WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF GRACE PARISH

All Catholics 18 and older living in the area and regularly worshipping here are encouraged to register. Formal registration is required for persons wishing to participate in our Sacramental Preparation for Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation and Marriage. Baptism or Confirmation sponsors must be registered and active at least six months prior to reception of the sacrament.

STEWARDSHIP

Being a member of our community means that each one of us is faithful in sharing of the gifts that God has given us. We are asked to share our faith and prayer; our time, ability and knowledge and our financial resources with the parish for the good of God's people.

EUCHARIST

Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 8:00, 10:30 am and 5:30 pm Holy Day: check bulletin for times

Daily: 8:30 am Mon-Fri; First Saturday: 8:30 am

Rosary prayed Monday thru Friday 8:00 AM

BAPTISM

Baptism is celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays after the 10:30 am Mass. Baptism Preparation is required prior to baptism. The parents must be registered and practicing parishioners. Godparents must be active members of a parish and recommended by their pastor. Adults and/or older children seeking baptism do so according to the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please call the Parish Office.

RECONCILIATION

Thursdays before First Friday 3:00 to 4:00 pm. Saturdays 3:00 to 4:00 pm. Communal celebration of Reconciliation seasonally scheduled, and also by appointment.

CONFIRMATION

Preparation takes place in Religious Education classes and our parish grade school. All other parishioners wishing confirmation please call Donna Velez 219-301-9896 to arrange preparation.

MARRIAGE

Prior to setting a date, the marriage plans and preparation should be arranged at least 6 months before the desired wedding date, sooner if at all possible. Please contact the Parish Office to make appointment.

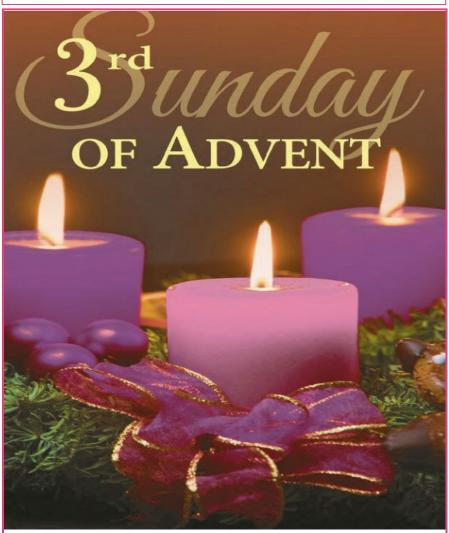
ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND VISTIATION

Anyone seriously ill, hospitalized for major surgery or advanced age may be anointed by contacting the Parish Office. Communion calls to the sick or shut-in are on the first and third Sunday of the month. For pastoral visits made to hospitals or homes, please call the Parish Office, (219) 934-7176.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 17, 2023



Míssíon Statement

We, the Catholic Community of faith at Our Lady of Grace Parish, baptized into the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, are committed to make visible His life and ministry through spiritual growth in our lives, worship, community and service to those in need.

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Please go to websites for updated information for Parish & School or call the parish office

OUR LADY OF GRACE HIGHLAND, IN

Social Outreach Commission

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL THE SICK OF THE PARISH AND THOSE RECOVERING FROM SURGERY.

J. Al-Akel, Margaret/John Amador Family, Peter/David B., Peggy Baxter, Joseph Belinsky, Aric Benton, Liz Breslin, Denyse Buck, Ed Dernulc, George Buck, Eugene Bukowski Jr., Lorraine Burczyk, Beverly Domsic, Patricia Donaldson, Edward and Betty Ann Dulla, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Ralph Foster, Monica Furjel, Arturo Gante, Rich Garza, Carolyn Goeringer, Debbie Halas, Joan Hmrovic, Terry Hyland, Barbara Lidster, Sam Hus, Mary Hogan, Janet Justice, Richard Kaminsky, John Kowalski Jr., Margaret Kowalski, Jane Kowal, Carol/Leighann Lambert, Marge Loehrke, Ray Macek, John Manion, Matt Mantel, Kathaleen McMahon, Patrick McMahon, Steve Michalec, Mathew and Leonora Mikicich, Jane Morow, Lisa Nelson, Bernadine Nemeth, Maggie Neswick, Vivian Perez, Dominic Noce, Helen Ostroski, JoAnn Pavnica, Nilsa Perez, Ryan Pawlak, Peter Peters, Evelyn Sartini, Kevin Schlink, Nancy Seberger, Kathy Slamkowski, Robert Suarez, Cole Spolaric, Bill Stone, Maggie Trytek, Darrel/Alexandria Welty, Joseph Wisniowski, Tom Wojcinski, Kathy Wojnicz, Chris/Kaylynn Wrobel, Stan/Vickie Wrobel, Sonja/Chris Zacny. Names will remain on the Prayer List for 2 months. Requests to remain on the Prayer List are renewable by calling the Parish Office, (219) 934-7176.

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How to sign up for FORMED instructions below.

- 1. Visit: formed.org/signup
- 2. Search Zip Code 46322 and Our Lady of Grace
- **3.** Register with your name and email address
- 4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED
 - 3 easy steps to download the FORMED App
- 1. Visit the App Store or Google Play Store (search: FORMED Catholic)
- 2. Download the app to your device (Note, you will need to register at formed.org/signup first before logging into app)
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Mary of Nazareth

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THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God sends a John the Baptist into every person's life — someone who prepares His way, who calls out His truth. Look for the John the Baptist in your life. Pray you can be this person for someone else.

CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

THANK YOU for your kindness and generous donations. Thank you parents, students and to all the volunteers that helped make our Christmas Dinner deliveries a success. We delivered 42 meals. The recipients of the meals were delighted and very thankful for Our Lady of Grace thinking of them during the Christmas Holiday.

> Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas Homebound and Ephesus Ministries.

SCRIPTURE STUDY



Scripture Study will resume for Spring Session starting Sunday, January 14, 2024 from 4-5:15 pm held at Ephesus Home (3033 Condit St.). Ephesus Home is a handicap-accessible. facility. Join us in January 2024.



PARISH BREAKFAST Next Parish Breakfast is on Sunday, January 28, 2024. Please join us. Serving donuts, coffee, & milk from 8:30 am-12 pm.

Parish Life Commission

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Contact: Rel. Ed Director, Donna Velez 219-301-9896

Email: olgdre1@gmail.com

Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9 a.m. –12 Noon

Tuesday 4-7:30 p.m. Friday Office Closed

Please call or email to make appointment to register. All students for all families previously registered and new families register as soon as possible.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Classes

This is the process by which persons become Catholic through **Baptism**, **Eucharist and Confirmation**. This process is for those who have never been baptized, baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition or baptized in the Catholic faith and never received the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation & are over the age of 7. Contact Donna Velez to register.



Our goal is to provide opportunities for high school teens to develop their faith, form friendships, serve their community while striving towards heaven.

For more information, please contact our High School Youth Group Leader. Email sharonpeters3915@gmail.com or call (219) 934-7176 and leave a message for Sharon.



JOIN THE CHOIR ADULTS 18+

And **GRADES 5-12**





We have practice every Thursday at 6:30 pm and sing at the 10:30 am Mass on Sundays and Holidays If you have an interest in becoming a Cantor, we will train you. Please contact Valerie 219-308-3528

ADVENT WREATH

Question: What's the story behind the Advent wreath? **Answer:** Each season in the liturgical calendar comes with its own local and regional rituals. During the Advent season, wreathes adorn church sanctuaries and family dining room tables. You may have said Advent wreath prayers in childhood or taken a turn lighting the candles. The Advent wreath is full of symbolism about Christ and his coming at Christmas. The wreath is made of evergreen boughs, reminding us that the life of grace doesn't falter with the changing seasons. It always remains fresh and new. Similarly, a circular wreath reminds us of the eternal, never-ending nature of God's love. Candles remind us that Christ is the light of the world, the One who "shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." We use four candles to represent each week of Advent. Traditionally they come in the liturgical colors of the season. Purple has historically represented penance and sacrifice. We see the same color for the season of Lent. On the third Sunday of Advent, however, we light a rose color. The priest will wear rose vestments at Mass. This is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin. On the third Sunday of Advent, we're roughly halfway through the season. The Church chooses the midpoint to remind us to celebrate in the midst of our anticipation! Whatever the color and whatever the day, the Advent wreath is a beautiful practice to focus our attention on Christ's coming at Christmas. ©LPi

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 17, 2023



"2024" RAFFLE TICKETS Now Available for Pick-Up

Tickets are located on the northwest wall of the church on the tables. The names are in alpha order. Please pick them up for 36 chances to win for 2024! First drawing is on January 26, 2024

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ANGEL TREE

OLG Outreach Ministry would like to Thank everyone who participated in the Angel Tree project. Your gift of sharing is greatly appreciated. It will bring joy and happiness making Christmas a reality for a lot of needy children. THANK YOU!!



DECEMBER CALENDAR

Dec. 18, 19, 20, 23 Advent Confessions (See below for schedule)

Dec. 20 Shelter Meal Prep. (Kitchen in use) 5:00 pm

Dec. 24, 25 Christmas Mass Schedule (See below for Mass times)

Dec. 26 K of C Meeting in Cafeteria 7 pm

ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday, December 18 3:00 to 4:00 pm & 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Tuesday, December 19 7:00 pm

St. Thomas More Penance Service

Wednesday, December 20 3:00 to 4:00 pm & 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Saturday, December 23 2:30 to 4:00 pm

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24 4:30 pm Vigil of Christmas

10:00 pm Carols

10:30 pm Midnight Mass

Monday, December 25 8:00 am Christmas Mass 10:30 am Christmas Mass

**When January 1 falls on a Monday or Saturday, it is not a day of obligation **

Monday Jan 1: 10:30 am Mass Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (not a day of obligation this year)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus, Msgs Alvin Jasinski Council 8080 will be selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets after all Masses on the weekends of December 16 and 17. Each magnet is \$5.00. This fundraiser will help us with our charity donations this holiday season. The magnets will be a nice gift for your relatives and friends. Please help us to achieve our charitable goal this Christmas. Merry Christmas to all!

LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & SERVERS

A SIGN-UP sheet for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Servers is in the Sacristy. Please sign up for one of our Liturgies. Lector schedules for the first quarter of 2024 are also in the sacristy. Please pick yours up as soon as possible.

OPLATKI (Christmas Wafers)

OPLATKI are now available in the parish office. Packages are \$2 each.





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Everyday, the Rosary is prayed in the chapel, Mon-Sat., at 8:00 a.m. We gather to pray for our special needs, our families, our country, our world. The mysteries of the rosary represent the significant events in the life of Jesus Christ.

Let's pray the rosary.

OUR LADY OF GRACE HIGHLAND, IN

STEWARDSHIP AND PARISH ADMINISTRATION

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3-WAYS TO REGISTER AT OUR LADY OF GRACE

If you are not a member and would like to join Our Lady of Grace Parish,

- Please come to the parish office to register 3005 Condit St., Highland. (BEST WAY)
- ♦ Call the Parish Office (219) 934-7176
- Registration is also available online in the OLG website.
 Complete Form & a parish representative will contact you. Website: olgcatholicchurchhighland.org

Office hours are Mon.-Fri., 9 am—5pm

We would like to remind everyone to please visit our parish website. It is a good resource for weekly bulletins, (past and present), the weekly readings, Mass Intentions, upcoming events, meetings, general parish information, and guidelines.

Website: olgcatholicchurchhighland.org



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Donna in the parish office (219) 934-7173 or Email: olgbusinessmgr@olgcatholicchurchhighland.org

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BOX TOPS— (1)Download the app and scan your box tops. (2)Clip and send them in with child's name/grade to school

<u>SAVE TABS</u> from any type of canned products (Pop, beer, veggie canned goods or any cans that have a tab on it)

PLEASE DEPOSIT ALL STRACK RECEIPTS, BOX TOPS, & TABS IN THE BOXES IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE

THE 2024 MASS INTENTION BOOK IS OPEN (5) MASSES per person

Mass For the Intentions Week

Monday, December 18—Late Advent Weekday

8:30 am † Richard Burgard, Sr. Int. Family

Tuesday, December 19—Late Advent Weekday

8:30 am † Irene Oboy Int. Carol Mical

Wednesday, December 20—Late Advent Weekday

8:30 am † John and Delores Mika Int. Family and Friends

Thursday, December 21—Late Advent Weekday

8:30 am † In Memory of Joseph Hanusin Int. Jerry and Liz Sparta

Friday, December 22 —Late Advent Weekday

8:30 am † In Memory of Deceased Members of Maman and Revak Families Int. M/M Patrick Maman

Saturday, December 23—Late Advent Weekday

8:30 am † NO MASS

Saturday, December 23—Vigil--4th Sunday of Advent

4:30 pm † Albert Hmurovic Int. Loving Wife, Joan Hmurovic

Sunday, December 24—4th Sunday of Advent

8:00 am † In Memory of Ramone Quinones

Int. Wife, Antonia and Family

10:30 am People of Our Lady of Grace

Sunday, December 24—Vigil of Nativity of the Lord

4:30 pm Intention of the Celebrant

Sunday, December 24—Midnight Nativity of the Lord

10:00 pm Carols

December 11 2023

10:30 pm Intention of the Celebrant

Monday, December 25—Christmas Day

8:00 am People of Our Lady of Grace

10:30 am Intention of the Celebrant

5:30 pm NO EVENING MASS

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

If a parishioner would like the Sacrament of the Sick before going into the hospital or spiritual care while in the hospital, call the Parish Office at (219) 934-7176. The Sacrament of the Sick usually takes place after a weekday or weekend Mass.

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December 11, 2025	
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