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.

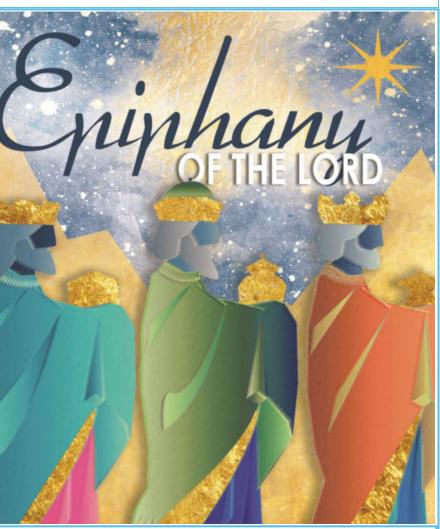
ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND VISTIATION

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.



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 7, 2024



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

3005 Condit Street , Highland, IN

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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

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 Wise Men See God in the Simple Things

If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace." There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which. After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey. But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe. The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

OLG SCHOOL CORNER

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

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
ornings in the Parish Office. Call office for more detail

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.

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.

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

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.

**Religious Ed classes resume Tuesday, 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.



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.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Though the magi did not know where the star of Bethlehem would lead, they trusted that God would be with them along the way. Let us all embrace that same faith as we go about the journey God has planned for us this year. ©LPi

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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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Advent reflection

Children: The Story of Christmas | Benjamin Cello **Christmas Special**

Christmas Special Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids Marcam's Advent & Christmas Special

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 7, 2024

"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



PARISH BREAKFAST

Next Parish Breakfast is on Sunday, January 28, 2024.

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



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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

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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.



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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

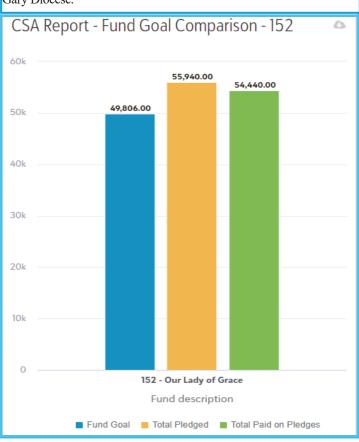
If you have an interest in becoming a Cantor, we will train you.
Please contact Valerie 219-308-3528

JANUARY 2024 CALENDAR

- January 7 Altar and Rosary Corporate Communion Mass At 10:30 am
- January 8 Our Lady of Grace School Resumes
- January 9 Religious Ed Classes Resume Gr. 1-8 5:30 7:00 pm
- January 9, 23 Knight of Columbus Meeting Cafeteria 7 pm
- January 10 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 13, 20, 27 Confessions 3-4 pm in church
- 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 Parish Breakfast 8:30am-12 Noon
- 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 7, 2024, we have exceeded our goal. The chart below shows where we are currently as of 1/2/2024. Our final confirmation will come from the Gary Diocese.



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.





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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

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) MASSES per person

Mass for the Week Intentions

Monday, January 8—The Baptism of the Lord

8:30 am † Roy Helfen Int. D Veneziano Family

Tuesday, January 9—Weekday (1st week of Ordinary Time)

8:30 am † Norma Mailand Int. D. Veneziano Family

Wednesday, January 10—Weekday

8:30 am † Mary Staroscsak Int. Greg and Nancy

Thursday, January 11—Weekday

8:30 am † Mom and Dad Nitz Int. Love, Phyllis and Gene Nitz

Friday, January 12—Weekday

8:30 am † Bernie, David and Jon Int. Bock Family

Saturday, January 13—Weekday

8:30 am NO MASS

Saturday, January 13—Vigil-2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Marilyn Clark—Blessings and Good Health 4:30 pm

Int. Kovacik Family

Sunday, January 14—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am † In Memory of Bernadette Garibay Int. Loving Daughter, Gina Guajardo

10:30 am † Mary Staroscsak Int. Greg and Nancy

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

12/24/2023

12/24/2023	
Adults\$	7,552.00
Children\$	4.00
Loose\$	1,294.75
Flowers\$	50.00
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Adults\$	3,347.00
Children\$	46.00
Christmas Loose\$	6,998.85
Christmas\$	17,342.00
Flowers\$	15.00
Holy Day\$	95.00
12/31/2023	
Adults\$	6,243.00
Children\$	26.00
Loose\$	1,708.00
Holy Day\$	993.00
Christmas\$	928.00

Prayer for the New Year

Dear Lord,

With thanksgiving we entrust our year to You: whatever it holds, whoever we encounter, wherever we traverse. What You supply is gift. May our comings and goings be aligned with Your will. Amen.

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