

March 9, 2025



*Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written:
'You shall worship the Lord, your God,
and Him alone shall you serve.'"*

(Luke 4:8)

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

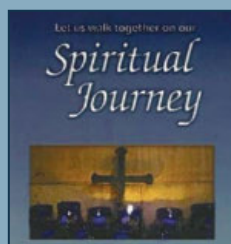
Please send your entries by **NOON** on **MONDAYS** to ensure your article will appear in that week's printing. If you have flyers to be inserted into the bulletin, please bring them to the parish office by 3 p.m. on Thursday.

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,

As our Lenten journey begins, or has begun, it is worthwhile to note that all journeys require patient endurance.

The pilgrim journey has a purposeful goal. But that goal is not just the destination; the journey itself is a goal.

As the pilgrim moves moment by moment, day by day, he or she encounters thoughts, questions, ideas, obstacles - physical, mental, spiritual; and perhaps journey companions, strangers who become known through the journey.

Endurance. Patient endurance. This is what sustains the pilgrim. Through Lent, of course. But also through all life's moments.

Just before we began our Lenten pilgrimage (of hope, I pray!), the Office of Readings in the Liturgy of the Hours commenced the Book of Job. In its second chapter, Job becomes physically afflicted. His wife, in stark contrast to the legendary "patience of Job," counsels him to curse God and die.

Job's response is instructive, as Pope Saint Gregory the Great notes in his Moral Commentary on Job.

If we have received good from the hand of the Lord, why should we not endure evil?

"We ought particularly to observe in Job's words, how skillfully he meets his wife's persuading: If we have received good from the hand of the Lord, why should we not endure evil? It is a great comfort in tribulation if, in times of adversity, we recall the gifts our Creator has given us. Nor will overwhelming sorrow break us, if we quickly call to mind the gifts which have sustained us. For it is written: On the day of prosperity do not forget affliction, and on the day of affliction do not forget prosperity.

"For if a man receives God's gifts, but forgets his affliction, he can fall through his own excessive joy.

"On the other hand, when a man is bruised by scourges, but is not at all consoled by the thought of the blessings he has been fortunate to receive, he is completely cast down.

"Thus both attitudes must be united so that one may be supported by the other: the memory of the gift can temper the pain of the affliction, and the foreboding and fear of the affliction can modify the joy of the gift.

"And so the holy Job, to soothe his soul's depression in the midst of his wound, weighs the delightful gifts he has received even while he suffers from the scourges, saying: *If we have received good from the hand of the Lord, why should we not endure evil?*"

Which returns me to the brief newsletter reflection from February 28: rooting our Lenten journey in thanksgiving for the good we have received in life thus far, while we endure the repentant struggle through to the goal of Easter joy.

Happy Lent!

Father Rick

Changes to VBS This Year!

Vacation Bible School will be changing this summer. Since we will be sharing a pastor with Little Flower, we will be combining our VBS program with them, instead of Holy Spirit parish. The program will be held in the evenings (dates to be determined). If you are interested in helping provide fun and learning to young Catholics, talk to Matthew. For more info and to sign up contact him at mfallon@ollindy.org



Additional Times for Reconciliation at OLL:

Saturdays 4 to 4:30 p.m.

Sundays 9 to 9:30 a.m.

Penance Service (with Little Flower, at OLL)

Thursday, March 20 at 7 p.m.



"Ordinary Women" to Meet March 17

The Ordinary Women book group will meet in Bernadette Hall at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 17. Please join us! All women of the parish are welcome. Please call Pat: **317-395-8186** for more info.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Join us

Tuesday, March 18,
for a Holy Hour for Vocations.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will occur immediately upon conclusion of the 6 p.m. Mass. Benediction will be at approximately 7:30 p.m.



IAM Lenten Services

Soup Supper @ 6 pm with Worship @ 7 pm

DATE:	Church:	Speaker:
Mar. 12	Irvington Presbyterian Church (IPC)	Rev. Sunil Kotian, IUMC
Mar. 19	Irvington United Methodist Church (IUMC)	Rev. Adam Bradley, DACC
Mar. 26	Gethsemane Lutheran Church (GLC)	Rev. Maureen Wilson, IPC
Apr. 2	Downey Avenue Christian Church (DACC)	Father Rick Ginther, OLL
Apr. 9	Our Lady of Lourdes (OLL)	Rev. Lee Welker, GLC

Locations: IPC (55 Johnson Ave)
IUMC (30 N Audubon Rd)
GLC (6810 E 10th St)
DACC (111 S Downey Ave)

Help Prepare Our OCIA Catechumens

There are only a handful of weeks left until the OCIA catechumens receive the sacraments and join the Church and our Parish!! You can help them on their journey by leading the discussion of the Mass readings one week this Lent – talk to Matthew Fallon at **317-356-7291, ext. 107**, to get a preparation book and to schedule your week.

Our Next OCIA Meeting

Our OCIA usually meets on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in Bernadette Hall. This week, March 11, we'll hold an Explanatory Mass in the Church, interspersing instruction and questions. Everyone is welcome to sit in with the group - to welcome them to our parish and Church, or to get a little refresher!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Emilia Atkinson, Darryl & Harold Barthe', 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, Kevin 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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School Office

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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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SCHOOL NEWS



We have fully entered the State of Indiana testing season.

Our students who are blessed to speak more than one language, with a language other than English being the first learned, have completed WIDA testing. The WIDA measures a student's English academic language skills. This week, our second and third graders began IREAD testing. This assessment is meant to gauge basic reading skills to be mastered by the end of the third grade year. ILEARN testing for grades three through eight will begin the week of April 14, and the testing window will remain open through May 9. This test measures mastery of reading, writing, and math for all listed grades. Science is tested in grades four and six while social studies is tested in grade five.

Schools, administrators, and teachers can feel lots of pressure related to students' performance on these tests. At Our Lady of Lourdes, our policy is that we arrive at school every day with a vision for our students' general academic success in mind. If teachers are passionate about what they do; if students are inspired to learn; and with your support at home encouraging plenty of sleep, eating healthy breakfasts, and making education the priority all school year long, the scores will take care of themselves.

Thanks for everything you do as part of this OLL learning community!

Angie Therber

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays During Lent
7:00 PM in the Church



Full Time Cook Needed at OLG

Seeking a mature, friendly, and experienced food service cook to assist in preparation and serving meals for approximately 40-45 people. No certification required. We will train.

Contact Sr. Carol Falkner at 317-600-7649
Must apply in person at
Our Lady of Grace Monastery,
1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove, IN 46107



READINGS: WEEK OF MARCH 9, 2025

Sunday:	Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2,10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-3
Monday:	Lv 19:1-2,11-18; Ps 19:8-10,15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7,16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C: 12,14-16,23-25; Ps 138:1-3,7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 8.....	1st Sunday of Lent
5:00 pm †Wilma Barnhart	Req. by Thu St. Lawrence
Sunday, March 9.....	1st Sunday of Lent
10:00 am Pro Populo	
Tuesday, March 11.....	Lenten Weekday
5:30 pm Rosary	
6:00 pm †Dustin Gardener	Req. by Kelsi Kavanaugh
Wednesday, March 12.....	Lenten Weekday
8:15 am †Greg Stroude	Req. by Karen Stroude
Thursday, March 13.....	Lenten Weekday
5:30 pm Rosary	
6:00 pm †Paula Bittelmeyer	Req. by Bob Bittelmeyer
Friday, March 14.....	Lenten Weekday
8:15 am †Mike Bisesi	Req. by Richard & Penny Moss
Saturday, March 15.....	2nd Sunday of Lent
5:00 pm Pro Populo	
Sunday, March 16.....	2nd Sunday of Lent
10:00 am †Harold & Ruth Steinbuch	Req. by The Steinbuch & Dowell Families

Ministry Schedule

Friday, March 14, 7 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Lector: Paige Kervan	
Sacristan: Tammy Buennagel	Servers: _____
Saturday, March 15, 5 p.m.	2nd Sunday of Lent
EMHC: Mary Ann Coffey (Host), Sally Budreau (Host), Sally Krause (Cup), _____ (Cup), Julie Ritzi (Main Host)	
Hospitality Ministers: Joe Hammond (GE), _____ (GN), Dave Skirvin (GW), _____ (UN)	
Lector: Paige Kervan (A), Francis Ziegler (B)	
Sacristan: _____	Servers: David Mervilde, Peter Mervilde
Cantor: Michele Kite	
Sunday, March 16, 10 a.m.	2nd Sunday of Lent
EMHC: _____ (Host), Theresa Brickens (Host), Amy Duke (Cup), Andrew Warner (Cup), Fletcher Daly (Cup), Mark Pittman (Cup), Chris Kolakovich (Main Host)	
Hospitality Ministers: Mike Guinan (HM Team Leader-UN), Steve Wuertz (GE), Vic Berlage (GN), Bob Davey (GW), David Jackson (Y)	
Lector: Matthew Fallon (A), Ben Kompar (B)	
Sacristan: Bernice Berlage	Servers: Alex Reuhs, Daniel Reuhs
Cantor: Linda Caraher	Choir: Adult Choir
C.L.O.W. Emily Reuhs, Kate Certo	
Live Streamer: Larry Turner	
Small Linens	
Sacristan: Linda Abner	
Friday, March 21, 7 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Lector: Paige Kervan	
Sacristan: Bernice Berlage	Server: _____



COMMUNION CALLS

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

Calendar of EVENTS

Sunday, March 9

8:00 am	SRE	School
10:00 am	Mass	Church
11:30 am	Parish Council	BH-C
7:00 pm	Confirmation Group Meeting	BH-A&B

Monday, March 10 - IREAD (School)

7:30 pm	Men's Monday Night Prayer	BH-A
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Tuesday, March 11 - IREAD (School)

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

Wednesday, March 12 - IREAD (School) Report Cards Today!

8:15 am	Mass	Church
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Thursday, March 13 - IREAD (School)

3:00 pm	Girl Scouts	BH-A
5:30 pm	Rosary	Chapel
6:00 pm	Mass	Chapel

Friday, March 14 - IREAD (School)

8:15 am	Mass (School)	Church
6:00 pm	4th Grade Scouts	BH-A
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross	Church

Saturday, March 15

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

Sunday, March 16

8:00 am	SRE	School
8:30 am	Versiti Blood Drive	BH-A&B
10:00 am	Mass	Church
11:30 am	School Commission	BH-C



*"I have now brought you the first fruits
of the products of the soil which you,
O Lord, have given to me."*

- DEUTERONOMY 26:10

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits" - the first and best that you have to offer? Or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? We aren't owners of anything, we are merely Stewards of God's gifts. Pray for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

A Recommitment to End Hunger

Since 1975, Catholics across the United States have come together each Lent to respond to global hunger through the CRS Rice Bowl program. Learn how people like you have made a local and global impact on the lives of our sisters and brothers in need and why our



prayers and almsgiving are still needed today. During this holy season, let us recommit to sharing bread for life with our global family so that all people can reach their God-given potential. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-1 to read this week's story of hope.

Thank You for Supporting Birthline!

Thank you for your generous donations to Birthline. Many families will benefit from your kindness. If inclement weather kept you from donating items, donations can be placed in the bassinet at the west end of the main vestibule, at any time. The bassinette is checked weekly.

NCYC: November 20-22

If you are a teen or know a teen, **looky here:**

NCYC (Nat'l Catholic Youth Conference) is coming on Nov. 20-22, and all high school students may join our group going to the fun! Go to NCYC.us/about/ to find out why you should be one of the 15,000 teens from around the country coming to conference, and then let Matthew Fallon know you're coming with us! mfallon@ollindy.org

Share Your Prayer Life!

I have prayer habits – you probably have them, too. Let's share how we pray with the Religious Education students, so they can start their own routine! Matthew Fallon can put you on the 9:45 a.m. schedule to inform our students what rote prayers you use, what devotions you have, when you like to pray and where. Please take 2-3 minutes before Mass to help the kids make a meaningful connection with our God! mfallon@ollindy.org

Prayer Vine

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



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March 2, 2025

Actual.....	\$	7,260.00
Online Giving		6,315.00
Budgeted.....		<u>12,520.00</u>
Difference +/-.....	\$	1,055.00

YTD Sunday & Holy Day

Actual.....	\$	434,071.00
Budgeted.....		<u>438,200.00</u>
Difference +/-.....	\$	(4,129.00)

SVdP.....	\$	370.00
Criterion.....	\$	176.00
Black & Indian Missions.....	\$	58.00
Endowment.....	\$	249.00
Church in E. Europe.....	\$	343.00
Catholic Relief Services.....	\$	45.00
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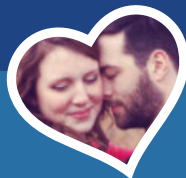
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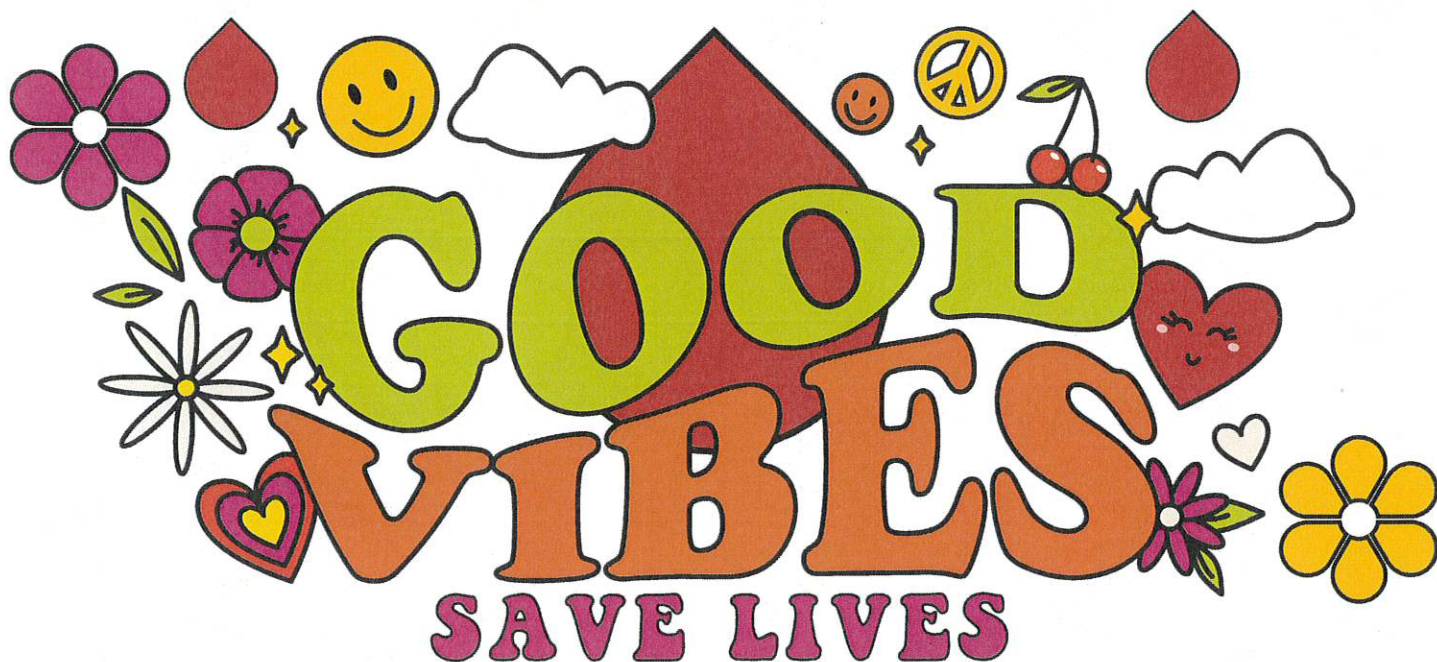
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**Sunday
March
16**

9:15AM - 12:45PM

**Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy
meal and drink plenty of
water before donating.**



Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church Blood Drive

LOCATION

3/16 @ 5333 E. Washington Street Indianapolis, IN
46219

9:15am-12:45pm

Donate blood and get a Colts tshirt while supplies last!

Every blood donation is a life-saving act of kindness.

By donating blood, you have the power to make a real difference in the lives of others, providing hope when it's needed most.

Join us for our upcoming blood drive and become a hero in your community.





ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025

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(IRISH STEW BAND)

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