

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

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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 30, 2018

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



'And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

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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 31	5:30PM STJ	
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION VIGIL MASS		
TUE January 1	9:00AM (OLL) 10:30AM (STM)	+Bob Mardis
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS		
WED January 2	5:30PM (OLL) 7:00PM (STM)	Parish Family NOTE OLL MASS TIME CHANGE FOR THIS WEEK
Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen		
THU January 3	5:30PM (OLL)	+Bob Shambrook
The Most Holy Name of Jesus		
FRI January 4	8:00AM (STM) 5:30PM (OLL)	Parish Family
St. Elizabeth Seton		
SAT January 5	5:00PM (OLL)	+Bob Shambrook
St. John Neumann		
SUN January 6	8:00AM (STJ) 9:30AM (STM) 11:30AM (OLL)	John nam Bui
The Epiphany of the Lord		

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR GIFTS
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Sunday Total	\$
Capital Imp.	\$0
CMAA (goal: \$12,200)	\$14,221
Food Pantry December Total	\$297.00
Yr to Date FP	\$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, January 5 5:00PM	Walter Smith	Lisa Heap	Frank Titus Carla Moxley Rob Kollross	Chuck Aubry Jerry Brown	Marj Brown
Sun, January 6 11:30AM	Isabella & Sophia Helmig	Sarah Sarantakos		Keegan Kutemeier Dan Day	

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>
Tues, Jan 1 9:00AM New Year's Day		Jack Kollross	Carla Moxley	

MEN'S CURSILLO

Men, do you want to do something spiritual for Lent this year? Consider making a Cursillo weekend.

**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.

RE CLASSES 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!



THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



Despite the fact that stores are now selling candy for Valentine's Day, Christmas is not actually over. Christmas does not last only one day, and Christmas is not only a celebration of Christ's birth. Christmas is a season which begins on December 25 and lasts through early January. This Christmas season celebrates several mysteries, the first of which is Jesus' birth. Today we celebrate the second mystery of Christmas, the Holy Family of Nazareth.

The Church calls us to meditate on the Holy Family of Nazareth. In doing so, we realize that, just as celebrating Jesus' birth helps us reverence how human life is created in the Image of God, so our celebration of the Holy Family helps us reverence the human family as an image of the Church.

For many of us, the past week has presented opportunities to be with members of our families. And no matter what difficulties might exist within our families, time spent together helps us realize one of the facts that is rejected by the world in which we live, but preached as Truth by the Church: the fact that the family is the basis of all social life. The family teaches us "how to be with others", which in turn disposes us to carry out Jesus' second great command: to love our neighbor as oneself.

Those of us who are middle-aged often fall prey to thinking that what we do for others or give to others is what matters most. But those who have many years of life under their belts are like those who have very few years of life: they recognize that time spent with others is of much greater value than things given to others.

Spending time together on a regular basis may not seem to amount to much, but when that foundation is there, the love and care fostered supports them when they end up in a crisis, as all families occasionally do. The Holy Family, still weary from their journey to Bethlehem, and weary from searching through Bethlehem to find suitable lodging, were forced after Christ's birth to flee their country to the foreign land of Egypt out of fear for Jesus' life. This was only the first of many sorrows for the Holy Family that was predicted by Simeon in today's Gospel passage.

The habits of the Holy Family must be the habits of our own families. If we truly care for the members of our family, we are willing to both pray for each other's well-being, and willing to make whatever sacrifices are necessary to keep each other safe from the dangers of the world.

After the great sacrifices made during his infancy, Jesus grew up in the town of Nazareth under the care of his foster father, Saint Joseph, and his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. This life was not spectacular. From the time he was a baby to the time he was thirty years old, we know of only one thing that happened to Jesus: Mary and Joseph finding him in the temple. By and large, the first thirty years of Jesus' life were simple ones in which his mother and foster father made ordinary sacrifices for Jesus' well-being, day after day. The Holy Family prayed together as a devout Jewish family, and they took the steps necessary to care for one another. When Saint Joseph died, Mary and her son carried on alone. Yet no matter what God the Father asked of them, they prayed and acted together according to the Father's Will.

Today God presents the Holy Family as a treasure. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph were not only holy themselves: they help us to be holy. We all know that our world is troubled, and that our country is troubled. We don't have to dwell on that. But the cure is right here before us: to strengthen the family, to build up the family, and to improve family life through God, which in turn will build up the life of our community, country, and world.

PARISH CALENDAR



SUNDAY, JAN 6

- RE Classes Resume

WEDNESDAY, JAN 9

- K of C Meeting 7PM

THURSDAY, JAN 10

- Staff Meeting 6:15PM
- Parish Council Meeting 7:15PM

SATURDAY, JAN 12

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon

SUNDAY, JAN 13

- RE Pancake Breakfast/Open House
- YOUTH MASS

SATURDAY, JAN 26

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon

SUNDAY, JAN 27

- RE Teachers Meeting



Sophie Hafer (1/1)
Tannie Smith (1/1)
Steve Killian (1/1)
Joyce Freehill (1/4)
Haven Hathaway (1/6)

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 31

Seventh Day in the
Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:18-21 • Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday

JANUARY 1

Solemnity of Mary
the Holy Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27

Gal 4:4-7

Lk 2:16-21

Wednesday

JANUARY 2

Sts. Basil the Great and
Gregory Nazianzen,

Bishops and
Doctors of the Church

1 Jn 2:22-28

Jn 1:19-28

Thursday

JANUARY 3

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:29-3:6

Jn 1:29-34

Friday

JANUARY 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,
Religious

1 Jn 3:7-10 • Jn 1:35-42

Saturday

JANUARY 5

St. John Neumann,
Bishop

1 Jn 3:11-21 • Jn 1:43-51

Sunday

JANUARY 6

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12



Dear Padre,

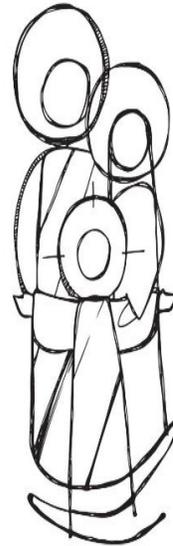
The Church emphasizes the feast of the Holy Family. But Jesus does not seem to be much of a family person. Instances in Scripture when Jesus was a child show him ignoring, even rejecting, Mary and Joseph.

It becomes clear, as Jesus grows in age and wisdom, that he has not come to build his own little family, but to build a worldwide family of disciples. This family would claim God as the Father of all, with Jesus and others as brothers and sisters in the family. All who followed him would be as dear to Jesus as his mother or his foster father.

Mary's and Joseph's roles were not only to be Jesus' earthbound parents but, more importantly, to be examples of how to follow God's purpose. Mary and Joseph accepted God's path for them, even though they didn't know where it would lead. Mary calls herself the handmaid of the Lord, and Joseph follows God's instruction and marries Mary, even though it was contrary to all reason and caused him scandal.

In the family of God, we seek and follow God's purpose. We are to say yes with Mary; we are to imitate Joseph in following God's direction, even though our actions may seem countercultural or even scandalous.

Jesus said plainly: "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3:35). God's will becomes the cornerstone of Jesus' new, universal family of humankind. Every Christian family, then, has a double task in raising their children: teaching and inspiring them to love their blood family, but also teaching and inspiring them to love and believe in Jesus and seek God's will.



BERNARDO RAMON FAJUR/SUTTERSTOCK

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A Word From Pope Francis

Every family should look to the icon of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Its daily life had its share of burdens and even nightmares, as when they met with Herod's implacable violence. This last was an experience that, sad to say, continues to afflict the many refugee families who in our day feel rejected and helpless.

—Amoris Laetitia, March 19, 2016

Good News!

December 30, 2018

*Feast of the Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (C)*

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

In *Rest on the Flight Into Egypt, The Holy Family*, Francesco Mancini painted realistic details that make the scene as ordinary as any family playing with their child in a park. Mary has a bowl of water in her hand, perhaps ready to offer a drink to Jesus after he tastes a strawberry. A silver bowl of food for the baby rests on a white baby blanket. Perhaps it was just placed there by Joseph, for Jesus has finished his vegetables and now Dad offers dessert! A traveling basket sits in front of a water jug. These instruments show that they are travelers, and the Egyptian obelisk in the background indicates their destination.

The circumstances are precarious yet joyful, even playful, in their following of God's path. This was just one of the trying times for the Holy Family, which would eventually include losing the Child Jesus in the temple. As their whole focus in this painting is on Jesus, imagine their fear when they can no longer find the heart of their family.

This is a fantastic image of the joys and challenges of family life. There is joy in having Jesus in our midst, and no sacrifice is too great when he is present. But when he is lost from the center, fears and anxieties enter.

The words of Colossians sum up this attitude, making one think that Paul had a good idea of what virtues family life require! Let's work in our families to have Jesus at the center, and once he is there, to "put on" all the virtues that his presence inspires.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC