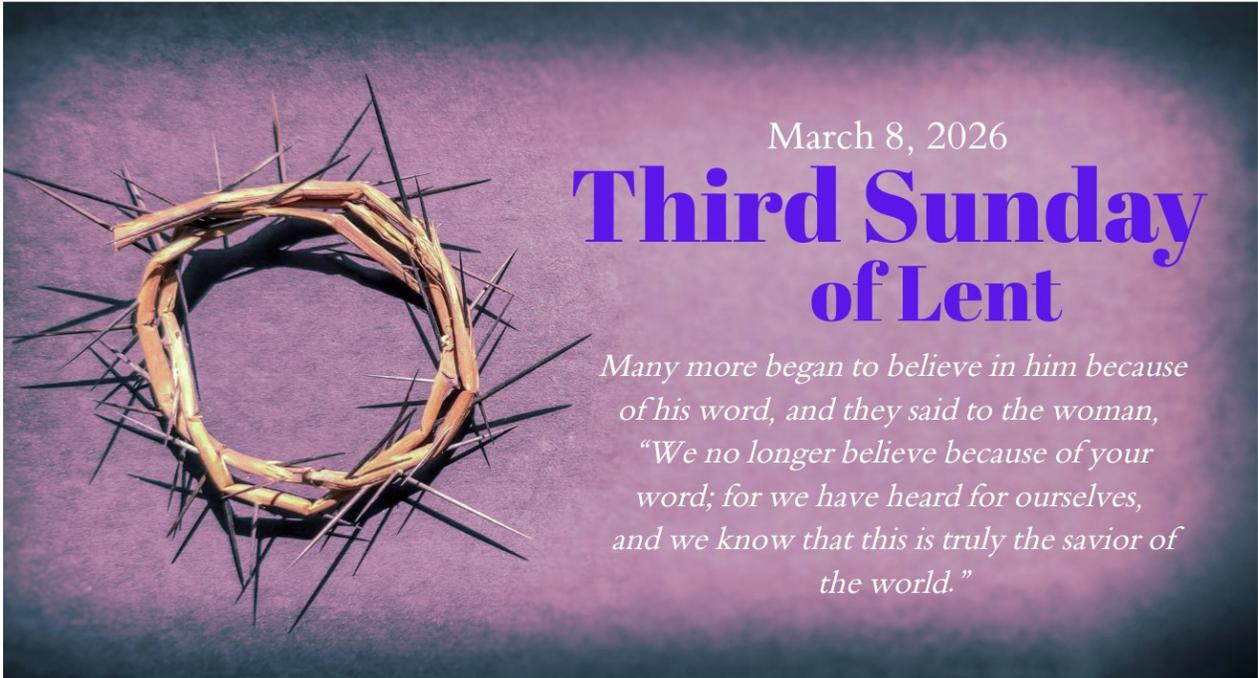




# Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish

We, the faith community of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, strive to live, share and be Christ in all we do.



March 8, 2026

## Third Sunday of Lent

*Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."*

### Parish Staff

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### Mass Schedule

Mass of Anticipation  
**Saturday, 4:00 PM**

Sunday **11:00 AM**

Wednesday **8:30 AM**      Friday **5:30 PM**

### Reconciliation

Saturday prior to Mass  
**3:30 PM**

**Stewardship** talent  
commitment blessing vision LOVE treasure PLEDGE planning  
faith caring time  
community

**VOLUNTEER**

**GIVE ONLINE**



*Who you are is God's gift to you.  
Who you become is your gift to God.*

## SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 3:30 p.m. You may also call the parish office to arrange for an appointment.

**Baptism:** Sundays immediately after 11 a.m. Mass, or at another pre-arranged time. Preparation classes are held monthly on 3rd Wednesdays. Please call the parish office for additional information.

**Marriage:** Please contact our priest 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](mailto:parishsecretary@ollindy.org)

## OUR PRAYERS SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Lt William Keyes,  
Capt Scott Godby,  
A1C Brian Willett,  
PFC Jacob R. Bakemeyer,  
Sgt Nicholas Eble,  
LT Michael B. Kennedy, USN,  
LT John S. Kennedy, MC, USNR  
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SSgt Tyler Brown, USAF



## Pro-Life Message This Week

"That special power of loving that belongs to a woman is seen most clearly when she becomes a mother. Motherhood is the gift of God to women. How grateful we must be to God for this wonderful gift that brings such joy to the whole world, women and men alike! Yet we can destroy this gift of motherhood, especially by the evil of **abortion**, but also by thinking that other things like jobs or positions are more important than loving, than giving oneself to others. No job, no plans, no possessions, no idea of 'freedom' can take the place of love. So anything that destroys God's gift of motherhood destroys His most precious gift to women – the ability to love as a woman." – **St. Mother Teresa**

## OLL Confirmation Will Be April 29

The parishes whose young people are receiving Confirmation at the Cathedral are responsible for providing part of the workforce for the evening. Can you share an evening with these young Catholics as they are fully initiated into the Church? We need ministers of hospitality and of the Eucharist, also altar servers. Contact the parish office to be part of the team, thank you! **317-356-7291**

## Doughnut & Healthy Snack Sunday: March 8

Please join us, in Bernadette Hall, following 11 a.m. Mass on March 8, to enjoy a time of fellowship. The members of the **Parish Pastoral Council** will be our hosts this month.



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## Seeking Gardeners



Do you like working outside? Do you like flowers? The **Garden Ministry** would love to have you join our ministry to add to the beauty of the OLL campus. We have need for planting, mulching, watering or maintaining the garden beds. Various tasks require 1-2 hours a week. If you are interested in sharing your love for plants, with your OLL parish family, please contact Monica at **317-443-6914** or leave your name and phone number at the Parish Office.

# Socialaires: Event Coming Up!

The Socialaires will meet on Thursday, **March 12**, at 11:45 a.m., at Kochack's Pints & Pies, 5255 English Avenue. Please contact Diane Beasley: **317-527-7946**, by March 9, so our reservations can be confirmed. Thank you!

## Vacation Bible School: Teen Volunteers Needed!

Service Opportunity for Teens: Vacation Bible School will be held during the final week of July and actors for the daily skits will be needed! Contact the parish office to volunteer your dramatic skills to this fun event for our younger parishioners: **317-356-7291**.

**2026 ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE**

<b>WED MAR 11</b>	<b>IRV. UNITED METHODIST CHURCH @ 7PM</b> <b>30 N AUDUBON RD</b>
<b>WED MAR 18</b>	<b>IRV. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH @ 7PM</b> <b>55 JOHNSON AVE</b>
<b>WED MAR 25</b>	<b>OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH @ 7PM</b>

 Soup Dinners will be served at 6pm.  
Donations will support ICAN!

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Support our teens!  
A portion of the proceeds  
will be dedicated to youth  
group activities.

FRIDAYS BEGINNING  
FEBRUARY 22

5 PM - 7 PM  
OUR LADY OF  
LOURDES CAFETERIA

## Come to Our Fish Fry and Donate a Dessert!

Our Men's Club 'Fryday' Lenten fish frys are in full swing. Have you heard about the best fish in Indy? You can make the event even better: parishioners are donating home-made and bakery provided desserts to finish off the fish dinners in style! Thank you for dropping off your contributions to the office by 3 p.m. on Fridays!

## Thank You for Supporting Birthline

Thank you for your generous donations to Birthline during our February drive. Throughout the year, donations may be brought to the bassinette in the front vestibule of the church. It is checked weekly. **Thank you very much!**



## Pizza and Parenting - Now on Saturday Evenings

Pizza and Parenting time will meet on **SATURDAY, March 14, from 5-7 p.m.**, in Bernadette Hall. If you are interested in joining Pizza and Parenting please contact Steve and Carol Sitzman for more information: **317-224-5005** or email **csitzman313@gmail.com**

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Emilia Atkinson, Benny Banayote, 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, Gary Everhart, Tina Fields, Teresa Foster, Jim Funk, Steve Gray, Ben Hall, Charles Hart, Isabelle Hofmeister, Ben Horner, Harold Irons, Michael James, Purificacion Josen, Teresa Kerns, Joseph Kossack, Emerson Linde, Paul Linne, Jay Loomis, John Maag & Ellen, Jerry MacKenzie, Marilyn May, Jeff McBride, Alma Middleton, Becky Miller, Mike Miller, Glenda Moore, Dennis Morgan, Luke Mulford, Larry & Victoria O'Neil, Dale Page, Sandy Pavey, Patti Peats, Rosalind Rawers, Phil Reed, Ed Roessler, Joseph Rogers, Irene Roseman, Rhonda Roseman, Cathy Russell, Kevin Scherwing, Vonda Sigman, Diane Sweeney, Karen & Larry Thomas, Jim Warrenburg, Arianna Williams, Susan Williams, Scott Woolen



# SCHOOL NEWS



Enrollment and registration time is upon us. We have great kids and families, so we are always interested in growing this community with more of the same. Please spread the word to family, friends, and neighbors that enrollment is open.

We are a small, mighty school. With 25 available seats in each class, our preschool through primary grades fill fast. Our sixth through eighth grades are near capacity, and we have more open seats in the intermediate grades. As for being mighty, our staff is smart, hard working, and cares. Our learning support programs, arts programs, club offerings, and facilities continue to grow and improve, all contributing to the future success of our students. If you know someone who is interested in our school, but could not attend open house, they are welcome to email [Molly Funk](#), [Angie Therber](#), or go to our [website](#) to schedule a tour.

Angie Therber



## 40 Days for 40 Beds

There is further information on our website: [www.svdindy.org/40days/](http://www.svdindy.org/40days/)  
You can donate online if you wish. Please make checks payable to "Our Lady of Lourdes" and in the memo line, add: "Beds for SVdP."

## The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Opportunity during Lent.  
Holy Spirit parish  
March 12, 6:30 p.m.



During Lent, please join us for the **Stations of the Cross** on Friday evenings, following the 5:30 Mass.

## Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 13, 6 p.m. 4th Friday of Lent  
Sacristan: \_\_\_\_\_ Servers: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lector: \_\_\_\_\_

Friday, March 20, 6 p.m. 5th Friday of Lent  
Sacristan: \_\_\_\_\_ Servers: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lector: Sally Krause

**Opportunities to Serve Remain Open!**

**Please Sign Up to Assist on the Fridays of Lent**

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, March 7**.....3rd Sunday of Lent  
4:00 pm Pro Populo

**Sunday, March 8**.....3rd Sunday of Lent  
11:00 am †Fr. Mark Beard Req. by Ed & Paula Roessler

**Wednesday, March 11**.....Lenten Weekday  
8:30 am †Jerry Clifford Req. by Deacon John Allen

**Friday, March 13**.....Lenten Weekday  
5:30 pm †Greg Stroude Req. by Karen Stroude

**Saturday, March 14**.....4th Sunday of Lent/Laetare Sunday  
4:00 pm Pro Populo

**Sunday, March 15**.....4th Sunday of Lent/Laetare Sunday  
11:00 am †Ruth & Harold Steinbuch  
Req. by The Dowell & Steinbuch Families

## Weekend Ministry Schedule

### Saturday, March 14, 4 p.m. - 4th Sunday of Lent/Laetare Sunday

EMHC: Sally Budreau (Host), Priscilla Campbell (Host),  
Deacon Gary (Cup), Julie Ritz (Cup),  
Nick Petrone (Main Host)

Hospitality Ministers: David Jackson (GE), Joe Hammond (GN),  
Dave Skirvin (GW), Steve Wuertz (UN),

Lector: Mark Pittman (A), Paige Kervan (B)

Sacristan: Donna Lathrop

Servers: Mikie Biggs, Myles Parrish

Cantor: Michele Kite

### Sunday, March 15, 11 a.m. - 4th Sunday of Lent/Laetare Sunday

EMHC: Luke Mervilde (Host), Theresa Brickens (Host),  
Deacon Gary (Cup), Matthew Fallon (Cup),  
Kayla Richart (Cup), \_\_\_\_\_ (Cup)  
Amy Duke (Main Host)

Hospitality Ministers: Mike Guinan (HM Team Leader - UN)  
Robin Ward, (GE), Adam Kilbride (GN),  
Bob Davey (GW), Tori Smith (Y)

Lector: Andrea Kurtz (A), Sally Welch (B)

Sacristan: Tammy Buennagel

Servers: Peter Mervilde, Felix Radomski

Cantor: Linda Caraher

Live Streamer: Jeff Williams

Small

Linens Sacristan: Linda Abner

## READINGS: WEEK OF MARCH 8, 2026

**Sunday:** Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2,6-9; Rom 5:1-2,5-8; Jn 4:5-42

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Pss 42:2-3,43:3-4; Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday:** Dn 3:25,34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab,6-7bc,8-9; Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday:** Dt 4:1,5-9; Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20; Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2,6-9; Lk 11:14-23

**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11b,14,17; Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4,18-21b; Lk 18:9-14

## Church Decorating for Easter

**Saturday Morning, April 4, 9 a.m.**  
Please enter thru the ramp door.

# Calendar of **EVENTS**

<b>Sunday, March 8</b>		
8:30 am	Sunday Religious Ed	School
11:00 am	Mass	Church
Noon	Doughnuts & Healthy Snacks After Mass	BH-A&B
<b>Monday, March 9 – IREAD</b>		
7:00 pm	Folk Choir	Church
7:30 pm	Men's Monday Night Prayer	BH-A
<b>Tuesday, March 10 – IREAD</b>		
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts Troop #8	Cafeteria
7:00 pm	Parish Council	BH-B
<b>Wednesday, March 11 – IREAD - REPORT CARDS TODAY</b>		
8:30 am	Mass (School)	Church
6:00 pm	Soup Supper	UN. METHODIST CHURCH
7:00 pm	IAM Lenten Prayer Service	UN. METHODIST CHURCH
8:45 pm	Exodus 90	2nd Floor - Sacristy
<b>Thursday, March 12 – IREAD</b>		
6:00 pm	Finance Committee	BH-B
7:00 pm	Facilities Committee	BH-B
<b>Friday, March 13 – IREAD - 5th Grade to St Patrick's Day Parade</b>		
5:00 pm	Fish Fry Begins	Cafeteria
5:30 pm	Mass	Church/Chapel
6:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	Church
<b>Saturday, March 14</b>		
3:30 pm	Reconciliation	Church
4:00 pm	Mass	Church
4:30 pm	Pizza & Parenting	BH-A
<b>Sunday, March 15</b>		
8:30 am	Sunday Religious Ed	School
11:00 am	Mass	Church
7:00 pm	Confirmation	BH-AorB

## Mass Attendance

February 28:	179
March 1:	341

## IN GRATITUDE WE SHARE



### March 1, 2025

Actual.....	\$	5,671.00
Online Giving .....		8,439.00
Budgeted.....		12,500.00
Difference +/-.....	\$	1,810.00
<b>YTD Sunday &amp; Holy Day</b>		
Actual.....	\$	447,837.45
Budgeted.....		437,500.00
Difference +/-.....	\$	10,337.45
SVdP.....	\$	430.00
Church Endowment.....	\$	294.00
Maintenance & Repair Fund...	\$	241.00
Criterion.....	\$	154.00
Catholic Relief Svcs.....	\$	20.00
Church in Africa.....	\$	103.00
Hearts & Hallways.....	\$	100.00
Church in Eastern Europe.....	\$	375.00
Black & Indian Missions.....	\$	20.00
Retired Religious.....	\$	25.00
Rice Bowl.....	\$	20.00



## STEWARDSHIP

*“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again.”*  
JOHN 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run. When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more, and no amount will ever satisfy our desire. True joy and peace only come when we follow Jesus - when we, as **His Stewards** become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered.”

## Grant Writers?

Our Business Manager, Eileen Barada, needs your help! Do you have grant writing experience? Please reach out to Eileen at **317-356-7291** or **businessmanager@ollindy.org** if you have any questions.

### Monday Night Men's Prayer Group: March 9

The Men's Prayer group will meet in Bernadette Hall at 7:30 p.m. on **Monday, March 9**. All men are welcome. **Please join us!** For further information, please call **317-345-9884**.

### Attention Easter Bunny Helpers (Everyone)!



We are in need of help from you! There are a few things that you can do to help:

1. Please donate individually wrapped bags of candy to fill our plastic eggs. We need all candy by Palm Sunday, March 29, and it can be dropped off in the parish office. We have a lot of eggs to fill so this is very important!
2. Mark your calendar for Monday, March 30, at 10 a.m., in Bernadette hall. Join us to fill the hundreds of eggs that we will need for our egg hunt.
3. Bring your children for the parish Easter egg hunt! This year, it will be after the 11 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday, April 5! If you would like to hide eggs with us, please reach out to Mary Williams **317-517-9970**.





## Lenten Evening Prayer

Sunday, March 22, 7 p.m.  
Our Lady of Lourdes Church

*This vesper service offers a time of quiet prayer and meditation, using simple musical refrains led by OLL choirs and instrumentalists.*

## Home Improvement/Capital Projects on the Horizon

**Remodeling School Bathrooms**  
**Installation of Playground**  
**Tuck-Pointing of Church & School**

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If available to help, contact  
Andrea Fleak at  
andreafleak@hotmail.com

### **Sunday Religious Education**

Sunday Religious Education meets weekly at 9 a.m. and offers a chance to walk alongside children as they grow in faith in a warm, supportive environment.

- Helping to teach and support lesson activities
- Curriculum provided for lessons
- Creating a welcoming and engaging space for children

### **Confirmation**

Confirmation preparation meets once a month on Sunday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and invites volunteers to accompany teens as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

- Sharing your faith with those preparing for Confirmation
- Help to teach lessons, the curriculum is provided
- Assist with activities during meetings

### **OCIC (Order of Christian Initiation of Children)**

Help prepare children who are receiving the Sacraments of Initiation outside the usual timeline, guiding them in lessons of faith.

- Teach or assist with sacrament preparation
- Encourage and support children in their journey
- Foster a welcoming, faith-filled environment

**All ministries involving children require Safe Parish- training is simple to complete if needed.**

## **Adult Scripture Study / Religious Education**

Lead small-group conversations and help participants grow in understanding of Scripture and the faith.

- Materials provided
- Facilitate discussion and reflection
- Help create a welcoming, faith-sharing environment

## **Baptismal Parent Preparation**

Help prepare parents for the Baptism of their children and support them in understanding the sacrament.

- Assist with or lead preparation sessions prior to the rite
- Coordinate baptism preparation paperwork and scheduling
- Class schedule is flexible

## **OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

Support adults preparing to enter the Catholic Church in partnership with Little Flower Parish.

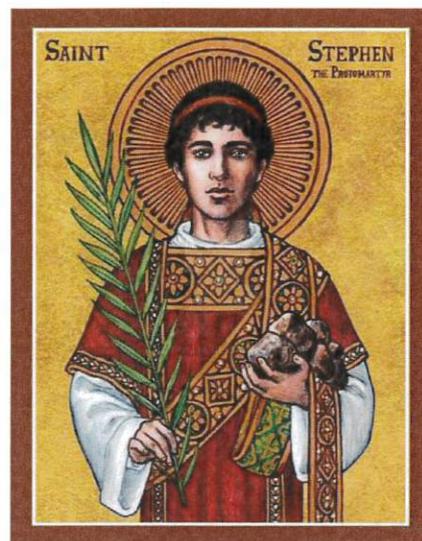
- Help with setup and cleanup
- Present or assist with sessions on various topics
- Share your faith and parish experience

Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours, yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world, yours are the feet with which he walks to do good, yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world. -St. Teresa of Ávila

Are You being called to be a Permanent Deacon?

# Come and See Event

Join us for one of these regional gatherings on the Permanent Diaconate. There will be a short presentation on the Diaconate and then a Deacon will share their own journey toward this ministry in the Church, followed by time for Q&A.



Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at Christ the King  
5884 Crittenden Ave, Indianapolis

Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick Church  
1807 Poplar Street, Terre Haute, Indiana

Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of  
Perpetual Help Church, 1752 Scheller  
Lane, New Albany, Indiana

Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael Church  
145 St. Michael Blvd., Brookville,  
Indiana



All four events will be 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Canon law indicates that men must have reached the age of 35 by their ordination. In the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, we invite men to enter formation who will be no older than 65 years when they are ordained. Formation is a five-year process. Wives are welcome and encouraged to attend the “Come and See” event as well. These events are not required but could be helpful in the discernment process. For more information, please contact Deacon John Jacobi – [jjacobi@archdindy.org](mailto:jjacobi@archdindy.org) – 812-946-0873.