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.

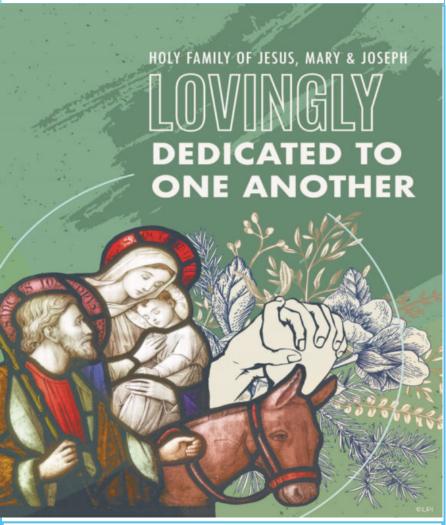
ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND VISTIATION

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.



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 31, 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.

(219) 934-7176 Parish Office

3005 Condit Street, Highland, IN

Pastor: Rev. Brian Chadwick Deacon: Michael W. Halas

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Religious Education (219) 301-9896 Religious Education Director: Donna Velez

Email: olgdre1@gmail.com

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

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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP The Gift of Family

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us. Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a caretaker or temporary guardian. For others it is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, "people need people." When God gave the world His only Son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important God would have still included this in the plan of salvation? As this year draws to a close, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God's timing is not always our timing. Sometimes, we have to wait years for the answer to our prayer. Never despair. Remember that God keeps His word. ©LPi



Merry Christmas and New Year's Blessings



Wishing you the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and the peace of His love at Christmas and New Year's

Fr. Brian Chadwick and Deacon Michael Halas

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 Religious Ed Classe or RCIA.

All students for all families previously registered and new families register as soon as possible.

*NO Religious Ed classes January 2, 2024. Classes resume January 9, 2024

*RCIA classes continue every Sunday, unless instructor tells 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.



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



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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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
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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!

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Mary of Nazareth
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Marcam's Advent & Christmas Special

"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

> Tickets \$ 10 each—Help Support Our Parish License # 010683

Congratulations to our Raffle Winners—December	15, 2023
1st Place—\$150—Delores Smolen	# 2878
2nd Place—\$75—Shirley Lewandowski	# 1984
3rd Place—\$25—Carol Black	# 3412



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 STOCKINGS STUFFERS FOR HOLIDAYS!





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 10, 2024 Wed. & Thurs.



Time: 9:00am – 1:00pm

Wed.—Fitness Chair Aerobics and games
Thurs.—Pinochle and games
Arts and Crafts as scheduled
~ Delicious lunch served ~





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.



JANUARY 2024 CALENDAR

- 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 6 First Saturday Mass 8:30am 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, 11, 18. 19, 25, 26 Ephesus House Re-Opens 9am-1:00 pm
- January 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26 Cafeteria in use 2:30-4:30 pm
- January 12, 19, 26 Cafeteria in use 5:30-7 pm
- January 12 NWI Mobile Food Bank 10 am-12 pm while supply last (Must be a Lake County, IN resident with proof of ID
- 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 17 Tuesday, Parent Reconciliation Meeting 5:30-7 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!!



THANK YOU! Thank you to <u>ALL</u> that made contributions to reach our CSA Goal \$49, 806.00. As of today, January 31, 2023, we have met our goal and could have exceeded it. We will have better information in the next bulletin confirming a more exact amount. . . . and then a final confirmation when we receive a letter from the Diocese. Again, thank you.

OLG SCHOOL CORNER

 H.S.A will be hosting a DINNER/DANCE on February 10, 2024. Please call the school office for more details.

REMEMBER

All families must volunteer a minimum of 5 church hours. These are some church service opportunities that families can do. Please contact Liz at 219-934-7176 if you would like to volunteer.



Our Lady of Grace Church is in need of Altar Servers.

Altar Servers.
If your student is interested
in becoming an Altar Server
please contact the Parish
Office at 219-934-7176

Parish Service Hour Opportunities

Church Cleaning

First Saturday of every month - 9:00am Bring a bucket and rags.

Fourth of July Festival Parking Lot-Help park cars for the five day festival - shifts are usually 2-3 hours long.

Parish Donut Breakfast

Last Sunday of every month from 8:30am-12:00pm. Serve donuts and socialize with parishioners - more than one family can host the breakfast.

Bulletin and Envelope Stuffing

When the need arises- this is usually done on Friday mornings in the Parish Office. Call office for more details.

Confirmation Service Project Opportunities

Church Cleaning

First Saturday of every month - 9:00am Bring a bucket and rags.

Parish Donut Breakfast

Last Sunday of every month from 8:30am-12:00pm. Help parents serve donuts and socialize with parishioners. OUR LADY OF GRACE HIGHLAND, IN

STEWARDSHIP AND PARISH ADMINISTRATION

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

OUR LADY OF GRACE PASTORAL COUNCIL 2023/2024

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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.





STRACK & VAN TIL RECEIPTS • BOX TOPS 2023 /2024 School Year

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Save all receipts from Strack & Van Tils. OLG school earns free educational resources with rewards program. Every dollar spent earns reward points to purchase educational equipment. Receipts should be dated from Sept. 1, 2023-Mar. 31, 2024.

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, January 1—The Octave Nativity of the Lord Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

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

Tuesday, January 2—Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors

8:30 am † Charles Gerstner Int. Lynn

Wednesday, January 3—Christmas Weekday

8:30 am † Rita Bartell Int. Jane Morow

Thursday, January 4—USA: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:30 am † Peter Barsic, Jr. Int. Sylvia Bellamy

Friday, January 5—USA: St. John Neumann, Bishop

8:30 am † Carol Lee Smith Int. Sylvia Bellamy

Saturday, January 6—Christmas Weekday

8:30 am Kelly Fanning —Blessings, Good Health and Speedy Recovery Int. Mike Seasock

Saturday, January 6—Vigil--The Epiphany of the Lord

4:30 pm † Irene Oboy Int. Janice and JoElla Biany

Sunday, January 7—Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am † Jan Kolat and George Velasquez Int. Family

10:30 am † Doris Neumaier Int. Altar and Rosary

5:30 pm People of Our Lady of Grace

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 12/24/23 will be posted next bulletin due to early submission for Holiday

12/18/2023

Adults\$	7,478.00
Children\$	38.00
Loose\$	1,618.00
Flowers\$	125.00
Christmas\$	845.00
12/10/2023	
Adults\$	14,553.00
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Holy Day\$	2,161.00
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Christmas\$	700.00
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