



# The Lourdes Day

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

January 2020

Raytown, Missouri



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## **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

Beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>, our AFF Committee introduced the *Living Rosary*. Each person who signs up agrees to say 1 decade of the Rosary each day during Advent and in the new year 2020 for our parish, Church, and world. The rosary is the most powerful weapon we have against worldly corruption, and by saying it together each day, we stand united in prayer. We now have 300 people saying the decade of their choice each day – that is 60 rosaries! Anyone can join at any time, so ask your family and friends to join us. This new year can be the year of 20/20 vision - God's vision known and realized for our parish and world, if we commit ourselves to prayer, one decade a day.

The **AFF Library** is available to all parishioners. It is located in the gray cabinet in the Parish Hall. It is open during every **Friendship Sunday** and on every Wednesday night **Feed Your Faith**, or anytime by making an appointment with Ellen Newman. There are many great faith-building materials that should be part of everyone's spiritual diet. This month we are featuring *Epic: A Journey Through Church History, a 10 DVD set w/study book*. It is long series, but very much worth the time. Steve Weidenkopf does an extraordinary job of explaining our Church history from St. Peter to now. Everyone needs to know this! Check it out.

The AFF Committee is asking for donations of cassette players, DVD and CD players to our Library. We have a great wealth of materials in these formats. Our hope is to loan the players with the materials to those who don't have them at home.

**Feed Your Faith** has taken a break during the Christmas tree sales, but will resume on January 8<sup>th</sup> with a great DVD series on the **Prophets of the Bible**. You won't want to miss this one.

Our Lady of Lourdes' feast day celebration will be February 9<sup>th</sup> at our parish. Stay tuned for details.

## **ARTS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Thank you to everyone who ordered prayer poinsettias! Both the Christmas Eve and the Christmas day Masses were for these intentions.

The reason we associate poinsettias with the holidays comes from an old Mexican legend. A young girl named Pepita was sad that she didn't have a gift to leave for the baby Jesus at Christmas Eve services. Her cousin tried to comfort her and said that Jesus would love any present from her, even the smallest one. With no money to buy a real gift, Pepita picked a bouquet of weeds that she walked past on the way to church. (Other versions of the story say an angel came to her and instructed her to pick the plants.) When she got there, she left the weeds at the bottom of the nativity scene. All of a sudden, the weeds transformed into beautiful red flowers.

Thank you to everyone who ordered a small poinsettia to brighten our homebound parishioners day.

*Prayer poinsettias may be taken home January 12th.*

## **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

The snow removal company will plow snow or treat parking lot area if we receive 2 inches or more on weekends only, unless there is a funeral or other event.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Our Lady of Lourdes Parish or campus please contact the buildings and grounds manager, Gerry Sharkey.

## **CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

"Joy, Joy, Joy" We all know that this is a special time of year to look at the multitude of ways that God has given us Joy. At this moment, let us just look at one of them. God has granted that we have 28 students in **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Levels I and II, and in our Parishes PSR class**. It is such a real joy to watch young students get to know Jesus and His one true Church more deeply. Please keep up your prayers for these classes, the true life-long happiness of our youth deepens on it. Prayers for the teachers are most gratefully accepted. Have you already been praying. We think so. The students themselves didn't want to miss any of the Sunday classes during this Christmas time.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and Parish School of Religion classes have had consistently great attendance. Keeping our youth in the Church has been

## **Continued: CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

difficult in the past generation, but 80% of children who attended Catechesis stay Catholic. That is why OLL is committed to offering these classes. If you have children in your family, talk to their parents and bring them to Catechesis and PSR. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an approach to the religious formation of children ages 3 to 12. Scripture, liturgy, salvation history, and sacramental signs provide the content of Catechesis – with a special emphasis on scripture. The methodology of Catechesis utilizes

Montessori teaching principles to help children develop an informed and genuine relationship with God. The primary aim of Catechesis is to lead the child to an authentic, prayerful relationship with God.

## **OLL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

Congratulations to Sarah Gordon and John Ward who were awarded the College Tuition Scholarship Assistance from Our Lady of Lourdes, donated by a former parishioner. God has blessed you with so many gifts and you use them to HIS Glory. Best Wishes in pursuing your education. We pray you are blessed with continued success. To the people of the parish... Making a bequest in your will continues to be a part of the strength of this community. We thank the bequestors for their donation that benefits Sarah and John.

## **CHURCH COUNCIL**

A lot has been happening at Our Lady of Lourdes in the last few months. With the help of the Finance committee we found ways to cut yearly costs with parking lot lighting and then with the maintenance costs of the school building since the sale. After a 3 month process involving bids from three different firms, with Fr. Holloway's blessing & the Diocese input, we have selected WSKF Architects to help us plan for the future of Our Lady of Lourdes. There will be several opportunities to give your input as we move forward with the next stages and a master plan is created.

For much more details, see the insert letter Mike Sweetland, the Council President, has put together and was inserted in December 22 bulletin. There may be a few copies left at the back of the church or in the office.

## **FUNDRAISING**

The committee would like to thank all those who helped us to make Christmas bright for lots of children and their families with the OLL Christmas Wonderland. This does not happen without a lot of volunteers giving extraordinary amounts of personal time during an already very busy time of the year. We would also like to thank our volunteers from the St. Michaels High School. What a great bunch of students. They are a bright future for our parishes, our diocese, and our world! Have a wonderful and happy New Year.

## **MINISTRIES**

Come be a part of the Homebound Extraordinary Ministry. Each person that we take Holy Communion and Sacristans to is happy to see us and enjoys the time that we have for them or feel blessed to have a visitor.

*Training sessions are available.*

Please contact the office at 816-353-2380 or email Mary Warren @ maryawarren@yahoo.com if you would like to be a part of this ministry.

## **PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL**

### **A SPECIAL RADIO INTERVIEW**

Mother, Sister Gemma and Connie Wood will be talking about the Rosary and Rachael's Vineyard for a 1 hour program on January 6th - 10:00 am to 11:00 am with Radio Station KCXL, 1140 AM, and 102.9 FM.

Please mark your calendars.

If working people can't listen at that time, they can click on the radio station podcast file and listen later.

## **PRO-LIFE**

OLL pro-Life Ministry will meet January 6, 2020. We will meet in the Parish Hall at 6:00 P.M.. We will begin with prayer before discussing events. Everyone is welcome to join our meeting.

OLL Pro-Life Ministry will go to Planned Parenthood on January 11, 2020 at 7:00 A.M., located at 4401 W. 109th Street, Overland Park, Kansas. Parking is east of Planned Parenthood driveway into the parking lot on the north. Everyone is welcome to join either at Planned Parenthood or for Mass at St. Thomas More, 111822 Holmes Rd. Kansas City, Mo. 64131.

## **SPIRITUAL ADOPTION**

A Reminder:

*Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.*

Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen.

Month4:

Thank you for praying for me. I'm bigger and stronger now. I'm about 6 inches long and I weigh 4 ounces, When mommy goes to the doctor, she can even listen to my heartbeat. I hope that one day I will run and play with friends like you.

During your earthly life this spiritually adopted child of yours will be known only to God but in the world to come it is hoped that you will meet the child whose life was spared by your prayers and spend eternal happiness with them.

**MISC. CATHOLIC EVENTS OR INFO**

*FIRST SATURDAY COMMUNIONS OF  
REPARATION & TRIUMPH OF  
THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY*

**Christ the King**  
8510 Wornall Rd  
Kansas City, MO 64114

**Saturday, January 4, 2019**

**7:30 a.m. Opportunity for Confession 8:00 a.m. Holy Mass**

*Praying of the Rosary and 15 Minutes of Meditation on the  
Mysteries of the Rosary following the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass*

Our Lord Jesus said to Sister Lucia: *My daughter, the motive is simple - there are 5 ways in which people offend and blaspheme against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Immaculate Heart of Mary. "*

**Activating Our Baptism At-Home Retreat to conclude  
the Holy Year of Renewal: January 5-11**

All the faithful of our diocese are invited to participate in an online retreat to conclude our Diocesan Holy Year of Renewal. The retreat is free and includes daily scripture readings and a brief video reflection meditating on the meaning of our baptism and the diocesan priority "Growing God's Family."

The retreat will be available in English and Spanish online January 5th –11th in preparation for the public Profession of Faith and Renewal of Baptismal. It may be used in the home by individuals and families. Faith sharing groups may also find it fruitful to consider one or more of the themes as a group. Sign up to receive daily email reminders at [www.kcsj catholic.org/retreat](http://www.kcsj catholic.org/retreat).

**Register for the 2020 March For Life Pilgrimage!**

The 2020 March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington DC will be a three-day trip with no hotel stay. However, this also means less cost and fewer days away from family and school. The pilgrimage dates are **Thursday, January 23 – Saturday, January 25.**

**If you cannot travel to Washington ... JOIN US  
FOR THE 2020 KC MARCH FOR LIFE!**

The local 2020 Kansas City March for Life takes place on **Friday, January 24.** The event begins with 10:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception downtown followed by a pilgrimage/march to The Catholic Center to pray together and to coordinate groups. The event then continues with a short prayerful walk to the Federal Court House for the Missouri Right to Life Prayer Vigil. Participants not attending Mass at the Cathedral may join the group at The Catholic Center.

For more information visit [www.respectlifekcsj.org](http://www.respectlifekcsj.org)

**RETROUVAILLE**

Is your Marriage in crisis? Retrouvaille has a proven track record of 80% success rate among couples who attend the weekend program and all 12 post sessions. Your marriage will find help and hope during your weekend, and the follow-up post sessions. The next weekend will be held at Savior Pastoral Center, 12601 Parallel Parkway, Kansas City, KS 66109 on **January 24-26.** The registration fee is \$200 (deadline is January 22). Please call 816.505.0510 or email [2017@retrouvaille.org](mailto:2017@retrouvaille.org).

**The Choice Wine: 7 Steps to a Superabundant Marriage**  
Beginning Monday, January 27, at 6:30 p.m., this nine-session program will teach couples seven steps to a Superabundant Marriage.

The Program will be offered at Precious Blood Renewal Center, 2120 Saint Gaspar Way, Liberty, 64068, facilitated by the Choice Wine team and Father Ron Will, C.P.P.S. Register at [info@pbrenewalcenter.org](mailto:info@pbrenewalcenter.org) or 816.415.3745. The Choice Wine is a program of Paradisus Dei. Each evening will begin with a simple meal. Child care available for a free will offering. Invite your couples to make a New Year's goal to enrich their Marriage.

**TRAIN CLUB**

Club member participated in the December Oklahoma City train show during the weekend of the 7th and 8th; we joined two other clubs to set up a combined display of our N-scale T-Trak modules. During the weekend of 14 and 15 December, members of the club set up both the HO T-Trak and the N T-Trak modules as part of the Great Train Expo in the Overland Park Convention Center. We had our largest display in our history; we also invited members of a T-Trak club from Lincoln, Nebraska to join with us for the show. We all had a good time, although the snow and Chiefs football game reduced the number of visitors on Sunday.

**TRUSTED SERVANTS**

The Trusted Servants would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Peggy, Robert, Karen, Sylvia, David, Mary Ann, Cliff, Kathy and Debbie for their help with cleaning our church home on Saturday December 14th. In addition a special thank you to Alma, Cliff, Greta and to anyone else we are unaware of who clean our church on a regular basis. Our next major church cleaning will be sometime before Easter. Please consider volunteering regularly or at that time. Helping with even the smallest task is appreciated.

Dues are due. In January membership dues of \$15.00 are due to the Trusted Servants. All adult parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish are members. You may put your dues payment in the Trusted Servants pink envelope but please mark it clearly as your annual dues payment. Please consider supporting your Trusted Servants with your dues payment. Thank you.

**Trusted Servants Continued:** The next regular luncheon/meeting of the Trusted Servants will be Wednesday January 8th, 2020 at 12:00pm. Potluck meal. Bring your favorite dish ... a main dish, salad, veggie, or dessert to share. Remember if there is inclement weather the meeting will be cancelled and not be rescheduled. Wednesday's are early release school days, so to make it easier use the northwest driveway on Blue Ridge. Mr. Sharkey will be there to help with the access into our parking lot.

### **Mary O'Leary receives the "Valiant Woman Award"**

Mary O'Leary is one parishioner that represents Our Lady of Lourdes at the Raytown Church Women United meetings. Church Women United members are from all religious groups in Raytown. "Church Women United is a racially, culturally, theologically inclusive Christian women's movement celebrating unity in diversity and working for a world of peace and justice."

Church Women United was started in the 1950's by a group of women from the various churches in Raytown who embraced goals, programs and priorities set before them. Present day goals remain vital and a strong movement brings together women of diverse race, culture and traditions of Christian fellowship, advocacy and action for peace and injustice in the world.

In May 2019, Mary was one of the candidates nominated to receive the "Valiant Woman Award" from Church Women United and was honored in receiving the award in November 2019. The winner is chosen based on volunteer work.

Here is what Mary O'Leary has to say about being chosen, 'I'm very much honored to receive this award. I have always enjoyed doing volunteer work.'

Her volunteer work started during her thirty six years working at Southwestern Bell Telephone where community service projects like making "Beeper Balls" for blind children and other projects were completed. After retiring she continued to volunteer by helping with projects at church. She was secretary of the Altar Society and the Pro-Life group. Mary also helped at the convent when the Sisters in Jesus the Lord came to our parish in 2009. Mary currently helps the communication of many activities at Our Lady of Lourdes by phone calls for Prayers, calling for funeral rosaries, dishes for funeral luncheons, calling for reminders for first Sunday friendship luncheons and Trusted Servants meetings.

Mary always seems to find a way to stay involved and to help. In conclusion Mary said, "I want to express my sincere appreciation to Church Women United and all others involved in my receiving this award"

Please remember to congratulate Mary O'Leary for this wonderful acknowledgement and award.

## **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 1st Vicki Kaiser
- 2nd Rebecca McKinney & Michael Hays
- 3rd Mark Okechukwu, Kyra Liebi  
& Mary Meisner
- 4th Taylor Zagar
- 5th Connor Burke & Susan Arias
- 6th Dustin Mueller
- 7th David Maneishith
- 8th Sarah Gordon
- 9th Sylvia Mooney, Angel Villegas  
& Keano Loyola
- 10th Adaeze Odinigwe
- 11th Patrick Haake
- 12th Alexander Green, Arlon Meisner  
& Jose Sarabia
- 13th Joann Rouchka, John Bergmann, Jr.  
& William Draisey
- 14th Kaosisochukwu Ude & Andrew Troth
- 15th Charles Ononye & Kae-Lynn Deal
- 16th Margaret Finney
- 17th Fran Texaira
- 18th Mary Rieger & Chidera Ude
- 19th Wanda DeMoss
- 21st Peter Zegers
- 22nd Robert Slusher
- 24th Margaret Mynatt & Lawrence Tholl
- 26th Robert Meints
- 27th Brissa Borunda, George Liebi,  
Gayle Kenny & John Henik
- 28th Emily Stewart
- 29th Brad Geist
- 30th Kimberly Walter & Harriet Minor

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**


- Dec 7 Frank & Michelle Brown
- Dec 16 Stanley & Helen Korycki
- Dec 31 Daniel & Elizabeth Baldwin

The weather outside will soon be frightful, but luckily we've got something that's delightful (and indoors)! We're ready to kickoff 2020 with a bang with CCS Dodgeball! Where else can you grow in a Christ-centered community while throwing projectiles at each other? The answer is nowhere else... probably. So join us this winter in practicing the 5 D's of Dodgeball: Dodge, Duck, Dip, Dive, and... Dodge!

What: CCS Dodgeball 2020 When: Saturday mornings, January 18th through March 7th. Games will be at 9:30, 10:30, and 11:30 (roughly). Where: Garrison Community Center - 1124 East 5th Street, Kansas City, MO 64106 (food and fellowship after the games each week will be held at Caddyshack - 700 E 3rd St Kansas City, MO 64106) Who: Sign up as an individual or with one other person, and captains will draft teams. Cost: \$35 through January 5th.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		31      6:00 pm Mass @ OLL	1  10:00 am Mass @ St Bernadette   NO Feed Your Faith	2	3	4 First Saturday @ <i>Christ the King</i>  
5 The Epiphany of the Lord Catechesis 9:10 am PSR 9:10 RCIA—12 pm	6      Pro-Life Mtg 6:00 pm in PH	7	8 Trusted Servant Luncheon/Mtg 12pm  Sacred Heart/ Benediction 6:00 /6:20pm Feed Your Faith 6:30 pm	9      Adult Faith Mtg 6:30 pm	10	11 ProLife Planned Parenthood 7 am OPKS
12 Baptism of the Lord Catechesis 9:10 am PSR 9:10 RCIA—12 pm	13	14	15      Sacred Heart/ Benediction 6:00 /6:20pm Feed Your Faith 6:30 pm	16	17	18
19 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Catechesis 9:10 am PSR 9:10 RCIA—12 pm	20	21	22      Sacred Heart/ Benediction 6:00 /6:20pm Feed Your Faith 6:30 pm	23	24      KOC Mouse Races 5:30 pm	25
26 Third Sunday In Ordinary Time Catechesis 9:10 am PSR 9:10 RCIA—12 pm	27	28	29      Sacred Heart/ Benediction 6:00 /6:20pm Feed Your Faith 6:30 pm	30	31	February 1  Church TBA  