



Our Lady of Lourdes Church

November 19, 2023

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Thirty Third 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

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



Mission Statement

We are a Christian Community rooted in Word and Sacrament
striving to fulfill our Baptismal commitment
by following the example and teaching of Christ.
Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we endeavor to pass on our faith,
through the Roman Catholic Tradition, to the next generation
for the greater glory of God.



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Though some of you have already begun preparations for the holiday season, this weekend still remains something like A “calm before the storm”. Thanksgiving Day with the glorious family meal is only a few short days away, after which the cultural frenzy begins. Much of it is fun and exciting, especially for the children who await Christmas! The decorations are festive and nostalgic. However, it can all be rather a bit much, especially to those who are suffering. I will always remember that first Christmas after my mother died. Shopping with all the holiday jingles seemed to me to resemble a nightmare more than a celebration. At the time my only consolation was to be found in Church singing “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” and other Advent hymns, reading Scripture and receiving Jesus in Holy Communion. Offering the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass is real. It is neither manufactured or material.

I did get to experience true Christmas joy with the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord. All that other stuff which I so enjoyed in the past was...just stuff. I needed much more. That year there was no fake happiness and frivolity. I couldn't even fake it for the benefit of others. It was strange for me, having always been the smiling face of the secular celebration of the Christmas season. But it was our Lord and His Mass that got me through. There was one other thing that helped me that year-- the Christmas Novena of St. Anthony.

It has been that way for me ever since, not now out of sadness and mourning. The comfort and joy are not born of the seasonal activities. However, our true comfort and joy may well begin for us on this Thanksgiving Day if we truly take the time to be grateful to the Lord for all He has given us. Gratitude. Thanksgiving. Being truly grateful to God at all times is what keeps us (me) from being overwhelmed with concerns, sorrows, and doubt. I may have my moments, but God has my days.

And then join me in praying the Christmas Novena every day, beginning on November 30th. We call it the Christmas Novena, but it is really more of an Advent Novena. Praying that prayer will like nourishing a tender seedling of hope in our hearts. That seedling will become a glorious tree~~a real Christmas Tree~~The Tree of Life which is Christ Jesus, Himself.

Now I can't wait for Advent to begin. In the meantime, Happy Thanksgiving to one and all!

Joyfully yours,

Fr. Michael

*Hail and Blessed Be
The hour and moment in which
The Son of God was born of The Most Pure Virgin Mary,
At midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold.
In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God,
To hear my prayer and grant my desires
(mention prayer petition here)
Through the Merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ,
And of His Blessed Mother. Amen*

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

This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

Sunday, November 19

~Advent Wreath - Intergenerational ~ 9:00 a.m.

Monday, November 20

~Holy Hour/Confessions ~ 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
~Pro Life Meeting ~ 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 21

~Finance Meeting ~ 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 23 ~ Office Closed

~*Thanksgiving Blessings To Everyone*

Friday, November 24 ~ Office Closed

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

Sunday, November 26

~No Religious Education

Monday, November 27 ~ Office Closed



~ Holiday Office Schedule ~

The parish office will be closed on November 23, 24 & 27 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. *Thank you.*



Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contributions) November 11 & 12, 2023

Loose	\$	574.00
Offertory	\$	8,471.00
Maintenance	\$	452.50
Utilities & Fuel	\$	102.00
Votives	\$	98.00
Religious Education	\$	21.00
All Saints Day	\$	45.00
All Souls Day	\$	10.00
TOTAL	\$	9,773.50

Diocesan Collections

Care & Education of Priests	\$	128.50
Rice Bowl	\$	25.00
Retirement Fund	\$	20.00
Human Development	\$	20.00
TOTAL	\$	193.50

Collection Counter Schedule

November 20 ~ Group 1 Darl Simms, Mary Ann Hollenbach, Wendy Marshalek

November 28 ~ Group 2 Glenda Farrington, Mary McNamara, Carl Everett



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.

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 19

8:00 a.m. Tim Dunlap (By Family)
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday, November 20

9:00 a.m. Lily Buday (By Confer Family)

Tuesday, November 21 ~ The Presentation Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 a.m. Dave Fuller (By His Wife)
1:30 p.m. (@Valley View) Gisela Akers-Dale (By Willie & Rae Weber)

Wednesday, November 22 ~ St. Cecilia

9:00 a.m. Linda Horn (By Joe & Judy DeGregorio)

Thursday, November 23 ~ Thanksgiving Day

9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Intentions

Friday, November 24 ~ St. Andrew Dung-Lac

9:00 a.m. Patricia Gelpi (By Paul and Mary Smith)

Saturday, November 25 ~ St. Catherine of Alexandria

4:00 p.m. Kathy Pagana (By Jim Pagana)

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

There will be Mass at 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day.

Readings For The Week

Monday:	1 Mac 1:10-63; Ps 119:53-158; Luke 18:35-43
Tuesday:	2 Mac 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Luke 19:1-10
Wednesday:	2 Mac 7:1-31; Ps 17:1-15; Luke 19:11-28
Thursday:	1 Mac 2:15-19; Ps 50:1-15; Luke 19:41-44
Friday:	1 Mac 4:36-59; Ps 126:1-6; Luke 19:45-48
Saturday :	1 Mac 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-19; Luke 20:27-40
Sunday:	Jer 29:11-14; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-21



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!



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.

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.

Love Never Ends

The next gathering will be our Christmas luncheon held on December 15 at 12:00 p.m. Let us know if you want to attend by contacting Curt Fink @ 570-490-8230. See you there!

OUR CALL TO SERVE
DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Scan to donate or visit annualappeal.org

Your gift to the *Diocesan Annual Appeal* supports caring for more than 100 retired or ill priests

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 11/10/2023. 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 **OPEN ARMS INTERNAL MEDICINE** 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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