

First Sunday of Advent

“Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord..”



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.”



November 30, 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 3:30-4:15pm

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

One Lourdes Place, Minneapolis, MN 55414



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FROM FR. LEO

First Sunday of Advent – Year A



For me Advent is like a silent retreat. As the nights grow longer and the cold keeps us in, we have more time to reflect as Mary did, pondering things over in her heart. We are in a season when we prepare for the coming of Christ anew in Christmas.

Our first reading reminds us of what kingdom we await. A kingdom of peace where swords will be beaten in plowshares. A kingdom of peace where there will be no more war. Where all will walk together in the light of Christ.

In Paul's letter to the Romans, he teaches us to prepare by ridding from our minds and hearts the selfish things that keep peace from growing in us, with others and in the world. World peace is built on the foundation of the peace that lives in us individually and then among us as a faith community. So, we build that universal peace by seeking true peace within ourselves.

Mathew's gospel brings some urgency to our preparing. It is true that without prayer our lived faith can fade into the background of our lives. The gospel's warning is for us not to miss the opportunity to welcome the Lord in our day. When we do, we are prepared to receive the Spirit that overcame Mary and brought Christ to birth in her. Our calling is the same, we say yes to God's spirit in living our faith and we give birth to the Lord into our hearts and into the world.

May the Lord grant us a blessed Advent and draw us closer to himself through the intercession of Mary the mother of us all!

Special request from Fr. Leo:

Dear people of Our Lady of Lourdes,

Advent begins this Sunday. A time to solemnly reflect on the incarnation of Christ. I would like to invite couples with new born babies to reflect on what it was like to prepare for a birth and all the thought and work that went into that. Then share what the birth was like and how life changed in the weeks following. Things like less sleep, but also the joy at sustains such an experience.

I ask you to share with me because I think your experience is what the season of Advent is all about. A time of anticipation, change, birth, hope, joy and new life. As I reflect on what you share, I may find ways to weave your thoughts into homilies in this season.

Thank you for your consideration.

Blessings,

Fr. Leo lschneider@ourladyoflourdesmn.com



Please remember to turn in your Stewardship Pledge card



UPCOMING EVENTS AT LOURDES

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	11/30	8:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
		10:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
Mon	12/1	NO MASS	
Tues	12/2	12:05 pm	+ Janet Martin
Wed	12/3	12:05 pm	Hyska Family
Thurs	12/4	12:05 pm	
Fri	12/5	12:05 pm	
Sat	12/6	4:30 pm	Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
Sun	12/7	8:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
		10:30am	Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 30

Sunday	Is: 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24: 37-44
Monday	Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday	Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday	Is 25: 6-10a; Mt 15: 29-37
Thursday	Is 26: 1-6; Mt 7: 21, 24-27
Friday	Is 29: 17-24; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	Is 30: 19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35, 10: 1, 5a, 6-8

CONGRATULATIONS!

**THOMAS DILLON WINTER
BAPTIZED
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 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.**

Our Parish History

Our Lady of Lourdes is the oldest continuously used church in the city of Minneapolis. In 1877, the growing French-Canadian community bought the church from the First Universalist Society. Constructed in 1854 in what was the Town of St. Anthony, our parish is the first parish in the United States to be named in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes.



**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.**

FRENCH MEAT PIES AVAILABLE WHILE QUANTITIES LAST!

**Cost is \$30.00 per pie ~ checks, cash, credit
card welcome!**

***Meat Pies can be
purchased at the Parish Office
Tues thru Fri 8:30am - 4:30pm***



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

**DURING THE 4:30
MASS
ON
SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 6, 2025**



PARISH LEADERSHIP

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Monica Shearon - Chair, Pastoral Care Ministry

Giving at Our Lady of Lourdes

Your support enhances our programs and supports new initiatives, helping to ensure we continue to welcome parishioners for years to come.

- **Cash/Check:** Cash gifts are the simplest and easiest way to make a gift. This can be done during the offering at mass or via the mail.
- **Online Gifts:** Visit our website to create a secure account to give online. If you already have an account, you can login to easily make a one-time gift or adjust current giving.



Use your cell phone to scan this QR code to be taken to our website, or visit us directly at www.lourdesmpls.org/giving

- **Text to Give:** Text the amount you would like to give, starting with a "\$" to: (612) 888-8406.
- **Planned Giving:** If you include Our Lady of Lourdes in your estate plans, please reach out to the parish office to let us know.

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!**



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.



Would you be interested in helping and guiding an individual who is seeking to grow in their own faith and belief in our Risen Savior?

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 and guiding seekers interested in learning more about the Church through our OCIA classes and then moving towards receiving their Sacraments.

Well now is the time you can help. We are currently looking for individuals interested in becoming Sponsors for our current Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) Catechumens and Candidates. We are in need of at least 4 to 5 Sponsors. Contact Peter Young in the church office for more information or to sign up.