

August 17, 2025

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Lady of Lourdes

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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

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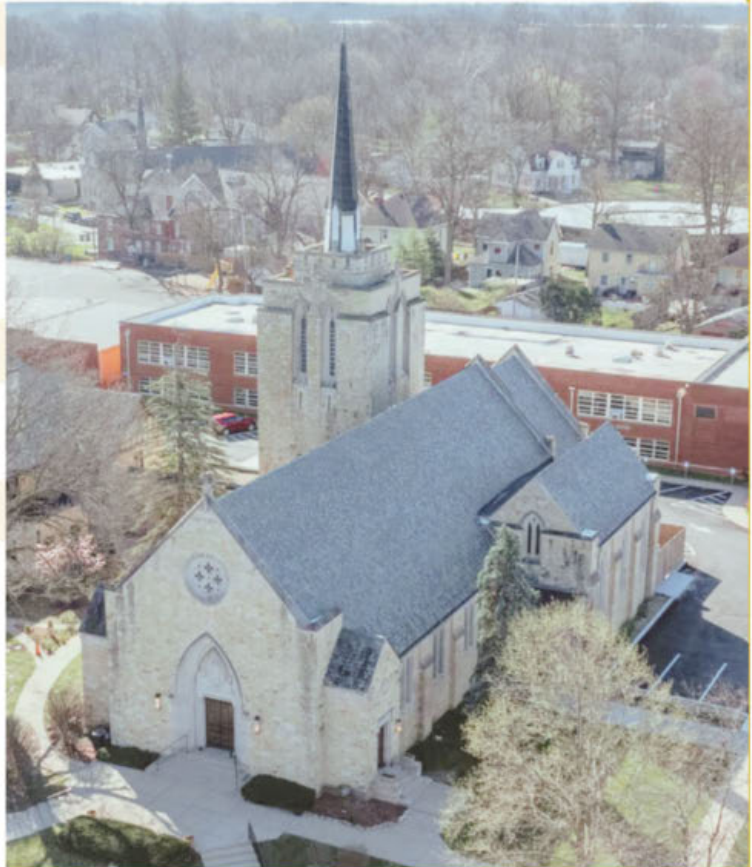
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SACRAMENTS

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

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Thanks from Sister Barbara

Special thanks to Fr. Jude and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish for welcoming me into your parish community the weekend of August 9 - 10. I felt welcomed by parish members as I was among you. Thanks for listening attentively to my message, and for your generous response to my appeal for our International Salvatorian Missions. Your parish community continues to be in my prayers in a special way.

Gratefully, Sr. Barbara Reynolds, SDS

Adult Scripture Study

The books of the Bible are not compiled in sequential order; what was the true order of the events of salvation history? Come find out in this year's Adult Scripture Study: The Bible Timeline, the Story of Salvation.

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!

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

The Return of the Lourdes Word!

The saying goes that the only constant in life is change. That is certainly true when it comes to The Lourdes Word, a wonderfully creative ministry of Our Lady of Lourdes. Since the early 2000's, this publication has been a source of joy and inspiration for readers throughout the parish. Mark Hudson served as editor and has now passed the baton to Andrea Fleak. Thank you, Mark, for your hard work and dedication. Thank you, Andrea, for accepting the baton.

The next issue of The Lourdes Word will be published this November and is seeking written word submissions and, brand new with this issue, photographs and works of art. Our theme for this issue comes from Pope Francis. Declaring this year as a Jubilee Year of Hope, he began his Bull of Induction of the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025 with "Hope does not disappoint" (Rom. 5:5). Pope Francis went on to say that "[e]veryone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring." What does hope mean to you? How have you experienced or witnessed hope?

Please send your submissions to andreaflcak@hotmail.com by Monday, October 20, 2025.

Thank You from Stephanie Paquette

I was finally able to finish 15 hygiene bags for the ICAN pantry. They always appreciate them. Thank you to those of you who were able to contribute. I hope to be able to fill 15 more before the end of the year. Please look out for: travel size shampoo, lotion, and toothpaste. These are the most difficult to find since hotels have gone to another way of providing them. Your dentist may have toothpastes. I will need inspirational notes or quotes as well. Call me at 317-359-6655, if you have questions.

Thanks again!



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 Confirmation, 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 to our Confirmation candidates. On October 5, we will hold our parish witness talks at the Confirmation group meeting. Witnesses will talk one-on-one with candidates to share:

- how the Spirit strengthens them to live their Christian life
- how they see the Spirit working in their life and in the world
- how they respond to Christ's call to continue his work on Earth
- recollections and encouragement from their own Confirmation

This is an activity which the candidates rate very highly each year – they enjoy and appreciate hearing from you, and they get different viewpoints and perspectives to consider in building their own response to God's grace!

Help Share the Catholic Faith in OCIA

Part of the purpose of the OCIA process (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) is incorporating the new catechumens into the life of the parish. - Your help is wanted to greet these seekers and welcome them to our community! Meetings from September until Christmas will be held at Little Flower Parish, and here at OLL beginning in January. 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

OLL Youth Group Update

Our youth group had their first regular meeting last Sunday, and held a corn hole tourney. In ten rounds, one of the kids scored 38 points! As we continue to have meetings, we could use volunteers to help chaperone trips, help with activities, or provide snacks and drinks. Whether you can help one night per year, a few nights, or many nights, your participation is needed. Together we can enrich the lives of our young disciples. Talk with Matthew Fallon about helping. – He can do the planning, you can help with the fun. We have started, so jump right in!

First Reconciliation Meeting for Parents

First Reconciliation Info Meeting for Parents: Learn more about the sacrament of Reconciliation and preparing your child to celebrate this healing sacrament on August 26, at 7:30 p.m. in Bernadette Hall. We will be distributing preparation workbooks at this meeting.

Register your child on the parish website (ollindy.org, scroll down to More Forms and Registrations) to prepare for First Reconciliation this autumn and First Eucharist next spring. Talk with DRE Matthew Fallon for details: mfallon@ollindy.org



**REMEMBER TO JOIN US AS WE
WELCOME FATHER JUDE
& DEACON GARY
AUGUST 17, FOLLOWING 11 A.M. MASS**

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 Pavay, 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



Our Saint This Week

St. Bernard of Clairvaux | August 20

Man of the century! Woman of the century! You see such terms applied to so many today - "golfer of the century," "composer of the century," "right tackle of the century"- that the line no longer has any punch. But Western Europe's "man of the twelfth century," without doubt or controversy, had to be Bernard of Clairvaux. Adviser of popes, preacher of the Second Crusade, defender of the faith, healer of a schism, reformer of a monastic Order, Scripture scholar, theologian, and eloquent preacher: any of these titles would distinguish an ordinary man. Yet Bernard was all of these - and he still retained a burning desire to return to the hidden monastic life of his younger days.

In the year 1111, at the age of 20, Bernard left his home to join the monastic community of Citeaux. His five brothers, two uncles, and some 30 young friends followed him into the monastery. Within four years, a dying community had recovered enough vitality to establish a new house in the nearby valley of Wormwoods, with Bernard as abbot. The zealous young man was quite demanding, though more on himself than others. A slight breakdown of health taught him to be more patient and understanding. The valley was soon renamed "Clairvaux," the valley of light.

His ability as arbitrator and counselor became widely known. More and more he was lured away from the monastery to settle long-standing disputes. On several of these occasions, he apparently stepped on some sensitive toes in Rome. Bernard was completely dedicated to the primacy of the Roman See. But to a letter of warning from Rome, he replied that the good fathers in Rome had enough to do to keep the Church in one piece. If any matters arose that warranted their interest, he would be the first to let them know. Shortly thereafter it was Bernard who intervened in a full-blown schism and settled it in favor of the Roman pontiff against the antipope.

The Holy See prevailed on Bernard to preach the Second Crusade throughout Europe. His eloquence was so overwhelming that a great army was assembled and the success of the crusade seemed assured. The ideals of the men and their leaders, however, were not those of Abbot Bernard, and the project ended as a complete military and moral disaster.

Bernard felt responsible in some way for the degenerative effects of the crusade. This heavy burden possibly hastened his death, which came on August 20, 1153.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 16.....	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 pm	Pro Populo
Sunday, August 17.....	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00 am	†Melody Lopossa Req. by Ed & Paula Roessler
Wednesday, August 20.....	St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor
8:30 am	†Randy Kidwell Req. by The Faye Family
Friday, August 22.....	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
5:30 pm	†Norma Faye Req. by Jeff & Mary Williams
Saturday, August 23.....	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 pm	Pro Populo
Sunday, August 24.....	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00 am	†Wendy Nicholson Req. by Mark & Linda Caraher

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 23, 4 p.m. 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

EMHC:	Amy Petrone (Host), Cathy Kervan (Host), Deacon Gary (Cup), Mary Ann Coffey (Cup), Jan O'Brien (Main Host)
Hospitality Ministers:	Don Flick (HM Team Leader-UN), Kay Campbell (GE), Steve Wuertz (GN), _____ (GW)
Lector:	Nick Petrone (A), Kayla Richart (B)
Sacristan:	Mary Morois
Servers:	Myles Parrish, Ellie Richart
Cantor:	Michele Kite

Sunday, August 24, 11 a.m. 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

EMHC:	Andrea Kurtz (Host), Mike Guinan (Host), Deacon Gary (Cup), Beverly Durham (Cup), Chris Houppert (Cup), _____ (Cup), Andrew Warner (Main Host)
Hospitality Ministers:	John Lockhart (GE), Gilbert Durham (GN) Tad Nelson (GW), Tammy Buennagel (UN), _____ (Y)
Lector:	Joe Therber (A), Sylvia Zimmerman (B)
Sacristan:	Glenn Kurtz
Servers:	Chiron Christopher, Mila Christopher
Cantor:	Kate Miller Live Streamer: John Kassell
Small	
Linens Sacristan:	Penny Moss

READINGS: WEEK OF AUGUST 17, 2025

Sunday:	Jer 38:4-6,8-10; Ps 40:2-4,18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53
Monday:	Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37,39-40, 43ab,44; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9,11-14; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-6
Thursday:	Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5,7-10; Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Ru 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Ru 2:1-3,8-11,4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12

Do you know anyone 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.

mfallon@ollindy.org

Calendar of EVENTS

Saturday, August 16

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

Sunday, August 17

11:00 am Mass Church
Noon Parish Picnic West Lawn
7:00 pm Confirmation Meeting BH-AorB

Monday, August 18

3:00 pm Extended Care BH-B
7:30 pm Faith Formation Meeting BH-A

Tuesday, August 19

3:00 pm Extended Care BH-B
6:00 pm Back to School Night Gym
6:00 pm Festival Meeting BH-B
7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop #8 Cafeteria

Wednesday, August 20

8:30 am Mass (School) Church
3:00 pm Extended Care BH-B
6:30 pm SVdP BH-B

Thursday, August 21

10:00 am In Stitches BH-A&B
3:00 pm Extended Care BH-B
8:45 pm Exodus BH-AorB

Friday, August 22

3:00 pm Extended Care BH-B
5:30 pm Mass Chapel

Saturday, August 23

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

Sunday, August 24

11:00 am Mass Church
12:30 pm Shower BH-A&B
4:30 pm PTO (Mr Black) Cafeteria



LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

SATURDAY: 148
SUNDAY: 320

IN GRATITUDE WE SHARE



August 10, 2025

Actual.....	\$	8,355.00
Online Giving		5,048.00
Budgeted.....		12,500.00
Difference +/-.....	\$	903.00

YTD Sunday & Holy Day

Actual.....	\$	80,500.06
Budgeted.....		75,000.00
Difference +/-.....	\$	5,500.06

SVdP.....	\$	348.00
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Endowment.....	\$	135.00
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Visiting Sister.....	\$	856.00
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Stewardship

"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth?

No, I tell you, but rather division."

LUKE 12:51

Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We don't want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. Form your conscience; take a stance through **Stewardship** for life, marriage, and religious liberty.

Change in Distribution of Holy Communion

At the recent Liturgy Committee meeting the decision was made to return to starting the distribution of Holy Communion from the front pews rather than the back pews. We will make this change starting the weekend of August 30-31. This change will apply to all Masses at OLL, weekend and weekday. The distribution of Holy Communion to those unable to receive in the Communion line will still occur at the end of distribution.



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SVDP INDY DELIVERS FOOD TO HOMEBOUND

The SVdP Indy Home Delivery Program currently delivers food each Wednesday to about 380 neighbors who are homebound. Each neighbor receives two bags of groceries packed by volunteers: one bag of non-perishables such as canned goods, cereal and pasta, and one bag of perishables including milk, meat, fresh produce and bread.

Delivery is accomplished by volunteer drivers, each having a route, delivering to 5-7 neighbors weekly.

There is currently a long waiting list of neighbors wishing to receive home delivery. We have more home delivery requests than we have volunteer drivers.

Questions about the program or volunteering?

Heather Snyder hsnyder@svdpindy.org

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SVdP Info: Week 5

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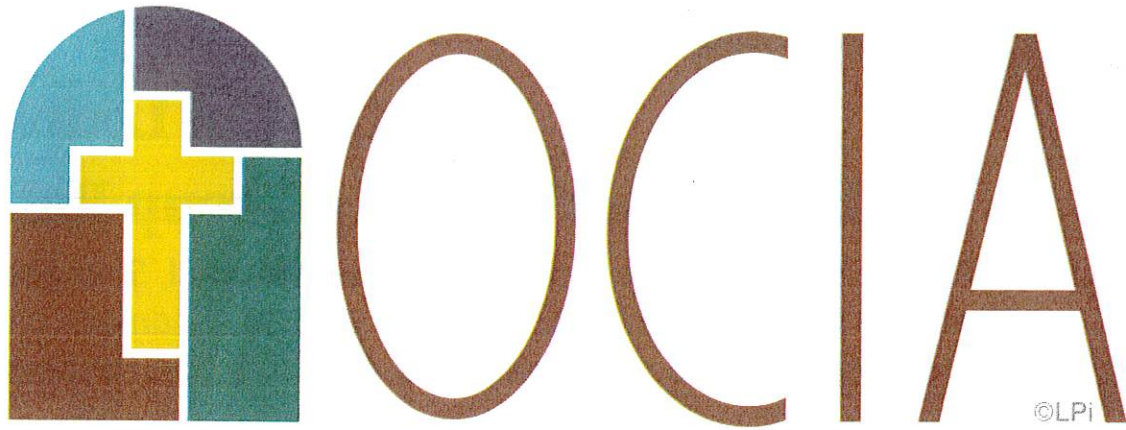
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You never know what a suggestion or an invitation will do.

A Recent OCIA Participant explained:

My call to attend OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) and join the Catholic Church was filled with nerves, questions, confusion, but most importantly the Holy Spirit. I actually said "No," the first time someone mentioned attending OCIA but just two weeks later an unsuspecting friend approached me, explained the process, and invited me to attend with her. It was truly God's timing that she approached me and that he opened my heart to hear her invitation.

This friend mentioned that it was a way to learn about the Catholic Church and all the questions I had without any pressure to join. Each week, I was able to learn about the teachings of the Church, the 'why' behind so much of what we do, the history of the Church, and ultimately, to make the decision to join the Church. Each week we studied a different topic and would dive deeply into the questions posed by the instructor as well as questions the participants had. OCIA provided a safe and positive space to explore the Catholic faith.

I am new to the Irvington area and Our Lady of Lourdes but OCIA also provided me with new friends here in the parish. I am so happy I said "Yes," to joining OCIA!

Do you know someone who you think would be ready to hear about our faith? Give them an invitation! Meetings commence on September 2, at 7 p.m., starting at the Little Flower parish office on East 13th and Bosart Streets.

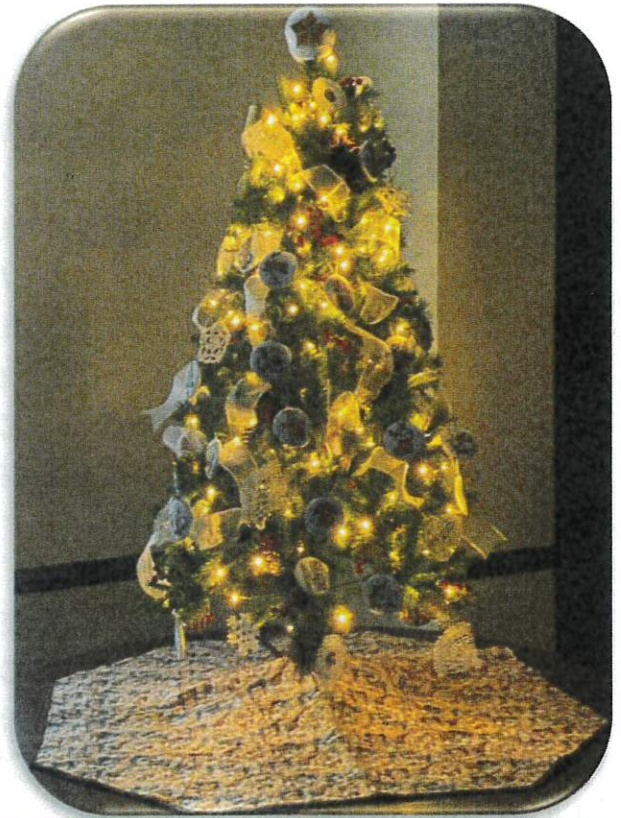
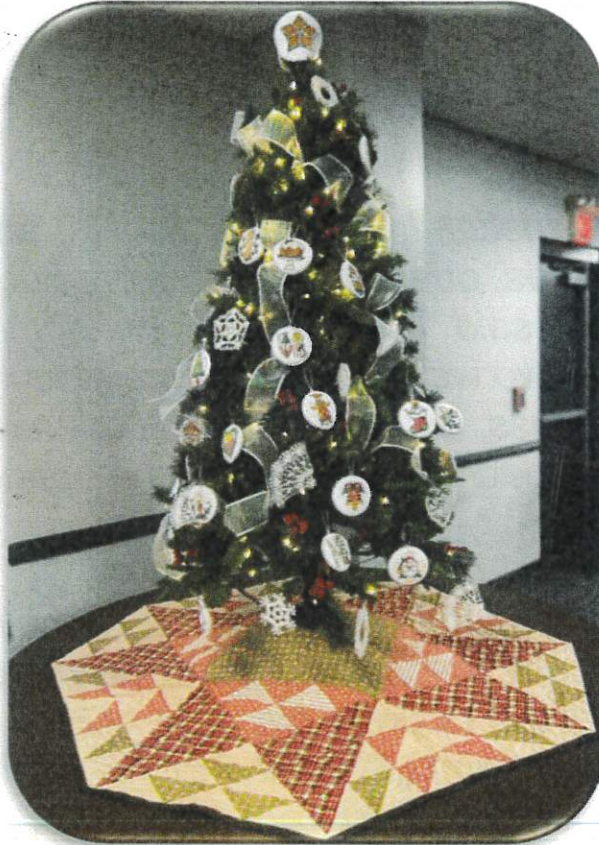


Our Lady of Lourdes

"In Stitches" Sewing Group Raffle

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Contact Paula at 317-509-7989 with questions.