

Third Sunday of Advent

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to 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."



December 14, 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

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FROM FR. LEO



3rd Sunday of Advent

“Be Patient!” These first words of James in our second reading sum up what follows. James is encouraging patients as an important aspect of following Christ. For me, being patient is hard. It is much easier for me to be impatient than it is for me to be patient.

I asked myself why? I have come to the conclusion that I want, what I want, now. There are times when this kind of assertiveness is proper. In critical situations immediate action is needed and good leadership moves in and acts.

At other times fast action may be a detriment. We may jump to conclusions missing what might be truly helpful. Sometimes God’s will is not our own. At times we need to put our problem solving in the hands of God. Our being patient gives God the time to form us in his image and enlighten us to what is holy and good moving forward.

Just as we need to slow down and smell the roses, sometimes we need patience to know the love and will of God.

In the gospel John sends some of his disciples to determine if Jesus is the one. When asked, Jesus doesn’t say yes. Such a claim would not be helpful. Instead, he tells them to tell John what they see. “The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear and the dead are raised.”

So, it isn’t what we claim ourselves to be that defines us, it is what we do. Jesus came for us and not for himself. In this, Jesus joins humility with patients to be our guide for living in the Spirit and bringing the Kingdom to earth as it is in heaven.



**Wondering what to have for Sunday supper
(or any other day of the week)?**

**How about a famous, hand-made,
church-to-table, French Meat Pie!**

Pick it up after mass next week -\$30.

Meat Pies for sale after all Masses

December 13th & 14th

**If you would like to help sell pies, please register
on our website at**

**[https://www.signupgenius.com/
go/20F0844A9A928A2FF2-59858309-meat#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0844A9A928A2FF2-59858309-meat#/)**

**Join us this Sunday for the Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale! 8 am to 12 noon,
Sunday, December 14th.**



UPCOMING EVENTS AT LOURDES

MASS INTENTIONS

| | | | |
|-------|-------|----------|----------------------------|
| Sun | 12/14 | 8:30am | Our Lady of Lourdes Parish |
| | | 10:30am | +Duane Pidcock |
| Mon | 12/15 | NO MASS | |
| Tues | 12/16 | 12:05 pm | |
| Wed | 12/17 | 12:05 pm | |
| Thurs | 12/18 | 12:05 pm | |
| Fri | 12/19 | 12:05 pm | |
| Sat | 12/20 | 4:30 pm | + Elizabeth Sheerin |
| Sun | 12/21 | 8:30am | Our Lady of Lourdes Parish |
| | | 10:30am | Our Lady of Lourdes Parish |

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 14

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| Sunday | Is: 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11: 2-11 |
| Monday | Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27 |
| Tuesday | Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21: 28-32 |
| Wednesday | Gn 49: 2, 8-10; Mt 1: 1-17 |
| Thursday | Jer 23: 5-8; Mt 1: 18-25 |
| Friday | Jgs 13: 2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25 |
| Saturday | Is 7: 10-14; Mt 1: 18-24 |



ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT PAUL & MINNEAPOLIS

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.



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.**

Baby Items Drive

Celebrate the Advent season by donating baby items to support the mission of Abria.

Drop off your items in the Church Vestibule or downstairs in Hofstede Hall between November 30 and January 6.

Registry



Use the QR code or link to see the Amazon registry.

bit.ly/q8dDRYu

Suggested Items

wipes & diapers baby gates
clothing blankets
toys & books baby care items
sippy cups car seats
breast pumps strollers
potty chair

Cash and gift cards are also appreciated.
Pack N Plays **cannot** be donated.



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.



The OCIA Program is still in desperate need of 3 sponsors to guide and support our Catechumens and Candidates as they seek to grow in their faith and belief in our Risen Savior.

Please pray on this to help you in discerning this wonderful ministry to those wishing to enter into the Catholic Faith. If you are interested, please contact Peter Young in the church office.



Abria Pregnancy Resources provides safe, non-judgmental and supportive environment for Twin Cities women and couples facing an unexpected pregnancy as well as material assistance through the 'Earn While you Learn' program - participants earn credits to use towards needed services and supplies by taking advantage of individualized assistance and attending classes.
Abria is a Non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

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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!**

OLL Financial Report YTD (July-November, 2025)*

| INCOME | Actual | Budget | Difference |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Collections* | \$204,416.21 | \$ 202,333.35 | \$ (2,082.86) |
| Other ** | <u>\$ 68,358.11</u> | <u>\$ 58,120.85</u> | <u>\$ 10,237.12</u> |
| Total Income | \$272,774.32 | \$ 260,454.20 | \$ 12,320.12 |
| EXPENSES | Actual | Budget | Difference |
| Admin/Emp Costs *** | \$ 156,421.89 | \$176,411.45 | \$ (19,989.56) |
| Campus and Utilities | <u>\$ 85,381.39</u> | <u>\$ 60,918.88</u> | <u>\$ 24,462.51</u> |
| Total Expenses | \$ 308,151.19 | \$314,254.08 | \$ 4,472.95 |
| Actual Income - Expenses | \$(35,376.87) | | |

* Excludes restricted Precious Jewell Fund contributions and expenses

** Other operating income includes Meat Pies, and Sacramental Fees

*** Includes salaries and all benefits costs

*As you consider your year-end charitable contributions, we hope that Our Lady of Lourdes Church will be at the top of your list. Your contributions directly support the various ministries and liturgical life at our parish. A reminder that all **2025 contributions** must be postmarked by December 31, 2025, received in the collection on December 29th or received at the parish office prior to December 31, 2025. Any donations post-marked or received January 1, 2026 or thereafter will be considered 2026 donations. **Thank you** for your continued generosity to our parish community.*