

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

March 30, 2025

Laetare Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

(Psalm 34:9)

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

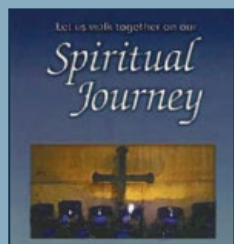
Please send your entries by **NOON** on **MONDAYS** to ensure your article will appear in that week's printing. If you have flyers to be inserted into the bulletin, please bring them to the parish office by 3 p.m. on Thursday.

THANK YOU!

parishsecretary@ollindy.org

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US

AT HOME OR IN CHURCH:
TUESDAYS/THURSDAYS
AT 5:30 P.M.



A Reflection on the Prodigal Son

THE APOLOGY

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

I like to imagine the Prodigal Son practicing his apology in the mirror.

He wouldn't have, of course. Mirrors weren't exactly a dime a dozen back then. But I imagine him anyway, rehearsing the words as he contemplates his own gaunt reflection: "Father, I have sinned against God and against you. Treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."

In other words, I have done wrong. I deserve nothing from you. But please, don't let me starve. Save me.

The apology wasn't necessary to move the heart of the father. We know that because before they meet, before anything is said, the father is overcome with compassion — not because he got his satisfaction, that long-awaited "I'm sorry, I was wrong." No, he's simply overjoyed to see his son alive. Even without apology, we know the father will beg his son to stay.

So why does the son apologize?

The father doesn't need the "I'm sorry." He isn't starving and lost. He knew all along it was a bad idea. He doesn't need to learn any lessons.

But what a tragedy it would have been, if the son had never said he was sorry. Undoubtedly, his father would have let him stay as a hired worker, and he would have had food to eat. He would have survived. But he wouldn't have been what he was born to be.

I often think of the son's apology as I am kneeling in the confessional, awkwardly reciting sins God already knows and is eager to forgive. *Why are you doing this?* some people would ask. *God doesn't need this.*

It's the apology, you see. The apology means everything. The Prodigal Son was dead. The apology brought him back to life.

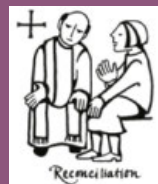
God doesn't need our repentance. ***We need our repentance.***

Remember to Donate to Our CRS Rice Bowl

Matthew Fallon was a volunteer in the US Peace Corps. — He served as a forestry volunteer in Senegal, West Africa. Through this experience he learned what real poverty and deprivation looks and feels like. It motivates him to set aside a little donation each week for Project Rice Bowl. Find out more about this Lenten almsgiving program at crsricebowl.org then give as generously as you can, thank you. And God bless you!

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, June 23-27. 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 Lenten Soup Supper and Worship Service at OLL - Wednesday, April 9

Our Lady of Lourdes will host the Irvington Community Lenten Soup Supper and Worship Service on Wednesday, April 9. The supper begins at 6 p.m. in Bernadette Hall and the Worship Service will begin at 7 p.m. in the church. To showcase our wonderful parish hospitality, we need 10-12 parishioners to fix a pot (preferably a crock pot) of soup to feed 10-12 adults. And we would also like to provide some simple dessert items - cookies, brownies, cupcakes or muffins - anything that can easily be picked up individually - we are trying to keep it simple! We are in need of 10-12 parishioners to contribute a dozen cookies or similar treats- preferably homemade but we're not choosy!

Many hands will be needed during the evening so, please consider offering an hour or so of your time to help serve and clean-up. A wonderful opportunity for families, neighbors, scout troops, etc.

If you can contribute to this Irvington Lenten tradition, please utilize the link to the sign up below or contact Tammy Buennagel/317.373.3454, Colleen Kenney/317.840.0906 or Sally Welch in the parish office/317-356-7291. Sign up online. **Irvington Community Lenten Soup Supper and Worship Service at OLL - Wednesday, April 9**

IAM Lenten Services

Soup Supper @ 6 pm with Worship @ 7 pm

DATE:	Church:	Speaker:
Apr. 2	Downey Avenue Christian Church (DACC)	Father Rick Ginther, OLL
Apr. 9	Our Lady of Lourdes (OLL)	Rev. Lee Welker, GLC

Location: DACC (111 S Downey Ave)

Knights of Columbus

Fatima Event Center is Located at 1040 North Post Road
Knights of Columbus Fatima Council No. 3228, will serve an All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast on Sunday, April 6, from 9 a.m. to Noon. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12, and children under 5 are free. - Our Council will be hosting a Euchre Tournament, which will be held on Friday April 4, at 6 p.m. To register and for more information, contact GK Tony Pappas at **317-281-5023**.

Our Next OCIA Meeting

Our OCIA meets on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in Bernadette Hall. This week we'll discuss the Creeds and Lord's Prayer. Everyone is welcome to sit in with the group - to welcome them to our parish and Church, or to get a little refresher! We are praying for the catechumens at Mass in the Scrutinies. Please pray for their readiness throughout the week, as well.

"The Annunciation reminds us that our Lord Jesus came to earth as a vulnerable child in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our Catholic faith calls us to value every mother and child in the name of Christ. Our faith compels us to be active, making the needs of others our own. Every parish has something unique that God is calling them to contribute to the Church's efforts to transform our society into a culture of life and civilization of love." - Bishop Daniel E. Thomas
Chair, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

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



When a teacher pops into the office and says, "Hey, I wondered what you would think about something that a couple of 8th graders asked me about doing," I try to do a good job of hiding my angst. Imagine the swell of happiness and relief when the next sentence was, "They would like to build in more opportunities for Adoration and Reconciliation."

Somebody is doing something right! More like, many somebodies have been doing lots of things right!

We have been working for two years on modifying our jr. high religion curriculum to encourage more intentional actions as inspired by the Gospels. Students have engaged in very meaningful discussion, as they apply the teachings of Jesus to what they see in the community around us. Their rootedness in doing good that has come from their homes is obvious. Fr. Rick and Mr. Asher were quick to organize a "teaching" Adoration. Fr. Rick explained the short songs and prayers used. We followed a vocations-themed service. Several students took advantage of the opportunity for Reconciliation during the Adoration time.

We will continue to work to provide more opportunities like this one throughout Lent and at all times during our school year.

Angie Therber

EASTER EGG HUNT 2025

CANDY:

Please consider making a candy donation for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We have 4000 eggs to fill. Any small, individually WRAPPED candy is acceptable. Also needed are items to be given away as "grand prizes." Donations may be left at the parish office. **Thank you!**



VOLUNTEERS:

We are in need of helpers to assist with the distribution of plastic eggs and registration on the morning of the Easter Egg Hunt, **Saturday, 4/11**. Call the parish office to volunteer **(317-356-7291)**.

Please watch this space for more info regarding the date to fill the eggs.

Socialaires

Socialaires will be gathering at Baan Thai Restaurant, 8705 Southeastern Ave, on Thursday, April 10, at 11:45. Please contact Diane Beasley, 317-527-7946 by Monday, April 7, so she can contact the restaurant. Thank you.

READINGS: WEEK OF MARCH 30, 2025

Sunday:	Jos 5:9a,10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3,11-32
Monday:	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2,4-6,11-12a,13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9,12; Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9,13c-14,17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex: 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a,12-22; Ps 34:17-21,23; Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3,9b-12; Jn 7:40-53

Mass Intentions

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

Tuesday, April 1.....Lenten Weekday
5:30 pm Rosary
6:00 pm †Jane Wagner Req. by Bill Bakemeyer

Wednesday, April 2...St. Francis of Paola, Hermit
8:15 am †Kathy McCoy Req. by McCoy Family

Thursday, April 3.....Lenten Weekday
5:30 pm Rosary
6:00 pm †Kate Cabell Req. by Barbara Logan

Friday, April 4.....St. Isidore, Bishop & Doctor
8:15 am †Kay Carol Hurley Req. by Ann Miller

Saturday, April 5.....5th Sunday of Lent
5:00 pm †Wilma Barnhart Req. by Patty Brown

Sunday, April 6.....5th Sunday of Lent
10:00 am Pro Populo

Ministry Schedule

Friday, April 4, 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Lector: Sally Krause

Sacristan: Tammy Buennagel Server: _____

Saturday, March 29, 5 p.m. 4th Sunday of Lent/Laetare Sunday

EMHC: Mary Ann Coffey (Host), Julie Ritzi (Host),
Monica Collins (Cup), Amy Petrone (Cup),
Sally Budreau (Main Host)

Hospitality Ministers: Don Flick (GE), Kay Campbell (GN), Lisa Flick (GW),
Jim Lynch (UN)

Lector: _____ (A), Paige Kervan (B)

Sacristan: Mary Morois Servers: Vincent Camper, Charlotte Fife

Cantor: Ann Skirvin

Sunday, March 30, 10 a.m. 4th Sunday of Lent/Laetare Sunday

EMHC Chris Kolakovich (Host), Amy Duke (Host),
Andrea Kurtz (Cup), Beverly Durham (Cup),
Fletcher Daly (Cup), Jill Daly (Cup),
Paula Schenkenfelder (Main Host)

Hospitality Ministers: Gilbert Durham (HM Team Leader-UN), Steve Wuertz (GE),
Megan Wuertz (GN), Tammy Buennagel (GW),
David Jackson (Y)

Lector: Theresa Brickens (A), Mark Caraher (B)

Sacristan: Glenn Kurtz

Cantor: Darin Richart Servers: Blayne Gilbreath, Luke McNulty

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

Live Streamer: Larry Turner Childcare: Jenny McNulty, Morgan Rohlf

Small Linens

Sacristan: Bernice Berlage

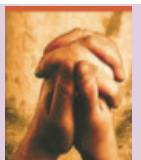
Friday, April 11, 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Lector: Larry Turner

Sacristan: Larry Turner Server: _____

Prayer Vine

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



Calendar of EVENTS

Sunday, March 30

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

Monday, March 31 - SCHOOL SPRING BREAK

No Events Today

Tuesday, April 1

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

Wednesday, April 2

8:15 am	Mass	Chapel
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Thursday, April 3

5:30 pm	Rosary	Chapel
6:00 pm	Mass	Chapel
6:30 pm	PPC Exec	Rectory

Friday, April 4

8:15 am	Mass	Church
9:00 am	ATS	BH-A
5:00 pm	Fish Fry	Cafeteria
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	Church

Saturday, April 5

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

Sunday, April 6

9:00 am	Reconciliation	Church
10:00 am	Mass	Church

Stewardship

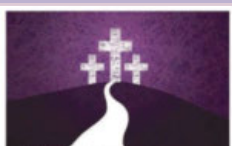
“No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.”

- JOSHUA 5:12

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land, the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide his **Stewards** with all that we need.

Protecting Crops from Natural Disasters in Bangladesh

Shahadat's village, and much of Bangladesh, is located on flat lowlands. The intense rainy season causes flooding that often destroys farms and crops. Find out how Shahadat learned new farming skills from a Catholic Relief Services program that enabled him to increase the yield of his vegetable crops despite the challenges of climate change. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-4 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 **2 more volunteers 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!

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IN GRATITUDE WE SHARE



March 23, 2025

The financial information for March 23, will appear in the April 6, bulletin. Thank you!

NCYC: November 20-22

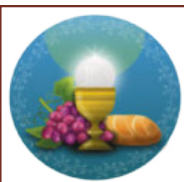
NCYC.us/about/ Find out what the NCYC - the National Catholic Youth Conference – is all about on this website. It is an incredible, fun, awareness-building, faith-building experience. OLL is building a group to attend the conference, and raise funds to bring down the cost. Let Matthew know that you want to be part of the trip! We will have a few fundraisers in the coming months to help make the trip more affordable. Parents: the teens who attend almost universally have a great weekend at this conference – I've even overheard one attendee say, "Thanks for making me go to this, Mom!"

Share Your Prayer Life!

We have only four more meetings of our Sunday Religious Education classes this spring! But we are still looking for four volunteers to share their prayer outlook and habits with our students. Please share how you pray with the Religious Education students, so they can start their own routines! Matthew Fallon at mfallon@ollindy.org, can put you on the 9:45 a.m. schedule to inform our students what rote prayers you use, and devotions you have, when you like to pray and where. Please take 2-3 minutes before Mass to help the kids make a prayerful connection with our God! Can you give them any greater gift?

Plan for the August start of Sunday Religious Education **NOW!** Find the registration form for our Religious Ed. classes on the parish website and sign up this spring. Children from kindergarten through seventh grade are welcomed. Early registration will let us know how many children to prepare for, and to purchase materials. We anticipate a change to a later morning meeting time. More info to come.

COMMUNION CALLS



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

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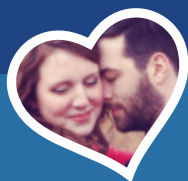
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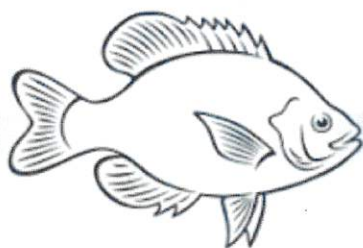
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LENTEN FISH FRY

March 28 & April 4

5:00pm to 7:00pm

Volunteer Help welcome from 4:00pm to 8:00pm





FRIDAY, APRIL 11TH, 2025 at 7:00pm GIBAULT BOYS' BASKETBALL PLAYS RESOURCE AT MARIAN UNIVERSITY!

Presented by Knights of Columbus Council 12387.

Gibault is a children's services organization started by the Indiana Knights of Columbus in 1921. They serve children with conditions and needs ranging from bipolar disorder to autism.

Resource is the leading psychiatric residential treatment center in Indianapolis.

The game is an opportunity for the children of these facilities to participate in a really fun event, along with helping raise critical funds for these high-impact organizations.



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