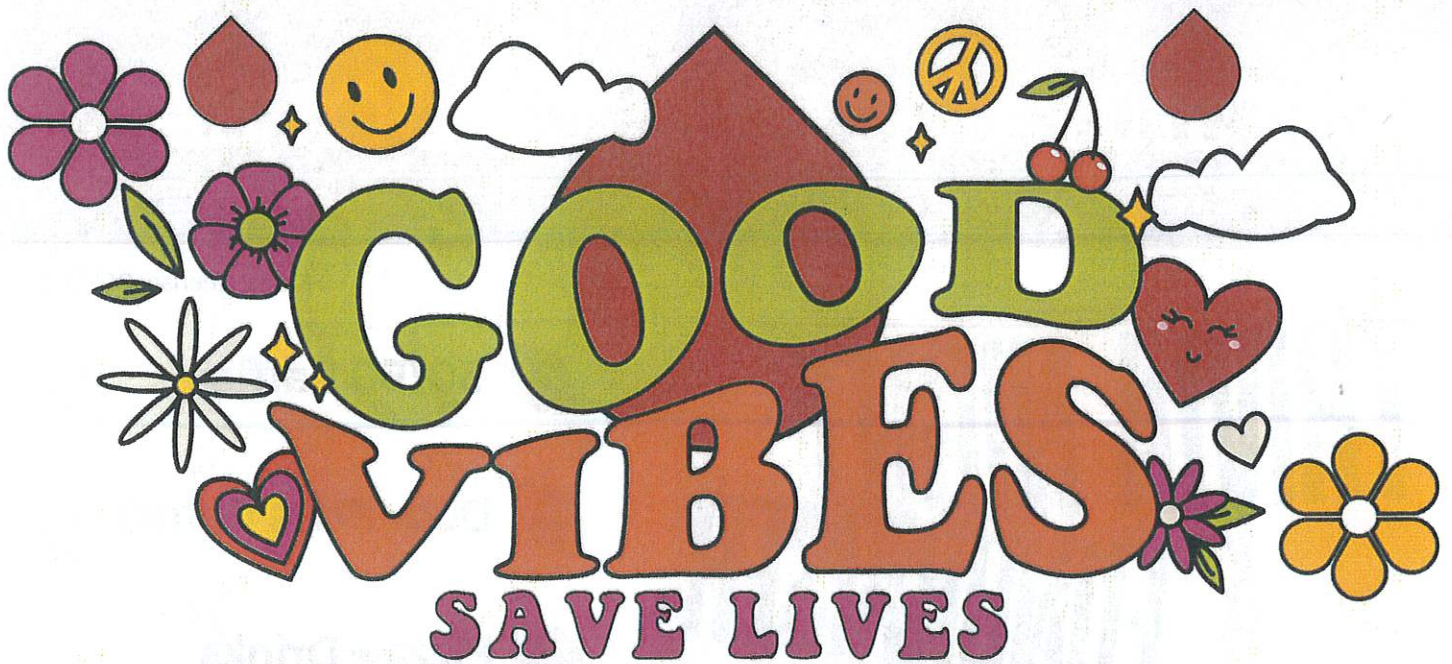
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**Sunday
March
16**

9:15AM - 12:45PM

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church Blood Drive

LOCATION

**3/16 @ 5333 E. Washington Street Indianapolis, IN
46219**

9:15am-12:45pm

Donate blood and get a Colts tshirt while supplies last!

Every blood donation is a life-saving act of kindness.

**By donating blood, you have the power to make a real
difference in the lives of others, providing hope when it's
needed most.**

**Join us for our upcoming blood drive and become a hero
in your community.**

**Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy
meal and drink plenty of
water before donating.**





Memorial Easter Lily Order Form 2025

Remember a loved one with an Easter Lily this year. These lilies will be used to decorate the church this Easter. A Memorial Publication will be included in the bulletin the weekend before Easter. Please return this form by Sunday, March 30.

Donor Name _____
(as you wish it to appear on the flyer)

Phone # _____

A donation of \$10 is requested for each plant.

In Memory of:

I want my donation of _____ to help defray the cost of decorating the church.

Please watch the Weekly Newsletter for your opportunity to sign-up online.