

March 23, 2025

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



*Merciful and gracious is the Lord,
Slow to anger and abounding in kindness.*

(Psalm 103:8)

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

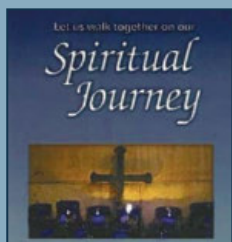
Please send your entries by **NOON** on **MONDAYS** to ensure your article will appear in that week's printing. If you have flyers to be inserted into the bulletin, please bring them to the parish office by 3 p.m. on Thursday.

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,

This weekend, the Third Sunday of Lent, we begin the three-week OCIA ritual known as "The Scrutinies." The new Order of Christian Initiation of Adults describes their purpose and meaning.

"The 'Scrutinies,' which are celebrated solemnly on [three] Sundays [in Lent], have the double purpose to reveal what is weak, sick and sinful in the hearts of the elect so that it can be healed; and what is honorable, strong and holy so that it can be strengthened.

"The purpose of the Scrutinies is mainly spiritual. For the Scrutinies are ordered toward liberation from sin and the Devil, and they give strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life of the elect.

"Moreover, the Scrutinies are set forth to purify minds and hearts, to fortify against temptations, to convert intention, and to awaken the will, so that the elect may cling more closely to Christ and pursue more vigorously their desire to love God." [#141]

Aidan Kavanagh, a monk of St. Meinrad Archabbey, once wrote of the Scrutinies:

"The scrutinies presume that an elected catechumen has reached a further maturity of personal conversion: They begin to make that conversion the public property of the community, as the catechumen approaches the sacraments of initiation at Easter. The church claims that conversion as its own and gives itself to the catechumen in return."

May we do as Aidan Kavanagh suggests: claim our elect and give ourselves in prayer for them these three weeks.

Shirley Alvarez
Marki Jared
Andrea Mottern
Matthew Rohlf
Holly Ware

Father Rick



Changes to VBS This Year!

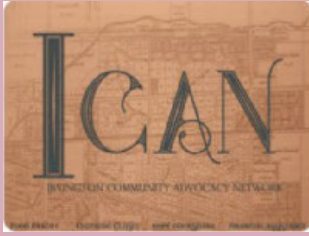
Vacation Bible School will be changing this summer. Since we will be sharing a pastor with Little Flower, we will be combining our VBS program with them, instead of Holy Spirit parish. The program will be held in the evenings (dates to be determined). If you are interested in helping provide fun and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



Times for Reconciliation at OLL:

Saturdays 4 to 4:30 p.m.
Sundays 9 to 9:30 a.m.

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!!

IAM Lenten Services

Soup Supper @ 6 pm with Worship @ 7 pm

DATE:	Church:	Speaker:
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:
GLC (6810 E 10th St)
DACC (111 S Downey Ave)

Knights of Columbus

Fatima Event Center is Located at 1040 North Post Road
Fatima Council's Dinner with the Knights will be on Monday, March 24, at 6:30 p.m., featuring Spaghetti and meatballs or meat sauce, breadsticks, salad and a 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.

Human Rights and The Right to Life

"The inviolability of the person which is a reflection of the absolute inviolability of God, finds its primary and fundamental expression in the *inviolability of human life*. Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights - for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture - is false and illusory if *the right to life*, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination." Pope John Paul II, *Christifideles Laici* (1988), no. 38

Our Next OCIA Meeting

Our OCIA usually meets on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in Bernadette Hall. This week we'll discuss the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Angels and Saints. 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.

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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



Teacher Feature: Alia Garcia

Middle schoolers line up outside the classroom door, single file, along the green marblod wall with expressions that reflect one of the following: anxiety, eager anticipation, the will to disappear into the wall, or some mix of several of these emotions. So begins each middle school Spanish class.

Mrs. Alía Garcia Martín, a native of Spain, greets each student with a question chosen to match the student's ability to answer in Spanish. One frequently asked question is, "¿Cuántos años tienes?" To which the adept student will answer, "Tengo doce años." This allows passage into the classroom.

Once the class is assembled, there is not a single dull moment until 45 minutes later when students exit. Señora Garcia's classroom is lively with animated Spanish conversation, singing, activities that require movement with vocabulary, tidbits about Latino cultures, and teasing encouragement of well-pronounced Spanish responses from students.

In her life away from school, Señora Garcia is a devoted wife to husband Diego Camacho and mother to two daughters. They love to travel back to Spain each year for summer. When school breaks allow, they road trip all over the USA to experience as much of our country as they can. We are blessed to have Alía Garcia among our staff, bringing joy and new cultural experiences to us all!

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 23, 2025

Sunday:	Ex 3:1-8a,13-15; Ps 103:1-4,6-8,11; 1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12; Lk 13:1-9
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Pss 42:2-3,43:3-4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Is 7:10-14,8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1,5-9; Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer: 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2,6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11b,14,17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4,18-21b; Lk 18:9-14

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays During Lent
7:00 PM in the Church



Mass Intentions

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
Tuesday, March 25.....	The Annunciation of the Lord
5:30 pm Rosary	
6:00 pm †Ross St. Lawrence	Req. by Thu St. Lawrence
Wednesday, March 26.....	Lenten Weekday
8:15 am †Denise Byers	Req. by Bill Bakemeyer
Thursday, March 27.....	Lenten Weekday
5:30 pm Rosary	
6:00 pm †Mike Bisesi	Req. by Richard & Penny Moss
Friday, March 28.....	Lenten Weekday
8:15 am Benefactors of OLL School	Req. by Chuck Eble
Saturday, March 29.....	4th Sunday of Lent / Laetare Sunday
5:00 pm †JJ & Andy O'Brien	Req. by Jan O'Brien
Sunday, March 30.....	4th Sunday of Lent / Laetare Sunday
10:00 am Pro Populo	

Ministry Schedule

Friday, March 28, 7 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Lector: Andrea Kurtz	
Sacristan: Bernice Berlage	Server: _____
Saturday, March 22, 5 p.m.	3rd Sunday of Lent
EMHC: Cathy Kervan (Host), Mary Ann Coffey (Host), Monica Collins (Cup), _____ (Cup), Jan O'Brien (Main Host)	
Hospitality Ministers: Joe Hammond (GE), _____ (GN), Dave Skirvin (GW), _____ (UN)	
Lector: Darryl Barthe (A), _____ (B)	
Sacristan: Paige Kervan	Servers: Mikie Biggs, Annabelle Bledsoe
Cantor: Michele Kite	
Sunday, March 23, 10 a.m.	3rd Sunday of Lent
EMHC: Andrew Warner (Host), Chris Houppert (Host), Chris Kolakovich (Cup), _____ (Cup), _____ (Cup), _____ (Cup), Mark Pittman (Main Host)	
Hospitality Ministers: Mike Guinan (HM Team Leader-UN), Vic Berlage (GE), Bob Eha (GN), Bob Davey (GW), Cale Thompson (Y)	
Lector: Sylvia Zimmerman (A), Kayla Richart (B)	
Sacristan: Bernice Berlage	
Cantor: Kate Miller	Servers: Amelia Horner, Gerard Horner
C.L.O.W. Emily Reuhs, Kate Certo	
Live Streamer: Larry Turner	
Small Linens	
Sacristan: Tammy Buennagel	
Friday, April 4, 7 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Lector: Sally Krause	
Sacristan: Tammy Buennagel	Server: _____



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 23

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

Monday, March 24

No Events Today

Tuesday, March 25

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

Wednesday, March 26

8:15 am	Mass	Chapel
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Thursday, March 27

5:30 pm	Rosary	Chapel
6:00 pm	Mass	Chapel
7:00 pm	Living the Gospel	BH-A

Friday, March 28

8:15 am	Mass + Stations (School)	Church
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	Church

Saturday, March 29

9:00 am	Oldenburg Franciscan Meeting	BH-A&B
4:00 pm	Reconciliation	Church
5:00 pm	Mass	Church

Sunday, March 30

8:00 am	SRE	School
9:00 am	Reconciliation	Church
10:00 am	Mass	Church

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!

IN GRATITUDE WE SHARE



March 16, 2025

Actual.....	\$	7,566.00
Online Giving		6,358.00
Budgeted.....		12,520.00
Difference +/-.....	\$	1,404.00

YTD Sunday & Holy Day

Actual.....	\$	459,454.00
Budgeted.....		463,240.00
Difference +/-.....	\$	(3,786.00)

Holy Days.....	\$	32.00
SVdP.....	\$	859.00
Criterion.....	\$	269.00
Black & Indian Missions.....	\$	152.00
Endowment.....	\$	24.00
Church in E. Europe.....	\$	12.00
Catholic Relief Services.....	\$	2.00
Church in Africa.....	\$	252.00



He said to the gardener, "For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none."

LUKE 13:7

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have, or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous; we are called to develop and nurture our gifts as **Stewards**; and return them with increase. We are called to be generous with all of gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.

Nutritious Meals Help Children Grow Healthy in Guatemala

In Santa Maria Chiquimula, Guatemala, over half the community is affected by malnutrition. Amid rising food process and job loss, Ana Belén and her husband were struggling to provide for their growing family. But they saw a ray of hope through their participation in a Catholic Relief Services' program that helps them ensure their children are healthy and have the nutrition they need to thrive and play.

Visit csricebowl.org/week-3 to read this week's story of hope.

Confirmation Is Coming Up - Help Is Needed!

Our Confirmation Candidates will receive the sacrament in one month! Archbishop Thompson will confer Confirmation upon them at the Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral on **Thursday, April 24**. We still need folks to help distribute the Eucharist, and to serve as ushers. Training will be provided by the folks at the Cathedral before the Mass. Please contact Matthew to help make this special night possible for our OLL teens!

NCYC: November 20-22

NCYC.us/about/ Find out what the NCYC - the National Catholic Youth Conference - is all about on this website. It is an incredible, fun, awareness-building, faith-building experience. OLL is building a group to attend the conference, and raise funds to bring down the cost. Let Matthew know that you want to be part of the trip!

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

Prayer Vine

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



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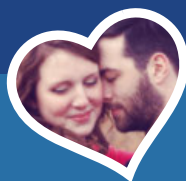
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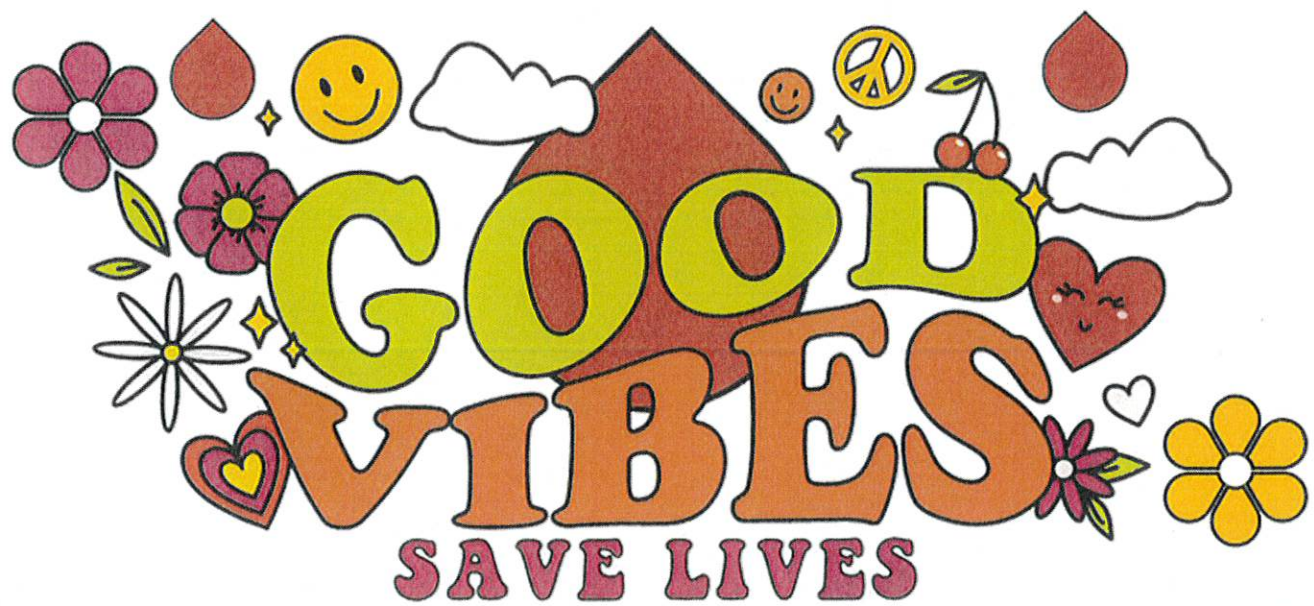
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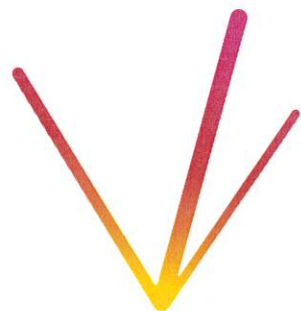
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**Thank you to the 18 people who gave blood
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on Sunday, March 16.**

**Potentially, 54 lives were saved
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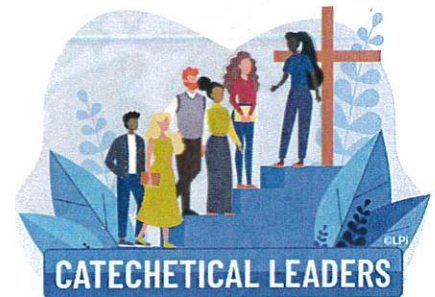
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Religious Education News

THE CHURCH EXISTS TO EVANGELIZE! So wrote Blessed Pope Paul IV. As a member of the Church and the Body of Christ it is your duty to help evangelize the world for Jesus. There are many ways you can contribute to the mission of the Church and our parish:

1) Become a catechist for Religious Education (RE) classes. We still need a couple of volunteers to have all our age groups covered!

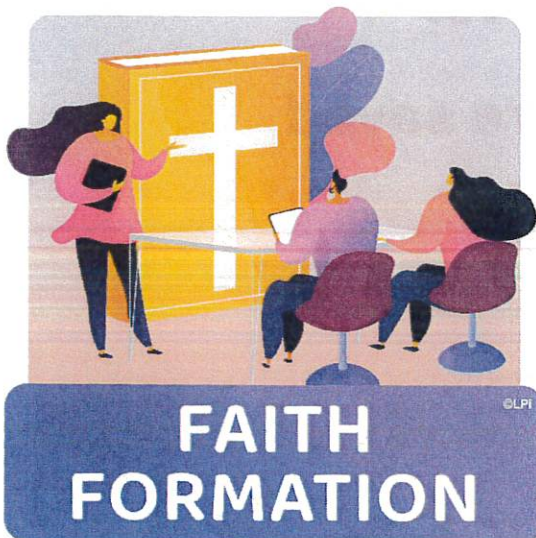
2) Share your experience of prayer with the RE students. For just a couple of minutes, tell them about your own prayer practices, why you like to pray in these ways, how you have grown closer to God and what have you received from your prayer life. Help them form their own routines of communication with the Lord. We will hear witnesses at 9:40 a.m., and then attend Mass.



3) Become a catechist with Children's Liturgy of the Word. Leading this part of the Mass for our younger parishioners helps them understand the Word of the Lord.

4) Help present topics of discussion or supervise at Confirmation meetings, or on the Confirmation retreat this November.

5) Help provide hospitality and community rapport with the OCIA participants, even share your understanding on topics of the faith with them. Sometimes we need a sponsor for someone coming to the faith!



Although we are still working through the spring Scripture study (Women in the New Testament), you may start planning for this year's summer reading. In keeping with the final period of the Eucharistic Revival we will read "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist, Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper." Dr. Brant Pitre of Notre Dame has written a great explanation of the meanings of the Eucharist from its Jewish origin. It is an engaging read, and not an academic tome. We will read the book through the summer and gather to discuss it in early August. Get your copy and get started when you can!

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I have a sweet tooth, and a morning routine which is built to support it! But during this Lenten season I am doing without these comforts. The money I save by not spending on my self-gratification I will give in alms – to CRS Rice Bowl! What might you be able to sacrifice for 40 days to give to help another? 25% of all donations stay in the diocese to help our brothers and sisters near to home as well.