

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

July 27, 2025

Lord, Teach Us To Pray

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Ask and you will receive;
seek and you will find;
knock and the door will
be opened to you.
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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

SACRAMENTS

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

Baptism: 3rd Sunday of the month during or immediately after 11 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!

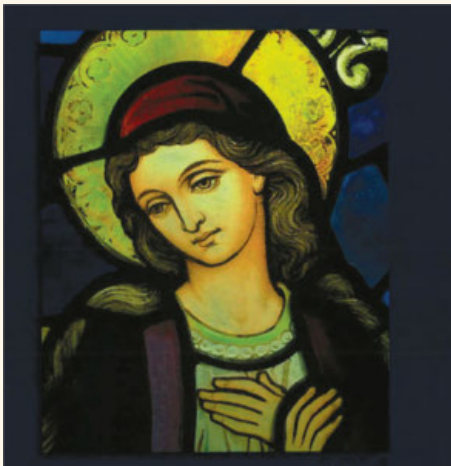
To register or to schedule a tour of Our Lady of Lourdes, please call or stop by the parish office.

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



Adult Scripture Study

If you are like me, there have been times you've wondered when the events and stories of the Bible fit together chronologically; you might have more success understanding God's gradual revelation if you knew how they all fit together in time! Join us for our next Scripture study: **The Bible Timeline, the Story of Salvation**.

This is a 24-session study, so it will be spread throughout the school year, beginning on September 18, morning and evening sessions available, as demand necessitates. The workbook for the whole study will be \$40. Sign-up on the Church website – talk to the DRE Matthew Fallon to find out more!

Birthline Update

Thank you very much to generous, anonymous donor, who gave Birthline a very fine bassinet which has replaced the original bassinette in the Our Lady of Lourdes vestibule. Also, there have been generous general donations to Birthline this month and we are extremely grateful for them.

Please remember that yarn is available for afghans and baby items. Contact the Parish Office for additional information: **317-356-7291**.



Life, Our Sign of Hope

"We have been entrusted with a message of hope for the woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant or for the man diagnosed with a terminal illness. At these challenging moments, we must bring God's presence, witnessing to His love, and inspiring a renewal of hope in those whose hearts are burdened. For 'hope is born of love and based on the love springing from the pierced heart of Jesus upon the cross.'

Having been 'buried with Christ in Baptism, we receive in his resurrection the gift of a new life that breaks down the walls of death.' Confident of God's presence within us, may we share the Gospel of Life with those most in need of hope, knowing that 'the grace of God precedes and accompanies his people, as they press forward firm in faith, active in charity and steadfast in hope.'"

Life, Our Sign of Hope

<https://www.respectlife.org/life-our-sign-of-hope>

Thank You for Your Continued Support of ICAN

Pantry staples we are always in need of include:

- Peanut butter & jelly
- Canned meats (chicken, tuna, etc.)
- Boxed meals (mac & cheese, pasta kits, etc.)
- Cereal & oatmeal
- Shelf-stable milk
- Pasta & pasta sauce
- Rice & beans
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Pop top canned food items for our Unhoused Neighbor Food Kits

Hygiene items currently in high demand:

- Toothpaste & toothbrushes
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Body wash & bar soap
- Deodorant
- Feminine hygiene products
- Razors & shaving cream
- Laundry detergent sheets
- Toilet paper
- Adult Depends (all sizes)

Donations may be brought to the Parish Office. THANK YOU!

It's Time to Register for Religious Education and Sacraments!!

Religious education classes Classes will begin on September 7, at 9:30 a.m. in our school building. (K-7th graders)

"First" Sacramental preparations Families of second graders will prepare to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist. The first parent meeting will be held in Bernadette Hall on August 26, at 7:30 p.m. for all those registered.

Confirmation The season of preparations to receive Reconciliation, in the spring, has already started for those who have registered. Register now to get your information/record binder, if you haven't yet!

Psalm 40:10-11 makes a promise: *See, I do not restrain my lips; as you, LORD, know. I do not conceal your righteousness within my heart; I speak of your loyalty and your salvation. I do not hide your mercy or faithfulness from the great assembly.*

Use your voice to proclaim God and his love - come to a religious education class on Sunday before Mass to share your witness. We are seeking volunteers every week at 10:40 a.m., to share their thoughts for a minute or two about an aspect of our belief and practice of the faith! This year our topic will be: **the Mass!** Why do you attend regularly? What do you enjoy the most during Mass? What do you get out of it/how does it benefit you? When do you attend Mass (daily/weekends/Holy Days/vacations/etc.)? You can sign up to speak to our RE students on the parish website (under "More Forms and Registrations"), or speak to DRE Matthew Fallon to volunteer mfallon@ollindy.org!

Help Share the Catholic Faith in OCIA

Part of the purpose of the OCIA process (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) is gently incorporating the new catechumens into the life of the parish - your help is wanted to greet these seekers and welcome them to our community! Sign up on the parish website to be at one of our OCIA meetings to introduce yourself to the group. The hospitality of a small treat or tasty snack would also be welcome; they usually don't eat a lot! After we get the discussion started you are invited to stay or you may take your leave. Questions may be addressed to DRE Matthew Fallon mfallon@ollindy.org

Several of our teens have requested that we start a parish youth group!

They are looking for fun activities together, to participate in spiritual events and activities, to do acts of service together, to travel on mission trips and to significant faith locations. It is exciting to hear of their desire to create a group to help form and energize their practice of their faith!

But this group will need adults to provide these opportunities, and to chaperone and lead the activities. We are inviting those of you who enjoy sharing your time and faith with teens, who can help provide the structure and logistics for one meeting, several meetings, or all of the meetings to help make the OLL youth group a reality. They're counting on us! Talk with DRE Matthew Fallon for more information and to volunteer: mfallon@ollindy.org

Knights of Columbus

Fatima Council No. 3228

Fatima Event Center Located at 1040 North Post Road

Fatima Council's Dinner with the Knights will be on Sunday, July 27, from 6-8 p.m. featuring a fried chicken and Polish sausage dinner that includes: polish noodles, mashed potatoes, and gravy, a vegetable as well as a dessert. The dinner is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 5 -12, and children under 4 are free. This will be a nice kickoff for the festival week at Holy Spirit Church.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Emilia Atkinson, Harold Barthe', Darryl Barthe' Jr., Bob Bittelmeyer, Dick & Kathy Burgess, Pat Carter, Will Christiansen, Deborah Clayton, Tim Coffey, Catherine C. Coop, Marc Davis, Cassandra Budreau Dunne, Mona Eitel, 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 Pavey, Phil Reed, Ed Roessler, 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.

Phone: 317-356-7291

School Office

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Fax: 317-357-0980

Mass Schedule

Wed 8:30 a.m.

Fri 5:30 p.m.

Sat 4 p.m.

Sun 11 a.m.

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Sister of the Divine Savior Visit - August 9-10

Sr. Barbara Reynolds, SDS will speak on behalf of the Sisters of the Divine Savior, also known as Salvatorians, during the week-end of Aug 9/10. **We will hold a special collection** to support this congregation, which has ministries on five continents aimed at improving the quality of life for people of all faiths and cultures.

Sister Barbara Reynolds, SDS, has always felt a profound pull toward missionary work. As a child, she accompanied her father to migrant farm work camps, where he served as a translator for the pastoral team while she bonded with the children. Before joining the Sisters of the Divine Savior, she devoted herself to serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Ghana, West Africa. Recently, she has dedicated her summers to Tanzania, empowering African Salvatorian Sisters by imparting essential English skills.



Catechists Needed

The Archdiocese wants our religious education classes to have two catechists per age group – we currently have only one! More catechists make it possible to share the responsibility for leading lessons, and can ensure we have a class leader when catechists cannot be present, on a Sunday. Not only will you share your love of God and the Church with our young parishioners, but you will be strengthened and learn even more of the history and doctrines of our faith! Resources are available for preparation; classes begin September 7, 9:30-10:45 a.m. Contact DRE Matthew Fallon to get more info and to volunteer: mfallon@ollindy.org

Saint This Week

St. Alphonsus Liguori | August 1



St. Alphonsus Liguori, (1696-1787) was born in Marianella, near Naples, in Italy. When he was young, he displayed exceptional intelligence and piety, earning a doctorate in civil and canon law by the age of 16. Feeling a calling to dedicate his life to God and the service of others, however, he abandoned his legal career and pursued ordination to the priesthood. He was ordained at the age of 30 in 1726.

Throughout his priestly ministry, Liguori focused on preaching missions and retreats, seeking to renew people's faith and draw them closer to the Eucharist. He frequently preached on the real presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and encouraged frequent reception of Holy Communion, as a source of spiritual nourishment and grace.

In 1732, Liguori founded the Redemptorists, a religious congregation dedicated to promoting devotion to the Eucharist and the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Redemptorists' charism also revolved around reaching out to the most abandoned, including the poor and marginalized, and offering them hope through God's love and mercy.

As a prolific writer, Liguori authored numerous works on moral theology, spirituality, and Eucharistic devotion. His most famous work, "The Glories of Mary," remains a classic in Marian theology and devotion. He is remembered for his practical and merciful counsel, ever seeking to lead souls to reconciliation, and union with God.

St. Alphonsus was canonized as a saint in 1839 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1871. His spiritual writings, particularly on the Eucharist, continue to inspire and guide the faithful worldwide. As the patron saint of moral theologians, his example reminds believers of the profound love and presence of Christ in the Eucharist and the enduring mercy of God. St. Alphonsus Liguori, pray for us!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 26.....17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday, July 27.....17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00 am †Kate Cabell Req. by Bonnie & Chris Houppert

Wednesday, July 30...St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor
8:30 am †Chris & Patty Barth Req. by Cliff & Julie Wagoner

Friday, August 1.....St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor
5:30 pm †Norma Faye Req. by Jeff & Mary Williams

Saturday, August 2.....18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 pm †Mitzi Loomis Req. by The Fleak Family

Sunday, August 3.....18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00 am Pro Populo

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 2, 4 p.m. 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

EMHC: _____ (Host), _____ (Host),
Kayla Richart (Cup), Julie Ritz (Cup),
Cathy Kervan (Main Host)

Hospitality Ministers: Don Flick (HM Team Leader-UN), Kay Campbell (GE),
Dave Skirvin (GN), Joe Hammond (GW)

Lector: Nick Petrone (A), Sally Krause (B)

Sacristan: Paige Kervan

Servers: Peter Kavanaugh, David Mervilde

Cantor: Michele Kite

Sunday, August 3, 11 a.m. 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

EMHC: Fletcher Daly (Host), Jill Daly (Host), Matthew Fallon (Cup),
Lilly Forster (Cup), Mark Pittman (Cup), _____ (Cup),
Paula Schenkenfelder (Main Host)

Hospitality Ministers: John Lockhart (GE), Mike Guinan (GN)
Tad Nelson (GW), Robin Ward (UN), _____ (Y)

Lector: Mark Caraher (A), Sally Welch (B)

Sacristan: Tammy Buennagel

Servers: Kate Certo, Felix Radomski

Cantor: Kate Miller

Live Streamer: _____

Small Linens Sacristan: Bernice Berlage

READINGS: WEEK OF JULY 27, 2025

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3,6-8; Col 21:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

Monday: Ex 32:15-24,30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11,34:5b-9,28; Ps 103:6-13; Jn 11:19-27

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7,9; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21,34-38; Ps 84:3-6a,8a,11; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37; Ps 81:3-6,10-11b;
Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1,8-17; Ps 67:2-3,5,7-8; Mt 14:1-12

Do you know someone who is curious about the Catholic faith? Share their name with DRE Matthew Fallon and he can invite them to learn more in the OCIA process.

Calendar of EVENTS

Saturday, July 26

Noon Birthday Celebration BH-A&B
3:30 pm Reconciliation Church
4:00 pm Mass Church

Sunday, July 27

11:00 am Mass (Baptism to Follow) Church

Monday, July 28 - Uniform Exchange Begins - M - F (BH)

7:30 pm Men's Monday Night Prayer (Special) BH-A

Tuesday, July 29

7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop #8 Cafeteria
7:00 pm Lourdes Word Meeting BH-AorB

Wednesday, July 30

8:30 am Mass Chapel
5:00 pm Welcome to Our Pride Night Gym

Thursday, July 31

7:00 pm Living the Gospel BH-A

Friday, August 1

5:30 pm Mass Chapel

Saturday, August 2

3:30 pm Reconciliation Church
4:00 pm Mass Church

Sunday, August 3

11:00 am Mass Church

Prayer Vine

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



WEEKEND ATTENDANCE, JULY 12-13

SATURDAY: 136

SUNDAY: 219

IN GRATITUDE WE SHARE



July 20, 2025

Actual.....	\$	8,999.26
Online Giving		5,526.00
Budgeted.....		<u>12,500.00</u>
Difference +/-.....	\$	2,025.26

YTD Sunday & Holy Day

Actual.....	\$	36,163.06
Budgeted.....		<u>37,500.00</u>
Difference +/-.....	\$	(1,336.94)

SVdP.....	\$	880.00
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Endowment.....	\$	103.00
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Visiting Priest.....	\$	135.00
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Memorial School.....	\$	5.00
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Stewardship

*"Ask and you will receive;
seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you."*

LUKE 11:9

Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. The truth is that many of us need very little. However, we usually want so much more! **Stewardship** is simply being grateful for all that we are and all that we have been given, and generously sharing all of our God-given gifts with others. Gratitude and generosity are gifts that opens doors to new relationships with others and with God.



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You may be wondering about how much to take from an individual retirement account (IRA) without pushing your income level into a higher tax bracket.

If you are over age 70 ½, you are eligible to make a **qualified charitable distribution (QCD)** directly from your IRA. This can be a great way to maximize your ability to give while minimizing the impact on your taxes. Gifts made directly from your IRA are often the most tax-advantaged way to give each year—even for those who don't itemize.

Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD).

- ❖ QCDs does not count as income. Any donations made directly from your IRA do not add to your taxable income and are not taxed.
- ❖ QCDs count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year. You can give part or all of your RMD to the charity of your choice.
- ❖ QCDs are effective vehicles for planned giving; either all at once, or strategically throughout the year. That means that the people who work to bring the love of Christ to those in need, can better plan how use the resources they can expect to receive.

Your QCD gift may be designated for:

- Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church or
- The charity of your choice

Interested in making a QCD? The process is simple. Just notify your IRA custodian / financial advisor to make a direct transfer of the amount you specify from your IRA to us at any time of the year.





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