



The Lourdes Day

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

December 2020

Raytown, Missouri



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ADORATION CHAPEL

Adoration in church has once again due to the recent Jackson County amended order been put on a temporary hold. Please use this time to continue your devotion to Our Lord in your own homes.

For online Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration go to:
<https://virtualadoration.home.blog/>

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

As we close out this year at Our Lady of Lourdes we give thanks to our gracious Father that we are still a parish, for the many years we have been blessed with Fr. Holloway as our Pastor, and for Fr. Becker, for weekday Mass, Adoration and Confession returning. We face many challenges in the new year, and it will take **all** of us, committed to growing our parish, to meet the 2 year deadline.

Please consider where you would most like to help. We have taken the 1st and most important step already – consecrating ourselves to Mary. With her help we can do this!

Feed Your Faith will not meet in December, but will resume again in January with a new DVD series. Try to set aside Wednesday nights next year to join us for prayer and spiritual growth.

Everyone is invited during December to come to the church every Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m. for our family rosary, the Angelis, prayer for Our Lady of Lourdes parish, and Devotions to the Sacred Heart. Doing this once a week would be a wonderful thing to do for Advent.

Every weekday at Noon the rosary is said in the church, along with the Angelis and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Try to come on your lunch hour. **Every weekday evening at 5:30 p.m.** we pray the parish family rosary again, along with the Angelis and prayer for Our Lady of Lourdes parish. It is a small time commitment, with huge benefits.

We encourage everyone who can, especially during Advent to come to Mass every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m. in our church. The rosary is said before Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Adoration has temporarily been suspended but pray that we can resume in person soon.

Confession is open every Tuesday and Thursday 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is said during Adoration at 3:00 p.m. both days. Thank you, Fr. Becker!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and PSR classes have begun. Children are still welcome to come. Contact the Sisters or get a registration form in the back of church to sign up. If anyone is interested in joining the Adult Faith Formation committee, please contact Connie Wood, the Sisters, or Ellen Newman. We wish our parish family a most blessed Christmas.

ARTS AND ENVIRONMENT

Order your 'Prayer Poinsettia' to help beautify our church for Christmas. The forms are at the back of the church to fill out and return to the parish office.

Call the office to become a 'Poinsettia Pal'

Do you know of someone that would love to receive a small poinsettia at their home? By signing up as a 'Poinsettia Pal' you can start a friendship, bring a smile to someone who is lonely, or fill their heart with some joy. If you are interested contact the office to be put on this pal list. *Watch the bulletin for more information.*

If you have any questions please contact Cindy Sweetland @ 816-356-2299

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

The handicap ramp has been completed in the church and looks wonderful. Thank you John Wood and Gerry Sharkey for getting that finished. Deacon Richard Gross really appreciated it.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Good Shepherd

We have had a wonderful start to the new atrium year! There are 10 children who have all returned from last year. We start the year with The History of the Kingdom of God. The children meditate on how God created and provided everything that we need, that Jesus was born, died, and rose again for

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us, each person is part of writing the history of the Kingdom of God by how he/she lives, and how we await Parousia (Heaven) where God will be all in all.

In the beginning of last month, the children had the opportunity to participate in an All Saints procession where each child carried a picture of the saint of their choice. This procession took place just before the start of the 11 am All Saints Day Mass.

The sign leading the procession was a message for all of us, "You are called to be a saint." Please pray for all our students in our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd classes level 1 and 2, Parish School of Religion, and our youth sacrament classes.

For more information please call Sister Maria Damiana at (816) 353-2177.

Parish School of Religion (PSR)

Classes have been in session since late September taking place in the Parish Hall on Sunday from 9:15 to 10:45am. Listed is a summary of what God has accomplished thus far in catechizing our children specifically for the upper classman. PSR Grades 6-9 have 9 students lead by Sr. Catherine Maria. Karen Brooks is substituting while Sister is temporarily in Russia. The students are learning how to know God through creation, that we are made in His image, our need for revelation and learning that God reveals himself to us through Scripture, Sacred Tradition and Jesus who reveals God as the Holy Trinity. The students are currently learning about salvation history with Christ in the center, the Bible as a collection of books divinely inspired some of which are prophecy, wisdom, historical, the life of Christ, the early church, letters to Christians etc. and the protector and teaching authority of the Church called the Magisterium which consists of the Pope and the Bishops in union with him. The teaching includes succession and infallibility.

We encourage parents to review the material and engage with your child to reinforce what they are learning. Parent involvement is so important. God gave us our children and we have a responsibility to train them up in the Lord. It is a blessing having the children in our parish. We pray that they will continue to come close to Jesus, opening their hearts and allowing God to work within them. If you have not already enrolled your child in religion class, please contact the office to get connected.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Happy Advent!!!

Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes, it has been a tumultuous year. This time last year the Parish Council was selecting an architect to help us develop a master plan for our Parish and walk us through its implementation.

The original timeline we established had Parish Council presenting the Master Plan for Parishioner comments the last week of March.

To get to that point, we had to have several meetings involving the Parish Council and members of the Parish highlighting the needs of the buildings within our campus and how best to meet those needs within the constraints of our finances. The plan presented does exactly that. We will be presenting the plan on December 6th after both the 8am and 11am Masses.

If you would like to see the plan in its entirety go to the website for the link or you can find the link on will be able to find it on facebook. *See the bulletin insert for complete letter from parish council president.*

FUNDRAISER COMMITTEE

OLL Helping Hands ~ Serving others to support God and to support OLL. When you donate your time and talent through the OLL Helping hands the money collected for the job will be donated to Our Lady of Lourdes in support of all our programs at the parish. Questions email ollraytownhelpinghands@gmail.com.

GIVING

Your faithful and ongoing support to Our Lady of Lourdes enable us to continue to do what we do, in good times and in bad .

A big thank you to all of those who send in your contributions.

Follow instructions below to set up for texting your contributions:

1. Go to the your text messaging on your phone and begin a new message
2. In the phone number line type in 844-901-1648
3. In the message line type a dollar sign & amount to donate then hit send
4. You will receive a reply back with a link to click on. This takes you to where you can create an account.
5. A debit or credit card is needed to create your account.

You can also go to our website at www.ollraytown.com and press Online Giving

*For Help call **816-868-0578***

Or email to accountant@ollraytown.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

LIVING ROSARY ~ Every FIRST Sunday of the Month the Knights of Columbus leads a 'Living Rosary' at Our Lady of Lourdes after the 11 am mass.

Join us December ~ for the Rosary

MASS

*We attend mass to worship and to receive God's grace, to unify with him and with other worshipers through the sacrament of the **Eucharist**.*

Join Us Sunday 8 am & 11 am for mass and weekdays Tuesday & Thursdays 9 am mass and opportunity for confessions.

We continue to be cautious:

- Masks required
- 6 ft distancing
- receiving the Eucharist in your hand.

The 8 am mass is being recorded and uploaded to the Our Lady of Lourdes facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/OLLRaytown>) as long as the dispensation from the Bishop has been extended.

We encourage those who elect to stay home to participate in the Mass on line.

As a reminder this is the prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

PRO LIFE

OLL Pro-Life Ministry will not be meeting in December due to Advent and the upcoming Holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas, Let us thank our Loving God for his love and mercy and we persevere doing the will of God.

OLL Pro- Life Ministry will go to Planned Parenthood on December 12,2020 at 7:00 A.M., located at 4401 W. 109th Street, Overland Park, Kansas. Parking is east or Planned Parenthood driveway into the parking lot on the north. Everyone is welcome to join either at Planned Parenthood or for Mass at Christ The King 8510 Wornall Rd., Kansas City, Mo. 64114.

PRO-LIFE STATEMENT: Only those who live by faith really know what is happening in the world. The great masses without faith are unconscious of the destructive processes going on.

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

RCIA & RCIC

Adult Classes: Are you interested in Catholicism? Would you like deepen your faith and learn more about the one true church that Jesus established?

Thursday ~ 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall

Contact Deacon Richard Gross to join the Rite of Christian **Initiation of Adults** (RCIA) .

It is a period of reflection, prayer, instruction, discernment, and formation.

RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children) a process for **children and teens** between the Ages of 7 and 14 to be baptized and enter the Catholic Church.

Children preparing to receive the Sacraments they have missed since Baptism, or to join the Catholic Church through Baptism. Contact Sandra Ward 816-356-7507

SACRAMENTS

Sacramental preparation classes are forming now. Please call the office to join.

Do you have a child who is ready to prepare for Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Communion, and Confirmation. All classes will start online via Zoom.

816-353-2380 or email to office@ollraytown.com

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains that

“the seven sacraments touch all the stages and all important moments of the Christian life” ([CCC 1210](#)).

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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