



# Our Lady of Lourdes Church

## November 26, 2023

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## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe

### Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Thursday ~ Office Closed

Fridays 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil ~ 4:00 p.m.

Sunday ~ 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,

Friday ~ 9:00 a.m.

Thursday ~ No daily Mass

### Adoration

Monday ~ 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

### Sacrament of Baptism

Baptismal instruction offered at

6:30 p.m. on the

third Tuesday of every month.

Call the office to register.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday ~ 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday ~ 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Anytime by appointment.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Arranged at least six months

in advance

### Pastoral Care of the Sick

Notify the parish office  
whenever someone is ill,  
hospitalized, or homebound  
wishes to receive Communion.

### OCIA (formerly RCIA)

Mondays ~ 7:00 p.m.

### Parish Membership

New parishioners are  
always welcome  
Please call the parish office  
to register.

### Knights of Columbus

Council 14329

### Parish Council

Rita Clayton

Deb Steinbacher

Jamie Wieder

Mary Etta Legarski

Sharon O'Malley

Keith Kuzio

Colleen Brown

Lydia Baylor



## Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe

Jesus, King of Flesh and Blood,  
Teach us what it means to be human,  
To find divine life  
In our own lives of flesh and blood.  
Help us to see You,  
To be moved by You,  
To give our lives  
To the only King worthy of them,  
For You are Lord.  
AMEN



*Dear Parishioners and Friends,*

*The celebration of the Solemnity of Christ the King always marks the end of the Church Year. You know how we have the calendar year and the fiscal year, well as Catholics we also have the Church year. Currently we are finishing out Year A. Next Sunday will be the first Sunday of Advent, and we will begin Year B.*

*In the secular world, New Year's Eve is the big celebration of the year past and of the beginning of a new year. The Solemnity of Christ the King is similar. We celebrate all that Christ has accomplished in our lives this past year, and we begin with Advent resolutions to prepare for the Birth of Christ, who is to eternally be our King. It is similar, but very different in that the Church year is not merely a measure and marking of days tracked by a calendar. Christ the King is the climax of the great drama of the Life of Christ not only in history, but in each human heart. And it is intensely personal.*

*When I say it is personal I mean it is mutually personal to us and to Jesus. We all know that we can have a personal relationship with Jesus. Many speak of having accepted Jesus as their personal savior. The readings for Christ the King teach us how personal it is to Jesus, Himself. Any true relation to the Lord is as personal as it gets. Far beyond anything akin to our feelings and statements, Jesus declares that we are blessed when we see Him hungry and feed Him, naked and clothe Him, ill and care for Him, in prison and visit Him. He takes these actions so seriously that he declares we are "accursed" if we do not relate to Him in these ways. This salvation business is intensely personal to Him. Just ponder for a moment what it cost Him and what it demands of us.*

*That is why it is so very important for us to have this day called Christ the King every year. He is not only King of the Universe. He is King of our hearts. His story is not just one for the books. It is the ongoing work of Creation, which involves the fall and salvation of man. We are not merely recognizing a title which He deserves. We are asking Him to allow us to be members of His Kingdom. He wants to be our King in all matters. He desires that His Will be our will. It is universally great, and it is all very personal—for Him and for us.*

*Vivat Christus Rex!*

*Viva Christo Rey!*

*Long live Christ the King!*

*Joyfully yours,*

*Fr. Michael*

# The month of November is devoted to the Souls in Purgatory.

## This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

**Sunday, November 26**  
~No Religious Education  
**Monday, November 27** ~ Office Closed  
~Holy Hour/Confessions ~ 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
**Thursday, November 30** ~ Office Closed  
~Choir 6:30 p.m.  
**Friday, December 1** ~ First Friday  
~Evening Prayer followed by Confessions ~ 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
**Saturday, December 2** ~ First Saturday  
~Youth Candy Making in Hall ~ 10:30 a.m.  
~Candy Sale after 4:00 Mass  
**Sunday, December 3**  
~Religious Education ~ Grades 1 - 8 ~ 9:00 a.m.  
~Candy Sales after 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses

## Offertory Collections

The offertory amounts will be posted in next week's bulletin. It will reflect the weekends of November 18 & 19 and November 25 & 26.

Thank you for your understanding.

## Collection Counter Schedule

**November 28 ~ Group 2** Glenda Farrington,  
Mary McNamara, Carol Everett  
**December 4 ~ Group 3** Deb Vincenzes, Bonnie  
Fry, Judy DeGregorio



## John Bower Basketball



Registration is now available for John Bower Basketball for grades K - 6. Forms are available thru Rachel Nolan by calling #814-341-6928 or stop in at the parish office.

## Advent Evening of Reflection

December 20 ~ 6:00 p.m.

A night of reflection for all volunteers, especially Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Catechists, Parish Pastoral Council, Coordinating Team, Knights of Columbus, Youth Ministry Team, etc.  
The evening will include dinner, and a talk on the Eucharist by Deacon John Bubb. Please RSVP by calling the parish office.



## Faith In Action

For the month of November we will be collecting Instant Mashed Potatoes and Boxed Stuffing Mix. Thank you and God Bless!



We continue to collect 16 oz. jars of peanut butter for the Montoursville Back Pack Program. Our goal is to collect 120/month to help the 120 + families in our School District who are in need. Drop off donations inside the Church or the Church office.

## Mass Intentions

**Sunday, November 26** ~ Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe  
8:00 a.m. John Catino (By Catino Family)  
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish  
**Monday, November 27**  
9:00 a.m. Karen Benfer (By Tom Glica)  
**Tuesday, November 28**  
9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Arduini Family (By David and JoAnne Mondell)  
**Wednesday, November 29**  
9:00 a.m. Dr. Charles Pagana & Mary Pagana (By Theresa & Joe Moore)  
**Thursday, November 30** ~ St. Andrew, Apostle  
No Mass  
**Friday, December 1** ~ First Friday  
9:00 a.m. Delia Vogel (By Sue Leisenring)  
**Saturday, December 2** ~ First Saturday  
9:00 a.m. Holy Souls In Purgatory (By Romey Fagnano Family)  
4:00 a.m. James & Helen O'Brien & James Nestlerode (By Jan & Karen Ransdorf)  
**Sunday, December 3** ~ First Sunday In Advent  
8:00 a.m. Ed Shuhler ~ By Family  
10:30 a.m. People Of The Parish

## Readings For The Week

**Monday:** Dan 1:1-20; Ps 85; Luke 21:1-4  
**Tuesday:** Dan 2:31-45; Ps 117; Luke 21:5-11  
**Wednesday:** Dan 5:1-28; Ps 117; Luke 21:12-19  
**Thursday:** Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22  
**Friday:** Dan 7:2-14; Ps 117; Luke 21:29-33  
**Saturday:** Dan 7:15-27; Ps 117; Luke 34-36  
**Sunday:** Rev 5:12, 1-6; Ps 23:1-6; 1Cor 15:20-28; Mt 25:31-46



If you or your family would like to take up the gifts at Mass, please reach out to an usher and let them know. If you have requested a Mass for someone, we would love for you to represent them by bringing up the gifts.



## Mass Intention Book

Deadline for scheduling your 3 Masses for the 2024 year will be December 15. There is no time limit on unscheduled Masses.



**St. Nicholas Party**  
Saturday, December 9  
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
Pre K - 4

Come for a fun afternoon of games, crafts, snacks and more! Parents, this is a great opportunity to get some shopping in! Please RSVP by December 1 by contacting Jackie Baylor at #267-236-2310 or call/email the parish office to make a reservation. Sign-up sheets are available at all Church entrances.



Let us Prepare for Jesus!

## Prayer List for the Month of November

If you or a loved one would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact the parish office.

Dave Bonus, Karen Boyle, D. Jane Brown, Margaret Campbell, Gerald Dincher, Diane DeTato, Ann Marie Dorin, Diane Folk, Margie Foulds, Carissa Foulds, Charles Gries, Cliff Hales, Geraldine Hamm, Michael Hook, Mina Hoover, Rosemary "Cate" Legarski, Chuck Ligosh, Kathleen Maiolo, Karen Marlett, Alex Mazzante, Tyler Morton, Mary Myers, Justin Reed (Father's nephew), Nicole Selleck, Isabel Shumbat, Kim Singer, Sofia Steinbacher, Shawn Steinbacher, Staci Stone, Christine Quinn, Carl Ulsamer, Debbie Winterer

**~Homemade Candy Sale~**

The Youth of our parish will be selling homemade chocolate candies after each Mass the weekend of December 3 & 4. It will make great gifts!



**The Giving Tree**



The *Annual Giving Tree* will be displayed at the main entrance of the Church on Monday, **November 27** and will be up until **December 18**. By request, we are asking for Weis cards only in amounts of \$5, \$10, \$15 and \$20. Please consider helping those in need. Thank you for your generosity.

**Advent Lessons and Carols~Immaculate Conception**

On Sunday, December 17 at 2:00 p.m. We will recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. Each lesson is followed by a carol or other songs that reflect on the lesson's message and a brief prayer. We invite you to join in this service of prayer and reflection as we *wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ*.

**Play Rehearsal Schedule**

Practices for the Christmas play, which will take place on Christmas Eve at 3:30 p.m. are as follows:

- Wednesday, December 6 ~ 6:00 p.m.**
- Tuesday, December 12 ~ 6:00 p.m.**
- Thursday, December 21 ~ 6:00 p.m.**



If your child would like to participate in the play, please contact Mrs. B. at 570-666-5300.

**Love Never Ends**



Our Christmas luncheon will be held December 15 at 12:00 p.m. Turkey, stuffing, potatoes, gravy and dessert will be served. If you'd like please bring a veggie side to share. Let us know if you want to attend by contacting Curt Fink at 570-490-8230 or contact the parish office. Hope to see you there!

**Music Ministry**

Choir practices are every Thursday, at 6:30 p.m. in the choir loft. All are welcome! Contact Jo Marie Latini @ 570-666-4915 for more information.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Diocesan Annual Appeal Update**

We're at \$20,775. (50% of goal) with pledges and donations from 110 families (16.67%) of the parish as of 11/17/2023. Please prayerfully consider how you might support the campaign and help the parish to reach our goal. Thank you!

**Sponsor Of The Week**

We sincerely thank **MASTER CONTRACTORS/Nick Catino** for being our bulletin sponsor this week. Thank you for your continued support.

**Ancient Order of Hibernians**

Annual "Knight At The Races" will be Friday, January 26, 2024. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. More details to follow.



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