

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

May 8, 2022



4th Sunday of Easter

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.
I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish."

- John 10:27-28a

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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**.

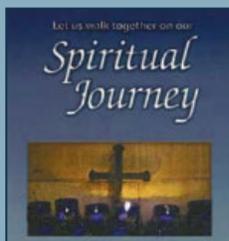
NEW PARISHIONERS

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.

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US

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



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

Pastor's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish:

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is "Good Shepherd Sunday" in our liturgical calendar. It gets the name from Chapter 10 of the Gospel of John, portions of which are the gospel reading for Cycles A, B and C.

This year's particular passage is the shortest, a mere 4 verses. But they are packed with meaning! "My sheep hear my voice... they follow me... I give them eternal life... No one can take them out of my hand."

Once again the gospel writer known for long discourses and high theology uses the most intimate of images to describe the Lord's relationship to his own! I marvel that such a learned crafter of language and thought can be so expressive of human images.

"No one can take them out of my hand." A firm grasp, for sure. A possessiveness shot through with faithful love. A human friend speaking for God, whom he calls Father. With whom he is one. Thus, the Father himself through the Son holds the sheep, the beloved!

Brothers and sisters, it is ours to listen, ours to follow. We need not concern ourselves with the faithfulness of the one who shepherds. We only need fulfill the part we have been given in this eternal relationship. We are so graced, so blessed.



Father Rick

Announcing the OLL Summer Reading Series

This will be the summer of C.S. Lewis! We will read *The Screwtape Letters* first, and gather to discuss the book on July 8 and enjoy some food together. Next will be *The Great Divorce*, about which we will share our impressions and a meal (maybe meet in a restaurant?) on August 26. Please register on the parish website, or find a form on the bulletin board in the chapel entrance, for one or both books so that we can keep in touch with you about meeting plans and to share discussion questions. Sign up at:

<https://form.jotform.com/221163621021034>

Vacation Bible School: Your Assistance Is Needed!

Vacation Bible School needs adult supervisors and leaders – valued volunteers can help lead games, group singing, sharing about God, rotation between activities, serving breakfast and lunch, all sorts of things! Your help is valued and needed. – We are all a part of the Body of Christ and we are expected to spread the Gospel, Hallelujah!

Monday Night Men's Prayer Group: May 9

The Men's Prayer group will meet in Bernadette Hall at 7:30 p.m. on **Monday, May 9**. New members are invited and welcome. Any questions: contact Bob Eha at **317-345-9884**.

First Holy Communion: Saturday, May 14

Our second graders will be receiving Holy Eucharist for the first time at the 5 p.m. Mass on May 14. There will be lots of happy family and friends attending! If you normally attend this Mass, you may consider the Sunday morning Mass to be sure to have space.

2nd Grade Parents: Final rehearsal for receiving the Eucharist will be Thursday, May 12, at 6 p.m. There will be a group celebration in Bernadette Hall immediately afterward with pizza and cake - please rsvp to Matthew to plan the food.

May 8, 2022: World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a Rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

Pray for Vocations! As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life, or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations - and teaching young people how to discern God's call - is a serious duty, but also a joyful one. During this week, please encourage the young people in your life - children, grandchildren, students, and friends - to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life.



OLL Seeking Business Manager

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, is seeking to hire a full-time Parish Business Manager. A copy of the Job Description can be obtained upon request at jfleaak@ollindy.org. Resumes should be sent to John Mervilde at jmervilde@sbcglobal.net, or Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Attn: John Mervilde, 5333 East Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46219. Please see the Friday Newsletter for additional information!!

Scecina Trivia Night: Friday, May 13

Scecina Memorial High School will host Trivia Night to support the STEM and Campus Ministry programs. Trivia begins at **7 p.m.** in the Scecina cafeteria. Cost is \$20/person or \$110 per team. Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

Food: B.Y.O.B. Light food and beverages are provided.

- What it supports: STEM and Campus Ministry Programs
- When: Friday, May 13, beginning at 7 p.m., lasting until about 9 p.m.
- Where: Scecina Cafeteria, enter through Door 3 (East gym doors)

Trivia Master: KJ Fallon - Get your trivia team together and join the fun!

Reserve a spot: Email KJ at kfallon@scecina.org



FRIENDS IN UKRAINE

We pray for all people in Ukraine, especially our friends:
Dmitriy Gvozdik, Yosyp Heletei, Vlad Mokryi, Ihor Liutak,
Oleksii Shtefan, and Illia Bezsmertnyi.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Emilia Atkinson, Paula Bittelmeyer, Lucy Bross, Dick & Kathy Burgess, Denise Byers, Catherine C. Coop, Will Christiansen, Deborah Clayton, Jean Covington, Scott Covington, Mike Davis, Cassandra Budreau Dunne, Debby Eha, Mona Eitel, Norma Faye, Melissa Fender, Tina Fields, Teresa Foster, Richard Gillam, Katie Guzman, Ben Hall, Charles Hart, Isabelle Hofmeister, Michael James, Teresa Kerns, Johanna Lakin-Thomas, Randy Kidwell, Peggy Kloenne, Joseph Kossack, Emerson Linde, Paul Linne, Jerry MacKenzie, Marilyn May, Mike Miller, Clarence Mobley, Glenda Moore, Dale Page, Carolyn Patterson, Hayden Proffitt, Mike Rowers, Joseph Rogers, Rhonda Roseman, Ruth Steinbuch, Kurt Suppiger, Karen & Larry Thomas, Rachael Wahl, Arianna Williams, Jack Wisneski

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

Dear OLL Families,

The countdown is on for the end of the school year. May is a month of excitement and many extra happenings here at school. Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week (May 9-13), and our PTO is planning daily themes (Hawaiian) and activities to honor and thank our teachers for the hard work they do with our Lyons throughout the year. Thank you in advance for making the effort to send in gifts and notes. A kind word to your child's teacher is incredibly uplifting. We are blessed to have a faculty and staff that care so much for our students and this community.

The 7th/8th grade field trip to Cincinnati was great fun. The students enjoyed Mass and a tour of the Basilica of the Assumption in Covington, explored the Cincinnati Museum Center, toured the Reds Stadium, and enjoyed great food and games at Dave & Busters. Special thanks to Mr. Bindewald for planning and organizing such a fun and educational experience.

Our May Crowning Mass on Wednesday was beautiful, with an entrance procession that involved each student presenting a flower at the altar. Maeve Waninger and Cal Kolakovich were elected by their classmates to crown the Blessed Mother. It was a wonderful way to honor Our Lady. Our monthly morning prayer throughout the month of May is the Hail Mary.

Congratulations to our student athletes who represent our school throughout the year in a variety of sports. The Athletic Banquet takes place at 6 p.m. this Saturday, May 7. Thank you also to our coaches and athletic board for volunteering your time to make sure our students have an outstanding experience with sports and learn the positive values of competition and teamwork. We still have room in several grade levels next year. If you know anyone who might be interested in learning more about what OLL has to offer, please encourage them to call the school and schedule a personal tour. Financial aid opportunities are available, and with recent expansions to school vouchers, a Catholic education is more affordable than ever. Thank you for helping spread the good word about our school.

Finally, we look forward to seeing our 2nd grade students make their 1st Communion at Mass on Saturday, May 14, at 5 p.m. We are appreciative of the efforts of Mrs. Maciotok and Mr. Fallon in their preparation.

Sincerely,
Chris Kolakovich
Principal

Confirmation Information Meeting: May 25

7th grade families: There will be an informational meeting for those seeking the sacrament of Confirmation next spring on **Wednesday, May 25 at 7:30 p.m.** Attending this meeting will allow your family to begin the preparations for the Sacrament during the summer instead of waiting for the busy school year.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 7.....4th Sunday of Easter
5:00 pm †Stephen Reckley Req. by Ann Reckley

Sunday, May 8.....4th Sunday of Easter
10:00 am Pro Populo

Tuesday, May 10.....St. John of Avila / St. Damien de Veuster
5:30 pm Rosary
6:00 pm †Teresa Sullivan Req. by Mike & Angel Sullivan

Wednesday, May 11.....Easter Weekday
8:15 am †Carl Ritzi Req. by Julie Ritzi

Thursday, May 12.....Ss. Nereus & Achilleus / St. Pancras
5:30 pm Rosary
6:00 pm †Bill Clark Req. by The Clark Family

Friday, May 13.....Our Lady of Fatima
8:15 am †Dennis DiGiusto, Sr. Req. by The Lynch Family

Saturday, May 14.....5th Sunday of Easter
5:00 pm †Mike Bisesi Req. by Richard & Penny Moss

Sunday, May 15.....5th Sunday of Easter
10:00 am Pro Populo

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 14, 5 p.m. 5th Sunday of Easter

EMHC: Willem Evanson, Deacon Tom, Julie Ritzi

Hospitality Ministers: _____ (A-GE), Joe Hammond (A-GN), Dave Skirvin (A-GW), Leon Waninger (A-UE), _____, (Y-1)

Lector: Francis Ziegler (A), Nick Petrone (B)

Sacristan: _____

Servers: David Mervilde, Joseph Mervilde, Maeve Waninger

Cantor: Linda Caraher

Sunday, May 15, 10 a.m. 5th Sunday of Easter

EMHC: _____, Deacon Tom, Mark Pittman

Hospitality Ministers: John Lockhart (A-GE), Mike Guinan (A-GN), Bob Eha (A-GW), Tim McDonnell (A-UE), _____ (Y-1)

Lector: Sylvia Zimmerman (A), Andrea Aikman (B)

Sacristan: Tammy Buennagel

Servers: Clare Higgins, Mairead Maguire, Ian McKiernan

Cantor: Matt Cannaday

Small Linens
Sacristan: Linda Abner

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Leader: Bett Spence Youth Leader: _____

READINGS WEEK OF MAY 8, 2022

Sunday: Acts 13:14,43-52; Ps 100:1-2,3,5; Rv 7:9,14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Pss 42:2-3,43:3-4; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a; Ps 67:2-3,5,6,8; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3,21-22,25,27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11b; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 1:15-17,20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17

Calendar of **EVENTS**

Sunday, May 8 - 4th Sunday of Easter - Mothers' Day

10:00 am Mass Church

Monday, May 9

7:00 pm Reserved for Meeting BH-S
 7:00 pm Parish Social Ministry Advocates Rectory of BH-2
 7:00 pm Men's Monday Night Prayer BH-N
 7:30 pm Folk Choir Church

Tuesday, May 10

5:30 pm Rosary Chapel
 6:00 pm Mass Cafeteria
 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop #8 Meeting BH-N&S
 7:00 pm School Commission

Wednesday, May 11

8:15 am Mass Chapel
 7:00 pm Liturgy Committee BH-S

Thursday, May 12

5:30 pm Rosary Chapel
 6:00 pm Mass

Friday, May 13

8:15 am Mass (All School) Church
 7:00 pm 8th Grade Play Gym

Saturday, May 14

4:00 pm Reconciliation Church
 5:00 pm **Mass - 1st Holy Eucharist** Church
 7:00 pm 8th Grade Play Gym

Sunday, May 15

10:00 am Mass Church
 11:30 am Parish Council BH-2
 4:30 pm Pack in the Park (Cookout) Ellenberger Park



"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit."

(Acts 13:52)

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we live **Stewardship** by using our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!



Vacation Bible School

It is time to plan for Vacation Bible School! Holy Spirit Parish is joining our VBS this year and will be hosting the activities. Please find registration forms at the doors of the church, or register online at:

<https://www.osvhub.com/holy-spirit-catholic-church/forms/vbs-2022>

Baby Yarn Available!

A large amount of very fine yarn has been donated to Birthline. It would make nice vests for babies. To receive the yarn, please contact Rosemary Tudor at **317-294-2097**. Vest patterns are available. Yarn for afghans is available, too. Thank you to those who have crocheted or knitted items for Birthline.



COMMUNION CALLS

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



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



Please turn-in your Rice Bowls by Sunday, May 22! Thank you!

IN GRATITUDE WE SHARE



May 1, 2022

Actual.....	\$	7,401.00
Online Giving		4,242.00
Budgeted.....		<u>11,750.00</u>
Difference +/-.....	\$	(107.00)

YTD Sunday & Holy Day

Actual.....	\$	501,091.67
Budgeted.....		<u>487,522.00</u>
Difference +/-.....	\$	13,569.67

SVdP.....	\$	948.00
Catholic Communications.....	\$	25.00
Catholic Home Missions.....	\$	325.00
Holy Land / Good Friday.....	\$	30.00
Rice Bowl.....	\$	427.50
Children's Offering.....	\$	8.00
Endowment Fund.....	\$	281.00

It Is Time for the Socialaires to Get Busy Again

Flowers are blooming. Trees are budding. It is time for the Socialaires to spring forth! Let's go have fun on **Thursday, May 12**. We'll meet in the west parking lot of church at 11 a.m. Blue Bird Restaurant in Morristown is our destination. Their specialties are fried chicken and homemade pies, but they also offer salads, soups, sandwiches. - Who knows? This could turn into another venture-turned-adventure on the way home. Please let Diane Beasley know by Monday, May 9, if you plan to join us: **317-527-7946**. Reservations are requested. It sounds like that is going to be the norm, in the future.

The Lourdes Word Is Seeking Your Articles!

The theme for the upcoming edition of the Lourdes Word is: "Why I remain a Catholic." 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 17.

Mass Livestream Help Needed

Do you enjoy working with video or technology? Are you able to help during Sunday Mass or other services? OLL is in need of several Livestream Techs to stream Mass for those who are unable to attend. Each week, OLL Mass is watched by people all over the United States! Training is provided. Please contact Jeff Fleak at jfleak@ollindy.org if interested or would like more information.

Prayer Vine

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



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After a diligent search, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish is pleased to announce that Mrs. Angela (Angie) Therber will be the next principal of Our Lady of Lourdes School.

With over 25 years of experience as teacher and administrator, Mrs. Therber has a strong life-long connection to our parish and an abiding love for our school. She and her husband, Joe, raised their five children here at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Mrs. Therber taught English at Scecina Memorial High School from 1988 – 1994. After taking time-off from teaching to dedicate herself to the formative years of her 5 children, Angie returned to the classroom as a middle school English and Catholic Theology teacher at Our Lady of Lourdes (2003 – 2017). In 2017, she moved to Holy Cross Central School as the Assistant Principal, gaining invaluable experience as an administrator under the guidance of Cara Swinefurth, herself a principal at Our Lady of Lourdes and later, St. Thomas Aquinas.

Angie is a graduate of Butler University (1988), earning a BS in Secondary Education as an English Teaching Major and Athletic Training Minor. She went on to earn Indiana University Graduate Certificates in Teaching Writing (2014) and Teaching Literature (2018), and an MA in English (2018).

Angie continues to use her collegiate minor in Athletic Training as Girls Tennis Coach (2015 to present) for Scecina Memorial High School. She applies her writing skills as a professional proofreader, copy editor and writer. She has published articles in Notre Dame Magazine, Genesis (IUPUI Literary Magazine), Eco Partners Newsletter, and Scecina Memorial High School. Additionally, she has authored grant proposals for Scecina Memorial High School, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, and our Lady of Lourdes School.

Our Lady of Lourdes School is known for its tri-part motto: We are OLL – one community, living faithfully, leading academically. Surely Mrs. Therber embodies who we are and what we can become in the years ahead.



04 May 2022

Dear Our Lady of Lourdes Community,

It is an honor to introduce myself as the principal of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School! I am truly humbled to know that you will entrust your children to a school community which I am very energized and inspired to lead into 2022/2023.

A great American author, Thomas Wolfe, said, “You can’t go home again.” Ironically, this principal is breaking that rule. For most of the years since 1976, my home has been the Our Lady of Lourdes community. Yet my “homecoming” into the school from which I graduated and in which I taught brings new and profound responsibility – to continue the legacy of Catholic Christian education that the founders of this parish intended over a century ago.

As the newest entry on the roster of Our Lady of Lourdes School principals, I am thankful for the contributions that each predecessor has made to excellent Catholic education. My initial goals are:

- to continue to lead our *one community* such that Our Lady of Lourdes School, the largest ministry of the parish, will thrive as a shining anchor within this Irvington Community
- to inspire our children to *live faithfully* by integrating new ways of **being** Christ within our school and in the local and global communities
- to support our teachers’ professional practice and spiritual works as they strive to inspire students to *lead academically*.

I wish you all a continued joyous Easter Season. As the summer months approach, I will be eagerly awaiting the chance to begin engaging families in preparation for the coming school year. Until then, please know that I deeply appreciate that you will share with me your most precious gifts and the most fulfilling part of my vocation – your children!

In Service and Sincerely,

Angie Therber

2022 Graduation

Honoring Our Graduates

We would like to recognize our parishioners who are graduating from elementary school, high school, or college in a bulletin at the end of May. Please send their name and name of school, college, or university from which they are graduating to jfleck@ollindy.org or call the parish office: 317-356-7291.

It is not necessary to send names of OLL, Scecina, Roncalli, and Cathedral graduates, as we receive notifications from those schools.