

2020-2021 GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH



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Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes,

Welcome to our newest parish guide book and directory! I pray you will be able to use it as a resource not only to communicate well with each other and with the parish staff and volunteers, but to discern your participation in our parish through one (or several!) of the many ministries listed herein.

I feel quite strongly that the Lord has blessed us with a beautiful parish. As disciples, He has given us to each other in order to have camaraderie along the journey of faith; as stewards, He has also entrusted much to us for our safekeeping and flourishing. As we strive to live the four pillars of our Fourth Diocesan Synod of hospitality, prayer, formation, and service, let us do so by building up our community through the bonds of charity and praying for a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit to go wherever He calls us.

Yours in Christ,

Reverend Michael Andrew Friedel

Pastor

Church Office Information

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00am – 12:00pm (Lunch) 1:00pm – 4:00pm

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Ministries at a Glance

Organization	Chair's Name	Phone / Email
Visitation Ministry	Gigi Langhauser	217-875-2683
Eucharistic Minister	Dorothy Centers	217-877-4404
Usher/Greeter		
Sacristan		
Lector		

Parish Liturgical Life

Eucharist

Mass Schedule

Saturday:	4:30pm
Sunday:	7:30, 9:30, 11:30am
Spanish Mass:	1:00pm
Weekday:	Monday Through Friday 6:30am
Thursday:	2:00pm when school is in session
Holy Days:	See bulletin for Mass Schedule

Communion to the Sick: for those who are shut-in or recovering from surgery or an illness, please notify the parish office for an appointment if you wish to receive this sacrament before surgery or during an illness.

Perpetual Adoration: St. Mary's Hospital Chapel, 1800 E. Lakeshore Drive is available for prayer and adoration 24 hours a day, every day. (Between 9:00pm and 5:00am a code is needed for entry). If you would like to sign up for a specific time, see the contact person listed at the end of this section.

Eucharistic Adoration: Adoration is available every Thursday, from 9:00am to 5:00pm in the St. Anne's Chapel, here at Our Lady of Lourdes. Anyone is welcome to come at any time during the day to pray.

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 12:00 – 1:00pm

Thursday 5:00 – 6:00pm

Saturday 11:00am and any time by appointment. During Advent and Lent the priests of the Decatur Deanery offer several opportunities for this Sacrament at the different parishes. There is a Communal prayer service followed by individual confessions.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Anointing of the Sick is offered to those in need of healing from mental, emotional or physical difficulties and is offered as needed on an individual basis (especially for pre-surgery) by calling the rectory or on a Communal basis, during Mass, several times throughout the year. Please watch the bulletin for dates it will be offered.

BAPTISM

Saturdays after 4:30pm Mass, Sunday at 2:00pm or during any Mass by request. Welcoming new members into our parish family is a particularly special moment for our parish. In order to be spiritually prepared, we offer Pre-Baptism classes as a pre-requisite for reception of this Sacrament of New Life in Jesus Christ. During this time all the necessary arrangements will be made to make your family's baptismal celebration a joyous occasion.

MARRIAGE

A wedding is a special time of God's Grace. If you are contemplating marriage, please contact one of the Parish Priests no later than six (6) months prior to the proposed date of the wedding. The priest will meet with the prospective bride and groom and fully explain the guidelines surrounding this Sacrament of Love. We have a Pre-Cana class offered here once a year, the Saturday before Palm Sunday.

“For it is the liturgy through which, especially in the divine sacrifice of the Eucharist, ‘the work of our redemption is accomplished,’ and it is through the liturgy, especially, that the faithful are enabled to express in their lives and manifest to others the mystery of Christ and the real nature of the true Church...” (taken from The Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy)

Here at Our Lady of Lourdes, you are encouraged to participate in the many ministries which enhance our Liturgical Life:

(A list of contacts for each ministry or organization can be found at the end of this section)

ALTAR SERVERS – This is an excellent opportunity for service and participation in our Liturgical celebrations. Adults serve at the 6:30am weekday Mass and our Funeral liturgies. Students who are 4th grade and older are invited to become involved for the weekend and Friday 8:30am Masses.

ART & ENVIROMENT – Church decorating has always been an important part of liturgical worship. Having the right environment and atmosphere greatly enhances the celebration of the seasons and the liturgical calendar year. If you would like to be a part of this group whether planning for Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter or Ordinary time, please call the parish office and inquire about how to help.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – This ministry provides the privilege of distributing the Body and Blood of Christ to those participating at Mass. If you would like to be a part of this ministry please call the Parish Office and let the secretary know you are interested in helping.

GIFT BEARER – Whether you are a family or individual of the parish and would like to bring up the gifts at Mass, this is a great way to show your participation at Mass.

GREETERS – These ministers of Hospitality welcome each person at the doors of the church before each Mass. You can choose which Mass you like to attend and open the door to the parishioners as they come to celebrate Mass.



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LECTORS – Lectors are primarily responsible for boldly proclaiming the first and second scripture readings at Mass. A lector workbook will be provided to you by the parish so you can prepare at home before Mass.

MUSIC MINISTRY – Here at Our Lady of Lourdes we have a variety of music options for each Mass. If you are interested in cantoring or joining our Adult Choir, Ensemble or Folk Group, these groups usually sing at the 2nd & 4th 9:30 & 11:30am Masses.

SACRISTAN – The ministry of Sacristan is two-fold. The first role is guided toward the Liturgy which is the source and summit of our liturgical worship. The second role of the ministry is directed to the priest, ministers, and the gathered assembly. The sacristans verify that all ministers are in place for the celebration of the Eucharist. Following the liturgy, the priest or deacon will purify the vessels and the sacristan will wash and put them away. The ministry is of great help in our liturgical celebrations.

USHERS – The ushers serve in many capacities, as greeters, information centers, taking up the collection, directing traffic and as an emergency center in some instances. Meetings are as needed. This ministry is open to both genders and for all ages.

Growing In Faith Opportunities

Here at Our Lady of Lourdes, you are encouraged to participate in the many opportunities which enhance our Faith Life:

FOR THE YOUNG:

BABY STEPS – Baby steps is a program where Our Lady of Lourdes students welcome newly Baptized children into our Church community. The school children share in the joy of the Child's Baptism by coloring a special card and sending a small gift. The family is then sent a card on the anniversary of the child's Baptism. The goal of the Baby Steps program is to encourage the families to become involved in the Catholic education of Our Lady of Lourdes School.

PSR – PARISH SCHOOL OF RELGION, GRADES 1-8 – the PSR classes meet every Wednesday from 6:30-7:45pm during the school year. Our Lady of Lourdes students who attend public school are encouraged to attend. The teachers are volunteers who are truly dedicated people who witness Christ through their lives. There are usually around one hundred students and ten teachers in the program.

FOR THE YOUTH:

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION – Our young people and their families are prepared to receive First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation while in the Third grade. This is accomplished through the parish school or through Wednesday night PSR program. There are parent informational meetings held before each of the Sacraments. Any adults in need of this Sacrament will need to contact the Parish Office.

FOR THE ADULT AND FAMILY:

SCRIPTURE STUDY – Reflecting on Sunday's readings is a weekly discussion based on the Scripture passages used in the upcoming Sunday's Mass. Meetings are Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm in the Enrichment Center.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – In order to foster a deeper appreciation of the Holy Eucharist and to offer people an opportunity to become more aware of Christ's Presence, Eucharistic Adoration is held every Thursday from 9:00am-5:00pm in the St. Anne's Chapel. If you would like to sign up for a specific time, please contact the chair at the end of this section.

GIFT SHOP – Our Gift Shop is located at the west exit of the church sanctuary. It is open following the weekend Masses. During the week the shop can be made available during regular church office hours. The shop offers a variety of books, Bibles, sacramental gifts, rosaries, wall crucifixes and crosses, jewelry, statuary, music and many other items.

LIBRARY – Our Parish Library is located near the Red Room, just before the Enrichment Center. Our librarian has catalogued hundreds of books, tapes and videos that can be checked out to be used by parishioners in their search for knowledge and spiritual growth. Our reference section includes Catholic encyclopedias, Books on Saints, Bibles, etc.

PARISH MISSION – This is a 3-5 day long experience with a visiting priest that usually consists of weekend homilies touching on the theme of the Mission, informal morning discussion sessions and evening sessions which can include inspirational talks, Eucharist and the celebration of Reconciliation. The whole family is invited to attend.

PRAYER LINE – The Prayer Line consists of parish volunteers who receive petitions for prayer from parishioners in need. They spend time, each day praying for the prayer requests. Anyone may call for their own physical, spiritual, emotional needs or for those of a relative or friend. Phone numbers of Prayer Line leaders are listed at the end of this section, they are also in the parish bulletin.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS) – Participation in the RCIA leads adults on a journey of faith to learn about the Catholic Faith and to experience conversion through catechesis, discussion, prayer, fellowship and a series of liturgical celebrations. This comprehensive process directed toward formation supports and encourages the spiritual journey of all involved. It is a four-step process within parish life which welcomes new members into the Church and leads parishioners to deeper commitment and renewal of their Catholic faith. RCIA participants are the unbaptized, those baptized in another Christian church, those baptized but un-catechized, Catholics who have never been confirmed. Those who desire to join the Catholic Church prepare for the sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist and Profession of Faith and continue until after the Easter Vigil or Pentecost, or an appropriate time according to a person's situation, for further information contact the parish office.

Growing Together as a Community

Here at Our Lady of Lourdes, you are encouraged to participate in the many opportunities we have to grow as a community.

COMMUNITY 55 – This is a wonderful opportunity for parishioners 55 years and older to gather together for the Eucharist, prayer, fellowship, and enrichment. The group meets every 3rd Wednesday on the month in the Enrichment Center. Mass begins at 11:30am in St. Anne's Chapel, followed by a potluck luncheon, a scheduled speaker, game or entertainment. Everyone over 55 is welcome!

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN – The goal of this council is to afford all women of the parish fellowship in a comfortable and social setting, while benefiting the parish as a whole. Activities include educational seminars, organized bus trips, fashion shows, luncheons, and craft workshops. All women of the parish are welcome and encouraged to attend.

FINANCE COUNCIL – The parish finance council acts in the capacity of advisor to the pastor regarding matters of a financial nature. The council actively participates in the preparation of the annual parish budget and conducts reviews of the quarterly and annual reports. Members of the council are appointed by the pastor to serve 3-year terms. The pastor and parish business administrator are ex-officio members. Meetings are held quarterly or arranged by the parish business administrator.

PASTORAL COUNCIL – This council is the planning organization of the church which is advisory to the pastor. Its main function is to identify the needs of the parish and recommend workable informed and effective solutions. The pastoral council consists of 6 members and the pastor. If you feel there is a need that the parish should fulfill, please convey it to a council member or feel free to attend a council meeting. The council meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of the month.

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SCOUTING – The Cub Scout and Boy Scout program is open to all boys and girls in grades 1st-12th. The purpose of scouting, with the help of parents and leaders is to help boys and girls develop character and spiritual growth, outdoor skills, citizenship and personal preparedness.

SCRIP – This is a “Gift Certificate” program for certain stores in our area and on-line. SCRIP cards can be used to purchase a wide variety of items and services such as groceries, prescribed medications, gas, and department stores. Please contact our school office 217-877-4408 if you interested in utilizing this program, every dollar spent helps our parish and school.

Reaching Out to Our Community

Here at Our Lady of Lourdes, you are encouraged to participate in the opportunity we have to reach out to our parish and community beyond:

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY – Bereavement/Grief support is available to individuals or families who are in need of support and of sharing the pain that death can bring. Contact the parish office for more information. Each year, around the All Soul’s day in early November, our parish community comes together to celebrate a “Loved and Not Forgotten” Mass. We especially remember parishioners and loved ones who have died during the year. Families are encouraged to attend this Mass, their loved one’s name will be read aloud and be given a candle with their loved one’s name on it to take home.

FAITH IN ACTION – Faith in Action is a Catholic Charities project of Decatur and Macon County which serves frail homebound individuals age 55 and older. Services are provided through a network of trained volunteers from area churches, service organizations and the community at-large. The goal is to assist individuals and their families to maintain their independence, dignity and quality of life. Services include: friendly visits; transportation; shopping and errand running; minor home and yard maintenance; telephone reassurance; letter writing and reading; respice care; occasional meal preparation.

FOOD PANTRY – This outreach is supported by the donations of non-perishable food brought in by our parishioners and placed in the collection crates in both church vestibules. These donations are collected and taken to Catholic Charities and used for the whole community. Volunteers help keep this outreach organized. Please call the parish office if your family could be helped with this outreach.

FUNERAL LUNCHEONS – This committee organizes a luncheon for families who have recently lost a loved one and the funeral is held at Our Lady of Lourdes. The committee calls parish members to donate food for the luncheon. A team of volunteers sets up and serves the luncheon in the Enrichment Center. All are welcome to participate in this outreach ministry.

GOOD SAMARITAN INN – Volunteers of the parish help prepare and serve the lunches for those at the Good Samaritan Inn Soup Kitchen. We work every 1st Monday of the month, 9:00am to 2:15pm. Volunteers choose from any of the approximate 2-hour shifts.

HELPING HANDS – Members are contacted approximately once every 2 months to provide a meal for a family in need, usually due to illness or a crisis situation. All are welcome to help with this ministry.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING – Natural family planning offers natural methods for achieving and voiding pregnancies based on the observation of naturally occurring signs of the fertile and infertile phases of a woman's menstrual cycle. Instructional classes are offered through St Mary's Hospital in Decatur, IL. For further information, call the Diocesan Office for Family and Youth Ministry at (217) 698-8500.

PRO-LIFE COMMISSION – This commission organizes and implements Pro-Life activities in our Parish. These include Respect Life Month in October, attending Right to Life meetings, liaison for information from Office of Social Concerns concerning any pro-life issues through our bulletin and liaison for the New Life Pregnancy Center. The second Saturday of the month has been adopted by Our Lady of Lourdes to pray the Rosaries at the abortion clinic in Granite City.

ROSARY MAKERS – Our Lady of Lourdes Rosary Makers provides cord rosaries to missionaries and lay ministers here at home and abroad to give to those in need. Training is provided and rosaries are made at meetings announced in the church bulletin.

LOLO CHARITY GROUP – This committee administers the funds set aside from weekly collections for the needy of our parish. We meet quarterly with the pastor and business administrator as needed.

SEWING OUR FAITH – Sewing our Faith is a ministry which focuses on making accessory bags for wheelchairs or walkers and wheelchair lap quilts for the residents of area nursing homes. Volunteers meet on the 2nd & 4th Monday afternoons beginning at 1:00pm and ending around 4:00pm.

SISTER PARISH IN GUATEMALA – This ministry helps support our Sister Parish, St. James the Apostle in Guatemala by collecting money once a month after each of the Masses on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE – The committee members work on various social justice issues such as racism, the death penalty and other current issues in our area. We often unite our efforts with other groups or churches in the community particularly for diocesan, city, state or national social justice projects such as Pro-Life events. Meetings are held as needed and are open to all parishioners.

VISITATION CIRCLE – This is a group of parishioners whose goal is the visitation of the sick, homebound, hospitalized, nursing home residents and residents of Pershing Estates, Keystone Meadows and Keystone Gardens. Individual members may offer to visit anyone in need. Visitors bring communion to the hospitals and assisted living centers on a regular basis and to the homebound at their request. Visits help aid the healing process, community, and provide an opportunity for receiving the Eucharist. Meetings are held the 4th Thursday of selected months from 9:15am to 10:30am in the Enrichment Center. See the church bulletin for dates. For more information to volunteer or receive visits please call Jami Snow, Pastoral Care Coordinator at the parish office (217) 877-4404.

Mission Statement

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 as God's people inside and outside of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in a spirit of stewardship and Gather with us to celebrate Christ's two great Commandments of love.

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FUNERAL – John Alley	875-1195
ART & ENVIRONMENT – PARISH OFFICE	877-4404
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION – SCHOOL	877-4408
BAPTISM CLASS – Fr. Friedel/Fr. Trummer	877-4404
BEREAVEMENT – Jami Snow	877-4404
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS – Joe Snow	877-4404
COMMUNITY 55 & OVER – Sr. Jo An Schullian	877-4404
COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN – Sharon Heinz	468-2016
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – Dorothy Centers	877-4404
FAITH IN ACTION – Sr. Jo An	877-4404
FINANCE COUNCIL – Joe Snow	877-4404
FOOD PANTRY – Gary Burlington	391-4667
FUNERAL LUNCHEON – Gigi Langhauser	875-2683
GIFT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM – Annemarie Duncan	877-4408
GIFT SHOP – Pat Wall	429-0712
GIFT BEARER FAMILY – Dorothy Centers	877-4404
GOOD SAMARITAN INN – Janet Walters	877-0162
GREETERS – Dorothy Centers	877-4404
HELPING HANDS – Mary Harter	877-8821
HISPANIC MINISTRY – Fr. Friedel/Fr. Trummer	877-4404
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – Joe Kerns	877-5131
LECTORS – Dorothy Centers (Weekend & Holy Days)	877-4404
Gigi Langhauser (6:30am Weekdays)	875-2683
LIBRARY – Karen Martin	877-5365
MUSIC MINISTRY – Church Office	877-4404
NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING – Office for Family Life	698-8500
PARISH SCHOOL – Principal, Theresa Bowser	877-4408
PARISH MISSION – Pastoral Council - Jack Wagner	875-2623
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PERPETUAL ADORATION – Jim & Mary Comerford	877-6716
PRAYER LINE – Gloria Leonard	877-4912
Angie Prince	428-0175
Pat Stimler	877-3153
PRE-CANA – Karl & Janet Pezzelle	877-1715
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