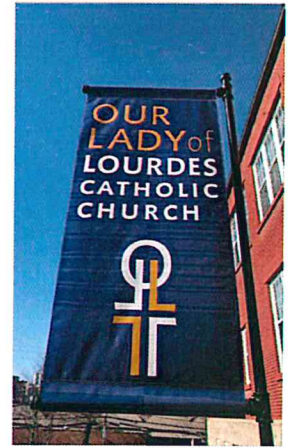


Building Unity In Lourdes Development

Introducing the BUILD Group



Dear Lourdes Family:

As we continue our exciting and momentous journey in fulfilling the church's vision and strategy for the future, I wish to share with the parish that I have commissioned a working team with the charge of providing oversight of this initiative. Known as the BUILD Group, which stands for Building Unity in Lourdes Development, its purpose is "to lead and guide the process of building and renovating facilities at Lourdes so that we can effectively accomplish our mission which is rooted in African American Catholic history, celebrates the Living Word, appreciates inclusiveness, and inspires social action."

I have asked 10 parishioners to be members of the BUILD Group based on my experience with them in parish life and leadership. They are a reflection of the diversity of this dynamic parish and possess certain skill sets that will help advance the church toward its mission. They are charged with providing direction for a number of key components of the building and expansion project including, among others, fundraising, architectural review, financial monitoring, and communications. The BUILD Group understands the importance of ongoing communication with the church community, so it is in the process of assembling a plan that will ensure regular and ongoing opportunities both to share information with the parish and to receive input as plans progress.

Members of the BUILD Group are listed on the back of this note and I ask that we thank them for their commitment to Lourdes and pray for them as they lead and guide us in the journey ahead.

Peace and blessings,

Father Jeffery Ott, O.P., Pastor

BUILD Group

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Ambassadors of Lourdes Vision



Brian Cureau

"I am excited about being part of the changing face of the community. Building on the rich history of Lourdes for the next generation of diverse Catholics presents a promising future for our parish and the potential for growth is endless."



Dawn Leaner-Hall

"I am excited by what this church will mean to my son and future generations to come. I am also excited about reaching the larger community around the church and sharing of our history, mission, and values."



Ellie Daniels

"I am excited to be a symbol of hope for the community and part of the fabric and dynamic history of the community."



Father Jeffery Ott

"The new church and the renovations will give expression to our vibrancy, history, faith, and culture of generations into the future."



Kate Dennis

"Lourdes is such a dynamic and transformative community. I am excited to be a part of a new chapter and explore the possibilities and impact on individuals and the broader community."



Kimberly Parrish

"I am excited about the new beginning of our church and church community, sharing as a family, strengthened by the love of God!"



Lee Eaglin

"I am excited for the opportunity to positively impact Christian lives for generations."



Philip Verre

"For nearly 20 years, Our Lady of Lourdes and its community have played a generous and important role in my life. It is now time for me to contribute, in any way I can, to its bright and dynamic future."



Adrian Gibson

"I am excited about the growth of the church and the surrounding community."



Paul Young

"What excites me about Lourdes is the spirit in the atmosphere that positively provokes me to be a better Christian. I leave church feeling motivated be better, do better, and to serve better."



Geraldine Jackson-White

"I am excited to participate in the growth and expansion of Our Lady of Lourdes, the first African-America Catholic Church in Atlanta. Lourdes' mission has been sustained for 106 years and continues its mission of social justice. This is exciting!"



Lent 2019



Days of Reflection

In the Quiet of the Heart, God Speaks

March 6	Ash Wednesday Day of Reflection	Peter Fink, SJ, Director
March 20	Day of Reflection	Peter Fink, SJ, Director
April 3	Parents' Lenten Morning of Reflection	Sarah Otto, Director

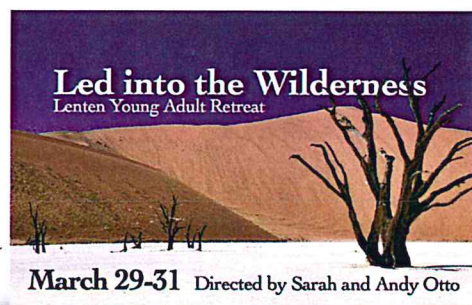
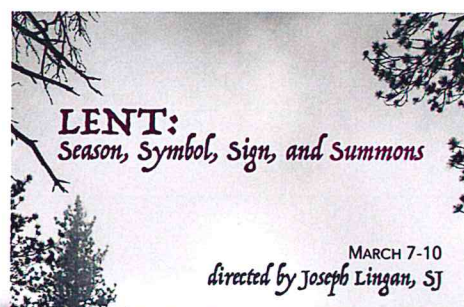


2 and 3 Night Weekend Retreats

March 7-10

In the Liturgical Calendar Lent is a special Season (or period) of solemn observance in the liturgical year of many Christian denominations. This retreat will review the spiritual intentions of Lent by exploring the invitation of Lent as Season through its use of Symbol, Sign, and Summons.

Directed by Joe Ligan, SJ

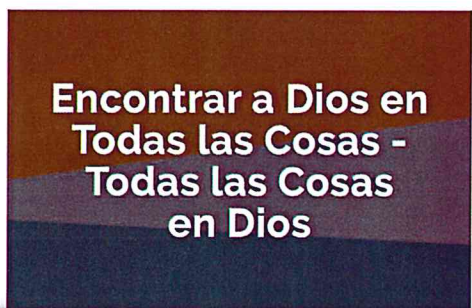
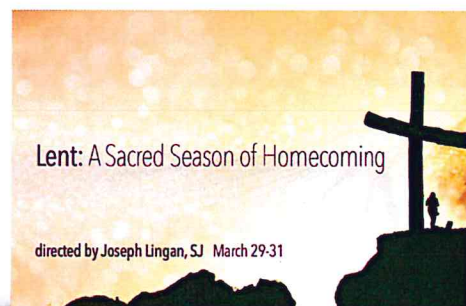


March 29-31 (Young Adult Retreat)

Lent invites us into a greater intimacy with the God who tenderly loves us. On this Lenten retreat, hear God's invitation to you: know your belovedness, grow in friendship with Jesus, be a person of authentic prayer, and learn how to live as a prayerful person in the world. *Directed by Sarah Otto and Andy Otto*

March 29-31

Lent is more than a Season of repentance, alms-giving, and individual or personal sacrifice or offerings. This retreat will help one understand this Sacred Season as a time of genuine Homecoming to the One who loves us most and enables a deeper appreciation and understanding of the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ. *Directed by Joe Ligan, SJ*



April 5-7 (Spanish Retreat)

Pasa un hermoso tiempo con Jesus en un bello espacio de oración en silencio donde tendrás un encuentro íntimo con el Señor, y podrás experimentar una reconciliación. Pbro. Alejandro Báez, SJ y Pbro. Rodolfo Casals, SJ, Directores del retiro

Learn more and register for retreats at
IgnatiusHouse.org/lent-2019



3-Night Triduum & 7-Night Holy Week Retreats



Walk with Jesus as he enters Jerusalem for the last time.

Stay with Jesus as he travels this final journey.

Rejoice with Jesus as he stands now before the world, the promise of Peace.

Directed by the Ignatius House Pastoral Team

Tenebrae - Service of Shadows

Wednesday, April 17th, 7:30-8:30pm

Saint Ignatius Chapel



Tenebrae, an hour of prayer, word and song to enter into the beauty of the Triduum. Through reflecting on Scripture and Song while gradually extinguishing candles until the chapel is in darkness, we are able to delve more deeply into the mystery of Christ's passion and death, thereby preparing our hearts ever more fully for his triumph over darkness as the Light of the World on Easter Sunday.

There is no charge for attending the Tenebrae service.

Pray with The Stations of The Cross - Fridays during Lent at 11:30am, prior to the 12:15pm Mass

****No Registration necessary. Meet under the Magnolia Tree at the Fish Pond****

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