

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@ololg.org or stop by any time on Monday or after Masses.

Our Lady of Lourdes

Established - 1875

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Gibson City, IL 60936

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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 23, 2018 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior."

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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 24	4:00PM (OLL) 6:00PM (STM) 9:00PM (STJ)	+Donald & Ruby Kemmer
TUE December 25	8:00AM (OLL) The Nativity of the Lord 10:00AM (STM)	
WED December 26	5:30PM (OLL) St. Stephen 7:00PM (STM)	+Bob Shambrook NOTE OLL MASS TIME CHANGE
THU December 27	5:30PM (OLL) St. John	+Anita Meyer
FRI December 28	8:00AM (STM) The Holy Innocents 5:30PM (OLL)	Parish Family
Sat December 29	5:00PM (OLL) St. Thomas Becket	+Anita Meyer
SUN December 30	8:00AM (STJ) The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph 11:30AM (OLL)	+Roman Falter

**THANK YOU FOR
 YOUR GIFTS
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Sunday Total	\$2399.50
Capital Imp.	\$0
CMAA (goal: \$12,200)	\$13,976
Food Pantry December Total	\$173.00
Yr to Date FP	\$297.00
	\$3231.78



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 29 5:00PM	Alex Killian	Patti Huppert	Jack Kollross Sarah Sarantakos Rosanne Miller	Michael Smith Bruce Killian	Carla Moxley
Sun, December 30 11:30AM	Hannah & Haven Hathaway	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
Tues, Jan 1 9:00AM New Year's Day		Jack Kollross		





**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
December 31: New Years Day Solemnity of Mary
(Holy Day of Obligation) Mass St. Joseph 5:30PM
January 1: New Years Day Solemnity of Mary
(Holy Day of Obligation) Mass St. Mary 10:30AM

PRAYER FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
PUT ON CHRIST
Fourth Sunday of Advent—Colossians 3:12



O God, you call us to become icons of Christ, to reflect him, and even more to incarnate him in our lives, to clothe our lives with him, so that others can see him in us, touch him in us, recognize him in us and so proclaim the tremendous, tender, compassionate, gentle, extraordinary, explosive, revolutionary law of Christ's love.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS DAY
CHRIST STILL LIVES AMONG US—John 1:14

Jesus, we have been created in your image, to love and be loved, and then you have become human to make it possible for us to love as you loved us. You make yourself the hungry—the naked one—the homeless one—the sick one—the imprisoned one—the lonely one—the unwanted one—and you say: You did it to me. You are hungry for our love. Help us hunger always for your love.

St. Mother Teresa

MEN'S CURSILLO

Men, do you want to do something spiritual for Lent this year? Consider making a Cursillo weekend. Imagine a 3 day weekend with good friends hearing 15 talks about getting closer to Christ and guidelines for living a more Christian life. There will be a Men's Cursillo at

**St. Patrick's Church in Urbana
Feb 21-24, 2019.**

Come for good food, lots of fun and great fellowship. For more information, go to ChampaignCursillo.com. Cost is \$80 but we will not turn anyone away for lack of funds.

**PARISH CALENDAR
DECEMBER**



RE CLASSES HAVE WRAPPED UP FOR 2018, AND WILL RESUME JANUARY 6, 2019.

On January 13, 2019 we will have our annual RE pancake and sausage breakfast put on by our Knights of Columbus. This year we would like to invite all parents to join your child for breakfast! We will also be having an open house that day for your child to be able to take you to their class and show you some of the things that they have been working on! This is also a Youth Mass day and it would be wonderful to have all of the youth attend Mass this Sunday and sit at the front of the church on the left hand side to show the parish how wonderful our youths are!



- Tom McCall (12/25)
- Braden Roesch (12/26)
- Janet Townsend (12/26)
- Joyce Hutchcraft (12/26)
- Andrew Killian (12/29)

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@ololgc.org.

Calendar

Monday

DECEMBER 24
Advent Weekday
2 Sm 7:1-5,
8b-12, 14a, 16
Lk 1:67-79

Tuesday

DECEMBER 25
Christmas
Is 52:7-10
Heb 1:1-6
Jn 1:1-18 or
Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Wednesday

DECEMBER 26
St. Stephen,
The First Martyr
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
Mt 10:17-22

Thursday

DECEMBER 27
St. John, Apostle
and Evangelist
1 Jn 1:1-4
Jn 20:1a and 2-8

Friday

DECEMBER 28
The Holy Innocents,
Martyrs
1 Jn 1:5-2:2
Mt 2:13-18

Saturday

DECEMBER 29
Fifth Day in the
Octave of Christmas
1 Jn 2:3-11
Lk 2:22-35

Sunday

DECEMBER 30
The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or
1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28
Col 3:12-21 or
Col 3:12-17 or
1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24
Lk 2:41-52

Dear Padre,

Our parish is big into nighttime services. We have the Advent vespers and, of course, Midnight Mass. Is there a reason for doing these services at night?

Both Advent vespers and Midnight Mass center on our expectation of Jesus coming into our midst as the Light of the World. The vespers prayer is usually celebrated at dusk, as day is turning into night. The service proclaims that the darkness of night will not conquer the Light of Jesus. Christian tradition holds that the ecclesiastical day begins at sunset, in accord with Genesis 1:5: "Evening came, and morning followed—the first day." Vespers, or the Office of Evening, is the first hour of the new Church day.

Both the vespers and the Mass at midnight call us to embrace a new beginning, which is Jesus the Light. This imagery is especially appropriate considering the arrival of the winter solstice. In the beginning of Advent, the nights grow progressively longer. Then, right before Christmas, the winter solstice marks the light's reclaiming of the world.

In the early centuries of Christianity, people from the countryside would gather on Christmas Eve in the warmth of the great monastery church. They would go to confession, be forgiven, sing of the newborn Savior, and participate in the Eucharist. After Eucharist, they would join in a great feast that lasted until sunrise. When you celebrate at Midnight Mass this year, recall that you are proclaiming that Jesus the Light has conquered the darkness again—this year and forever.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR
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A Word From Pope Francis

Jesus keeps knocking on our doors, the doors of our lives. He doesn't do this by magic, with special effects, with flashing lights and fireworks. Jesus keeps knocking on our door in the faces of our brothers and sisters, in the faces of our neighbors, in the faces of those at our side.

—Meeting the homeless, Washington, DC, September 24, 2015

Good News!

December 23, 2018
Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)
Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

God is often present in the little, hidden things of life. Take for example the small town of Bethlehem. This place barely appeared on the maps of the time. Yet in this dull town, overlooked by all, God wished to be born. God isn't into bling.

In her womb the Virgin Mary quietly carried the Light of the World, but it happened in a way unknown to anyone. He is the Light of the World, shining to catch our attention, but he does so in silence, humility, and intimacy.

There is a second aspect of the Incarnation to learn here. Christmas was about a real sacrifice. Mary and Jesus offered their very selves. Hebrews says it wasn't an animal or a wheat offering but Jesus' very body and blood. The same for Mary, as it was her life, her virginity, her very intimacy, that she was opening to God when she agreed to be the mother of the Lord. It's easy to be generous when it doesn't touch too close to home.

So try not to look for glitz and externals this Christmas but for God's hidden presence. And imitate Jesus and Mary by giving of your very self. It's not about a fast, a donation, or extra prayers—as good as those Advent practices are. But all of this prepares us to give our very selves to him in trust through the hidden acts of love of every day.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC