



Our Lady of Lourdes Church

November 12, 2023

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Thirty 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

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

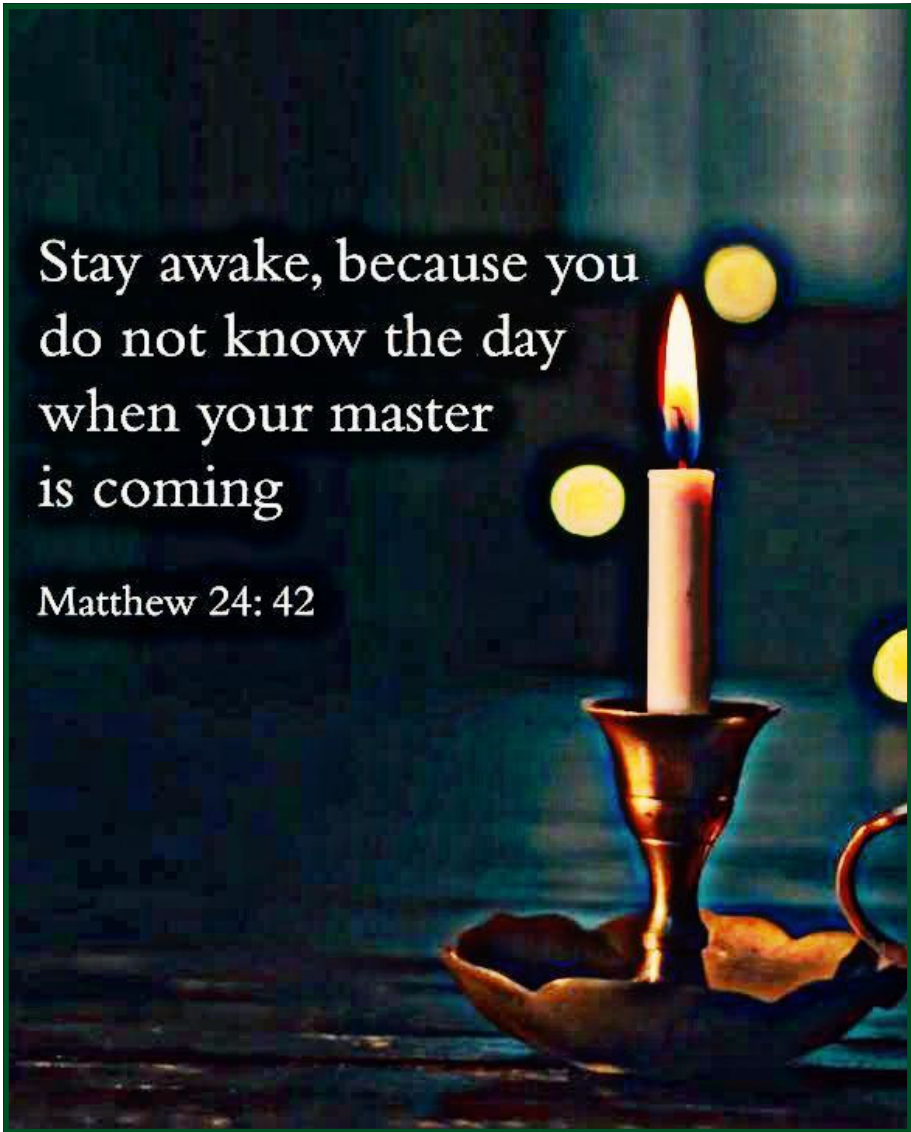
Sharon O'Malley

Keith Kuzio

Colleen Brown

Kaycie Gerrity

Lydia Baylor



Stay awake, because you
do not know the day
when your master
is coming

Matthew 24: 42

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.



Dearest Parish Family and Friends,

Nearly every week I write one of these bulletins letters. Sometimes I am rambling. I view these letters as a way to keep in touch with as many of you as possible, especially since I can't speak to all of you individually each week. But the chief reason I write, teach, chat and ramble is my desire for your salvation.

This weekend we have the Gospel about the 5 foolish and the 5 wise virgins, which by the way is not specifically about virginity even though sex outside of marriage is a sin. In this parable the Lord is teaching us that we are all called to become free and faithful and pure "brides" of Christ, always ready for His arrival. Perhaps we men might be more comfortable with the word disciple rather than brides. Either way, the significant words are free, faithful and pure: free from sin, faithful in word and deed, and purified by the compassionate mercy of Christ Jesus through which we maintain or regain a State of Grace primarily through the Sacrament of Confession.

Let us be awake, now while we are still in this body. From the bottom of our hearts let us express our sorrow for sin and our desire to love God more perfectly. I cannot bear the thought that any of you might hear our Lord speak to you those terrible words, "Truly I say to you, I do not know you." I would cry tears greater than those of the foolish virgins in this weekend's parable. Salvation calls us to forgo the easy road that leads to perdition, that we might walk that narrow path which leads to heaven. And that you might not be discouraged, let me remind you that the path to heaven is strewn with beauty beyond compare.

A wise priest often reminds me that "we haven't seen anything yet" when compared to the glory, beauty, joy and peace of walking that path in the Divine Will of God. If the glimpses I have been given are any indication of the glory to come, let me without reserve beg each of you to walk this path with me...all the way to heaven.

Joyfully yours,

Fr. Michael



Advent~ Make Me Ready, Lord!

Sunday, November 19 @ 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall

Cost: \$30 For Fresh Greens

(Free Project Option Available)

Sign up sheets are located at each entrance of the Church or call/email the parish office by *November 16*, at 570-368-8598.

All Ages Welcome! Fun activity center for the children!

Light Breakfast will be served!

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

This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

Sunday, November 12
~Religious Education Grades 1 - 8 ~ 9:00 a.m.
Monday, November 13
~Holy Hour/Confessions ~ 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
~Knights of Columbus Budget Meeting ~ 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 14
~Parish Pastoral Council ~ 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 15
~Youth Service Project ~ 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 16 ~ Office Closed
~Choir Practice - 6:30 p.m.
Friday, November 17
~Homeschool Meeting ~ 1:45 - 3:15 p.m.
~Confessions ~ 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 19
~Advent Wreath - Intergenerational @ 9:00 a.m.

Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contributions)

November 4 & 5, 2023

Loose	\$	447.00
Offertory	\$	6,824.00
Maintenance	\$	118.00
Utilities & Fuel	\$	2.00
Votives	\$	131.00
Religious Education	\$	1.00
Holy Day - All Saints	\$	721.00
TOTAL	\$	8,244.00

Diocesan Collections

Care & Education of Priests	\$	213.00
TOTAL	\$	213.00

Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 12
8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Edla Mitchell (By Stephen Logue Family)
Monday, November 13 ~ St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
9:00 a.m. Beth Pagana (By Teresa & Joe Moore)
Tuesday, November 14
9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Naughton Family (By Dave & JoAnne Mondell)
2:00 p.m. Holy Souls In Purgatory @ WeCare ~ (By Fagnano Family)
Wednesday, November 15 ~ St. Albert the Great
9:00 a.m. Al Gomb (By His Wife, Gloria)
Thursday, November 16 ~ St. Margaret of Scotland
No Mass
Friday, November 17 ~ St. Elizabeth of Hungary
9:00 a.m. Steven Grady and Dana Grady (By Susie & Wayne Moore)
Saturday, November 18 ~ St. Rose Philippine
4:00 p.m. Margaret Mondell (By David & JoAnne Mondell)
Sunday, November 19
8:00 a.m. Tim Dunlap (By Family)
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Readings For The Week

Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1-10; Luke 17:1-6
Tuesday: Wis 2:23; Ps 34:2-19; Luke 17:7-10
Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-7; Luke 17:11-19
Thursday: Wis 7:22; Ps 119:89-175; Luke 17:20-25
Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5; Luke 17:26-27
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; Ps 105:2-43; Luke 18:1-8
Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Mt 24:42



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.




Collection Counter Schedule

November 13 ~ Group 4 Deb Vincenzes, Bonnie Fry, Wendy Marshalek
November 20 ~ Group 1 Darl Simms, Mary Ann Hollenbach, Wendy Marshalek



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.

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 to help support the Montoursville School District Backpack Program. Drop off donations inside the Church or the Church office.



Upcoming Youth Activity Event

When: Wed. November 15
Time: 3:30 p.m. Meet in Parish Hall
Ages: Grades 5 - 12.



You'll be raking leaves for Elderly & Homebound Church Members!

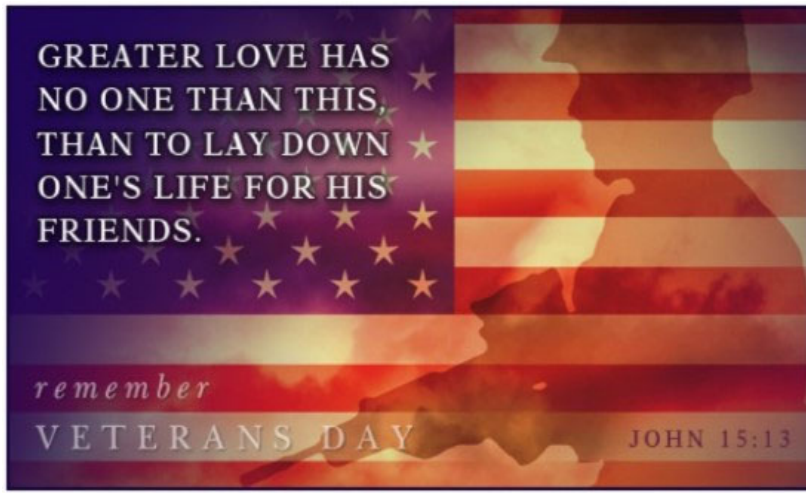
Enjoying being OUTSIDE!
Going Out for Pizza Afterwards!
Having FUN with each other!

Contact Donna Mothersbaugh at #570-244-8010 or call the office at #570-368-8598.

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, 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



St. Boniface Church ~ 326 Washington Blvd. is having a Turkey Raffle Party on November 17 @ 7:00. FREE Beverages, Sandwiches & Snacks.

***\$1.00/Ticket *30 Gift Card Chances**

Ministry Corner by Deb Steinbacher

THANKFUL

With the month of November dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory, one might wonder why we should be thankful. As Father has so beautifully explained, praying for our dear family and friends in Purgatory is something for which we can be very thankful! They are on their way to heaven! So, we pray for them most sincerely. We might also consider adding to our prayers our most humble appreciation for all that our Lord has done for us, even when it seems that He is not answering our prayers. Perhaps we have been praying for a very long time for the same reason. Take heart and keep praying, but don't forget to thank Him! We of this parish have much for which to be thankful! We are active and generous, with this generosity resulting in a beautiful baby shower for Good Counsel Homes, donations from parishioners being received by them even after the baby shower, and a successful baby bottle campaign by our wonderful Knights of Columbus Council that resulted in a donation to Chris Bell and his homes in the amount of \$2,500.00! Our generosity has also been extended to area charities and to donations of time outside of our parish, as with the local Life Chain. Truly, this season of Thanksgiving is alive and well at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish! God bless you and God be with you as you continue our ministry of prayer and the sharing of time, talent, and treasure!

Our Lady of Lourdes Diocesan Annual Appeal Update

We're at \$20,775. (51% of goal) with pledges and donations from 106 families (16%) of the parish as of 11/03/2023. 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 **FASTSIGNS** for being our bulletin sponsor this week. Thank you for your continued support.

~ Thank you ~

A special thank you to Dan and Theresa Forrestal for their kind donation towards our bulletin expense. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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