Advent
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After Hours
Should there be a need to reach the Parish Office outside of our normal business hours, please call 896.0241. Listen to the message, as it provides instructions on how to reach us. Please know that your call is important to us, and we will return it as soon as we can.

Bulletin Deadline
10:00 AM Friday to donnac@ourlourdes.org

Advent is a time of Hopeful longing, Joyful expectation, Peaceful penance, and Spiritual Preparation.

Mass Intentions this Week

Today
9:30 AM George Haeberlin

This Week
Tuesday, 7:00 PM Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
Wednesday, Noon Joan Wagner Hammer
Saturday, 4:30 PM Betty Sims

Next Sunday
9:30 AM Larry Raidt

Other Intentions
Patricia Blevins, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Robert J. McIntyre, Jr., Our Homebound Parishioners, Our Parish, and Lynn Ehnes Sheeks.

2021 Mass Intentions
Mass intentions for 2021 are available now. Call the Parish Office to schedule, 896.0241.

Advent Offerings

The Season of Advent continues this weekend. Advent is a time of waiting and preparation. Share the joy of the season with those you love by creating a space for Christ in your day and in your heart. Here are some resources to help.

The Little Blue Book contains reflections, each six minutes long, for each day of Advent. Find the books in the Gathering Space or Parish Office.

Best Advent Ever is a free email devotional from the folks at Dynamic Catholic. To sign up, visit https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever.

Formed offers another free online resource with a daily meditation and reflection. Visit https://formed.org/advent to sign up.

Waiting is hard for our culture, and this year, waiting coincides with waiting for Covid-19 to be over. This Advent Waiting family activity from Susan Vogt may help your family wait at home. Go to: https://www.susanvogt.net/EnrichmentEx.htm#AdventWaiting.

Mass Times

Saturday
4:30 PM
Sunday
9:30 AM
Weekday
Wednesday, 12:00 PM
Holy Days/Holidays
Varies; check Bulletin

Reconciliation
By appointment only until further notice. Call the Parish Office to arrange a time.

Streaming

Sunday 9:30 AM @OUR LADY OF LOURDES, LOU KY
Available on parish channel @olol youtube

Social Media
Parish:
Facebook: OUR LADY OF LOURDES, LOU KY
Twitter: @OurLourdes
Instagram: ourlourdesky
YouTube: olol youtube
Youth:
Facebook: OurLadyofLourdesYouthMinistry
Instagram: olollouisvilleym
Pray With Us

“Go in peace to love and serve one another.” This is what we hear at the end of every liturgy, and what we do in pastoral care. Please keep in your prayers our homebound parishioners, including those choosing to stay home; and those in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. We have prayer requests for: Carmela, Donald, Dorothy, Emma, Frank, Jim, Joan, Kenny, Liana, Linda, Lisa, Maggie, Marge, Martha, Melody, Mike, Pat, Peggy, Sandy, Rebecca, Ryan, Tom, and Urban. Names remain on the list two weeks unless advised otherwise. Call the office or email donnac@ourlourdes.org with requests.

Did you know?

ASL Interpreter

We now have a sign language interpreter available for Saturday evening mass. If you or a loved one are hearing impaired, we invite you to attend! If you would like to take advantage of this service, please let us know in advance so that we can make certain that space is reserved for you in order to have clear sight lines to the interpreter. Just call the office, 896.0241 or email Sarah Tonini, saraht@ourlourdes.org.

December 6
Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1–5, 9–11
2 Peter 3:8–14
Mark 1:1–8

The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance.

Question of the Week:
Adult: With whom could you be more patient this week, as God had been patient with you?
Child: With whom can you be more patient?

Scripture Readings for the week of December 6

MONDAY
St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Isaiah 35:1–10
Luke 5:17–26

TUESDAY
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Genesis 3:9–15, 20
Ephesians 1:3–6, 11–12
Luke 1:26–38

WEDNESDAY
Isaiah 40:25–31
Matthew 11:28–30

THURSDAY
Isaiah 41:13–20
Matthew 11:11–15

FRIDAY
Isaiah 48:17–19
Matthew 11:16–19

SATURDAY
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zechariah 2:14–17
Luke 1:26–38

NEXT SUNDAY
Third Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 61:1–2a, 10–11
1 Thessalonians 5:16–24
John 1:6–8, 19–28

Christmas Mass Schedule

Thank you so much for your overwhelming response to our online registration system. Know that we are doing our best to accommodate all who would like to attend. Remember, we will live stream the Christmas Eve 10:00 PM mass. Please contact the Parish Office with questions, 896.0241. We appreciate your help in making certain that our Christmas liturgies are safe for everyone, and can include as many as possible to celebrate in person.

Missals

Available now

We have a few of the 2020–2021 Sunday Missals available at the Parish Center. We ask for a donation of $4 for each Missal. We also have more of the Advent Little Blue Books in church or the Parish Office. There is no charge.

Sponsor this Week:
catholicmatch Kentucky

CatholicMatch.com/goKY
Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020

Sacraments

Baptism
We welcome parents seeking baptism for their children, regardless of the child’s age. Baptism is celebrated seven times a year; preparation is required. Please contact the Parish Office for details.

Marriage
Congratulations! We look forward to helping you celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage and preparing to live out that profound love in your daily lives together. Brides and grooms-to-be should contact the Pastor at least six months prior to your wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick
This ritual is for physical, mental, and spiritual healing. Call the Parish Office to request anointing for a family member.

Contributions
Every parish depends upon the stewardship of treasure of its members. We are no exception. Thank you to all who have mailed your contributions! Is it time to explore online giving? Visit the parish website for information from Faith Direct, or check with your bank for other options. If you use envelopes, you may change the frequency at any time; just call the Parish Office.

Thank You
This bulletin is furnished to our parish without charge. The advertisements that appear completely defray all publishing costs with which the church would otherwise be burdened. Please patronize these sponsors as a thank you for their kind generosity.

Safe at Worship

Stay home if you feel ill or if you live with someone who is vulnerable.

Wash your hands regularly, and use sanitizer upon entering church.

Wear a mask on campus, except when receiving communion.

Enter through any of the three normal doors. Please do not congregate.

Single use worship aids are available as you enter.

Pews are marked where seating is permitted. Sit only with members of your household. To maintain social distancing, ushers will direct you. Note that your normal pew may not be available.

Contributions may be dropped in the baskets on the marble table at the back of church or mailed to the Parish Office.

At communion time please follow directions from the ushers. Follow tape on the floor to help with distancing. Remove your mask to receive, and step aside to consume. Ministers will follow archdiocesan guidelines as they distribute communion by wearing masks and sanitizing hands should contact be made. No receiving on the tongue.

When mass has ended, pews will be dismissed from back to front. Follow directions from ushers. Place any worship aids in the marked receptacle.

The church and surrounding areas will be cleaned following each mass.

Blessing of the Child in the Womb

The “Rite for the Blessing of a Child in the Womb” was crafted to support parents awaiting the birth of their child, to encourage parish prayers for, and recognition of, the precious gift of the child in the womb, and to foster respect for human life within society. All are invited to the Blessing of the Child in the Womb on Sunday, December 13, at the 12:00 PM Mass at the Cathedral of the Assumption. Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz will preside. All expectant mothers are most welcome!

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
Image is Tapestry Visitation, with the two “cutaway” children, c.1410.

“The Bible and the Virgin Mary”

Virtual Bible study offering
This 12-week study meets on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 AM via Zoom. “The Bible and the Virgin Mary” is part of the St. Paul Center’s Journey Through Scripture series, and seeks to unveil the mystery of Our Lady that is woven into the fabric of Sacred Scripture. Twelve visually stunning lessons convey the beauty of the doctrine and devotions surrounding Mary, bringing them to life in a powerful, new way. Based on Hail, Holy Queen by Scott Hahn, and presented by dynamic speaker Matthew Leonard, this study has something for everyone from the newly confirmed to the fully engaged cradle Catholic. Contact Doug Wolz, dougw@ourlourdes.org for the Zoom login details, and for more information. All are welcome to join us!
Gospel Reflection

We serve a merciful and patient God. In His kindness, He warns us that we will be called to make an account one day for the way in which we made use of the gifts He has given us.

The most precious gift He has given us is His own Son, Whose birth we are preparing to celebrate.

St. Peter describes the loving kindness of the Father in our Second Reading today, saying God “is patient with you, not wishing that anyone should perish but that all should come to repentance.” Yet, in the same passage we receive this warning: “The Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar... and the earth and everything on it will be found out.”

How are we to assimilate these two truths — the merciful love of God and the responsibility that comes with the privilege of living as His disciple? St. Peter tells us we should conduct ourselves “in holiness and devotion.” Indeed, this is the goal of our Advent “reset” — to return to living lives focused on Christ, in gratitude for all He has done for us.

In our Gospel passage from Mark, John the Baptist instructs us to “prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” We must make good use of the gift of time we have been given this Advent season. Let’s be sure to get to Confession, prioritize a daily reading of Scriptures, and reach out to someone in need with a word of comfort or an act of service.

In this way, we will honor both the mercy and justice of our God, and we will be prepared to celebrate the birth of Christ and give account for His gifts to us.

—Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants

Planned Giving

Where there is a will, there is a way to be an angel for our parish. It can be as simple as including one specific sentence in your will. Contact Melody R. Denson in the Office of Mission Advancement to learn more about how your parish can be remembered in your estate, mdenson@archlou.org or call 585.3291.

Stay awake!

For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Matthew 24:42

Happy New Year

Happy new Church year, that is. The liturgical calendar moves in a cycle of promise to fulfillment to proclamation, often using the images of darkness and light to accentuate the movement. With Advent we enter the first part of the cycle, promise. God’s goodness gives us light, the light of the Messiah that dawns in the birth of Christ and that will shine in its fullness at his coming again as King and Judge. So in this Advent season as we begin a new Church year, let’s focus on responding to the light of Jesus’ presence. Let his vision and values enlighten us and transform the darkness of our lives so that we become a light, leading others to God.

Intercessions for Life

For all the faithful:

May the Lord help us build a culture of life in vigilant expectation of His return; We pray to the Lord.

www.respectlife.org

Knights News

Family Ministry
Marriage Moments
“Comfort, give comfort to my people.” (Is 40:1) Elections are over, mostly. This is a comfort to many. But December 7 is also the commemoration of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Life is often a mixture of comfort, pain, and waiting. Comfort each other when necessary.

Parenting Pointers
As St. Nick’s feast day approaches on December 6, this may bring joy to children as they anticipate a treat in their shoe. Still, Advent is a time of waiting and life is often a mixture of joy and waiting. Let Advent teach your child to wait for good things.

Advent Giving Tree
The Advent Giving Tree is happening this year with a few adjustments due to COVID. This Christmas Season, Lourdes will support three organizations, Sister Visitor, St. John Center, and House of Ruth.

Help feed a hungry family served by the Sister Visitor Center. They have requested for food for their pantry: boxed cereal, peanut butter, rice, pasta, mac & cheese, canned meat (like tuna), canned vegetables, soups. Please no canned fruit.

Please help clothe a homeless man, served by St John Center. Large, XL and 2XL NEW sweatshirts are needed.

Help stock the Toiletry Pantry at House of Ruth. These personal care supplies are needed by women and families affected by HIV/AIDS. These supplies for men and women include: bath soap, body wash, deodorant, toothpaste, tooth brushes, shaving cream and razors for women, liquid hand soap, lotions, shampoo, conditioner, and toilet paper.

Please bring all items unwrapped to the appropriate bins in the Gathering Area no later than 12:30 PM on Sunday, December 13, or the Drive–thru Drop Off on December 12, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM at the stage door (#18) behind the Gym.

If you would like to help with drive–thru or to make deliveries to the three organizations, please contact Christine Kesler, 897.0006.

St. MAM
Volunteer Needs
St. Matthews Area Ministries could use some additional volunteers:
*Retail food pick up: M–Th mornings drivers pick up donated goods from retail partners and bring to St. MAM.
*Food prep/organization/ distribution: T & Th, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM and 12:00–3:00 PM.
*Admin support: M, T, & Th, 12:00–2:00 PM, volunteers answer phones, file, etc.
Please contact Suzanne DeGregorio for details, suzannede@stman.com

CSA
Catholic Services Appeal
Parish Goal: $82,600
Contributions 11/20: $54,957
Thanks to those who have already responded with a gift. There is still plenty of time to make a gift, www.ArchLou.org/CSA.

Thank you!
From the Little Sisters of the Poor
We missed collecting turkeys this year, along with the sense of purpose and enjoyment we get from that event. We collected over $1,000 in gift cards, checks, and cash for the Little Sisters. Thank you for your generosity!