

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.

<u>Mass Schedule</u> 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

<u>Adoration</u> Monday ~ 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

<u>Sacrament of Baptism</u> 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.

<u>Sacrament of Marriage</u> Arranged at least six months in advance

<u>Pastoral Care of the Sick</u> Notify the parish office whenever someone is ill, hospitalized, or homebound wishes to receive Communion.

> <u>OCIA (formerly RCIA)</u> Mondays ~ 7:00 p.m.

<u>Parish Membership</u> New parishioners are always welcome Please call the parish office to register.

> <u>Knights of Columbus</u> Council 14329

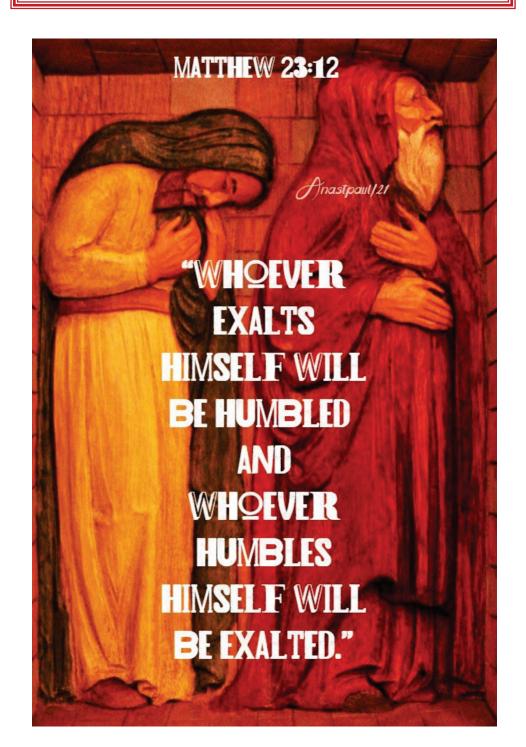
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Our Lady of Lourdes Church November 5, 2023

Reverend Michael S. McCormick, Pastor

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Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted. Mt. 23:12



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

After having celebrated the glorious feast day of All Saints, and having devoutly commemorated the souls of the faithful departed to God on All Souls Day, we come to the call of Christ to be humble. After having celebrated Parish Life and showcasing the many activities and acts of charity and good works we do as a parish, we are reminded that we are not to exalt ourselves. As the saying goes,

"Pride goeth before the fall". What then are we to do? The secret is that we must not proceed as though we are to get all the credit, praise and respect of others. Rather, we must give the glory to God, for it is His work. This beautiful parish is His gift to us. Furthermore, we are able to do the good that we do only because God wills it and has given us each our talents, abilities and wills to do His work as the body of Christ, His Church. There is a good sense of pride and satisfaction, but the glory and exaltation go to God alone. This is one of the "knowledges" God has revealed to us that we might not fall as Lucifer fell because of his pride. This knowledge also fosters within us that gratitude which underpins a joyful Christian life.

I believe that Humility is the Chief Attribute of our, all knowing, all powerful and ever present Lord. Our reconciliation with God is dependent on the fact of His being greater than we are. He can be merciful and forgiving because He Is Humble. Jesus Himself once said, "The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give His life for many."

Humble to be exalted. In this day of an over emphasis on self-esteem, this may seem to be counter-productive. It is definitely counter-cultural where we are even encouraged to rejoice in our disorders and poor, self-destructive choices. Sin is lauded. Virtues are shunned and ridiculed. To the world, the way of Jesus seems to be inside-out. And yet, humility is the way up! The meek inherit the earth. The powerful just hang onto it for a bit.

So be proud, but be proud of God. Glory, but only in the Cross of Christ. Rejoice, not because you are great but because God is Great, and He has granted that we might share in His greatness. Let Scripture be the script by which you live. Your reward will go far beyond your need and your dreams in this world. You will receive the Kingdom of Heaven.

Joyfully yours,

Fr. Míchael



Advent~ Make Me Ready, Lord!

Sunday, November 19 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall All Ages Welcome 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. Email: parishoffice@ourladyoflourdesrcc.org Fun activity center for the children! Light Breakfast will be served!

Οι	Ir Lady of Lourd	es ~ 2023 Parish Fe	stival Report
	INCOME	EXPENSE	PROFIT
Advertising	\$	\$ 77.98	\$ -77.98
Basket Raffle	\$9,102.50	\$1,625.67	\$7,476.83
Cake Wheel	\$1,008.50	\$	\$1,008.50
Dinner Pulled Pork	\$1,908.00	\$ 650.33	\$1,257.67
Dinner Polish	\$4,344.00	\$ 101.04	\$4,242.96
Entertainment	\$	\$ 725.00	\$ -725.00
French Fries	\$ 335.65	\$	\$ 335.65
Funnel Cake	\$ 862.50	\$ 216.18	\$ 646.32
Ice Cream	\$1,118.00	\$	\$1,118.00
Bounce House	\$ 275.50	\$	\$ 275.50
Train	\$ 338.50	\$	\$ 338.50
Lollipop Tree/Duck Pond	\$ 174.00	\$	\$ 174.00
Dime Pitch	\$ 436.15	\$	\$ 436.15
Plinko	\$ 289.00	\$	\$ 289.00
Frogger	\$ 391.50	\$	\$ 391.50
Ring Toss	\$ 494.50	\$	\$ 494.50
Balloon Pop	\$ 327.00	\$	\$ 327.00
Bean Bag Toss	\$ 139.00	\$	\$ 139.00
Face Painting	\$ 178.00	\$	\$ 178.00
General Donation***	\$2,634.00	\$ 841.57	\$1,792.43
Hamburger/Hotdog	\$1,621.50	\$ 28.61	\$1,592.89
Hot Sausage Sandwich	\$2,681.00	\$ 31.76	\$2,649.24
Walking Taco	\$ 461.00	\$	\$ 461.00
Instant Lottery	\$1,062.00	\$ 185.00	\$ 877.00
50/50 Raffle	\$ 444.00	\$	\$ 444.00
Lemonade Stand	\$ 968.00	\$	\$ 968.00
Pie Stand	\$1,234.50	\$	\$1,234.50
Pumpkin Booth	\$2,983.31	\$ 765.41	\$2,217.90
Wine Wheel	\$ 645.00	\$	\$ 645.00
Water / Soda	\$ 628.00	\$	\$ 628.00
TOTAL	\$37,084.61	\$5,248.55	\$31,836.06

*** This includes the expenses of the Tent Rental and Mass Light Towers

Parish Pastoral Council Time for Nominations

These are some qualities of a Pastoral Council Member:

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- Ability to listen
- Willing to represent the entire parish
- Willing to participate in ongoing pastoral planning in the areas of Word, Worship, Community & Service
- Willing and able to make the commitment to this ministry



Nominees for Parish Pastoral Council

I nominate_____

Student Nominees (14-17 years of age)

I nominate_____

PLEASE RETURN NOMINATION FORM NOVEMBER 20 . YOU CAN:

PLACE IN THE OFFERTORY BASKET DURING MASS, DROP OFF AT THE PARISH OFFICE OR EMAIL YOUR NOMINATIONS:

PARISHOFFICE@OURLADYOFLOURDESRCC.ORG

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

This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes				
Sunday, November 5				
~Religious Education Grades 1 - $8 \sim 9:00$ a.m.				
Monday, November 6				
~Holy Hour/Confessions ~ $6:00 - 7:00$ p.m.				
~Knights of Columbus ~ 7:00 p.m.				
Tuesday, November 7				
~Coordinating Team ~ 6:30 p.m.				
Wednesday, November 8				
~Deanery Meeting ~ $4:00$ p.m.				
Thursday, November 9 ~ Office Closed				

~Choir Practice - 6:30 p.m. Friday, November 10 ~Confessions ~ 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.~Family Pot Luck Adoration ~ 6:00 p.m. Saturday, November 11 ~Coffee Chats @ Lydia James ~ 9:30 a.m. Sunday, November 12 ~ Religious Education Grades 1-8 meet (a) 9:00 a.m.

Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contributions)

October 28 & 29, 2023

Loose	\$	579.00
Offertory	\$	6,102.00
Maintenance	\$	31.00
Utilities & Fuel	\$	22.00
Votives	\$	95.00
Religious Education	\$	1.00
Holy Day - All Saints	\$	32.00
Easter	\$	3.00
TOTAL	\$	6,865.00
Diocesan Colle	<u>ctions</u>	
Care & Education of Priests	\$	6.00
World Mission	Ŝ	65.00
Human Development	\$	5.00
Retirement Fund	\$	23.00
TOTAL	\$	99.00

Collection Counter Schedule

November 6 ~ Group 3 Judy DeGregorio, Jan Ransdorf, Gloria Renehan November 13 ~ Group 4 Deb Vincenzes,



Bonnie Fry, Wendy Marshalek



<u>WELCOME</u>

Please welcome the newest member of our parish family, Madeline Reynolds.

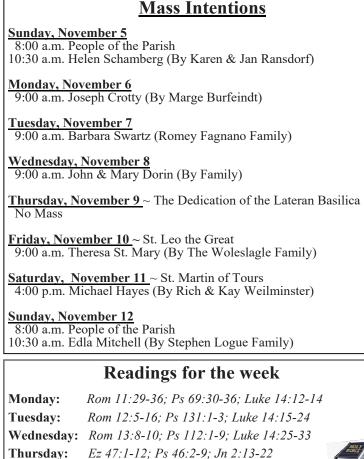
> May the Lord bless you and fill your heart with love and grace.

FAITH IN ACTION

For the month of **NOVEMBER** we will be collecting Boxed 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.



Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Luke 16:1-8 Saturday : Rom 16:3-27; Ps 145:2-11; Luke 16:9-15 Sunday: Mal 1:14; Ps 131:1-3; 1 Thes 2:7-13; Mt 23:1-12

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, Gerald Dincher, Diane DeTato, Ann Marie Dorin, Diane Folk, Margie Foulds, Carissa Foulds, Charles Gries, Geraldine Hamm, Michael Hook, Mina Hoover, Cliff Hales, Matt Hales, 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

Coffee Chats ~ Women of the Parish

Please join us for "Coffee Chats" at the home of Lydia James on November 11 at 9:30 a.m. We will be studying St. Edith Stein, Seeker of the Truth. To attend please email Lydia at ldjames25@gmail.com or text at #570-419-9744 and she will send you the study chapters, along with other details.

