

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

May 18, 2025



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus said,] "My children, I will be with you only a little while longer.
I give you a new commandment: love one another.

Jn 13:33a, 34a

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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

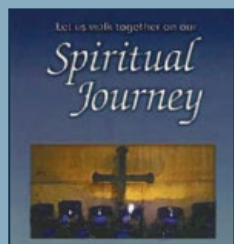
Please send your entries by **NOON** on **MONDAYS** to ensure your article will appear in that week's printing. If you have flyers to be inserted into the bulletin, please bring them to the parish office by 3 p.m. on Thursday.

THANK YOU!

parishsecretary@ollindy.org

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US

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



Pastor's Corner

My dear brothers and sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish,

It is characteristic of the first weeks of a new pontificate for the Church to read and listen intently to the first homilies, exhortations and words of the new Pope. This past week is a good example.

Pope Leo XIV has clearly stated much of what his pontificate will encompass: peace, care for the poor, the immigrant, the marginalized, and unity of Church and humanity. He was clearly laying out the “mission” of the Church in our time.

He also spoke directly to how words should not be weaponized. In an address to the journalists who had just finished the marathon of Holy Week, Pope Francis' death, and the days which followed up to the conclave and his election, Pope Leo made it abundantly clear that how we use words – not only in reporting, but in any form of discourse – are to honor the dignity of the other, the truth unembellished or skewed, and the promotion of dialogue.

I hope that you have read, or will read his words (cf. Friday's Newsletter, 5/16). I hope that we will take those words to heart as we examine how we speak of and to another. I hope that we will then hold leadership to the standards that Pope Leo has laid out.

These standards are rooted in the Gospel. They are not an option. They are our norm.

Father Rick



POPE LEO LEAVES THE SISTINE CHAPEL, FOLLOWING MASS

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

**Sarah Mundell
&
Cody Spencer
May 31, 2025**



“Ordinary Women” to Meet May 19

The Ordinary Women book group will meet in Bernadette Hall, **Room A** at **7 p.m. on Monday, May 19**. Please join us! All women of the parish are welcome. Please call Pat: **317-395-8186** for more info.

Knights of Columbus Charity Golf Outing: July 28

Indiana State Council will be holding a Charity Golf Tournament on Monday, July 28, at Hillcrest Country Club located at 6098 Fall Creek Road in Indianapolis. Proceeds to the Women's Care Center at 4901 W. 86th St. in Indianapolis. Registration and sponsorships have already begun in February 2025. Registration on July 28, at 10 a.m.; Mass at 11 a.m.; Lunch at 11:30 a.m.; Golf at 12:30 p.m. and Awards /Social at 5 p.m. Please contact Larry if you have any questions at **317-234-4892** or register at indianakofc.org

Summer Adult Scripture Study

Get your copy of “Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist” by Brant Pitre (online or at bookstores), enjoy the reading, and join us to discuss the book on the evening on **June 20, at 6:30 p.m.** Let Matthew know you will be attending the discussion by signing up on the parish website.

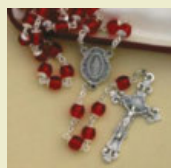
NCYC: November 20-22

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

Christian Moral Principals - Where to Look

“Without a foundational, practical formation, it is difficult for our consciences to guide us well in concrete situations. As Catholics, we have the immense gift of the teaching authority of the Catholic Church and can turn to it for help forming our consciences. For example, learning about Christian moral principles, reading the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, or researching what the Church says about a challenging teaching will help us grow in knowledge of the truth.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Understanding Conscience”



May is the month of the Rosary.

Pray the Rosary!

You may use this QR code to find out how!



Irvington Garden Club

May 19, 6:30 p.m.

Monthly Meeting: Plant Exchange at Irving Circle on South Audubon



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, 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, Larry & 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



Last week I shared examples of the great things our teachers are doing in the classroom to engage students in the learning of important academic skills. Therefore, it is notable that right after, it was National Teacher Appreciation Week.

Though Our Lady of Lourdes School is a fantastic place to pursue a career in education, working here involves some sacrifice. I am very appreciative of our teaching staff who remain dedicated to our school mission and vision, and as I have said often, they are the single most influential factor in our students' learning and growth. Following are examples of the ways our staff has been shown appreciation in the past week.

Monday: bagels, fruit, and coffee breakfast
 Tuesday: notes and handmade cards from children, parish council Chik-Fil-A lunch
 Wednesday: popcorn bar, morning greeting and donuts from OLL alums who are current Seccina students
 Thursday: treats from teachers' favorite things list
 Friday: VIP luncheon catered by The Med

Our teachers and staff are especially feeling the love and appreciation this week thanks to all of you. I appreciate you for helping me give them the support they deserve!

Angie Therber

Congratulations to Our Graduates!



Vacation Bible School is Coming!!

VBS will meet at Little Flower Parish the week of June 23-28, from 6:30–8:30 p.m. Kindergarten through 4th grade students welcomed. Watch for our sign up link here and around the church entrances. We will need teen volunteers to help with daily skits and other activities. This activity will count for your high school service requirement!

Please continue to support Birthline Ministries.

The Birthline bassinette, located on the west side of the main vestibule, is checked weekly.



Calling the Confirmation Class of 2026!

If you missed the informational meeting held for candidates and parents on May 13, please contact Matthew Fallon at mfallon@ollindy.org

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 17.....5th Sunday of Easter
 5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday, May 18.....5th Sunday of Easter
 10:00 am †Harold & Ruth Steinbuch
 Req. by The Steinbuch & Dowell Families

Tuesday, May 20.....St. Bernadine of Siena
 5:30 pm Rosary
 6:00 pm †Wilma Barnhart Req. by Priscilla Campbell

Wed., May 21.....St. Christopher Magallanes & Comps., Martyrs
 8:15 am †Diane Eble Req. by Richard & Penny Moss

Thursday, May 22.....St. Rita of Cascia
 5:30 pm Rosary
 6:00 pm †Mary Ann Heneghan Bennett Req. by Fred Bennett

Friday, May 23.....Easter Weekday
 8:15 am †Diane Eble Req. by Bill Bakemeyer

Saturday, May 24.....6th Sunday of Easter
 5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday, May 25.....6th Sunday of Easter
 10:00 am †Paula Bittelmeyer Req. by Bob Bittelmeyer

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 24, 5 p.m. 6th Sunday of Easter

EMHC: _____ (Host), _____ (Host),
 Sally Krause (Cup), Julie Ritzi (Cup),
 Cathy Kervan (Main Host)

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

Lector: Sylvia Zimmerman (A), Darryl Barthe (B),

Sacristan: Paige Kervan

Servers: Annabelle Bledsoe, Valeria Huerta

Cantor: Ann Skirvin

Sunday, May 25, 10 a.m. 6th Sunday of Easter

EMHC: Andrew Warner (Host), Amy Duke (Host),
 Luke Mervilde (Cup), _____ (Cup),
 Paula Schenkenfelder (Cup), Jill Daly (Cup),
 H. Chris Houppert (Main Host)

Hospitality Ministers: John Lockhart (GE), David Jackson (GN),
 Tammy Buennagel (GW), Tim McDonnell (UN), _____ (Y)

Lector: Ben Kompar (A), Joe Therber (B)

Sacristan: Glenn Kurtz

Servers: David Mervilde, Joseph Mervilde

Cantor: Darin Richart

Live Streamer: John Kassell

Small Linens Penny Moss

READINGS: WEEK OF MAY 18, 2025

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 14:7-14

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4,15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab,21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3,10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3,5; Jn 15:18-21

Calendar of EVENTS

Sunday, May 18

8:00 am	SRE	School
10:00 am	Mass	Church
11:30 am	Parish Council	BH-C
11:30 am	School Commission	School

Monday, May 19

3:15 pm	Small Group Meeting	BH-A
7:00 pm	Ordinary Women	BH-A
7:30 pm	Parental Prep Meeting	BH-B

Tuesday, May 20

6:00 pm	Mass 8th Grade Graduation	Church
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Wednesday, May 21

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

Thursday, May 22

5:30 pm	Rosary	Chapel
6:00 pm	Mass	Chapel

Friday, May 23 - Noon Dismissal—No Extended Care

8:15 am	Mass (School + Visionary Awards)	Church
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Saturday, May 24

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

Sunday, May 25

10:00 am	Mass	Church
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Stewardship

***"I give you a new commandment: love one another.
As I have loved you,
so you also should love one another."***

(JOHN 13:34)

"As I have loved you," this is the hard part for **Stewards**. Jesus's love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to "love my neighbor" when they may be someone you dislike, someone you don't know, or someone that looks different from you.

Submit Your Articles for the *Lourdes Word*

The theme for the upcoming edition of the *Lourdes Word* is: "Good-bye Father Rick, Thanks for the Memories." All parishioners are invited to submit articles for publication. Due to space constraints, please limit your writing to no more than 525 words. Please submit your composition to Mark Hudson via email at markchudson@gmail.com by May 21.



Prayer Vine

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



COMMUNION CALLS



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

IN GRATITUDE WE SHARE



May 11, 2025

Actual.....	\$	8,356.00
Online Giving		4,640.00
Budgeted.....		<u>12,520.00</u>
Difference +/-.....	\$	476.00

YTD Sunday & Holy Day

Actual.....	\$	561,393.00
Budgeted.....		<u>563,400.00</u>
Difference +/-.....	\$	(2,007.00)

SVdP.....	\$	263.00
Criterion.....	\$	22.00
Donations.....	\$	1,494.89
Endowment.....	\$	140.00
Catholic Communications.....	\$	242.00
Memorial Contributions.....	\$	5.00
Rice Bowl.....		93.76



Scan this QR code to sign up for OLL online giving or to make changes to your current online giving account.



Now Is the 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. Register by July 18, for the normal Religious Education fee; registrations after this date will have another \$10 added.



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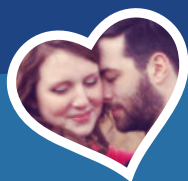
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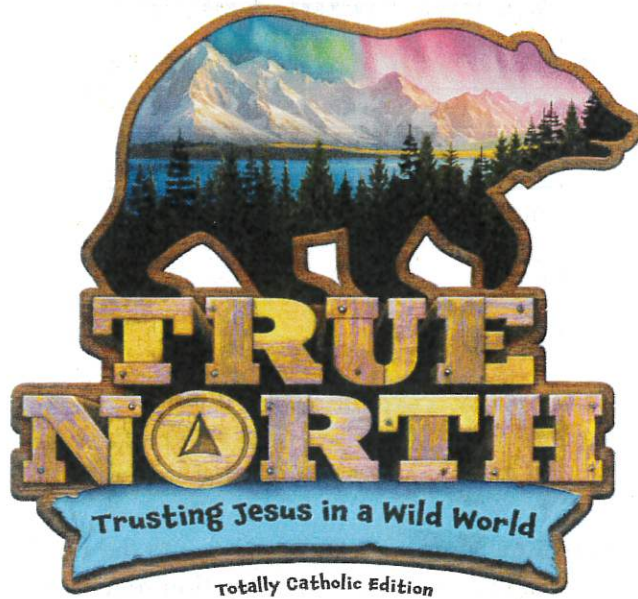


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SIGN UP NOW! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 23 – 27, 2025

6:00 p.m. Registration on Monday – 8:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Tuesday - Friday

- Open to children entering pre-4 to 4th grade this fall.
- Sign up now so we know how many to plan for!!!
- Check-In will begin at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 24 in the school cafeteria.
- Cost \$15 per child, or \$40 for a family of three or more. Payment will be collected on the first night.
- New this year! Little Flower Parish is joining Our Lady of Lourdes! Little Flower will host this year.
- Youth & Adult Volunteers are needed. Please contact Matthew Fallon.
- Family Ice Cream Social on **Friday, June 27 at 8:00 p.m.** in the Little Flower school cafeteria.
- Financial aid is available. Please contact Matthew if you need help. We want all children to be able to participate.

• **New friends** • **Crafty crafts** • **Super-fun games** • **Yummy snacks**
• **Surprising adventures** • **Incredible music** • **God Sightings** • **Meeting Saints** • **Bible Memory Buddies**

Call the Parish Office at 317-356-7291 or email Matthew Fallon at mfallon@ollindy.org to sign up or if you have questions.



We Need Your Help! Volunteer for the Our Lady of Lourdes Fall Festival Silent Auction!

Get ready to make a big impact at this year's Fall Festival by joining our vibrant Silent Auction Team! We're on the hunt for enthusiastic volunteers to step up as Silent Auction Co-Chairs and Committee Members. This is your chance to shine, connect with our community, and help make our biggest fundraiser a huge success!

Open Roles:

- **Silent Auction Co-Chairs (2):** Take the lead, rally the team, and spearhead donation efforts. You'll get hands-on training with our WEDO Auctions software, guided by our Parish Business Manager, to ensure a seamless and exciting event.
- **Silent Auction Committee Members (3-4):** Dive into the fun by gathering donations, crafting stunning gift baskets, and preparing donation request letters. Support the chairs to make the auction unforgettable.

Why Volunteer?

The Silent Auction is a cornerstone of our Fall Festival, raising critical funds for parish programs, facilities, and activities. Your efforts will directly fuel our mission while creating a memorable experience for all. Plus, it's a fantastic way to meet new friends, showcase your creativity, and enjoy the festival's lively spirit!

Ready to make a difference? Contact **Eileen Barada, Business Manager**, to sign up or learn more:

- Phone: 317.356.7291
- Email: businessmanager@ollindy.org

Don't miss this opportunity to be part of something special. Let's make this year's Silent Auction the best yet!

