



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Reverend Michael S. McCormick, Pastor

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19, 2023

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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

7:00 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 ill,

hospitalized, or homebound

wishes to receive Communion.

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

Paul Moerschbacher

Jamie Wieder

Mary Etta Legarski

Sharon O'Malley

Keith Kuzio

Colleen Brown

Kaycie Gerrity

Lydia Baylor

Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Thursday—OFFICE CLOSED

Friday: 9:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.



Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect

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.

From the Pastor's Desk

Holy as God

We are called to the holiness of God. That is the extraordinary claim made in both the First Reading and the Gospel this Sunday.

Yet how is it possible that we can be perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect?

Jesus explains that we must be imitators of God as His beloved children ([Ephesians 5:1-2](#)).

As God does, we must love without limit—with a love that does not distinguish between friend and foe, overcoming evil with good (see [Romans 12:21](#)).

Jesus Himself, in His Passion and Death, gave us the perfect example of the love that we are called to.

He offered no resistance to the evil—even though He could have commanded twelve legions of angels to fight alongside Him. He offered His Face to be struck and spit upon. He allowed His garments to be stripped from Him. He marched as His enemies compelled Him to the Place of the Skull. On the Cross, He prayed for those who persecuted Him (see [Matthew 26:53-54](#), [67](#); [27:28](#), [32](#); [Luke 23:34](#)).

In all this, He showed Himself to be the perfect Son of God. By His grace, and through our imitation of Him, He promises that we too can become children of our heavenly Father.

God does not deal with us as we deserve, as we sing in this week's Psalm. He loves us with a Father's love. He saves us from ruin. He forgives our transgressions.

He loved us even when we had made ourselves His enemies through our sinfulness. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (see [Romans 5:8](#)).

We have been bought with the price of the blood of God's only Son (see [1 Corinthians 6:20](#)). We belong to Christ now, as St. Paul says in this week's Epistle. By our baptism, we have been made temples of His Holy Spirit.

And we have been saved to share in His holiness and perfection. So let us glorify Him by our lives lived in His service, loving as He loves.

Scott Hahn

Our Lady of Lourdes' Youth Group



The next meeting of THE WORSHIP WARRIORS,
will be held on *Saturday, February 25, at 5:00 p.m.*
Lots of fun, service projects, fellowship and food!!

For more information, call
Donna Mothersbaugh at 570-224-8010,
or Jamie Wieder at 570-560-9999.

February is dedicated to the Holy Family

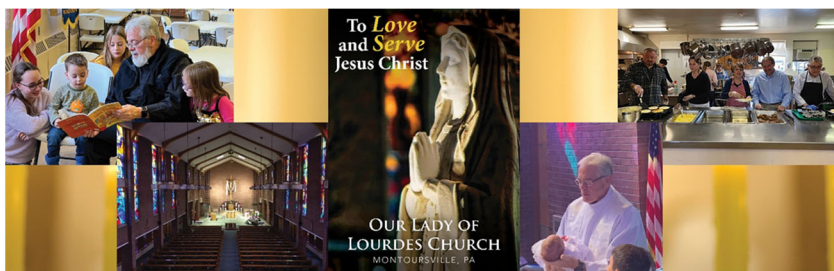
To Love and Serve Jesus Christ

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a final letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. We invite all faithful parishioners to complete a card, as our parish goal is 100% participation, and it allows us to update your contact information. You may return your card by:

- ~ Mailing it to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included with the letter.
- ~ Bringing it to Mass next weekend.
- ~ Visiting our parish website at <https://www.ourladyoflourdesmontoursville.org/> and completing an electronic Commitment Card.

All cards need to be returned to the parish by Sunday, March 12.

As a friendly reminder, electronic giving is an **easy, safe and secure** way to support Our Lady of Lourdes Church. To set up a recurring weekly or monthly gift or to make a one-time donation directly from your bank account or credit card, please visit our website and follow the instructions. **We are grateful for your support!**



NOTICE

Be advised that because work will be done on the rectory, the office will be open on a limited basis. Please call and leave a phone message and we will return your call as soon as possible.

Knights of Columbus Clam Chowder

The Knights of Columbus will be selling clam chowder this Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass, 12:00 noon ash distribution, and the 6:00 p.m. Mass, as supplies last.

To Love and Serve Jesus Christ Come Home for Lent and Easter



The Light Is on for You Confession

- ~ Mondays during Lent ~ 5:30—7:00 p.m.
- ~ Fridays ~ 4:30—6:00 p.m.
- ~ Saturdays ~ 3:00—3:30 p.m.

Adoration

- ~ Mondays ~ 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

- ~ Fridays ~ 4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross for Families

- ~ March 10 and March 31 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Fish Dinners

- ~ March 17 and March 24 ~ 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Holy Lent: Nourishing Body and Soul

- ~ Adult formation conversation over dinner
- ~ March 22 and March 29 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Community

This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

- ~**Sunday, February 19**
Intergenerational Lenten Gathering
9:00 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.
- ~ **Monday, February 20**
Holy Hour ~ 6:00 p.m.
Confessions ~ 6:00 p.m.
- ~ **Tuesday, February 21**
Mass at Valley View ~ 1:30 p.m.
- ~ **Wednesday, February 22—Ash Wednesday**
Mass ~ 9:00 a.m.
Distribution of Ashes ~ Noon
Mass ~ 6:00 p.m.
Clam Chowder Sale after Mass/Ashes
- ~ **Thursday, February 23**
NO MASS
- ~ **Friday, February 24**
Stations of the Cross ~ 4:00 p.m.
Confessions ~ 4:30 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross ~ 7:00 p.m.
- ~ **Saturday, February 25**
Youth Group ~ 5:00 p.m.
- ~ **Sunday, February 26**
Religious Ed ~ Grades 1-8 ~ 9:00 a.m.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus will hold the final Gun Bingo organizational meeting on **Monday, February 20, at 7:00 p.m.** in the church hall. All Knights and volunteers that are planning to work should attend this important meeting.

Ministry Corner

Ashes

By Deb Steinbacher

Lent is upon us and many of us are deciding what to "give up". But, for today, let's focus on Ash Wednesday. What does this have to do with our ministries? Well, we might just get the chance to minister to someone of another faith (or of no faith) if that person asks why we Catholics have those smudges on our foreheads. What does it mean? We can talk about ashes to ashes, dust to dust and our mortality. We can add that we are seeking forgiveness of our sins. But no matter what we say, we will not be effective in our evangelization if we are not sincere in our efforts. Why do we come year after year to receive the ashes? Some devout Catholics will go through the motions but will decide for themselves that which they will consider sin. The Church may appear to them to be behind the times. How many of us have had those thoughts, no matter how briefly? We all have moments when we are weak, when we forget that the Church is not behind the times - we are behind in our faith! Dear friends, let us all pray for one another that we are sincere.

*"Examine yourselves to see whether you are living in faith. Test yourselves. Do you not realize that Jesus Christ is in you? - unless, of course, you fail the test."
(2 Corinthians 13:5).*

God bless you as we begin these forty days!



LOLO FISH DINNERS

Friday, March 17 and 24

5:00 PM ~ 7:00 PM

Carry ~ Out Only

(There will be a self-service eating area available)

Dinner to include: Baked Fish, Mac & Cheese, Cole Slaw, Stewed Tomatoes, Roll & Dessert

TICKETS are available in the Church Office
(M, T, W & F 10 AM ~ 1 PM)

\$12.00 Adults

\$6.00 Children (10 & under)

Delivery available to homebound. Please call the office to make arrangements.

Worship and Service

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 18

Vigil of the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-11; Mk 9:2-13

Sunday, February 19

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Robert Bamonte (*The Lee Family*)
10:30 a.m. John Burfeindt (*Family*)
Sir Lv 19:1-18; Ps 103:1-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Monday, February 20

9:00 a.m. Robert Kranz (*Jean Trayer*)
Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-5; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday, February 21

Miraculous Medal Novena
St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
9:00 a.m. Joseph & Patricia Hendrick
(*Dave & Joanne Mondell*)
1:30 p.m. Pat Renehan (*Ellen*)
Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-40; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday, February 22—Ash Wednesday

9:00 a.m. Beverly DiRocco (*Her loving husband*)
12:00 p.m.—Distribution of Ashes
6:00 p.m. Herta Aguirre (*Aguirre Family*)
Joel 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-18

Thursday, February 23

Saint Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr
NO MASS
Deut 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday, February 24

9:00 a.m. Don, Pat & Peggy Parker (*Sons & Daughter*)
Is 58:1-9; Ps 51:3-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday, February 25

Vigil of the First Sunday of Lent
4:00 p.m. People of the Parish
Is 58:9-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday, February 26

First Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. Mary Kranz (*Knights of Columbus*)
10:30 a.m. Al Galarneau (*Mickie & Carole*)
Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-17; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11

Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contribution)

2/11-12/2023

Loose	\$ 547.00
Offertory	\$ 6,969.00
Maintenance	\$ 231.50
Fuel	\$ 74.00
Votives	\$ 135.00
Religious Education	\$ 22.00
Christmas	\$ 1.00
Total	\$ 7,979.50

Diocesan Collections

Care & Education of Priest	\$ 157.50
Rice Bowl	\$ 25.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 20.00
Total Diocesan Collections	\$ 203.50

Collection Counters Schedule

February 20—Group 3—Judy DeGregorio, Barbara Gallagher, Jan Ransdorf

February 27—Group 1—Darl Simms, Mary Ann Hollenbach, Wendy Marshalek

Faith in Action



For the month of February, we will be collecting adult and children's toothbrushes and toothpaste. Please place any donations in the collection bins.

We continue to collect **16 ounce jars of peanut butter** to help support the Montoursville Area School District Backpack Program. Please help us feed the hungry. Drop off donations inside the church.



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Prayer List for the Month of February

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

Dave Bonus, Karen Boyle, Ann Marie Dorin, Margie Foulds, Carissa Foulds, Charles Gries, Geraldine Hamm, Michael Hook, Cliff Hales, Chuck Ligosh, Kathleen Maiolo, Karen Marlett, Tyler Morton, Mary Myers, Linda Phillips, Nicole Selleck, Sylvia Rook, Harry Specht, Robert Steinbacher, Sofia Steinbacher, Carl Ulsamer, Debbie Winterer



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The sanctuary candle will burn this year in loving memory of a deceased member of the parish. This donation is made by her family.

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