

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

*October 30, 2022*



## 31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, “Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house.”

And he came down quickly and received him with joy.

Lk 19:5-6

*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

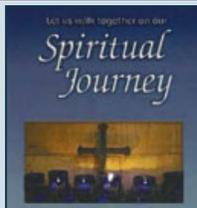
Our Lady of Lourdes offers preschool and kindergarten through 8th grade classes. Please call the School Office for more information at **317-357-3316**.

## 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](mailto:parishsecretary@ollindy.org)

## Pastor's Corner

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

This weekend, we hear of Zacchaeus, the tax collector (wealthy man, extortioner, and hated Roman collaborator) who encounters Jesus' openness and ultimate mercy.

This Jesus changed his plans – we was just passing through Jericho – to stay the night at Zacchaeus' home. Though Zacchaeus, for all intents and purposes, was a "sinner" in the eyes of all his neighbors, Jesus steps into his life. A profound metanoia (conversion, change, in Greek) comes over Zacchaeus at this unexpected openness.

I love this story this small-in-stature guy. His curiosity "just to see Jesus" leads to much more!

That much more has often been put into song. For instance, "Amazing Grace," the song by a former slaver (John Newton), comes to mind.

I would share another such song. The melody is quite familiar. We know it from the hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem." The words are found in the Liturgy of the Hours, from which I have drawn them.

As you read the words, notice again the openness of Jesus to the needs of the sinner, and one who hungers for his words and for food. Note as well that the sinner is fed with heavenly food, a clear hymnic allusion to the Eucharist. Hum the music as you read, or take up voice and sing the words – praying twice, as St. Augustine once noted. And let the import of the words strike your heart with thanksgiving (the very meaning of "eucharist")!

Jesus, the needy sinner's friend,  
Command the crowd to sit,  
Who hungry still on you attend,  
And nothing have to eat;  
They hear the word your lips have said,  
Low at your feet they bow,  
Distribute now the heavenly bread,  
And feed their spirits now.

O'erwhelmed with blessings from above,  
Father, before we taste  
These freshest tokens of your love,  
We thank you for the past;  
Our eyes and hearts to heaven we lift,  
And, taught by Jesus, own  
That every grace and every gift  
Descends from you alone.

The gospel by our Savior blessed  
Does efficacious prove,  
The loaves a thousand-fold increased  
Communicate his love;  
We banquet on the heavenly bread,  
When Christ himself imparts,  
By his disciples' hands conveyed  
To all believing hearts.

*Tune: Forest Green C.M.D*  
*Music: Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906*  
*Text: Based on Matthew 14:9, alt.*

Father Rick



## “Ordinary Women” Book Group Meeting on November 7



Our next meeting will be Monday, November 7, in Bernadette Hall at 7 p.m. Please join us! All women of the parish are welcome. Call Pat at **317-395-8186** for more information.

## Drivers Needed for Our Confirmation Retreat

Our confirmation candidates' retreat is November 5, and we are going to CYO Camp Rancho Framasa to explore and reflect on the sacrament. We could use volunteers to drive the candidates down to Nashville, IN! We will leave at 8 a.m. and leave the camp at 3:30 p.m. to get back here for Mass that evening. Drivers need not attend the retreat; perhaps you'd enjoy a day exploring the sights of Nashville? I have an annual pass to get into Brown County State Park for free – the first volunteer gets it! Contact Matthew to volunteer or find out more, **Thank You** for your generosity and helpful service to others.

## Confirmation Retreat Parish Send-Off!!

**Let's show the Confirmation candidates our community supports their journey to membership in our Church:** Pray/cheer them off to their Confirmation retreat on November 5! Gather between the school and the church to take part in a communal prayer for their growth in faith and their safety during this day. Our prayer over them will begin at 7:45 a.m., in order for us to leave by 8 a.m. Thank you for getting up early to show them the love of the parish!

## First Reconciliation - Saturday, November 19

Our parish 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will celebrate Reconciliation for the 1st time November 19. Please keep their faith in your prayers! Let's all take inspiration from them and celebrate God's healing love ourselves this month.

## Our Neighbors Need Winter Coats

There's a chill in the air and winter is definitely around the corner. St. Vincent de Paul is running low on new or gently used coats/jackets for men, women and children. Please check your closets to see if you can part with any winter coats you and your family have either outgrown or don't wear any longer. We are especially low on men's coats. Please either drop them off at one of our blue drop boxes (check for locations at <https://www.svdindy.org/i-want-to-help/find-a-clothing-bin/>). Or at our Distribution Center 1201 E. Maryland Avenue (dock located at the south side of the building) Mon,-Sat. 10am-4pm. Please help us keep our neighbors warm. Thank you for sharing and caring.



## 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, Rose Boggs, Lucy Bross, Dick & Kathy Burgess, Denise Byers, Catherine C. Coop, Will Christiansen, Deborah Clayton, Mike Davis, Cassandra Budreau Dunne, Debby Eha, Mona Eitel, Norma Faye, Tina Fields, Teresa Foster, Steve Gray, Katie Guzman, Ben Hall, Charles Hart, Isabelle Hofmeister, Kevin Houppert, Michael James, Teresa Kerns, Randy Kidwell, Peggy Kloenne, Joseph Kossack, Emerson Linde, Paul Linne, Mitzi Loomis, John Maag & Ellen, Jerry MacKenzie, Marilyn May, Mike Miller, Clarence Mobley, Glenda Moore, Dale Page, Carolyn Patterson, Bernie Price, Mike Rawers, Joseph Rogers, Rhonda Roseman, Karen & Larry Thomas, Barb Tittle, Skip Wagoner, Arianna Williams

## Parish Office

**Hours:** Monday - Friday  
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Phone:** 317-356-7291

## School Office

**Phone:** 317-357-3316

**Fax:** 317-357-0980

## 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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## Our Little Lyons Early Learning Center

Interested in a part time position in the Our Little Lyons Daycare? Located in Bernadette Hall. Open Monday thru Friday 7 a.m.- 6 p.m. Ages 12 months to 3 years old. Please email Fiona McKiernan at: [fmckiernan@ollindy.org](mailto:fmckiernan@ollindy.org) or 317-699-9685 for more information and inquiries.



**OUR LITTLE LYONS**  
EARLY LEARNING CENTER

## Habitat for Humanity Build: Nov. 2!

We are in need of volunteers for the Habitat for Humanity build on Wed., November 2. We can meet at the church and drive to the build site. You do not need to be an expert in any way to volunteer. We start at around 8:15 a.m. and end around 2:30 p.m. Please use the following link if you are able to volunteer:

<http://vhub.at/ladyoflourdes>

Once you sign up, they will give you more information on the location of the home. Call me if you have any questions. John Lockhart - 317-710-2517. The project scheduled for our volunteer day is landscaping. So some people will be able to plant and spread mulch, while others will be lifting and placing sod (which can be heavy!)

## Special Ministry Schedule

### Tuesday, November 1, 6 p.m. Solemnity of All Saints

EMHC: Priscilla Campbell, Dcn Tom Horn, H. Chris Houppert  
 Hospitality Ministers: Gilbert Durham (A-GE), Jim Lynch (A-GN), \_\_\_\_\_ (A-GW), \_\_\_\_\_ (A-UE)  
 Lector: Paige Kervan (A), Sylvia Zimmerman (B)  
 Sacristan: Tammy Buennagel  
 Servers: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Thurifer: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cantor: Linda Caraher

### Wednesday, November 2, 6 p.m. All Souls Day

EMHC: Mary Ann Coffey, Dcn Tom Horn, Julie Ritzi  
 Hospitality Ministers: Gilbert Durham (A-GE), Tim McDonnell (A-GN), Bob Davey (A-GW)  
 Lector: Sally Krause  
 Sacristan: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Servers: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cantor: Kate Miller

Please sign-up for November 1 & 2, at 6 p.m., the Feasts of All Saints & All Souls

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, October 29.....The 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
5:00 pm Pro Populo

**Sunday, October 30.....The 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:00 am †David Scott Req. by Bob & Linda Davey

**Tuesday, November 1.....Feast of All Saints**  
**Holy Day of Obligation**

8:15 am Pro Populo  
6:00 pm †Marcia Pruitt Req. by Mike & Annie Luellen

**Wednesday, November 2.....All Souls Day**  
8:15 am †All the Faithful Departed  
6:00 pm †All the Faithful Departed

**Thursday, November 3.....St. Martin de Porres, Religious**  
5:30 pm Rosary  
6:00 pm †Kathy Schallert Req. by Michele Kite

**Friday, November 4.....St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop**  
8:15 am †Tommy Chinn Req. by Cliff & Julie Wagoner

**Saturday, November 5.....The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
5:00 pm †Jim Roseman Req. by Thu St. Lawrence

**Sunday, November 6.....The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
10:00 am Pro Populo

## Weekend Ministry Schedule

### Saturday, November 5, 5 p.m. 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

EMHC: Monica Collins, Dcn Tom Horn, Kirk Forster  
 Hospitality Ministers: Brian Bakemeyer (GE), Joe Hammond (A-GN), Dave Skirvin (A-GW), Leon Waninger (A-GW), \_\_\_\_\_ (Y-1)  
 Lector: Paige Kervan (A), \_\_\_\_\_ (B)  
 Sacristan: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Servers: Lydia Baker, Linden Johnson  
 Cantor: Linda Caraher

### Sunday, November 7, 10 a.m. 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

EMHC: Beverly Durham, Deacon Tom, Mark Pittman  
 Hospitality Ministers: Tim McDonnell (Team Leader, A-UW), John Lockhart (A-GE), Steve Wuertz (A-GN), Gilbert Durham (A-GW), \_\_\_\_\_ (Y-1)  
 Lector: Mark Caraher (A), Andrea Aikman (B)  
 Sacristan: Linda Caraher  
 Servers: Dominic McKiernan, Ian McKiernan  
 Choir: Folk Choir  
 C.L.O.W.: Bett Spence (Adult Leader) \_\_\_\_\_ (Youth Leader)  
 Mass Childcare: Fiona McKiernan, Shea McNulty  
 Small Linens Sacristan: Bernice Berlage

## READINGS: WEEK OF OCTOBER 30, 2022

**Sunday:** Wis 11:22-12:2; Ps 145:1-2,8-11,13-14; 2 Thes 1:11-2:2 Lk 19:1-10  
**Monday:** Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde,2-3; Lk 14:12-14  
**Tuesday:** Rv 7:2-4,9-14; Ps 24:1bc-4b,5-6; 1 Jn3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a  
**Wednesday:** Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11; Jn 6:37-40  
**Thursday:** Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10  
**Friday:** Phil 3:17-4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8  
**Saturday:** Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2,5-6,8a,9; Lk 16:9-15



# Calendar of **EVENTS**

## Sunday, October 30

8:30 am SRE BH  
10:00 am Mass Church

## Monday, October 31 - No Events

## Tuesday, November 1 - All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation)

8:15 am Mass (School) Church  
6:00 pm Mass Church  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop #8 Meeting Cafeteria  
7:00 pm Liturgy Committee Meeting BH-C  
7:00 pm Folk Choir Rehearsal Church

## Wednesday, November 2 - All Souls Day

8:15 am Mass Church  
6:00 pm Mass Church  
7:30 pm RCIA BH-C

## Thursday, November 3

5:30 pm Rosary Chapel  
6:00 pm Mass Chapel  
6:30 pm Welcome Committee BH-A  
7:00 pm Engagement Committee BH-A

## Friday, November 4

8:15 am Mass Chapel  
6:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 8 BH-A

## Saturday, November 5

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

## Sunday, November 6

8:30 am SRE BH  
9:00 am Versiti Blood Drive BH  
10:00 am Mass Church  
7:00 pm Confirmation Class BH-C



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



## 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



October 23, 2022

Actual.....	\$	<b>3,784.00</b>
Online Giving .....		<b>3,646.00</b>
Budgeted.....		<b>11,623.00</b>
Difference +/-.....	\$	<b>(4,193.00)</b>

### YTD Sunday & Holy Day

Actual.....	\$	<b>173,135.48</b>
Budgeted.....		<b>202,957.00</b>
Difference +/-.....	\$	<b>(29,821.52)</b>

Endowment.....	\$	<b>25.00</b>
World Mission Sunday.....	\$	<b>375.00</b>
SVdP.....	\$	<b>651.00</b>



## Stewardship

*“But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, ‘Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.’”*

LUKE 19:8

We are all called to gratefully give back to the Lord in proportion to the gifts we have been given. This means everyone isn't called to give the same amount, but everyone is called to give equal sacrifice. Open your heart and talk to God about how you use your money. How is God calling his **Stewards** to be more generous with their financial resources and possessions?



The mystery of the redemption of the human person is rooted in the loving involvement of God with human suffering. Hope is always possible. To those who care for the sick, the scene of the Cross provides a way of understanding that even when it seems that there is nothing more to do there remains much to do, because “remaining” by the side of the sick is a sign of love and of the hope that it contains. Healed by Jesus, we become men and women called to proclaim his healing power and provide care for our neighbors, until the very end.



## SCHOOL NEWS

With a century of tradition in the Irvington Community, Our Lady of Lourdes School can't ignore Halloween! Students in grades PK through four are invited to wear costumes to school on Halloween. Older students can dress in Halloween colors or the official Our Lady of Lourdes Halloween gear. Teachers have brought in childhood photos of themselves dressed for Trick-or-Treat, and students are guessing who is who and voting on the cutest, funniest, and best of the costumes.

Tradition, Trick-or-Treat, and games are part of our American Halloween culture, but we have not forgotten at OLL that Halloween is the first day of three set aside by our Catholic Church to honor and connect with our departed loved ones. From October 31 through November 2, we at OLL School are remembering to pray for the souls of the dead.

While we have a lot of fun with some of the secular Halloween traditions, we remember that there are saints named and unnamed in heaven and souls who have departed our world that we hope to see one day again in heaven. We will be especially praying for them at Our Lady of Lourdes School during this time of year.

Angie Therber, Principal

## Sunday Religious Education News

Sunday Religious Education meetings resume this weekend – there is no deadline for when or how often a student may join SRE meetings - Come any time! We start with song at 8:30 a.m. We will meet through November 20, before taking off Thanksgiving weekend.

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# Enjoy Fellowship, Entertainment, Door Prizes & Home-cooked Thanksgiving Dinner



## Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 2022

**Doors open at 11:00 am for Social Hour**

**Dinner Served Noon to 2:00 pm**

**Dinners delivered upon request**

**Our Lady of Lourdes School Cafeteria - 30 S. Downey Avenue**

Hosted By: Irvington Churches

No Charge, but "Free Will Offerings" Gratefully Accepted

To attend or request delivery, please contact the Parish Office at Our Lady of Lourdes at 317-356-7291 or [parishsecretary@ollindy.org](mailto:parishsecretary@ollindy.org) by Tuesday, November 22nd.

Please provide name and the number of people attending, or if requesting delivery, please provide name, address, telephone number and number of meals requested.



# BLOOD IS AN ESSENTIAL MEDICINE

Donate Blood.

Be someone's second chance.



**Sunday  
November**

**6**

**9:00am - 2:15pm**

**Helpful Tip:**  
Drink plenty of water and eat  
normal meals to help you feel  
your best during and after  
your donation.

## **Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church BLOOD DRIVE**

**\*Bernadette Hall**

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# The Truth About **Abortion** & **Women's Health**

**Abortion does not save women's lives.**

**Abortion** is the **direct** and **intentional** killing of a child in the womb.

**Abortion is never medically necessary.** It does not treat or solve any pregnancy-related complication.

**Outlawing abortion will not affect treatment for miscarriage.**

**Treatment for miscarriage and abortion is not the same thing.**

There is a complete moral and legal difference between losing a child through miscarriage and intentionally taking the life of a child.

In the tragic case of miscarriage, surgery may be necessary—and is an ethical treatment—to remove the remains of an unborn child who has *already died*.

While the same surgery is done to perform an abortion, abortions impose this procedure on a **living child** with the **intention** of ending his or her life.

**Women can get the lifesaving treatments they need—without abortion.**

In rare cases, and in the absence of better alternatives, life-threatening maternal health conditions may require interventions that **indirectly** and **unintentionally** lead to the death of an unborn child. **Abortion restrictions will not prevent women from receiving these treatments.**

When the lives of mother and child are in immediate danger, the goal is to fight to save both patients.

**Effective treatments exist that seek to save the life of the mother and never to intentionally harm her unborn child.**

When a woman's life is at risk in pregnancy, preterm delivery may be used as a lifesaving medical intervention to preserve the life of both mother and child.<sup>1</sup>

**Ectopic pregnancies** result when an embryo implants outside the uterus—often in the fallopian tube. Sadly, such embryos cannot survive and this condition can pose serious risks to the mother. While ectopic pregnancies sometimes resolve naturally, interventions are often necessary.

**When done ethically, treatment for an ectopic pregnancy is not abortion.** Ethical interventions include the removal of the damaged fallopian tube containing the embryo or, if embryo death has already occurred, medication can be used to resolve the ectopic pregnancy.

**Bottom line: Abortion restrictions never prevent women from receiving life-saving treatment.<sup>2</sup>**

*If you or someone you know is struggling after involvement in an abortion, the Church offers confidential, compassionate help through Project Rachel Ministry. Visit [www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org) for more information.*

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<sup>1</sup> Busk Miller, C. 2018. "The ethics of interstitial and cesarean scar ectopic pregnancies: four case studies and a review of the literature". The Linacre Quarterly 85(3): 252-269.  
<sup>2</sup> For further information on these topics, reference: [1] National Catholic Bioethics Center, "Medical Interventions During Pregnancy in Light of Dobbs," <https://www.ncbcenter.org/ncbc-news/bioethics-public-policy-report-august-12-2022-ezqx2>. [2] American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, "Myth vs. Fact: Correcting Misinformation on Maternal Medical Care," [https://aaplog.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/AAPLOG-Myth-v-Fact\\_v5.pdf](https://aaplog.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/AAPLOG-Myth-v-Fact_v5.pdf).