Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
5333 East Washington Street - Indianapolis, IN 46219

September 5, 2021

The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!" - that is, "Be opened!"- Mark 7:32-34

We, the faith community of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, strive to live, share and be Christ in all we do.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturday 4-4:30 p.m. You may also call the parish office to arrange for an appointment.
Baptism: 3rd Sunday of the month during or immediately after 10 a.m. Mass, or at another pre-arranged time. Preparation classes are held quarterly. Please call the parish office for additional information.
Marriage: Please contact the pastor at least six months in advance. No wedding dates will be set until a couple has met with the pastor.
Communion Calls: Please call the parish office to arrange Communion calls for the home-bound.
Anointing of the Sick: If you are going to have surgery, or have a chronic illness and wish to be anointed, please contact the parish office. If a family member is in or admitted to the hospital, please call the parish office at **317-356-7291**.

Parish School

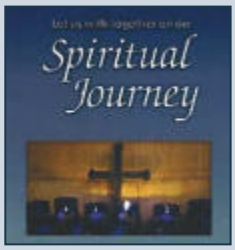
Our Lady of Lourdes offers preschool and kindergarten through 8th grade classes. Please call the School Office for more information at **317-357-3316**.

New Parishioners

Welcome to our Parish Family!
To register or to schedule a tour of Our Lady of Lourdes, please call or stop by the parish office.

Pray the Rosary with Us

at Home or in Church: Tuesdays/Thursdays At 5:30 p.m.



Banns of Marriage

Hannah Morrill
&
Nolan Ayres
September 25, 2021

Pastor's Corner

Dear brothers and sisters of Our Lady of Lourdes:

This past Monday, the second reading in the "Office of Readings" of the Liturgy of the Hours (which most would call the Breviary), came from Thomas A Kempis' "The Imitation of Christ" (Book 3, Chapter 3).

I found it challenging. Addressed to the reader, it is a reflection, in part, on how the Lord taught the prophets. But more so, it is a call to reassess what is more valuable in this life for any believer.

In these turbulent and divisive times, the reading calls for an interior reflection which offers a reset of our hearts and minds. In that vein, I offer it for your reflection.

"My son, says the Lord, listen to my words, the most delightful of all words, surpassing all the knowledge of the philosophers and wise men of this world. My words are spirit and life and cannot be comprehended by human senses alone.

"They are not to be interpreted according the vain pleasure of the listener, but they must be listened to in silence and received with all humility and great affection.

"And I said: Blessed is the man whom you teach, Lord, and whom you instruct in your law; for him you soften the blow of the evil day, and you do not desert him on the earth.

"The Lord says, I have instructed my prophets from the beginning and even to the present time I have not stopped speaking to all men, but many are deaf and obstinate in response.

"Many hear the world more easily than they hear God; they follow the desires of the flesh more readily than the pleasure of God.

"The world promises rewards that are temporal and insignificant, and these are pursued with great longing; I promise rewards that are eternal and unsurpassable, yet the hearts of mortals respond sluggishly.

"Who serves and obeys me in all matters with as much care as the world and its princes are served?

"Blush, then, you lazy, complaining servant, for men are better prepared for the works of death than you are for the works of life. They take more joy in vanity than you in truth.

"Yet they are often deceived in their hope, while my promise deceives no one, and leaves empty-handed no one who confides in me. What I have promised I shall give; what I have said I will fulfill for any man who remains faithful in my love unto the very end. I am the rewarder of all good men, the one who rigorously tests the devoted.

"Write my words in your heart and study them diligently, for they will be absolutely necessary in the time of temptation. Whatever you fail to understand in reading my words will become clear to you on the day of your visitation.

"I am accustomed to visit my elect in a double fashion, that is, with temptation and with consolation. And I read to them two lessons each day: one to rebuke them for their faults; the other to exhort them to increase their virtue."

Father Rick

Knights of Columbus Information Weekend: September 25-26

The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world. Our Lady of Fatima Council #3228 will be holding a membership drive at 5 p.m. and 10 a.m. Masses on the weekend of Sept. 25/26. Whether you become an individual member or a member of our council you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. To join us today simply go to **KofC.org/joinus** and enter our Council No:**3228** for local information.

A Special Request from Birthline

Keri Carroll, Birthline coordinator, has requested that interested people crochet vests for babies. She has provided patterns and baby yarn. Theresa Brickens has crocheted several. See photo. A vest can be completed in an evening. Please contact Rosemary Tudor (**317-294-2097**) if interested. Also, thank you to all who have continued to make generous donations to Birthline.

Socialaires Are Meeting September 15

The Socialiares will meet on Wednesday, September 15, with a sack lunch at Southeastway Park at 11:30 a.m. If you want to carpool to the park, meet in the west parking lot of the church at 11 a.m. There will be outdoor games along with board/card games available. There are shelters to protect us from the elements.

Autumn Adult Faith Formation Study: 'Oremus' – Let us Pray

The *Oremus* study program teaches you the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life in traditional contemplative and meditative forms; much of the technique explored is derived from Ignatian spiritual exercises. Over the course of 8 Thursdays you will discover how God speaks to you, even in the smallest encounters. Following the Tradition of the Catholic Church and the wisdom of the saints, you will learn ways to express yourself to God in prayer, and how to hear his voice. Our weekly study begins on September 23, completing on November 11. Morning and evening in-person sessions offered as demand requires. Please register online by September 10, so we may order the study books needed; the cost will be $20.

Catechists Still Needed

We have had a few parishioners recently volunteer to serve our parish as catechists – **thank you**! We would still like to get a few more - talk to Matthew (**mfallon@ollindy.org**) about how you may best enjoy serving others as they explore the faith (Sunday meetings, Confirmation prep, RCIA) either full- or part-time. Please hurry…classes begin on September 12!

Sunday Religious Education: Register Now!

You haven't missed it! Sunday Religious Education begins next week, Sept.12! It is not too late to register your child(ren). We are happy to aid you in passing on the faith to your children. Meetings are from 8:30 - 9:45 a.m. and will largely follow the school calendar, schedules will be distributed at the first class.

WITNESSES WANTED!

Pope Saint Paul VI wrote that "modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, **it is because they are witnesses**." Can you speak for just a couple of minutes, one-on-one to Confirmation candidates, about your own Confirmation, the action of the Holy Spirit in your life, and the importance of belonging to the Body of Christ to you? Please contact Matthew to find out more or to volunteer to share your story to help our Confirmation candidates form themselves to fully join the Church. This exercise is scheduled for October 3, atter the 10 a.m. Mass.

Please Remember In Your Prayers

Emilia Atkinson, Paula Bittelmeyer, Erna Bornhauser, Lucy Bross, Dick & Kathy Burgess, Will Christiansen, Deborah Clayton, Scott Covington, John Creasey, Mike Davis, Cassandra Budreau Dunne, Debby Eha, Mona Eitel, Norma Faye, Teresa Foster, Katie Guzman, Ben Hall, Charles Hart, Isabelle Hofmeister, Michael James, Katie Jones, Teresa Kerns, Kathy Kidwell, Randy Kidwell, Peggy Kloenne, Joseph Kossack, Emerson Lindey, Paul Linne, Jerry MacKenzie, Marilyn May, Mike Miller, Clarence Mobley, Glenda Moore, Renee Mullinix, Brynnley Niederhaus, Carolyn Patterson, Hayden Proffitt, Joseph Rogers, Rhonda Roseman, Fred Seddon, Kurt Suppiger, Arianna Williams, Mary Williams

Parish Office

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Mass Schedule

Tues & Thurs 6 p.m.
Wed & Fri 8:15 a.m.
Sat 5 p.m.
Sun 10 a.m.

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School News

Dear OLL Families and Friends,

Welcome to the month of September! We are looking forward to some cooler temperatures, Fall sports, and the parish Fall Festival, which starts at the very end of the month. We continue to be thankful for your cooperation as we navigate the protocol for COVID-19 together. We've had some families keep their children home this week as someone in the household was experiencing symptoms and awaiting test results. This is the right thing to do! We look forward to having our 6th graders back in the building after the holiday weekend.

On Friday, our teachers joined the teachers from Little Flower and Holy Spirit for a professional development workshop. We have three other Eastside Catholic School Partnership workshops planned this school year in December, February, and April. These will be asynchronous learning days. On these days, the teachers will provide a list of assignments for students to work on but will not be able to provide live sessions or support during the day. This does count as a day of school for students, and their attendance will be based on the submission of the assignments.

I wanted to include a friendly reminder about morning drop off procedures. Please remember that all traffic should flow from Downey to Hawthorne. In the south/playground lot, no parent should go against the flow of traffic to exit back onto Downey. Also, the south lot is for parents that wish to park and help their child out of the car, and perhaps walk them to the school doors. The front lot is for students that can independently hop out of the car and walk themselves into the building. I do appreciate everyone driving slowly and being cautious.

This week, our all school Mass was on Wednesday morning since we didn't have school in person on Friday. Parents are always welcome to join us for school Masses. You are especially encouraged on the weeks where your child's class is leading the singing, procession, readings, and petitions. Classroom teachers will communicate these dates with you.

I hope that you have a restful Labor Day and enjoy the long weekend! We will see you on Tuesday, September 7.

Sincerely,
Chris Kolakovich
Principal

Irvington Farmers' Market

The next Irvington Farmers' Market will be on **Sunday, September 12**, from noon to 3 p.m. at Ellenberger Park. Health guidelines will be followed.

Bulletin Deadline

Please send your entries by **NOON** on **MONDAYS** to ensure your article will appear in that week's printing. If you have flyers to be inserted into the bulletin, please bring them to the parish office by 3 p.m. on Thursday.

THANK YOU!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 4.....23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday, September 5.....23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 am †Dave Clark Req. by The Clark Family

Tuesday, September 7.....Weekday
5:30 pm Rosary
6:00 pm †Gloria Matthews Req. by Joe Matthews

Wednesday, September 8.....Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:15 am †Marlene Durham-Lamberg Req. by Wm. Bakemeyer

Thursday, September 9.....St. Peter Claver, Priest
5:30 pm Rosary
6:00 pm †Mike Bisesi Req. by Richard & Penny Moss

Friday, September 10.....Weekday
8:15 am †Kelli Marie Schallert Req. by Mary Ginther Oss

Saturday, September 11.....24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm †Ted Clements Req. by Candy & Joe Whisler

Sunday, September 12.....24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:00 am Pro Populo

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, September 11, 5 p.m. 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

EMHC:	Mary Ann Coffey, Kirk Forster, Cathy Kervan
Hospitality Ministers:	Kay Campbell (A-GE), Joe Hammond (A-GN), _____ (A-UE), _____ (A-GW),
Lector:	(A) Mark Caraher, (B) Sally Budreau
Sacristan:	Linda Caraher
Server:	Max Krause, Luke McDonald, Myles Parrish
Cantor:	Sylvia Zimmerman

Sunday, September 12, 10 a.m. 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

EMHC:	Jarl Evanson, Chris Houppert, Kirk Forster
Usher:	Mike Guinan (HM Team Leader, A-UW), _____ (A-GE), _____ (A-GN), Bob Davey (A-GW), (Y-1) Garrison Gray
Lector:	Andrea Aikman (A), Lucy Miller (B)
Sacristan:	Bernice Berlage
Server:	Franklin Oesterling, Maeve Waninger, _____
Cantor:	Matt Cannaday
Small Linens Sacristan:	Tammy Buennagel
CLOW:	Jenny McNulty (Adult Leader), _____(Youth Leader)

Readings Week of September 5, 2021

Sunday:	**Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37**
Monday:	**Col 1:24-2:3; Ps 62:6-7,9; Lk 6:6-11**
Tuesday:	**Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2,8-11; Lk 6:12-19**
Wednesday:	**Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6abc; Mt 1:1-16,18-23**
Thursday:	**Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38**
Friday:	**1 Tm 1:1-2,12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a,5,7-8,11; Lk 6:39-42**
Saturday:	**1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49**

Calendar of EVENTS

Saturday, September 4
4:00 pm Reconciliation Church
5:00 pm Mass Church

Sunday, September 5
10:00 am Mass Church

Monday, September 6 - No School (Labor Day)
No Events Today

Tuesday, September 7
5:30 pm Rosary Chapel
6:00 pm Mass Chapel
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop #8 Meeting Cafeteria
7:00 pm Liturgy Committee BH-N&S
7:00 pm Fall Festival Committee BH-2

Wednesday, September 8
8:15 am Mass Chapel
7:00 pm Strategic Planning Meeting BH-N&S
7:30 pm RCIA BH-2

Thursday, September 9
5:30 pm Rosary Chapel
6:00 pm Mass Chapel

Friday, September 10 - Mid-Term
8:15 am Mass (All School) Church

Saturday, September 11
4:00 pm Reconciliation Church
5:00 pm Mass Church

Sunday, September 12
8:30 am SRE BH
10:00 am Mass - Rite of Enrollment Church
11:00 am Confirmation Class BH

Church Support — IN GRATITUDE WE SHARE

August 22, 2021

Actual	$	4,019.20
Online Giving		4,375.00
Budgeted		9,898.00
Difference +/(-)	$	(1,503.80)
YTD Sunday & Holy Day		
Actual	$	90,999.70
Budgeted		80,124.00
Difference +/(-)	$	10,875.70
SVdP	$	2,583.00
Endowment Fund	$	20.00
Visiting Missionary	$	986.00
Disaster Relief	$	275.00

August 29, 2021

Actual	$	5,188.00
Online Giving		2,425.00
Budgeted		9,898.00
Difference +/(-)	$	(2,285.00)
YTD Sunday & Holy Day		
Actual	$	98,612.70
Budgeted		90,022.00
Difference +/(-)	$	8,590.70
SVdP	$	360.00
Endowment Fund	$	20.00
Visiting Missionary	$	210.00
Disaster Relief	$	1,174.00
Children's Offering	$	25.00
Holy Places	$	20.00
Catholic University	$	75.00

Stewardship

"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" JAMES 2:5

What is more important to a **Steward** – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society tells us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first and experience true joy and peace. When we put possessions first, we soon realize we can never have enough and happiness is fleeting. When we put faith over possessions, we truly realize it is better to give than receive.

New Confirmation Candidates

Please procure a copy of your baptismal certificate if you were baptized at another parish. Be thinking about who will be a good sponsor for you. Someone with a strong and active spiritual life that can help you grow in faith, share in your journey toward confirmation and your life beyond. Both your baptismal certificate and the name of your sponsor will need to be submitted to Matthew by email: **mfallon@ollindy.org**, or to the parish office, by our 1st meeting, *next week,* **Sept. 12**.

Monday Night Men's Prayer Group: Sept 13

Monday Night Men's Prayer Group will meet, on Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m. in BH-2. For more info please call Tim Arvin at **317-356-6050**, or just come. - **All men are welcome!**

Prayer Vine

To add someone's name to the Prayer Vine, please contact Laura Hughes at: **vineollstb@gmail.com**

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This Week on Formed.org

You can plug into short, daily reflections on faith topics and daily Scripture readings on our parish subscription – just a few minutes to give you something to "ponder in your heart" like the Blessed Virgin Mary during your day.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word is here. This liturgical action is for young children to participate in the Liturgy of the Word with age-appropriate language and explanations, so they can better hear God's message in Holy Scripture. Fr. Rick will call the 1st and 2nd graders forward just before the readings begin; please join us!

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