30th Sunday in Ordinary Time "The Lord hears the cry of the poor."



MISSION STATEMENT

"The historic Church of Our Lady of Lourdes is rooted in the Catholic faith and tradition. We strive to be a welcoming parish, committed to nurturing a spirit of prayer and service. Guided by the Holy Spirit we embrace all who seek to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Together we will build a strong, loving community where faith is lived, celebrated and shared."



October 26, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:30pm Sunday 8:30am & 10:30am

> Tuesday 12:05pm Wednesday 12:05pm Thursday 12:05pm Friday 12:05pm **CONFESSION**

Saturday 3:45-4:15pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday through Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm To contact the Parish Office call: 612-379-2259

For information on the parish and its programs and events, please visit lourdesmpls.org

REMINDER:

Parking in the ramp while attending liturgies at Lourdes is FREE! Bring a copy of your license plate # and see personnel in the back of church for validation.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

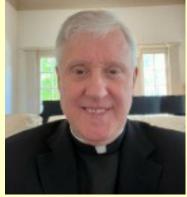


CATHOLIC CHURCH





FROM FR. LEO



Jesus' parable describes two men praying in the temple. The story feels real and pulls us into the energy of Jesus' message.

First there is the Pharisee who stands to pray. He is confident in his prayer when he thanked God for being better than everyone else, especially the tax collector. We may feel his arrogance as we hear his prayer. What we should acknowledge about his prayer though, is his sincerity. He is working hard to be faithful and commends himself, blind to his own arrogance.

Then we have the tax collector who stood far off and was too ashamed to raise his eyes to the Lord. He beat his breast and prayed, "O God, be merciful to me a sinner." In his humility he is declared justified by the Lord.

Both prayers started the same, "O God," but what followed was very different. The first was blindly arrogant and the second was humble confessing his need for mercy. This is what is good for us to hear. Mercy is given to the humble. Being humble brings relief. We aren't perfect, but we can rely on God's forgiveness and overcome those things that make us less than kind or compassionate in life will lessen. We are sinners and that's not the issue. The only problem is when we become blind to our weaknesses or deny them.

Evening prayer is a good time to reflect on our day. Name the blessings of the day and ask for the grace to do better in the things that cause us to slip up. There are times my response to people isn't what I wish it had been. Recognizing that, I own it in hope for the grace that will help be do better or at least be more consistent in the future.

In our self-assessment we must be fair. Sometimes, we lose it, and sometimes we should. In reflecting on our issues, we must always be gentle with ourselves. Over time, things become clearer. This is especially true for the scrupulous who will always find themselves guilty even when they are far from it. We must balance our feelings here with compassionate reasoning. When we pray, the first feeling God wants us to feel is his unconditional love for us! Beyond that the Lord is not there to humiliate or punish us. He is there to help. To give us the grace to move in the direction love is calling us to.



THANK YOU! On Saturday, October 18th 432 Meat Pies were Made!
Thank you to the 50+ volunteers who assisted in this process!
Remember, you can purchase meat pies at the Parish Office Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.



One important part of becoming Catholic that dates back to the very beginnings of the Church is sponsorship. In the early Church, Christians who were already baptized and confirmed in the faith would sponsor other individuals on their Christian faith journey. This tradition continues today through sponsoring seekers interested in learning more about the Church through our Order of Christian Initiation of

Adults (OCIA) classes and then moving towards receiving Sacraments. Sponsors attend class with students, meet or talk with them to answer questions and walk with them on their journey of faith.

We are currently looking for individuals interested in becoming Sponsors for our current OCIA Catechumens and Candidates. We are in need of at least 4 to 5 Sponsors. Please contact Peter Young in the church office for more information or to sign up.



UPCOMING EVENTS AT LOURDES

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	10/26	8:30am 10:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes Parish +Gordy Lee	Sunday
Mon	10/27	NO MASS	Gordy Lee	
		12:05 pm	Hyska Family	Monday
Wed	10/29	12:05 pm	Patricia Miller	Tuesday
		12:05 pm	+ Gen & Herb Pattinson	•
Fri	10/31	12:05 pm		Wednes
Sat	11/1	4:30 pm	Our Lady of Lourdes Parish	Thursda
Sun	11/2	8:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes Parish	Tiluisua
	,	10:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes Parish	Friday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCT 26

Sunday Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18;

Lk 18: 9-14

MondayRom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17TuesdayEph 2:19-22; Lk 6: 12-16WednesdayRom 8: 26-30; Lk 13: 22-30ThursdayRom 8: 31b-39; Lk 13: 31-35

Friday Rom 9: 1-5; Lk 14:1-6

Saturday Rv 7: 2-4, 9-14; 1Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a



The Archdiocesan 175th Anniversary Books are available in the Parish Office while quantities last.

The large book is \$36.00 and the smaller, graphic novel is \$16.00.



CONGRATULATIONS!

ALEXANDRA ANDERSON & BRANDON MIKELSON

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025



BUSY BAGS FOR OUR YOUNGEST CHILDREN

Located at the entrance of the church. All we ask is that you return them at the end of Mass.



Are you interested in becoming a Catholic?

Looking to get to know your Catholic Faith

better?

Join us for Our Lady of Lourdes Faith Formation through the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA). Contact Peter Young in the Church Office.



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Family

Gathering

Sunday, October 26, 2025 Outside (weather permitting)

Between the 8:30 & 10:30 Masses

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Gene Rerat - Chair, Parish Finance Council
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Planning a Baptism at Lourdes soon?

To better understand the Sacrament of Baptism, new parents and parents with children who are new to the parish are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Session.

Our next Baptism Preparation Session will be on Saturday, November 15, 2025 from 8:45 ~ 9:30 am in the Small Hall.

Please register in advance online: https://lourdesmpls.org/baptism-registration-



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Safe Environment

We are happy to report that Our Lady of Lourdes remains in compliance with Safe Environment Standards in the Archdiocese.

Please visit https://safe-environment.archspm.org/ to find out more on the Safe Environment Protocols in the Archdiocese.

GIVING ONLINE

The link to support the parish through online giving is: https://lourdesmpls.org/giving This will connect you to the page that you can either create an account with *Vanco* on our website (secure) or adjust your current giving. Please call the parish office with any questions.

TEXT TO GIVE

Text the amount you would like to give, starting with a "\$" to: (612) 888-8406. The first time you donate, you will receive directions on how to sign up. After that, your future gifts can be made simply by sending a text with an amount.

Please contact the parish office if you would like to give via weekly envelopes or if you have any questions about how to give, including legacy and planned giving. **Thank you for your generosity!**



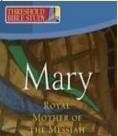
Want to keep it simple? Use your cell phone to click on this QR code and you will be taken directly to our webpage where you can make a secure donation. Thank you!











Adult Bible/Book Study - "Mary; Royal Mother of the Messiah".

We still have spots open for the Saturday Mourning Sessions which begin Sat. 10/25.

Studying and contemplating Mary through the Scriptures enables us to encounter here as mother, counselor, and inspiration. Pondering her many regal titles as well as her simple humanity, we come to know her as a strong, resilient woman and the royal mother of God's people.

There is still time to join the Saturday Group. You may register by going to the church website. Please register by October 31st.