

Welcome

We are glad you are here with us today.

If you would like to join our Faith Community, please contact our parish office at pastor@ololgc.org or stop by any time on Monday or after Masses.

Our Lady of Lourdes

Established - 1875

534 N. Wood Street
Gibson City, IL 60936

Parish Office

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General Information
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Website

www.ololgc.org

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5 pm
Sunday 11:30 am
Wednesday 8:00 am
Thursday 5:30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday following Mass

Confession

Saturday 4:30 pm
Wednesday during Adoration
Any time by Appointment

❖ FOR YOUR INFORMATION ❖

St. Mary

407 W. Palls Street
Paxton, IL 60957

Mass Schedule

Sunday 9:30 am
Wednesday 7:00 pm
Friday 8:00 am

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday following 8AM Mass

Confession

Friday following 8AM Mass



St. Joseph

312 N. Hickory Street
Loda, IL 60948

Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 am
Tuesday 5:30 pm

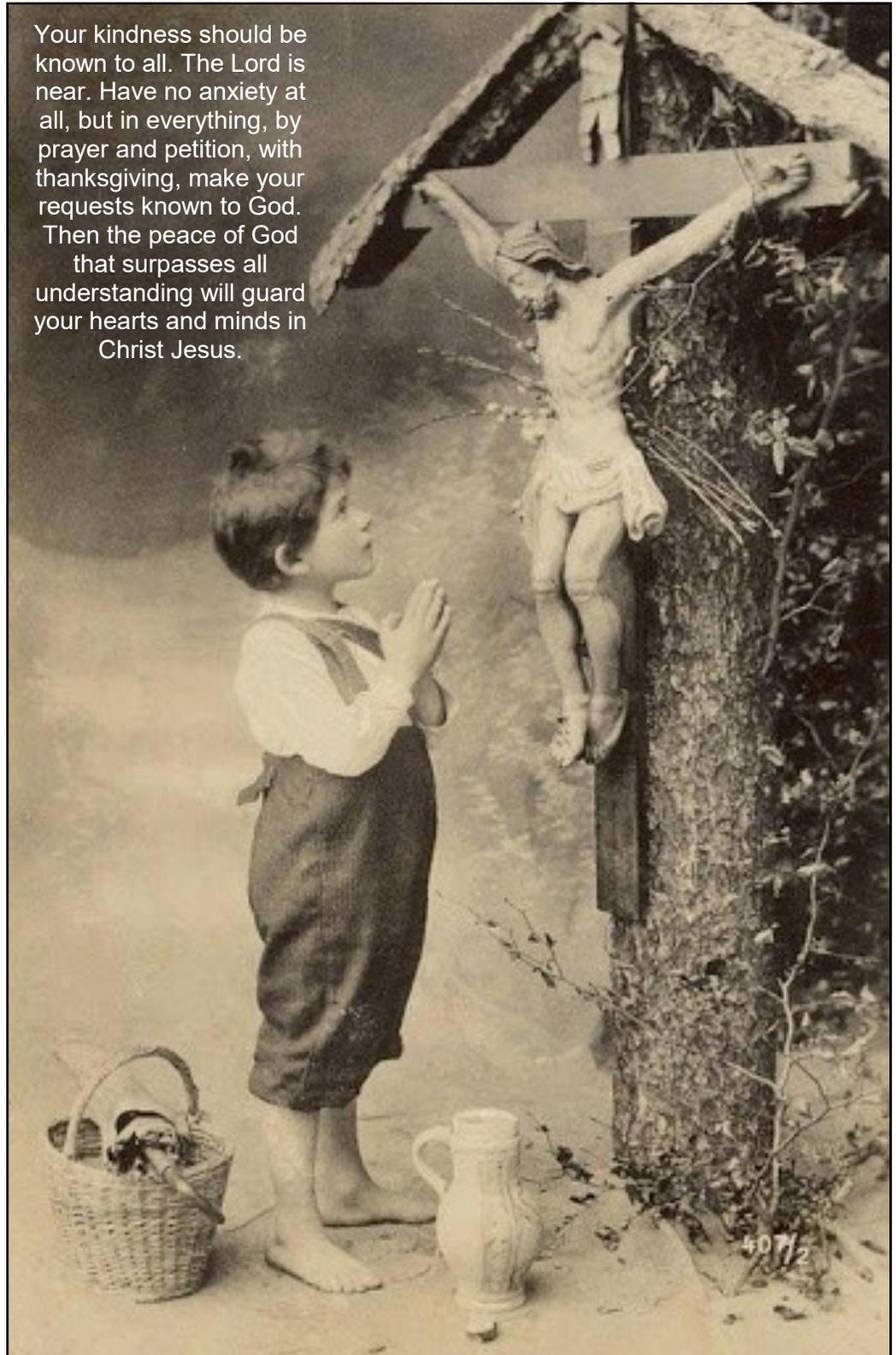
Confession

Sunday 7:30am

DECEMBER 16, 2018 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.



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THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS

If you wish to have a Mass intention for a loved one, anniversary or other occasion, please contact the parish office.
 Mass intentions are \$10.

MON December 17		NO MASS
TUE December 18	8:00AM (OLL) 5:30PM (STJ)	Parish Family
WED December 19	8:00AM (OLL) 7:00PM (STM)	+Bob Mardis
THU December 20	5:30PM (OLL)	Acree Family Shambrook Family
FRI December 21	8:00AM (STM) 5:30PM (OLL)	Parish Family
Sat December 22	5:00PM (OLL)	+Steve Heavilin
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
SUN December 23	8:00AM (STJ) 9:30AM (STM) 11:30AM (OLL)	+Roman Falter
FOURTHUNDAY OF ADVENT		

**THANK YOU FOR
 YOUR GIFTS**

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Sunday Total	\$2614.50.00
Capital Imp.	\$60.00
CMAA (goal: \$12,200)	\$13,976
Food Pantry December Total Yr to Date FP	\$51.00 \$124.00 \$3058.78



MINISTRY SCHEDULES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
Sat, December 22 5:00PM	Walter Smith	Jack Kollross	Jack Kollross Sarah Sarantakos Rosanne Miller	Michael Smith Bruce Killian	Lisa Heap
Sun, December 23 11:30AM	Cecilia Goodin Brooke Beyers	Jodi Beyers			

Volunteers are always needed for our parish ministries. For more information on how to join, contact the parish office.

Baptism

Call the Rectory at least four weeks before the baptism. Instruction for the parents and God-parents is required.

Sick??

If you or a family member is sick or admitted to the hospital or makes a trip to the Emergency Room, please contact Fr. Dong at (217)784-4671

Emergency (630)456-5406

Marriage/RCIA

Call the Rectory at least six months before. A six month preparation time is required.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Mon, Dec 24 4:00PM Christmas Eve	Liam & Molly Killian	Fran Mardis	Jack Kollross Sarah Sarantakos Rosanne Miller	Frank Titus Andrew Killian
Tues, Dec 25 8:00AM Christmas Day				Craig Davis Dan Kleist



2019 COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Please pick up your envelopes at the back of the church.

If you have not registered with the parish, or if there are not envelopes in your name and you would like them, please contact the office at (217)784-4671.

Also, please let us know of address, additional children or other contact information changes, by emailing pastor@ololgc.org



**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH**

December 24: Christmas Eve Mass 4:00PM
December 25: Christmas Day Mass 8:00AM
January 1: New Years Day Solemnity of Mary
(Holy Day of Obligation) Mass 9:00AM

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
ST. MARY PAXTON/ST. JOSEPH LODA**

December 24: Christmas Eve Mass St. Mary 6PM and St. Joseph 9PM
December 25: Christmas Day Mass St. Mary 10AM
January 1: New Years Day Solemnity of Mary
(Holy Day of Obligation) Mass 10:30AM

FROM THE RE DESK...

It's the most wonderful time...of the year.

Christmas time. It is a beautiful time where everyone is happy, at least most everyone. It is a time of giving and preparation. The tree goes up, the shopping is finished, the baking is done, and the presents are wrapped. Needless to say, it can be one of the busiest times of the year! It is also a time to get lost. You can get so caught up in the hustle, that it can be really easy to forget WHY we celebrate Christmas. Christmas time is a time to celebrate the coming of Our Lord. He could have come to us anywhere, at any age, at any time. He chose to be born of a virgin, to a poor family, in a stable with the animals. He came into the world though with the only thing that you really need, your family. So-while gifts are wonderful to give and receive. Do it with only love and caring in your heart. Do not do it expecting anything in return. Give your gifts completely with your heart, and when you receive your gifts do so with the most gratefulness, and remember that Christmas is about Jesus, who is love, and you will keep the meaning of Christmas this year!

PRAYER FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT **REJOICE IN THE LORD!**

Third Sunday of Advent—Philippians 4:4



O God, help us to be in touch with the goodness of the world and the joyfulness of life. Let us rejoice and be glad for all the great and small pleasures that come to us from you through creation.

In your charity, please pray for
Father Denis White,
who was called to eternal rest.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest
in peace. May he and all the souls of the
faithful departed rest In peace. *AMEN.*



PARISH CALENDAR **DECEMBER**



Saturday, December 22

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon

SHEPHERDS CLOSET **EMERGENCY FOOD BANK**

- Cereal
- Canned Meat
(tuna, chicken, spam)
- Peanut Butter
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Canned Fruit Canned Veggies
- Snack Items
- Cleaning Supplies
- Hygiene Products



- Maggie Davis (12/17)
- Bill Hartford (12/20)
- Jane Lange (12/22)
- Terri Davis (12/22)
- Donna Ruddy (12/23)



Pray for the Sick & Homebound

- Linda Ellington
- Greg Delost
- Dale Enghausen
- Brian Sullivan
- Emma Davis
- Terry Hutchcraft
- Norma Thompson
- Leo Chapman
- Adam Reed
- Sharon Cottington
- Rich Meunier



If you wish to add the name of a loved one who is sick, please contact the parish office at 217-784-4671 or pastor@ololg.org.

Calendar

Monday

DECEMBER 17

Advent Weekday

Gn 49:2, 8-10

Mt 1:1-17

Tuesday

DECEMBER 18

Advent Weekday

Jer 23:5-8

Mt 1:18-25

Wednesday

DECEMBER 19

Advent Weekday

gs 13:2-7, 24-25a

Lk 1:5-25

Thursday

DECEMBER 20

Advent Weekday

Is 7:10-14

Lk 1:26-38

Friday

DECEMBER 21

Advent Weekday

Sg 2:8-14 or

Zep 3:14-18a

Lk 1:39-45

Saturday

DECEMBER 22

Advent Weekday

1 Sm 1:24-28

Lk 1:46-56

Sunday

DECEMBER 23

Fourth Sunday

of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a

Heb 10:5-10

Lk 1:39-45

Dear Padre,

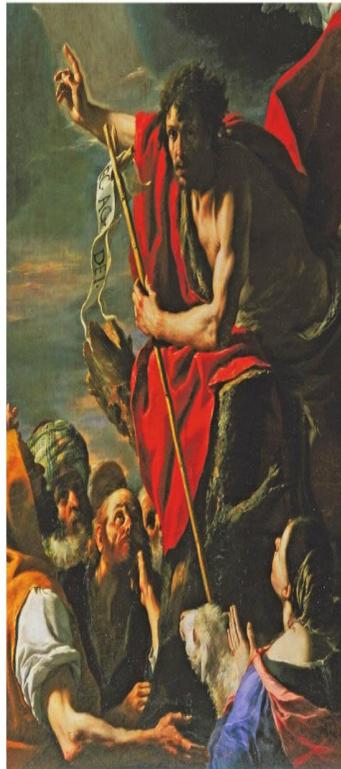
What do we really know about John the Baptist and how do we know it?

What we know about John the Baptist comes from a combination of Scripture and Church traditions that evolved during and after the writing of the Scriptures of the New Testament.

John's parents were Zechariah, a priest in the Jerusalem Temple, and Elizabeth, who was related to Mary. The angel Gabriel told Zechariah that his wife would bear a son, even though she was quite old. It is believed that John was born in the region of Ain Karim, southwest of Jerusalem. During his early twenties, he was a member of the Qumran community, and later was a desert hermit. In his late twenties John began his public ministry in the Jordan River Valley. He followed a long line of Jewish prophets who preached against evils of the day, demanding inner repentance and outer baptism as a sign of that repentance.

John continued to preach in the Jordan Valley even after encountering Jesus. Eventually John was arrested by Herod Antipas and imprisoned at Machaerus Fortress by the Dead Sea. He was beheaded at the request of Salome, daughter of Herodias. After John's death, many of his disciples followed Jesus, including Andrew and John.

John, whose name means "God is gracious," is usually represented in pictures holding a long slender cross with a small lamb partially hidden behind him. He is the patron of monastic life, people with epilepsy and other compulsive disorders, lambs, printers, blacksmiths, and tailors.



—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR

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Good News!

December 16, 2018

Third Sunday of Advent (C)

Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

There was anxious anticipation amongst the Jews about the coming Messiah. Yet, we have no reason for anxiety.

Anxiety comes from fear of the unknown. When we're unsure of how things will turn out, we get anxious. When we lack control or can't plan for our security, we get anxious.

Fear and anxiety are the enemies of intimacy and love. Fear makes us run far enough away so we feel removed from danger, safe from the aggressor. Or it drives us to hold someone, seeking strength in attachment. But fear doesn't create space for true intimacy. It either creates excessive distance or suffocating closeness.

John the Baptist didn't want to create fear or caution of God. Rather, he wanted to open hearts to receive God in love. Ours is not a God of fear, but of love.

In Jesus' Incarnation, he shows just how much he wants to be with us. He comes to make his home among us, while waiting for us to accept him and make room for him. He doesn't force, but comes with patience and love.

Knowing that he loves and wants the best for us, we merely need to make ourselves known to him by revealing our deepest needs to him with prayer.

John the Baptist came to prepare the path for the Messiah, and many responded by asking, "What should we do to prepare?" Put aside anxiety and fear, simply prepare a home for the Lord, and then let him in.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC