

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 VIsitation

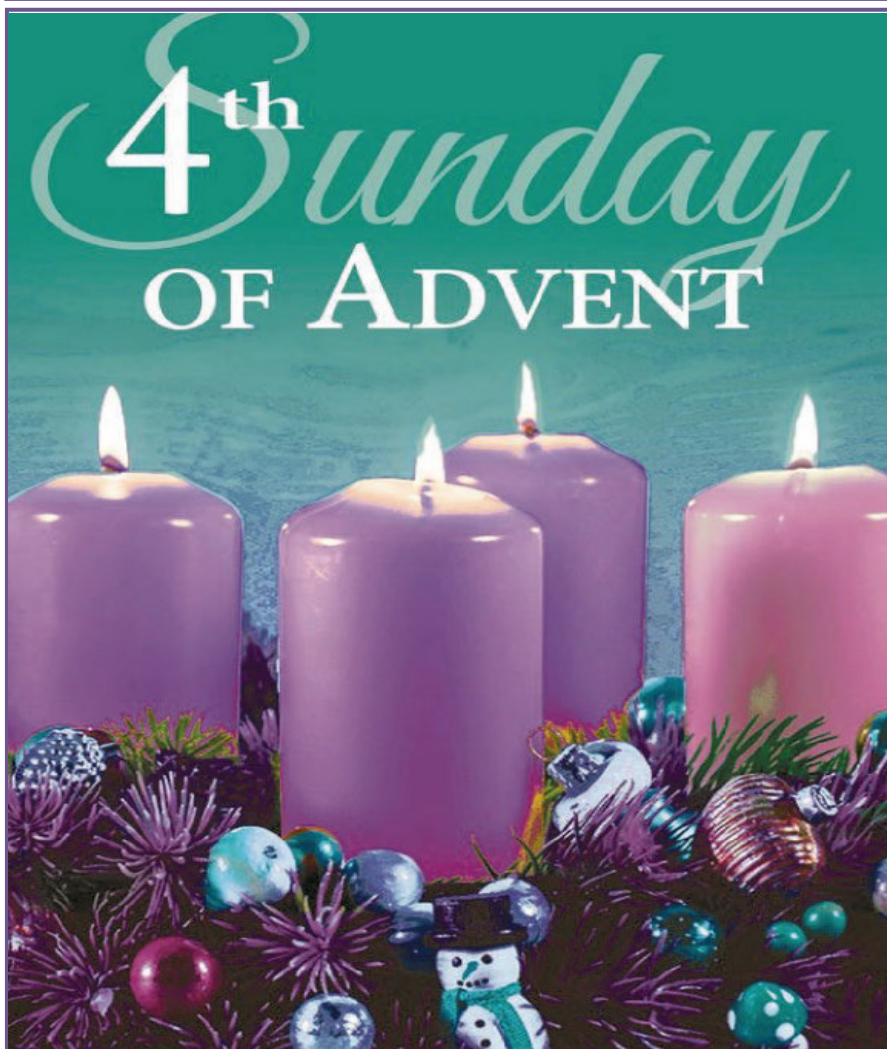
Anyone seriously ill, hospitalized for major surgery or advanced age may be anointed by contacting the Parish Office. Communion calls to the sick or shut-in are on the first and third Sunday of the month. For pastoral visits made to hospitals or homes, please call the Parish Office, (219) 934-7176.

OUR LADY OF GRACE • Highland, Indiana

OLG parish

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 24, 2023



Mission 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.

Parish Office (219) 934-7176

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Religious Education Director: Donna Velez

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OLG Outreach Ministry (219) 250-6874

Ephesus Home (Contact Parish Office)

Knights of Columbus # 8080...(773) 614-1802

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

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)
3. Enjoy the content you want, where you want!

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Joseph of Nazareth: The Story of the Man Closest to Christ

Rooted: Rediscover the Jesse Tree This Advent
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Mary of Nazareth

Children: Christmas Special Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*The Lord
has not
forgotten us*

PARISH BREAKFAST

Next Parish Breakfast is on

Sunday, January 28, 2024. Please join us. Serving donuts, coffee, & milk from 8:30 am-12 pm.

**RAISE RIGHT CARD PROGRAM**

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**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.

****NO Religious Ed classes December 26, 2023 and January 2, 2024. Classes resume January 9, 2024**

****RCIA classes continue every Sunday, unless instructor tell you differently. 10:30 am Mass and instruction to follow.**

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.

**OLG High School Youth Group Ministry**

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.



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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

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.



EPHESUS HOME—3033 CONDIT ST.

Persons 55 and better are welcome.

Reopens: January 11 on Wed. & Thurs.

Time: 9:00am – 1:00pm

Wed.—Fitness Chair Aerobics and games

Thurs.—Pinochle and games

Arts and Crafts as scheduled

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**ROSARY GROUP IN THE CHAPEL**

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.

"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

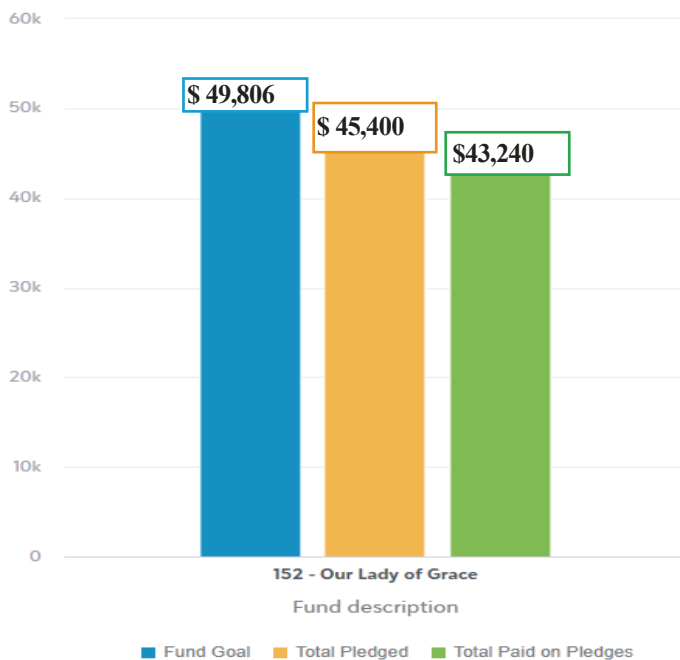
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WE ARE ALMOST THERE, HOWEVER WE STILL REMAIN **SHORT** below the 2023 CSA GOAL.

This is based on the last CSA submissions posted 12/13/2023. Please submit pledged payments and your donations to CSA if you have not so.

**ALL PAYMENTS NEED TO BE COMPLETED BY
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

CSA Report - Fund Goal Comparison - 152



PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

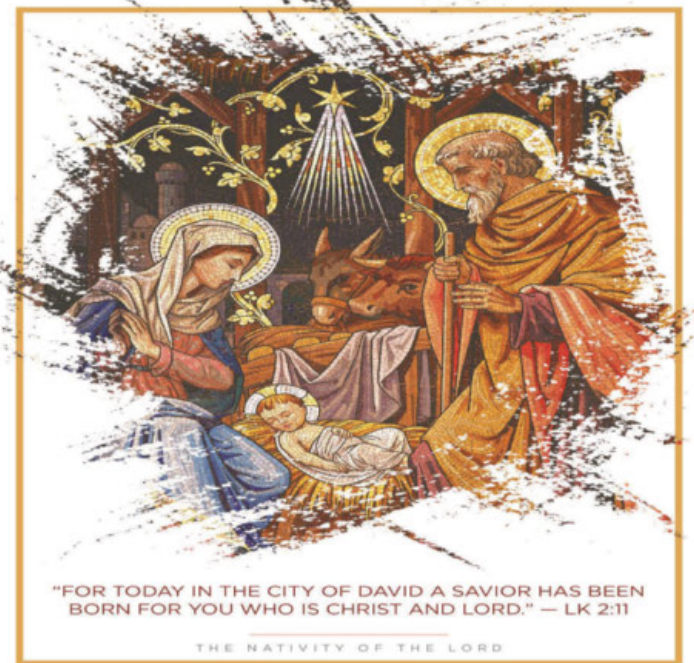
Dear Lord, You came to us in humility and silence, setting aside your majesty so that we might approach with wonder. Allow us to grow ever closer to you this Christmas, and always. Amen.

THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK 12/24
God's plans are not always what we imagined. Sometimes they make us hesitate. Be like Mary. Say "Yes, Lord" — and God will show you that His imagination is better than yours. ©LPi

THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK 12/25
Christ was born for you, exactly as you are. But he has come to offer you a new life. A better life. Don't be afraid to cast off the darkness. Step into the light of Christ's love. ©LPi

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, 2024: **10:30 am** Mass Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (not a day of obligation this year)



DECEMBER 2023/JANUARY 2024 CALENDAR

Dec. 24, 25 Christmas Mass Schedule and New Year's
(See above for Mass times)
Dec. 26 K of C Meeting in Cafeteria 7 pm
January 1 New Year's Day Mass at 10:30 am (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)
January 2 NO Altar and Rosary Meeting until February 2024
January 4 Confessions 3-4 pm in church
January 5 First Friday
January 5, 12, 19, 26 Cafeteria in use 5:30-7 pm
January 6 First Saturday Mass at 8:30 am
January 6, 13, 20, 27 Confessions 3-4 pm in church
January 7 Altar and Rosary Corporate Communion Mass At 10:30 am
January 8 Our Lady of Grace School Resumes
January 9, 23 Knight of Columbus Meeting Cafeteria 7 pm
January 9 Baptism class by appointment (call parish office)
January 10 Parish Life Meeting 7 pm Cafeteria
January 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26 Cafeteria in use 2:30-4:30 pm
January 10, 11, 17, 18, 25, 26, 31 Ephesus House 9 am-1 pm
January 15 Martin Luther King Day—No School
January 16 Religious Education—Reconciliation Meeting 5:30-7 pm in Cafeteria
January 17 Shelter Meal Prep — Kitchen in use 4:30 pm
January 24 Outreach Ministry Meeting 7 pm PO
January 28 2nd Collections: Aid to Latin America, be generous
January 28 Our Lady of Grace Open House 12 pm– 3:00 pm
Start spreading the word to new families!!

STEWARDSHIP AND PARISH ADMINISTRATION**OUR LADY OF GRACE
PASTORAL COUNCIL 2023/2024**

Very Reverend Brian Chadwick, Pastor • Deacon Michael W. Halas
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Allison Gargas • Larry Peters • Georgia Veneziano
Marcus Glick • Steven Krupa • Phyllis Sedlak • Mary VanTil

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

**WE SHARE— AN AUTOMATED GIVING**

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Donna in the parish office (219) 934-7173 or

Email: olgbusinessmgr@olgcatholicchurchhighland.org

if you would like additional information on We Share or to sign up. We appreciate your support. Thank you for your generosity and stewardship.

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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

SAVE TABS 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) *MASSSES* per person

Mass Intentions for the Week**Monday, December 25—Nativity of the Lord**

8:00 am People of Our Lady of Grace

10:30 am Intention of the Celebrant

Tuesday, December 26—St. Stephen, The First Martyr

8:30 am † Loretta Rybicki Int. Carol Rybicki

Wednesday, December 27—St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

8:30 am † Happy Heavenly Birthday—Ted Loehrke Int. Family

Thursday, December 28—The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:30 am † Dorothy Szczepanski Int. Brian and Terry Lukich

Friday, December 29—5th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:30 am † In Memory of 6th Anniversary in Heaven (12/31/17)
Sarah Lampa Int. Love, Mom and Dad

Saturday, December 30—6th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:30 am † NO MASS

Saturday, December 30—Vigil—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

4:30 pm † Alberta (Toots) Grabill Int. Family

Sunday, December 31—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 am † Leonard Kaminski Int. Wife, Candace and Kim

10:30 am † Harry and Josephine Smolen Int. Delores Smolen

5:30 pm People of Our Lady of Grace

**Monday, January 1—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
(Not a day of obligation this year)**

10:30 am † In Memory of your Birthdays, Josephine Rios and Victoria Haddad Int. Family

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.

SUNDAY OFFERING

Sunday Offerings will be posted next week due to early bulletin submissions for Holidays

Keep "Christ" in Christmas!



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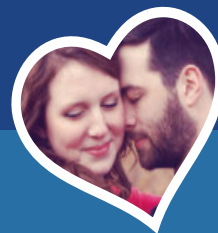
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