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**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 PM  
 Priests are available by appointment and seasonal  
 Communal Celebrations are offered.

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Celebrated eight times a year.

**Sacrament of Marriage**

Parish membership and six months notice required.

**RCIA**

Year-round program. Contact Parish Office for details.

**New Parishioners Information**

Contact the Parish Office for a membership packet  
 and more information.

**Bulletin Deadline**

Please send all material to [bulletin@ourlourdes.org](mailto:bulletin@ourlourdes.org) at  
 least ten days before desired publication date.

**Parish Office Hours**

Monday through Thursday: 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM;  
 Friday: 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon

**Check us out on the Web** [www.ourlourdes.org](http://www.ourlourdes.org)

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Weekend**.....Saturday 5:30 PM  
 Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, and 11:30 AM  
**Weekday**.....12:00 Noon  
 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday  
**Holy Days**.....Check Bulletin for times

**PARISH COUNCIL**

Hugh Haydon, Chairperson  
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**WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS**

**COMMUNION SERVICES:  
 7:00 AM Monday ~ Friday**



**Mass Intentions**

Monday, Noon Roberta & Charles Schaefer  
 Wednesday, Noon Rev. Robert Osborne  
 Friday, Noon Brandon Kelly Barth  
 Saturday, 5:30 PM Larry Raidt  
 10:00 PM Mary & Paulie Miller

**Next Sunday**

9:30 AM John Gaynor

**~This Week in Our Parish~**

**The Parish Offices will be closed December 22  
 through December 26 for Christmas**

**SUNDAY (Today)**

11:30 AM Childcare, Child Lit  
 12:30 PM Newcomer Brunch—Adult Center  
 5:00 PM Sr. High Youth Group—Youth Space

**MONDAY**

12:45 PM Resurrection Choir—Church  
 7:00 PM Stewardship Comm Mtg—Parish Ctr

**TUESDAY**

9:00 AM Adoration—Church  
 11:00 AM Rosary—Church  
 3:00 PM Choristers—Church  
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts—Cafeteria

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal—Church

**NEXT SUNDAY**

9:30 AM Christmas Day Mass



TIME TALENT TREASURE

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

*Many thanks to all that helped with this year's Advent Giving Project. It was a huge success. And, Thank you to the entire congregation for your unending generosity. The gathering space was simply overflowing with gifts! What a wonderful display of the spirit of the Christmas season; even in these tough times, we remember those so much less fortunate than ourselves. It is truly touching and appreciated.*



**Sunday Collection:**  
12/11:\$60,470

**CSA: Our Parish Target: \$72,800**  
**Gifts to date: \$51,218**

Thanks to those who have already responded with a gift to the 2011 Catholic Services Appeal. There is still time to respond with a gift. Gifts can be made through our Parish Office, or you may make a gift online at [www.archlou.org](http://www.archlou.org)

We have sent a gift of \$2,000 to the Retirement Fund for the Religious. By 2019, it is projected that retired religious will outnumber wage-earning religious by nearly four to one. Our gift will help ensure that elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests receive the care they so richly deserve, now and in the future.

WORSHIP



**Why white poinsettias?** When you come to church next weekend you will notice white poinsettias, not red. White is the color of joy and celebration, and we are celebrating the birth of Jesus—an occasion of joy! Fresh greens and the colors of white, silver, and gold speak to us of the new life born not just 2000 years ago, but every day. Our Advent expectation is fulfilled in the birth of the Savior, Emmanuel, “God is with us.”

WORSHIP



**December 25~The Nativity of the Lord**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 62:11-12

**Second Reading:** Titus 3:4-7

**Gospel:** Luke 2:15-20

“And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.”

**Questions of the Week**

**Adult:** What will you do during this Christmas season to reflect in your heart, as Mary did, on God’s gift of the Savior?

**Child:** What would you say to Jesus as you stand before the nativity scene in your church?

FORMATION

**What's Up With Youth Ministry??**

**Thursday, December 22: St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen Service Project**, 4:00 to 6:30 PM. Bring a friend and join us! This is a great way to earn service hours for Junior and Senior High youth—bring your service paperwork! Carpool meets @ Lourdes Parish Center @ 4:00 PM and we will return by 6:30 PM. Permission slip needed; check email, website or the take home flyer.

Please contact Chris, [chrisk@ourlourdes.org](mailto:chrisk@ourlourdes.org) or **896-0241**, with any questions about Youth Ministry.



**Have you forgotten anything?...**It is the Advent/Christmas season and we are all busy preparing our homes (and hopefully our hearts) for Christmas. Many of our neighborhood homes are decorated with lights and snowmen. Take a look at your own home—have you forgotten anything? Is there a nativity set displayed anywhere in your home? Our environment helps shape our family life. Let’s not forget what Christmas is really about—the birth of Jesus.

*Think about this... What if you were to wake up and have only the things for which you thanked God?*



The angel said to them,  
“Do not be afraid; for behold I proclaim to you good  
news of great joy that will be for all the people.  
For today in the city of David a savior has been born  
for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a  
sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in  
swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.”  
And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly  
host with the angel, praising God and saying:  
“Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to  
those on whom his favor rests.”

~Luke 2:10-14

## The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Eve

5:30 PM and 10:00 PM

Prelude music begins half an hour prior to the mass

Christmas Day

9:30 AM

Prelude music begins half an hour prior to the mass

## PARISH OUTREACH

**Dressed in Love** will meet on January 19 from 3:00-6:00. We are in the final stages of the uniforms for Haiti...we will meet at our playhouse at 1552 Ormsby Station Court. For info or directions call Anna Maria @ 552-0573 or Jennifer at 649-7674. Hope to see you there. Tasks for sewers and non-sewers alike!

A very important meeting of **Threads of Love** will be held on January 12, from 5:00 to 6:30 in the Parish Center. It is vital that all members attend as the future of our chapter will be determined. If you have any questions, call Anna Maria at 552-0573, or Jennifer at 649-7674.

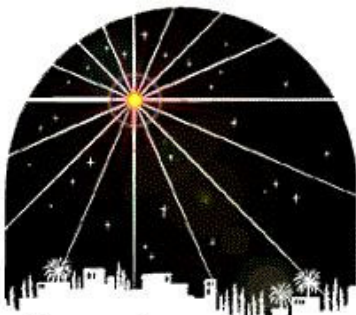
## PARISH COMMUNITY LIFE

### ~IN SYMPATHY~

We extend our prayers and deepest sympathy to David and Beth Harpring and family on the death of his mother, Laura Harpring; and to the family and friends of Bill Brown and Joseph Brehl, whose funerals we celebrated recently.



**We welcome newcomers to our parish community!** Interested in joining our parish? Call the Parish Office for a membership packet and more information, or visit the parish website at [ourlourdes.org](http://ourlourdes.org).



*The Road to Christmas*

*There is no Fan Club meeting in December~please join us for Bingo in January!*

## PARISH COMMUNITY LIFE



### LOLNYE2011

December 31

8:00 PM - 1:00 AM

**Ring in the New Year with your LOL Friends!**

Were you thinking it would be awesome to spend \$50, \$75 or \$100 per person for your New Year's Eve Fun, plus pay for drinks and food? ME NEITHER! That's why we put together the LOLNYE2012 party! \$25 per person includes:

- \* Drinks
- \* Food (appetizers and late night munchies)
- \* Party Favors
- \* DJ Dave Drummond (aka Sweet Daddy)
- \* Photo Booth
- \* Chill Out Lounges
- \* Two BIG SCREEN TV's
- \* PRIZES drawn throughout the night

Best value for your NYE dollar! Tickets are available after all masses this weekend or contact Heather Wells at 592-2441 or [heather.wells@insightbb.com](mailto:heather.wells@insightbb.com).



**MILITARY PRAYER LIST...***Do you know someone who is serving in the military for whom we could pray?*

*Please contact the Parish Office with*

*any changes or additions to this list...*Sgt. Derek Clark, US Marines; Sgt. Arthur Mann; Specialist Kyle Sramek, US Army; and Capt. Scott McLean, US Army, all serving in Afghanistan; Sgt. Jeffrey Bazzana, Sgt. Brenden Flaherty, US Army; Sgt. Christopher Cecil; and Ashley D. Keene, in his second tour, all serving in Iraq; and US Air Force Capt. Brian Campion, serving in Kuwait.

### SPONSOR OF THE WEEK:

***B & B Lamps & Shades***

*David & Channon Carrico*

*4160 Westport Road 895-5050*

*'Tis the season . . .*

Take time during this Christmas season, to sit in the quiet of your Christmas tree or sit at your kitchen table with a single candle lit and contemplate how you have been blessed by God - gifted with your health, your employment, your family, your friends, your home, ... the list can be endless. Have you truly thanked God for the many gifts you have received?



God is the creator of everything that exists. He owns everything and has entrusted us to be good stewards of all that we have been given. Scripture guides us to make a return to God for the many gifts we have received. "He gives to us, we give back to Him one-tenth of all that He has blessed us with."

Ponder your blessings and how you will share your wealth!

From the desk of Joni Richter . . .



I was watching the Nativity Story last night and there is a part where Mary & Joseph stop to rest by a Shepard's fire and the Shepard tells Mary "we are all given a gift from God and yours is the baby you are carrying".

I took some time after the movie to process on the gifts I had been given from God and aside from the many obvious; wonderful healthy children & grandchildren, loving husband, and yes even my ever active pups, I had to say at this moment, my best gift from God this year has been my new job at Our Lady of Lourdes.

I continue to be so happy here and when I had some health issues and needed the love and care of friends, family and my parish, it was Lourdes who reached out to me with cards, calls and prayers. I have always believed in the power of prayer and I know that my healing and being cancer free is because of all that love and prayers that came my way.

I have learned a lot from my new friends & co-workers here at Lourdes. Such as, how to truly hug and laugh, we are all in this together, no job is too big or too small for all to chip in & and when all else fails "just get over it". I love that God sent me here in the "autumn of my life" because if you have to work at this time in your life how wonderful is it to be working with such a faith filled and loving family.

Stewardship is more than just the money it is the loving and caring of all of our church family. It is stepping up when others can't and lending a hand where it is needed the most. I am a watcher and when I have the opportunity to watch Stewardship in action here at Our Lady of Lourdes I am so amazed because there is so much love and care behind the actions. It's not about having to do it; it's about wanting to do it. It is a gift from us back to God. It's like listening to the Shepard as he told Mary "we are all given a gift from God". Mary took her gift and gave what I consider the ultimate Stewardship gift. She gave her only joy, her only son and shared it with all of us.

So I will ask each of you "what is your gift, and how will you share it with those you love this holiday season?"

*"What you are is God's gift to you;*

*what you become is your gift to God."*

