



Our Lady of Lourdes

Catholic Parish, Waterloo

MASS TIMES

Lord's Day

Saturday: 7:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Saturday: 6:40 pm

Weekday Mass

Wednesday & Friday: 8:30 am

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00 pm

Holy Rosary: Wednesday & Friday: 8:10 am

Confession Times

Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Sacraments

For baptisms, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, marriages, please contact parish office.

Anointing of the Sick / Hospital Visitation

If you or someone you know is in need and requesting anointing or pastoral visit, please contact our parish office or see Father after Mass. If the person is in the Hospital and it's an emergency, please have the hospital contact the priest on call.

St. Vincent de Paul

For assistance with groceries and other needs, please call 519-886-0342 ext. 2.

Church door collections - last Sunday of each month.

Food donation bin - back of the Church.



Welcome New Members

Welcome! We're glad you want to join our parish! Please fill out a form from the church lobby or website, drop it in the collection basket or at the parish office. Please call if you would like Father to bless your home.

Offertory Envelopes / Pre-Authorized Debit

To receive an annual tax receipt for your donations you are encouraged to use offertory envelopes and/or to enroll in our monthly debit plan. Offertory envelopes can be requested by filling out a parish registration form, or if you are already registered, simply call the office to request a box. Debit plan enrollment forms are available in the church lobby.

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday: Closed

Tuesday to Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Parish Bequests

Keep your love for your parish alive.
Remember **Our Lady of Lourdes Parish** in your will
and when recommending expressions of sympathy.



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FEB 11 to FEB 16

TUESDAY – FEB 11 Feast – Our Lady of Lourdes	7:00 p.m.	Special Intention – Wiecek Family
WEDNESDAY– FEB 12 Ferial	8:30 a.m.	+Alex Pereira – Naomi & Nevelle de'Rozario
THURSDAY– FEB 13 Ferial	7:00 p.m.	+ Allison MacDonald – Hazel Kennedy
FRIDAY– FEB 14 Memorial – St. Cyril & St. Methodius	8:30 a.m.	+ Piyadasa Kurera – Nimini Kurera
SATURDAY– FEB 15 Vigil	7:00 p.m.	+Margaret Helen Fraitsch – Pauline Ross
SUNDAY– FEB 16 6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	+Fr. Joakim Jaki Gregov – Sandra Cipric Living & deceased members of our parish

<div>Parish Finance Report Week of</div> <div>CHURCH'S FINANCIAL HEALTH</div>		<i>Jan 19, 2025</i>	<i>Jan 26, 2025</i>
	<i>Sunday Envelope Collection</i>	<i>\$ 2890.00</i>	<i>\$ 2220.00</i>
	<i>Sunday Loose Collection</i>	<i>\$ 316.50</i>	<i>\$ 316.50</i>
	<i>E-transfer</i>	<i>\$ 302.00</i>	<i>\$ 177.00</i>
	<i>PAG/ Direct Deposit</i>	<i>\$ 3,037.50</i>	<i>\$ 3,037.50</i>
	<i>TOTAL SUNDAY COLLECTION</i>	<i>\$ 6,546.00</i>	<i>\$ 5,751.00</i>
	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>\$ 6,500.00</i>	<i>\$ 6,500.00</i>
	<i>Net Income /Loss</i>	<i>\$ 46.00</i>	<i>\$ -749.00</i>

St. Cyril and St. Methodius, are called the “Apostles of the Slavs” for their tireless work in spreading the Gospel throughout Eastern Europe in the ninth century. Such was their influence in Church history, through their evangelization efforts, that the late Pope John Paul II named the two brothers the patron saints of Europe along with fifth century monastic leader St. Benedict.



**Time change for Thursday Mass
Beginning on March 6, Mass on
Thursday will be celebrated at
12 noon and there will be no
evening Thursday Mass.**

**Following Mass on Thursdays,
the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and
the church will remain open for private
prayer until 3 pm. At that time, either
Benediction will be celebrated or the
Eucharist reposed.**

E-TRANSFER

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**Thank you for your generosity and continued support of
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and our community.**



Diocesan Prayer Calendar – This week let us pray for...

Feb. 10	Feb. 11	Feb. 12	Feb. 13	Feb. 14	Feb. 15
St. Scholastica, Virgin	Rev. Msgr. Theodore Slaman	Missionaries	Rev. William Trusz	Rev. Donald Wilhelm	Rev. Guillermo Diaz

Prayer for Vocations... God, the source of creation and love, you invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift. May your grace encourage men and women to heights through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen



*please
join us*

Our Lady of Lourdes Café

When: Sun. Feb 9, 2025

Where: Parish Hall

Time: 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

**MENU: Coffee, tea \$1 and Cake & desserts \$2
BAKERS AND VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED**

Jan 12, 2025, funds \$142.00

All proceeds from OLOL Café support our parish ministries

Please be a part of something extraordinary.

Please call the parish office if you can help as we hope to have the Café
open 2nd Sunday of the Month.

In the verses leading up to today's gospel story, we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. In the verses that follow, Jesus travels to the town of Capernaum and begins his ministry of teaching and healing. While in Capernaum, Jesus cures a man possessed with a demon and heals Simon's mother-in-law. After spending some time there, Jesus prepares to preach in other places. The fact that Jesus had previously been in Simon's home and healed his mother-in-law suggests that this encounter is not the first between Jesus and Simon Peter. We can read today's Gospel, therefore, as a description of the developing relationship between Jesus and Simon Peter.

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches from Simon's boat. Jesus turns to Simon and instructs him about where to lower the fishing nets. Simon and others have been fishing throughout the night and have not caught anything. Simon protests, claiming that such an effort would be futile. Simon ultimately obeys Jesus and lowers his

nets into the deeper water as directed. Notice here that Peter calls Jesus by the title “master.” He already recognizes Jesus as a person of authority. They catch so many fish that the nets begin to tear; Jesus’ presence has created abundance out of scarcity, just as it did at the wedding feast at Cana, which we heard at Mass just a few weeks ago.

Simon Peter becomes a follower of Jesus immediately. He calls Jesus, “Lord”—the title given to Jesus after his Resurrection—and protests his worthiness to be in Jesus’ presence. Today’s Gospel, therefore, marks a turning point in the relationship between Jesus and Peter.

Two of Simon’s partners are also named as witnesses to the event described in today’s Gospel: Zebedee’s sons, James and John. Yet Jesus’ words are addressed only to Simon. Jesus gives Simon a new job, telling him that he will become a different kind of fisherman. No longer will he catch fish; instead, he will catch people. In these words, we hear the beginning of the leadership role that Peter will have within the community of disciples. Peter was chosen for this role. His task will be to bring others to Jesus. Already he is doing so; the Gospel tells us that all the fishermen with Peter also left their nets and followed Jesus. We continue to speak of Peter’s leadership and influence in the Church today when we call the pope the “successor of Peter.” We participate in the mission of the Church when we bring people to Christ through the example and positive influence of our lives. (*Loyola Press*).



Our Lady of Lourdes

The story of Our Lady of Lourdes, recalls a series of 18 appearances that the Blessed Virgin Mary made to a 14-year-old French peasant girl, Saint Bernadette. The Marian apparitions began Feb. 11, 1858, ended July 16 that year and received the local bishop’s approval after a

four-year inquiry.

On Feb. 11, 1858, as Bernadette was gathering firewood with her sister and a friend, she approached a grotto near a river and saw a light coming from a spot near a rosebush. The light surrounded a woman who wore a white dress and held a rosary. Seeing the lady in white make the sign of the Cross, Bernadette knelt, took out her own rosary, and began to pray. When she finished praying, the woman motioned for her to approach. But she remained still, and the vision disappeared.

With only Bernadette seeing the vision, she described the lady in white to them, demanding they tell no one. But the secret came out later that day. The next Sunday, Bernadette returned to the grotto, where she saw the woman again. The identity of the apparition, however, would remain unknown for several weeks.

On her third trip, some adults accompanied Bernadette but only she could see the vision. The woman in white asked the girl to return for two weeks. “She told me also,” Bernadette later wrote, “that she did not promise to make me happy in this world, but in the next.” A group of family members and others went with her to the cave the next day, but only the young peasant girl saw the woman and heard her words.

On another day, a larger crowd accompanied Bernadette on February 25 and they were shocked to see Bernadette drinking from a muddy stream and eating weeds. The apparition had told her to drink the water, and the weed-eating was a penitential act. Onlookers, meanwhile, saw only the girl’s unusual behavior, and popular fascination turned to ridicule and suspicion. On Feb. 27, when Bernadette returned, she made a joyful discovery: the spring from which she drank was not muddy now, but clear. As the crowds continued to gather, this change was noticed, and a woman with a paralyzed arm came to the water hoping to be healed. Four years later, her case would be recognized as the first miraculous healing at Lourdes. Public interest continued, and Bernadette heard a recurring message from the vision: “Go, tell the priests to bring people here in procession and have a chapel built here.”

While others were quick to conclude that Bernadette was seeing the Virgin Mary, Bernadette did not claim to know the woman’s identity. On another visit on the Feast of the Annunciation, Bernadette visited the cave again. When she saw the lady, she kept asking to know her identity. Finally, the woman folded her hands, looked up and said: “I am the Immaculate Conception.” Although the dogma of the Immaculate Conception was declared by the Church just a few years before, Bernadette did not know the meaning of the words, and she brought the words to the bishop who was stunned at the message.

Bernadette saw the Blessed Virgin Mary two more times in 1858: on the Wednesday after Easter, and on the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. In 1862, the local bishop declared the apparitions worthy of belief.

St. Bernadette left Lourdes in 1866 to join a religious order in central France, where she died after several years of illness in 1879. By the time of her death, a basilica had been built and consecrated at the apparition site of Our Lady of Lourdes. Experts have verified 69 cases of miraculous healing at Lourdes since 1862.



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