

April 27, 2025



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER
(SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

“Blessed are those who have not seen
and have believed.” - Jn 20:29

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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.

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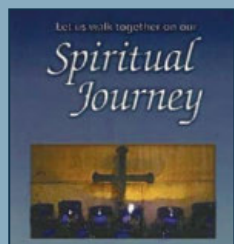
Please send your entries by **NOON** on **MONDAYS** to ensure your article will appear in that week's printing. If you have flyers to be inserted into the bulletin, please bring them to the parish office by 3 p.m. on Thursday.

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,

I am sure that the death of Pope Francis has been on all our minds. This passing has been for me a constant companion this week. It has infused daily activities, prayer, and relationships.

By the time you read this, Pope Francis' body will have been interred at St. Mary Major Basilica in Rome.

Commentators, numerous articles, and social media have weighed in this week, speaking of Pope Francis "legacy."

At the Spring Business Meeting this past Tuesday, Archbishop Thompson noted his response to the question at the press conference. I paraphrase: "Many want to remark upon the Pope's legacy. But the reality is, the focus is the Church's legacy."

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. The Church's legacy in Francis' pontificate could best be summed up: Mercy.

In two volumes, one a reflection on the nature of the Church (The Church of Mercy, 2014), the other a transcript of an interview of Pope Francis soon after he declared an extraordinary Holy Year of mercy (2016), he made clear his vision for the Church.

But his vision was rooted in his predecessors – and Jesus Christ. In the second volume, he quoted several of his most recent predecessors. The following are those quotes.

When John XXIII solemnly opened the Second Vatican Council, he said, "The Bride of Christ prefers to use the medicine of mercy rather than arm herself with the weapons of rigor." In his meditation "Thoughts on Death," the blessed Paul VI revealed the essence of his spiritual life in the synthesis proposed by Saint Augustine: poverty and mercy. "My poverty - Pope Montini wrote - the mercy of God. That I may at least honor who you are, God of infinite bounty, invoking, accepting, and celebrating your sweet mercy."

Saint John Paul II took the notion further with his encyclical *Dives in Misericordia*, in which he affirmed that the Church lives an authentic life when it professes and proclaims mercy, the most amazing attribute of the Creator and Redemptor, and when it leads humanity to the font of mercy. In addition, he instituted the festivity of Holy Mercy, endorsed the figure of Saint Faustina Kowalska, and focused on Jesus' words on mercy.

Pope Benedict XVI also spoke of this in his teachings: "Mercy is in reality the core of the Gospel message; it is the name of God himself, the face with which he revealed himself in the Old Testament and fully in Jesus Christ, incarnation of Creative and Redemptive Love. This love of mercy also illuminates the face of the Church, and is manifested through the Sacraments, in particular that of the Reconciliation, as well as in works of charity, both of community and individuals. Everything that the Church says and does shows that God has mercy for man."

Father Rick

Strawberry Festival: Assistance Needed

ICAN – Irvington Community Advocacy Network – has a one-time volunteer opportunity. Christ Church Cathedral on Monument Circle sponsors a Strawberry Festival each year in June. This year, the actual festival is June 12. Preparation efforts for "baking the cakes" take place May 4 through 8. - ICAN is connected to this event as a recipient of a grant to assist in our caring for the hungry and poor of our area. We are asked to provide 3 volunteers for a four-hour shift the day of or the preparation days. Currently, we have two volunteers. We need to find at least one more to qualify for the grant. But if we go over the 3 minimum, that would be great!



Contact Father Rick who will point you in the right direction!

frrick@ollindy.org

Stuff A Truck With Good Stuff For Good Purpose

St. Vincent de Paul is in dire need of material donations – clothing, household goods, linens, furniture, etc. We also need bicycles, helmets, locks and backpacks for our unsheltered neighbors. Now's the time to clean out your closets, cupboards, and garages!

St. Vincent de Paul will have our truck at the following location ready to receive your donations:



May 10 – St. Gabriel Church – 6000 W. 34th Street

The SVdP truck will be parked in the parish parking lot from 9-11 a.m. Simply drive up, unload your donations and place them by the truck. After you leave, our staff will load the donations into the truck. Please put your clothing and other soft goods donations into plastic trash bags and household items in boxes. Please keep in mind that we are seeking basic household items that are in good enough condition to give to people without resources to purchase them. Torn, broken or dirty items, although offered to SVdP in good faith and good intent will be declined.

This is a win-win for everyone ... you eliminate all the excess gently used goods in your home and we can replenish our supply for our neighbors in need. Click here for a list of items we do not take <http://www.svdindy.org/i-want-to-help/#goods> Thank you for **Helping Us – Help Others**. Questions? Chris Sutton csutton@svdindy.org

Easter Celebrates Life

"Easter celebrates the victory of life. Christians do not come to Church on Easter simply to congratulate Jesus for rising from the dead. They come in order to touch their own victory over death. In rising, Christ destroyed not only His own death, but ours! He overturned the entire kingdom of death. Death has no more power over Him; nor does it have ultimate power over those who live in Him. - The influence of the Church on the world, therefore, is the influence of a community which already participates in victory over death. That influence moves the structures and choices of society away from death and destruction, and toward the affirmation, in word and deed, of the precious gift of life. It would be a profound distortion of the meaning of Easter if we separate, in thought or deed, our faith in the Resurrection from our efforts to secure justice and respect for every life. - The Church that celebrates Easter also lives Easter. But as St. Augustine once said, we sing "Alleluia," but as we sing we must "keep going" on the arduous journey that is ours."

www.catholic.org

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!

Knights of Columbus

Fatima Event Center is Located at 1040 North Post Road

Fatima Council's Dinner with the Knights will be on Monday, April 28, at 6:30 p.m. featuring a Tex-Mex Meal consisting of a baked tamales casserole, chips with salsa 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!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Emilia Atkinson, Harold Barthe', Darryl Barthe' Jr., 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 Pavey, 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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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



By the time this newsletter is seen by most, we will have culminated our school's Holy Week activities. Good Friday Living Stations of the Cross was a 9 a.m. service with all 213 students participating in different ways. Preschoolers processed up the aisle waving their palms and shouting "Hosanna" to triumphantly welcome Jesus into Jerusalem. Then the tone became more and more somber as each Station was reenacted by children ranging from kindergarten to eighth grade. The last hours of Jesus' life are certainly motivation to break from the secular pinging, buzzing and cacophony our world has become. Yet witnessing this Sacrifice live, dramatized by typically lighthearted, carefree children emphasizes the sorrowful hours even more. We are proud that our students understand the importance of the Sacrifice and could do their best to convey it. Our return to school this week is full of the joy Easter brings!

Angie Therber



Little Flower Blood Drive

SAVE THE DATE: Our semi-annual **Blood Drive** will be **Wednesday, May 14, 3 – 7 p.m.** This year the bloodmobile will be in the circular drive in front of Church. In order for this drive to be a success, we need at least 15 donations. For the past several years, we have not met our goal for the number of people donating blood. It would be great if we met our goal this year and to do this, your help is needed. As always there is a great need for blood donors.

Donors will receive a free tee shirt!! Please prayerfully consider giving the gift of life and helping us reach our goal.

REMEMBER: When you give blood you give someone another chance to ride a bike, go out to eat, play with their child, attend church, and to live!! Schedule your donation at:

<https://donate.indiana.versiti.org/donor/schedules/zip>

Please contact Peggy Clegg at pclegg@littleflowerparish.org or 317-357-8352 if you have any questions.

Our Lady of Lourdes has received a lovely thank you note from Jenny McNulty, of Birthline Ministries. We thank you for your generous donations to the Birthline Baby Shower in February. The Birthline bassinette, located on the west side of the main vestibule, is checked weekly.



Calling the Confirmation Class of 2026!

An informational meeting will be held for candidates and parents on May 13, at 7:30 p.m. in Bernadette Hall. Come and find out about our OLL preparation process and how you can get started this summer, to take some of the schedule stress out of your school year.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 26.....2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy

5:00 pm †Dec. Members of the Hartl Family

Req. by Hartl & Litchfield Family

Sunday, April 27.....2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy

10:00 am Pro Populo

Tuesday, April 29.....St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor

5:30 pm Rosary

6:00 pm †Mary Ann Heneghan Bennett

Req. by Fred Bennett

Wednesday, April 30.....St. Pius V, Pope

8:15 am †Mike Bisesi

Req. by Richard & Penny Moss

Thursday, May 1.....St. Joseph the Worker

5:30 pm Rosary

6:00 pm †Paula Bittelmeyer

Req. by Bob Bittelmeyer

Friday, May 2.....St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor

8:15 am †Mary Hammond

Req. by Lori Malander

Saturday, May 3.....3rd Sunday of Easter

5:00 pm †Tiffini Kord

Req. by Ed & Paula Roessler

Sunday, May 4.....3rd Sunday of Easter

10:00 am Pro Populo

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 3, 5 p.m.

3rd Sunday of Easter

EMHC: Monica Collins (Host), _____ (Host), Nick Petrone (Cup), _____ (Cup), Sally Budreau (Main Host)

Hospitality

Ministers: _____ (GE), Joe Hammond (GN), Dave Skirvin (GW), Don Flick

Lector:

Kayla Richart (A), Sally Krause (B),

Sacristan:

Mary Moroio

Servers:

Peter Kavanaugh, Yeshua Saldana

Cantor:

Linda Caraher

Sunday, May 4, 10 a.m.

3rd Sunday of Easter

EMHC: Matthew Fallon (Host), Amy Duke (Host), Kirk Forster (Cup), Sue Wilson (Cup), Beverly Durham (Cup), Fletcher Daly (Cup), Lilly Forster (Main Host)

Hospitality

Ministers: John Lockhart (GE), Tammy Buennagel (GN), Mike Guinan (GW), Vic Berlage (UN), _____ (Y)

Lector:

Ben Kompar (A), Mark Caraher (B)

Sacristan:

Bernice Berlage

Servers:

Alex Reuhs, Daniel Reuhs

Choir:

Folk Choir

C.L.O.W.

Emily Reuhs, _____

Mass Childcare Jillian Okray, Morgan Rohlf

Small

Linens

Bernice Berlage

READINGS: WEEK OF APRIL 27, 2025

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24;

Rv 1:9-11a,12-13,17-19; Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2,5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2,9,17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1,4,13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Calendar of EVENTS

Saturday, April 26

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

Sunday, April 27

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

Monday, April 28 - ILEARN

No Events Today

Tuesday, April 29 - ILEARN

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

Wednesday, April 30 - ILEARN

8:15 am Mass Chapel

Thursday, May 1 - ILEARN

5:30 pm Rosary Chapel
6:00 pm Mass Chapel
7:30 pm Scripture Study BH-AorB

Friday, May 2 - ILEARN

8:15 am Mass - May Crowning Church
Noon School Dismissal
6:00 pm 4th Grade Scouts BH-A

Saturday, May 3

4:00 pm Reconciliation Church
5:00 pm Mass - Saint Meinrad Visit Church

Sunday, May 4

8:00 am SRE School
10:00 am Mass - Saint Meinrad Visit Church

Stewardship

*Jesus said to them again,
"Peace be with you."*

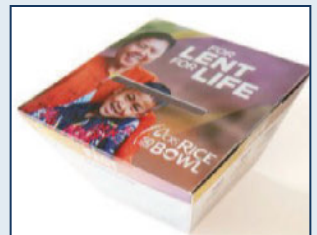
As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

(JOHN 20:21)

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends his **Stewards**. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our "enemies." Think of someone in your life with whom you need to reconcile. Call them right now or better yet, go visit them.

Thank You!

Together we changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl. Thank you for being a part of this effort! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at the Parish Office by May 4.



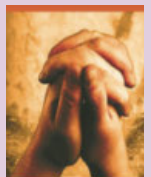
Or donate online at: crsricebowl.org/donate

Now Is Time to Register for SRE

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 welcome. Early registration will let us know how many children to prepare for, and materials to purchase. We anticipate a change to a later morning meeting time... more info to come.

Prayer Vine

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



IN GRATITUDE WE SHARE



April 13, 2025

Actual.....	\$	5,917.00
Online Giving		4,368.00
Budgeted.....		<u>12,520.00</u>
Difference +/-.....	\$	(2,235.00)

YTD Sunday & Holy Day

Actual.....	\$	502,837.00
Budgeted.....		<u>513,320.00</u>
Difference +/-.....	\$	(10,483.00)

SVdP.....	\$	210.00
Criterion.....	\$	44.00
Donations.....	\$	2,016.00
Endowment.....	\$	149.00
Church in E. Europe.....	\$	10.00
Memorial Contributions.....	\$	15.00
Rice Bowl.....	\$	100.00



April 20, 2025

Actual.....	\$	11,361.00
Online Giving		5,431.00
Budgeted.....		<u>12,520.00</u>
Difference +/-.....	\$	4,272.00

YTD Sunday & Holy Day

Actual.....	\$	519,629.00
Budgeted.....		<u>525,840.00</u>
Difference +/-.....	\$	(6,211.00)

SVdP.....	\$	222.00
Endowment.....	\$	422.00
Church in E. Europe.....	\$	10.00
Catholic Home Missions.....	\$	12.00
Rice Bowl.....	\$	140.20



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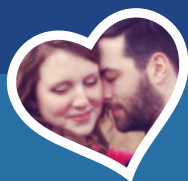
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For many years, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis has benefited from the ministry of those formed at Saint Meinrad Archabbey, Seminary and School of Theology. On the weekend of May 3-4, our parish will learn more about their important work from Fr. Guerric DeBona, OSB, a monk of Saint Meinrad.

In our archdiocese, 112 active and retired priests, 68 permanent deacons, and 541 lay ministers attended Saint Meinrad. In addition, countless high school students were formed in faith and prepared for liturgical ministry through Saint Meinrad's "One Bread, One Cup" program.

After the weekend of May 3-4, Archabbot Kurt Stasiak, OSB, will send a letter asking for your financial support to continue their efforts. Please consider partnering in their work. As always, please continue to pray for more vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate, vowed religious life, and lay ministry.

Scan the QR code to learn more about Saint Meinrad.

To submit prayer requests, visit www.saintmeinrad.edu/prayer.



Facts About Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology 2024-25

2024-25

Archdiocese of Indianapolis

Saint Meinrad's commitment to priestly formation began in 1857. Over the intervening years, more than 4,000 alumni have become priests. Currently, more than 1,500 Saint Meinrad alumni serve the Church as priests throughout the world.

In addition, nearly 7,000 lay alumni are serving the Church and society in many different vocations. Men and women in lay ministry, both professional and volunteer, have benefited from receiving a quality education at Saint Meinrad.

Saint Meinrad has served the needs of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis for many years. There are 112 active and retired priests of the diocese (including Archbishop Thompson), 68 permanent deacons, 11 religious, and 541 lay people who are alumni of Saint Meinrad.

Saint Meinrad began the 2024-25 school year with an enrollment of 116 seminarians representing 22 dioceses and 6 religious communities. The Archdiocese of Indianapolis currently has 12 seminarians studying at Saint Meinrad.

The Seminary and School of Theology offers several programs to meet the ministerial needs of the Church. Men preparing for the priesthood pursue the Master of Divinity degree and Master of Arts (Catholic Philosophical Studies). Ongoing formation for priests is offered through the Institute of Priests and Presbyterates.

Men and women who are seeking to serve the Church as lay ministers study for the Master of Arts (Theology). Saint Meinrad also provides a Permanent Deacon Formation Program to 12 dioceses and offers year-round retreats for those looking for spiritual nourishment.

Each summer, hundreds of high school youth, college interns, and adult ministers participate in the "One Bread, One Cup" conferences. They learn more about their Catholic faith and develop skills they can use when they return to their home parishes.

Today the monastic community of about 70 priests and brothers serves the Catholic Church in a variety of ways. Besides their work in the Seminary and School of Theology, monks are serving as chaplains, as faculty at other institutions, and at parishes in several dioceses.

Located in southern Indiana, a mile south of I-64 between exits 72 and 63, Saint Meinrad is less than three hours from Indianapolis. Visitors are always welcome at Saint Meinrad Archabbey.