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# OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Catholic Church

# Turn

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"THE LORD  
HAS TURNED  
ALL OUR  
SUNSETS INTO  
SUNRISE."

ST. CLEMENT

## WELCOME!

### OUR MISSION

We are a Catholic Community whom God has called together through Baptism. As part of Christ's Living Church, we welcome all to:

Worship with us through our Liturgical Celebrations; Learn with us the teachings of Jesus as we expand our discipleship; Serve with us God's people inside and outside Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in a spirit of stewardship; and Gather with us to celebrate Christ's two great commandments of love.

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Weekday Mass

Monday-Friday 6:30am  
Thursday 2:00pm  
(when school is in session)

#### Weekend Mass

Saturday - Vigil 4:30pm  
Sunday 7:30, 9:30  
Spanish Mass 11:30am

#### Confessions

Thursday - 12:00pm  
Saturday - 11:00am



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Monday - Friday  
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## Weekly Readings

### Sunday, August 29

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### Monday, August 30

1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30

### Tuesday, August 31

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37

### Wednesday, September 1

Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44

### Thursday, September 2

Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11

### Friday, September 3

Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39

### Saturday, September 4

Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5

### Next Sunday, September 5

Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37



## Another Day to Celebrate!

How many of us celebrate the day on which we were baptized? Or maybe the better question is: how many of us even know the day we were baptized in order to celebrate it?

Our culture is accustomed to celebrating the day of our birth (although some of us are more joyful than others about that occasion!), but perhaps few of us think to celebrate the day of our “new birth” in Christ. If you think about it, it’s a pretty important day. If I had the power to change things like this, my suggestion would be to give cake to our mothers on our birthdays (after all, they’re the ones who did all the hard work that day!), and we’d save our own celebrations for the real big day: our Baptism!

According to the Rite, Baptism “incorporates us into Christ and forms us into God’s people. This first sacrament pardons all our sins, rescues us from the power of darkness, and brings us to the dignity of adopted children, a new creation through water and the Holy Spirit. Hence we are called and are indeed the children of God.” Baptism, then, is the gateway into eternal life. It’s the day we are incorporated into the living Body of Christ, washed free of our sin, and given a participation in the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. So, needless to say, it’s a big deal, and certainly worth celebrating.

I’ll admit, I didn’t even know the day I was baptized until a couple of years ago. I was preaching on the importance of Baptism, and I remember encouraging people to celebrate their baptismal day—but I

realized that I didn’t even know my own! (I’m not always a hypocrite when I preach, but every once in a while, I do find myself “preaching to myself.” Okay, maybe more than just once in a while...) For the record, it’s now a recurring event on my calendar every year: August 27th, which is of course why I’m bothering you with the topic now! As of the writing of this article, I’m not sure how I’m celebrating yet, but rest assured, I’ll find a way that’s worthy of the occasion.

For those of you who are reading this thinking, “I should really figure out when I was baptized,” the process to do so is usually fairly simple. If you know the church where you were baptized, they have the record of it, and you can always call and ask. As a matter of fact, the church of your Baptism keeps register of your entire sacramental life (at least regarding Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation, Marriage, and Holy Orders) because a notification for every sacrament that you receive subsequent to your baptism is sent back to the church where you were first initiated in the Christian life. If you’ve ever gotten married (or ordained) in the Church, you know we require a baptismal certificate written within the last 6 months; that’s because we need to know recently whether you’ve contracted marriage or gotten ordained, and your official record would have any notation thereof! So call ‘em up, write it down, and celebrate the day you were baptized!

I’d like to officially welcome to our Decatur Catholic family Fr. Mark Tracy, the newly arrived pastor of Holy Family. Fr. Mark and I are great friends, so it’s a blessing to have him in town. If you see a new priestly face around, say hello and welcome him to the area. His priesthood will undoubtedly be a great gift to us here in Decatur.

Keep spreading joy!  
Fr. Friedel

## ALL ARE WELCOME!

If you would like to join the parish or if you are not Catholic and would like to learn about the Catholic faith, please call the Parish Office or visit our website.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, AUGUST 30

6:30am | Beth Marie Frey

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

6:30am | Beth Marie Frey

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

6:30am | Fred Vahlkamp

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

2:00pm | Living & Deceased  
Members of the Robert Boehm  
Family

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

6:30am | Jim Burtschi

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

4:30pm | Mary Armintrout

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

7:30am | Jenance Wilson

9:30am | The Dougherty Family

11:30am | Sue Eastman



#### FIRST READING

In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I enjoin upon you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it. (Dt 4:2)

#### PSALM

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. (Ps 15)

#### SECOND READING

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. (Jas 1:22)

#### Gospel

“You disregard God’s commandment but cling to human tradition.” (Mk 7:8)

## HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

Emily Edwards  
Cathy Smith  
Adrienne Moore  
Linda Wall  
Jack Frankovich  
Janet Schollmeier  
Sharon Nolte  
Earl Rudolph  
McNamara Family  
Mary Blazier

Gerald Like  
Roger Hess  
Carol Hess  
Christina Mooney  
Ruth Fear

*Call the Parish Office to submit a name to the prayer list.  
Names will be removed after 6 weeks unless called to be kept on.*

## STEWARDSHIP

August 15, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 13,363
Loose Cash	\$ 822
Children Donations	\$ 20

Total Collected \$ 14,205

Year-to-date Goal	\$ 152,000
Year-to-date Collected	\$ 129,549
Difference	\$ - 22,451

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bless you!

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As we near the end of the Our Father, we pray, "Lead us not into temptation." This petition speaks to the common experience of all people, who are tempted to do evil each and every day. Even Jesus, before beginning his public ministry, was tempted in the desert by the Devil. Thus, the Christian person should not

think himself immune to the attacks of the Evil One if Jesus himself experienced temptation. And these temptations can come in many forms. Most familiar to many people are simple temptations to commit sin. These can be difficult to resist, and we can fortify ourselves against them by living a life of prayer and by staying close to the church and the sacraments. There are many more different types of temptations, whether to slothfulness, despair, pride, etc. but rather than go through a list of these here, I would like to focus on two common strategies for overcoming temptations.

Relying on Jesus has to be our first course of action, and this is done through prayer and the sacraments. Prayer is living out our relationship with God by speaking with Him, listening to Him, and spending time with Him. When we live a life filled with prayer and when we are faithful to going to the Mass and Reconciliation, we have a strong defense already being built up in our soul. A second and more specific strategy in addition to this is to use scripture in prayer and to strengthen our resolve to do what is right. This is still to rely on Jesus, as he is the Word of God. Jesus' response to temptation is a perfect example of this. When he is tempted, he responds with the scriptures. I have found that memorizing different short verses or psalms can be very powerful in overcoming different temptations, especially temptations of fear or temptations to sin.

For example, Psalms 91, 16, 68, and 139 all have powerful words in response to temptation. In the Gospels, Mt. 19:26; some verses in Lk. 12, and in the letters of St. Paul, Rom. 8 and Phil. 4:13. These and many more other verses than I can list here have helped me to stay close to Jesus. Above all, continue to pray to the Father as Jesus taught us, "Lead us not into temptation."

-Daniel McGrath



Are you or anyone you know interested in becoming Catholic? This fall, Our Lady of Lourdes is hosting classes for those who are interested in becoming Catholic and who are already baptized Christians themselves. Normally, we believe that to become Catholic you have to do the full RCIA process, which is certainly valuable and informative, but it is a fairly long process, normally taking several months. **If one has been raised and baptized as a practicing Christian, they can become Catholic in a much shorter time frame.** Instead of several months, we are offering seven weekly classes for those interested in becoming Catholic. The dates of the classes are **September 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, October 7th, and October 14th.** They will be held in the Enrichment Center at Our Lady of Lourdes on Thursdays, 6:45-8:00pm. As in RCIA, those entering the Catholic Church will need a practicing Catholic to be their Confirmation sponsor. Attending the classes at Our Lady of Lourdes does not mean you have to belong to the parish; instead, you can still be confirmed and belong to another parish of your choice. The date of confirmation would be decided between you and your respective pastor.

If you or someone else you know is Catholic and baptized, but has never been confirmed, this would also be an opportunity to receive the necessary instruction to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

If you know someone who has been interested in becoming Catholic, but has not been able to complete the longer RCIA schedule, then please let them know about this great opportunity! If there are any questions, please email Fr. Trummer.

Email - [mtrummer@dio.org](mailto:mtrummer@dio.org)

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## You Are Invited...on a Journey to Know Christ and His Church

In early September, we'll start meeting to learn about the RCIA journey,

through which adults become Catholic. It may help you find the answers you're seeking in life. Have you been thinking about this for some time? Here's an opportunity to seek answers and inquire about the Catholic faith through a series of informal sessions!

- Are you or someone you know interested in exploring the Catholic Church as your church home?
- Are you unbaptized but recognize a need for spirituality in your life?
- Have you been baptized but never learned what it means to live life as a Christian?

We'll come together on a weekly basis to learn about the richness of the Catholic faith, explore God's saving message to us in the scriptures, discover the many ways God is present in our lives, and learn to become the disciples that Jesus calls us to be. Our time together will include prayer, an introduction to the Bible, and getting to know one another and the Church.

Consider coming to the sessions if you are:

- An unbaptized adult
- A baptized Christian or Catholic Christian who has not celebrated the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist and have not been taught the essentials of the Christian faith and how to live a life in Christ.

If you know someone who is interested, why not come with them to the inquiry sessions and share your faith and the journey with them?

If you have questions about this journey, or if you would like to sign up for the inquiry sessions, please call the parish office at OLOL (217-877-4407) or St. Thomas (217-877-4146).

P.S. If you are a practicing Catholic and you would like to join the RCIA team, please call Deacon Kevin at 620-2032 or email him at [deaconkev@gmail.com](mailto:deaconkev@gmail.com).

## SUNDAY MARRIAGE QUOTE:

One version of the marriage vows states, "to have and to hold from this day forward." Pay attention to that little word, "hold," today. When times are tough or emotions raw, sometimes firmly and lovingly holding each other is the best comfort.

## PARISH CONTACT UPDATE

If you would like to receive parish emails communicating meetings/classes/events/general information please email your name and email address to: [communications@ololchurch.com](mailto:communications@ololchurch.com)

## PRE-PLANNING YOUR FUNERAL

Preplanning your funeral assures you and reassures family members that arrangements will be made according to your wishes. Our guide book is available to assist you through the scripture and hymn selections, offering excellent suggestions to make your funeral liturgy personalized. Email Jami Snow at [jami@ololchurch.com](mailto:jami@ololchurch.com) for more information.

Preplanning really can make a difficult situation easier for surviving family members by having your choices in place and eliminating time-pressed or uncertain decisions.

## ROSARY

Please join us before Mass to pray the Rosary

Saturdays | 4:00pm  
Sunday | 7:00am & 9:00am



August 29, 2021

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Albert Einstein said that the “true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination.” Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God’s children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God’s compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God’s word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn’t just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That’s why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It’s risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That’s why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.



*Lord, please grant eternal rest to the soul of RUTH LANGHAUSER, sister-in-law to Gigi Langhauser.*

**SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS**

***Flowing from the teaching of the Catholic Church***

Even after over 400 years our Country still has not dealt effectively with Racism. Here are the four types of Racism we are still dealing with today.

**Internalized racism lies within individuals.**

This type of racism comprises our private beliefs and biases about race and racism, influenced by our culture.

**Interpersonal racism (personally mediated) occurs between individuals.**

This is the bias that occurs when individuals interact with others and their personal racial beliefs affect their public interactions.

**Institutional racism occurs within institutions and systems of power.**

This refers to the unfair policies and discriminatory practices of particular institutions (schools, workplaces, etc.) that routinely produce racially inequitable outcomes for people of color and advantages for white people.

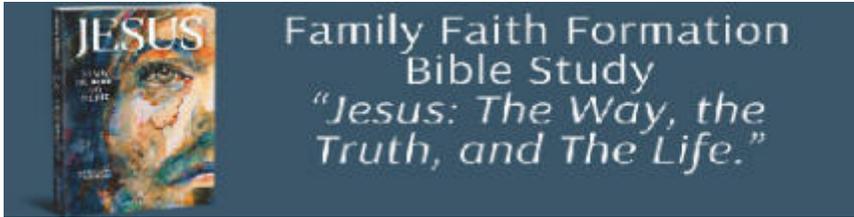
**Structural racism is racial bias among institutions and across society.**

This involves the cumulative and compounding effects of an array of societal factors, including the history, culture, ideology and interactions of institutions and policies that systematically privilege white people and disadvantage people of color.

It helps to recognize these pernicious attitudes so that we can indeed live in a country where all people are truly equal under the law. Jesus commands us to love one another. I choose to believe He meant all, not just some.

Submitted by Walt Wessel member of OLOL/St. Thomas Social Justice Committee.

Called by Christ to continue his work on Earth, our mission is to speak for those in need, to advocate for justice, and to call one another to action.



## Family Faith Formation Bible Study "Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and The Life."

The Family Faith Formation Group will be hosting a Bible Study in July for "Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and The Life."

We will be hosting two sessions that you can attend throughout the summer.

Sessions are **Tuesday 9:30-11:00am &  
Thursday 6:00-7:30pm.**



Congratulations to our newly Baptized members of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, who were Baptized on Sunday, August 29th!

**Jude Issac Smith  
Bramley Allen Morville  
Ellie-Joyce Balwit Mitchell**



**Congratulations to Cecilio Duran Cebales  
&  
Lucia Perez Lorenzana  
who were married here at Our Lady of Lourdes on  
Saturday, August 21st!**



### **Saturday, September 4th 4:30pm**

Lector - Sister JoAn Schullian  
Eucharistic Minister - Gary Birschbach,  
Jayne Despres, Mary Ann Fawcett  
Gift Bearer Family - Kent Cassell Family  
Greeter - Alice & Mike Sleeth  
Usher - Barb & Kent Cassell, Roger Wall

### **Sunday, September 5th 7:30am**

Lector - Rodger Baldwin  
Eucharistic Minister - Jan Loftus, Karen Seefeldt  
Gift Bearer Family - Jim Seefeldt Family  
Greeter - Bill & Jane Kaelin  
Usher - Dick Dubs, Steve Halicki, Ann Jalley, Jim Seefeldt

### **Sunday, September 5th 9:30am**

Lector - Kathleen Arnold  
Eucharistic Minister - Vincent Dominick,  
Mary Ann Riley, Judy Rooney  
Gift Bearer Family - Sue Scherer  
Greeter - Teri Miller, Judy Rooney  
Usher - John Alley, Mike Gagnon, Matt Walters, Ray P Rooney

Please frequently check the app for any openings or to fill substitution's needs.

If you are unable to serve this upcoming weekend, please utilize the substitute button within Ministry Scheduler Pro or call the parish office at 217-877-4404.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## MONDAY | AUGUST 30

No scheduled events

## TUESDAY | AUGUST 31

Bible Study - 9:30am

## WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 1

Women's Group - 1:00pm

## THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 2

Adoration - 9:00am  
Confessions - 12:00pm  
Bible Study - 6:00pm  
Catechesis - 6:45pm

## FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 3

St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

No scheduled events

## SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 4

Blessed Virgin Mary (BVM)  
Confessions - 11:00am

## SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 5

No scheduled events



*Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women*

## 92<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION

*"Living God's Plan for Life, Love and the Family"*

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29, 2021**

**8 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.**

*~Program Begins at 9 am~*

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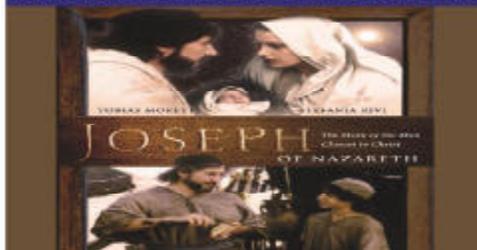
Doctor Coleen Kelly Mast will be the guest speaker for the event.

Registration forms are available in the parish office.

The cost is \$50.00 and will need to be submitted before September 8th.

For more information, please contact Angela Lipcamon at 217-257-5062 or at [dccwcatholicwomen@gmail.com](mailto:dccwcatholicwomen@gmail.com)

## WDCR NIGHT AT THE MOVIES



## WDCR 7th Annual Night at the Movies has been CANCELED

**Thursday, September 23rd**  
"ST. JOSEPH – The Man Closest to Christ"

This Night at the Movies has unfortunately been canceled due to the rise in Covid-19 cases.



## Knights of Columbus Council 577 September Meeting Notice



**Date: Wednesday September 8, 2021**

**Place: Our Lady of Lourdes Church**

**Cookout: 5:30pm**

**Meeting 7:00pm**

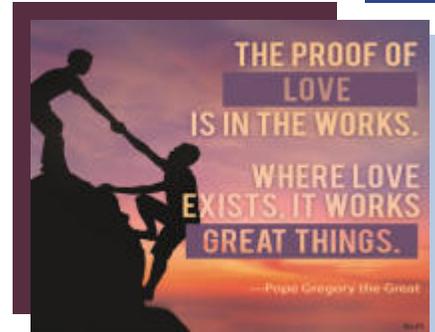
**All members are invited to attend the September meeting with a Cookout prior to the meeting.**

**Members are encouraged to bring a Catholic Gentleman who may want to learn more about and/or join the Knights of Columbus. Please bring lawn chairs.**

**Food & Beverages provided by Council 577.**



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### Inspiration of the Week

What makes a person wise and intelligent? Certainly it is not the ability to memorize facts or minute details about a situation. What makes a person wise and intelligent is when their words and actions harmoniously unite and produce virtue. A person can know many facts and even do the right actions but still have a grave flaw in their character. We sometimes want to delude ourselves into thinking that as long as we are “doing” everything correctly, we are automatically in right relationship with all. Such is sadly not the case in the kingdom of God. We are called not to be just hearers of the Word, but doers as well. That means getting to the heart of what laws and rituals are meant to signify and nurture. If we do not bring the actions home, where they belong, and allow them to speak of the goodness, mercy, compassion, and love of God, then they are simply empty worthless gestures. Welcome the Word that has been planted within you so that you can be a truly wise and intelligent disciple of Jesus Christ.

## Youth Group ©LPI

The EPIC Youth Group will be having upcoming meetings for Junior High and High School students from 6:30 - 8:00pm at Holy Family in the Parish Center.

### Junior High

September 5  
September 19  
October 3  
October 17  
November 7  
November 21  
December 12

### High School

August 29  
September 12  
September 26  
October 10  
October 24  
November 14  
December 5  
December 19

Anyone who would like to donate snacks, meals, etc or as any questions, please contact Deena Warrick at 217-855-9845 or Ivy Handley at 217-412-5188.

## OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH STAFF

### Pastor,

*Rev. Michael Friedel*

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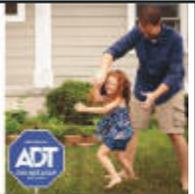
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