

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

January 14, 2024

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Second 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 Pastoral Council

Lydia Baylor

Colleen Brown

Stacy Gerrity

MaryEtta Legarski

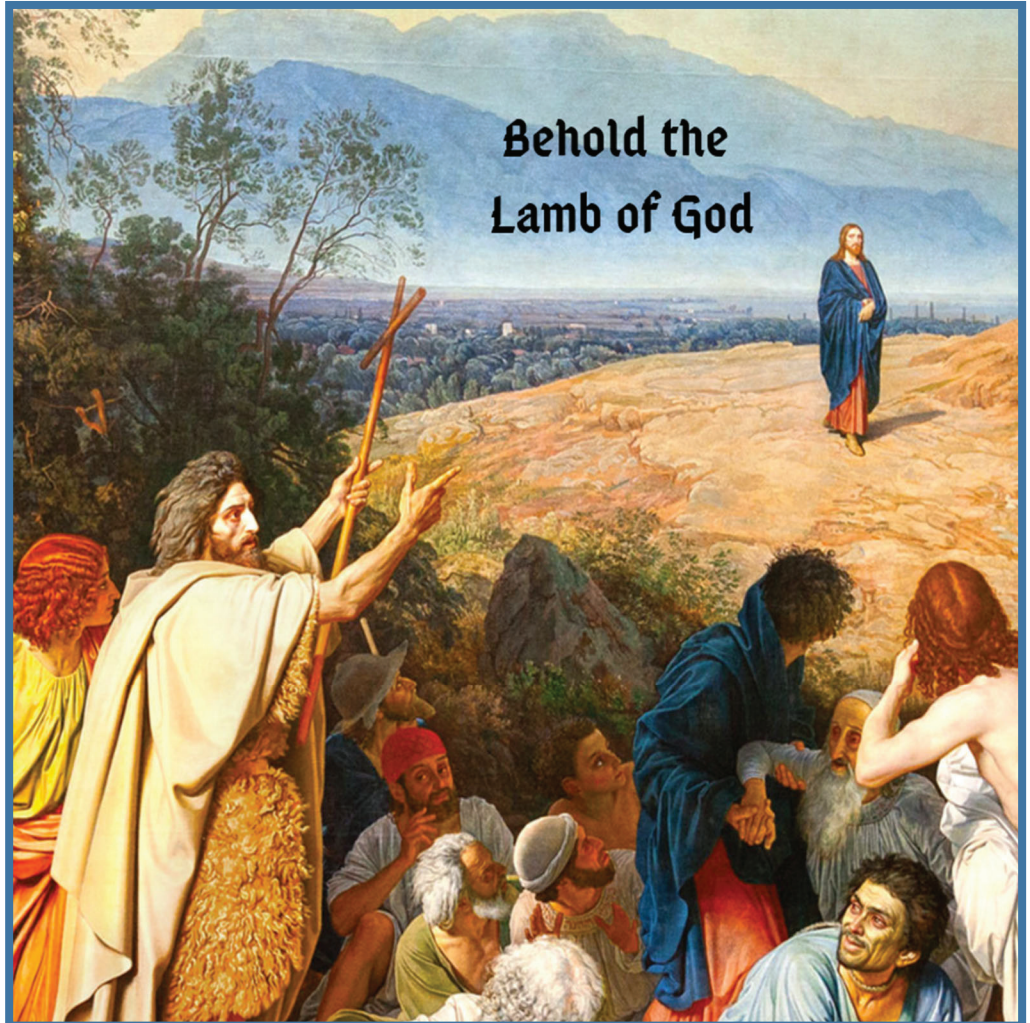
Anne Logue

Keith Kuzio

Kevin Mann

Sharon O'Malley

Jamie Wieder



Behold the Lamb of God

*He looked at Jesus as he walked,
and said,*

“Behold, the Lamb of God!”

*The two disciples heard Him say this and
they followed Jesus.*

John 1:36-37



What are you looking for?



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I find it absolutely amazing that the first words Jesus utters in the Gospel of John are, "What are you looking for?" This Gospel is the most beautifully written of the four Gospels. Beginning with the "Word made Flesh" and ending with the beloved disciple proclaiming that "the whole world could not contain" all that Jesus said, did and Is. Whereas the Gospel of Mark may be said to have a low Christology, John has a very high Christology. Having read the Gospel of John, there is no doubt that Jesus is the divine Son of God.


Yet, the first spoken words of Jesus in the Gospel of John are rather common place. We do not hear Jesus proclaiming some extraordinary words of wisdom or revelation. He merely asks, "What are you looking for?" They respond by asking where He is staying. Then the plot begins to thicken with the second sentence of Jesus' recorded words, "Come, and you will see." Still rather mundane, ordinary words, but the call is evident.

It all began with, "What are you looking for." So, for what are you looking? It is a good question for us as we continue in this new year. Perhaps your New Year's Resolutions have already been abandoned or modified. Be that as it may, let us as followers of Jesus consider seriously what we may be called to this year. It may be a vocation such as Marriage or even the Priesthood. Whatever the vocation, we are all being called to *look* for ways to go with Jesus and see where He stays. For all of us this involves growing in virtues, repenting of sin, and living the Will of God in our daily lives: Have fun without sinning! Help without complaining. Nurture your families that they might reflect more clearly the Holy Family. Be gentle. Be kind. Be aware of Jesus at your side.

So let us boldly go into this new year with great expectations and ever greater grace!

Joyfully yours,

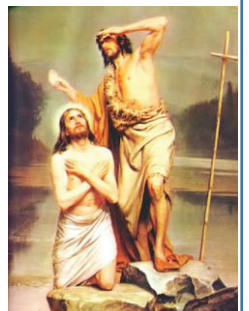
Fr. Michael


PRAY FOR
VOCATIONS

"Whatsoever you ask in my name, I will give you." ~Jn 14:14

Vocation Prayer ~ Baptism of Our Lord

"You will see and be radiant, and your heart will thrill and rejoice." Your heart will be full of joy when you answer His call. Are you considering making known the love of our Heavenly Father as a priest, sister or brother? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at #570-207-1452.



Parish Financial Report
Our Lady of Lourdes - Montoursville
TREND ANALYSIS

	Fiscal Year July 1 - June 30				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Revenue					
Collections	407,262	379,520	354,765	351,397	385,908
Faith Formation Fees	10,175	10,709	5,260	10,005	10,580
Fundraising/Development	47,172	41,939	7,045	109,009	74,660
Other Income	26,569	24,832	23,092	16,924	24,642
Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan	700	-	-	-	-
Transfers Savings Account/Other	-	1,637	97,906	56,411	30,000
Diocesan Special Collections	9,473	16,037	11,957	10,984	13,484
Total Revenue	501,351	474,676	500,024	554,729	539,274
Expenses					
Administration	142,744	131,075	126,171	129,114	136,832
Rectory	25,730	15,273	19,015	18,021	13,617
Liturgy	51,669	43,816	70,276	38,503	63,056
Faith Formation	30,484	45,476	48,177	49,391	61,576
Social Justice	11,873	8,648	1,518	20,813	33,531
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	85,614	90,058	82,440	79,308	87,679
Fixed Expense	23,053	22,118	21,359	20,619	19,943
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlays	46,145	42,146	125,000	-	-
Designated Expenses /Transfers Out	-	25	-	56,106	30,000
Catholic School Assessment	56,340	61,068	71,160	72,108	74,376
Diocesan Special Collections Remittance	9,115	14,738	11,652	16,899	13,527
Total Expense	482,767	474,441	576,768	500,882	534,137
Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis	18,584	235	(76,744)	53,847	5,137
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	588	(604)	(307)	-	-
Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)	19,172	(369)	(77,051)	53,847	5,137
NOTE					
Outstanding Diocesan Obligations could include: Diocesan assessments, School assessments, health insurance, self-insurance, pension and other expenses.					
End of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	323	911	307	-	-
Beginning of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	911	307	-	-	-
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	588	(604)	(307)	-	-
Diocesan Loan/Debt	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Understanding Your Parish Financial Report

Revenue

- **Collections** include all offertory envelopes, online giving and loose collections, including for holidays, Holy Days and any special collection (flowers) envelopes.
- **Faith Formation Fees** include all registration and program fees for both faith formation and adults programs.
- **Fundraising/Development** includes any gifts or donations that are not regular parish offertory, bequests and memorials, parish activities (dinners, picnics, bingo, lottery, etc.), donations from parish societies and any parish rebate from the Diocesan Annual Appeal (75% over goal is refunded to the parish).
- **Other Income** includes rental of facilities, insurance refunds, interest income, sale of assets, funeral/wedding perquisites or any other income.
- **Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan** includes donations or grants specifically earmarked for a designated purpose, reimbursements from linked parishes to help cover expenses and any Paycheck Protection Plan grant income.
- **Transfers Savings Account/Other** includes transfers from bank accounts that are excluded from operating income or have already been reported as operating income.
- **Diocesan Special Collections** are special collections (Care & Education of Priests or Emergency collections following a natural disaster) which get remitted back to the Diocese.

Expenses

- **Administration** includes clergy salary and benefits, office staff salary and benefits, administrative expenses, telephone, computer services, postage, printing, envelopes and the Cathedralium (9.5% parish assessment to the Diocese) and Clergy Care and Wellness Assessment.
- **Rectory** expenses include the costs to run and maintain the rectory, as well as household expenses for the pastor(s).
- **Liturgy** includes salaries and benefits for musicians and liturgical staff including directors, musicians and sacristans. This also includes all liturgical equipment and supplies (printed materials, candles, flowers, decorations, etc.)
- **Faith Formation** includes salaries and benefits of faith formation director and staff, including family and/or youth director. This also includes the cost of all textbooks and supplies, retreats, etc.
- **Social Justice** includes all social justice salaries and benefits, as well as the cost of all social justice expenses.
- **Operation & Maintenance of Plant** includes salaries and benefits of all maintenance staff. This also includes the occupancy costs of the parish buildings, including electricity, heat, water, cleaning, janitorial, repairs and maintenance, and any plant and maintenance supplies.
- **Fixed Expense** includes insurance premiums from the Diocesan self-insured program for property, liability and workers compensation, real estate taxes (if any) and rental of facilities.
- **Debt Service** includes the interest and principal payments paid on outstanding parish debt.
- **Capital Outlays** includes any major repairs on the parish building or site or any new construction costs.
- **Designated Expenses/Transfers Out** includes all expenses designated for a specific purpose (i.e., food pantry) or transfers out to savings/building fund.
- **Catholic School Assessments** paid are included here. These represent the parish's portion allocated for the support of the Diocese of Scranton Catholic School System which are 14.5% for a parish with a Catholic School in its county and 8% if there is no school in its county.
- **Diocesan Special Collections Remittance** are the remittals of the Diocesan collections above.

Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis

- This line represents the **increase or decrease** in parish cash balances from the beginning of the year to the end of the year on a **CASH BASIS** based on actual expenses paid.

(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations

- This amount represents the change in the parish's **unpaid obligations** over the year. If there is an **increase** in unpaid obligations, this number will be **negative**. If the parish **reduced** its unpaid obligations, this will be a **positive** number.

Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)

- This value is the sum of the Parish Surplus/(Deficit) and the (Increase)/decrease of Unpaid Diocesan Obligations. The cash balance represents the net effect of operating activity on a cash basis. If a parish is current on all of its obligation, there would be no difference between the Cash and ACTUAL Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit). However, if a parish is unable to stay current on its obligations, the increase of unpaid obligations will reduce their CASH Basis Net Surplus/(Deficit) by the amount of the increase in unpaid Diocesan obligations.

This Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit) reflects a parish's true ability to pay its current obligations.

Outstanding Diocesan Obligations

- This section highlights the change in a parish's unpaid Diocesan obligations over each fiscal year. If a parish has an increase in unpaid obligations for the year, this will result in a lower Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit) as these are an annual obligation of the parish that was not paid in the current year.

Diocesan Loan/Debt

- This is the amount of outstanding loans of the parish.

January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus

This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

Monday, January 15 ~ Office Closed ~ Martin Luther King Day
 ~K.O.C. Gun Bingo Volunteer Meeting ~ 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
 ~Holy Hour & Confessions 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 16
 ~Parish Finance Council ~ 6 p.m.
 ~Parish Pastoral Council Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 17
 ~Youth Ministry Meeting ~ 6:30 p.m.

Friday, January 19
 ~Homeschool Meeting in Rectory Classroom ~ 1:45 - 3:15 p.m.
 ~Confessions ~ 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 21
 ~Religious Education ~ 9:00 a.m.
 ~Youth Mass ~ 10:30 a.m.
 ~Youth Group to Penn State for Basketball Game
 ~Bobby Pulizzi making meatballs in the kitchen ~ 11:30 a.m.

Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contributions) January 6 - 7, 2024

Loose	\$	147.00
Offertory	\$	3,533.00
Initial Envelopes	\$	90.00
Maintenance	\$	308.00
Utilities & Fuel	\$	17.00
Votives	\$	76.00
Religious Education	\$	6.00
Christmas	\$	100.00
Holy Day ~ Solemnity of Mary	\$	175.00
TOTAL	\$	4,452.00

Diocesan Collections

Care & Education of Priests	\$	114.00
World Mission/Latin America	\$	5.00
TOTAL	\$	119.00

2024 Tax Statements Now Available

Tax Statements for contributions to Our Lady of Lourdes in 2023 are now available. Contact the office to have one sent to you.



Collection Counter Schedule

January 16, 2024 ~ Group 1 Darl Simms, Mary Ann Hollenbach, Wendy Marshalek
January 22, 2024 ~ Group 2 Glenda Farrington, Mary McNamara, Carol Everett

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 13 ~ St. Hilary
 4:00 p.m. Wilma Finkbeiner (By Jaye Dee Fuller)

Sunday, January 14
 8:00 a.m. Jimmy Bender (By Louis Mazzante & Family)
 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday, January 15 ~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
 9:00 a.m. Sofie DeGregorio (By The DeGregorio Family)

Tuesday, January 16
 9:00 a.m. Cora Chapman (By Denise Sharar)
 1:30 p.m. For An End To Abortion (Romey Fagnano Family)

Wednesday, January 17 ~ St. Anthony, Abbot
 9:00 a.m. Joseph Nardi (The Pagana Sisters)

Thursday, January 18
 No Mass scheduled

Friday, January 19
 9:00 a.m. Arthur McClellan (By Family)

Saturday, January 20 ~ St. Fabian and St. Sebastian
 4:00 p.m. Jay Martin (By Dave and JoAnne Mondell)

Sunday, January 21 ~ Word of God Sunday
 8:00 a.m. Bob & Mary Kranz (Jan & Karen Ransdorf)
 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Readings For The Week

Monday: 1 Sam 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sam 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-28; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sam 17:32-33; Ps 144; Mk 3:1-6;
Thursday: 1 Sam 18:6-9; Ps 56:2-10; Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sam 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-11; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday : 2 Sam 1:1-12; Ps 80:2-7; Mk 3:2-21
Sunday: 1 Sam 3:3-19; Ps 40:2-10; 1 Cor 6:13-20; Jn 1:35-42

Prayer List for the Month of January

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, 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

Take
Outs
Only



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OUR LADY OF LOURDES
SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024

5:00 PM ~ 7:00 PM

DINNER TO INCLUDE:

**Spaghetti & Homemade Meatballs, Dinner Salad,
 Bread/Butter, & Dessert**

**Tickets are being sold after each Mass and are available at the Church office....until SOLD OUT.
 ADULTS ~ \$12.00 CHILDREN (10 & Under) ~ \$6.00**



Coffee Chats
Women of the Parish

Please join us at the home of Lydia James on January 27 at 9:30 a.m. We will continue to study St. Edith Stein, Seeker of the Truth. To attend please text Lydia at #570-419-9744 or email Lydia at djams25@gmail.com and she will send you the study chapters, along with other details.

Senior Citizen Ziti For Our Sweeties

When: Sunday, February 4 at 11:30 a.m. in Hall
Who: OLOL Senior Citizens and Senior Friends
Cost: FREE (Youth Group wants to *serve* you and *thank* you!)
Menu: Ziti, Salad, Italian Bread & Ice Cream
~DOOR PRIZES~

There will be limited seating, so RSVP by calling or texting Kathleen McMahon @ 570-419-1471 by January 28.



Sponsor Of The Week

Baker Insurance Agency is our bulletin sponsor for the week. Thank you for your continued support to the Church.



Knights of Columbus

Special meeting will be held Monday, January 15, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m. for the Knights and parish volunteers to discuss our third annual Gun Bingo being held at Bald Bird Brewery on Saturday, March 2. Thank you.

Ministry Corner ~ Deb Steinbacher

MARK YOUR CALENDERS

The month of January is very important in our work to end the culture of death in this country! Even though Roe v. Wade, which heralded the fight for the lives of the unborn in January of 1973, was overturned in June of 2022 we must still fight! With the legality of abortion being decided at the state level, more states than not have decided that abortion is a so-called right, and many consider it healthcare! The fight is not over! This month, we can use the best weapon we have at our disposal - PRAYER! The USCCB has invited us to join in the 9 Days for Life Novena from January 16-24 (USCCB Respect Life website). We can also pray for those participating in the annual March for Life on January 19. Remember that abortion is legal in Pennsylvania and pray for our lawmakers. According to PA Department of Health Statistics for 2022, abortions increased by 1,632 from 2021 to 2022 in our state alone. In addition to prayer, we can support all local efforts to raise awareness and we can support our pregnancy care centers so those numbers will decrease! God bless you as you work to end the scourge of abortion and the culture of death in our country!

Our Lady of Lourdes Diocesan Annual Appeal Update

We're at \$30,467.00 (74.31% of goal) with pledges and donations from 153 families (23.39%) of the parish as of 01/05/24. Please prayerfully consider how you might support the campaign and help the parish to reach our goal. Thank you!

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