

## 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](mailto:pastor@ololg.org) or stop by any time on Monday or after Masses.

### Our Lady of Lourdes

Established - 1875

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#### Website

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#### Mass Schedule

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

#### Eucharistic Adoration

TBA

#### Confession

Saturday 4:30 pm (OLOL)  
Any time by Appointment



### St. Mary

407 W. Pells Street  
Paxton, IL 60957

#### Mass Schedule

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

#### Eucharistic Adoration

TBA

#### Confession

TBA



### St. Joseph

312 N. Hickory Street  
Loda, IL 60948

#### Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 am  
Tuesday 5:30 pm

#### Eucharistic Adoration

TBA

#### Confession

TBA

# JUNE 24, 2018

## THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST



And you, child, will be called prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways.

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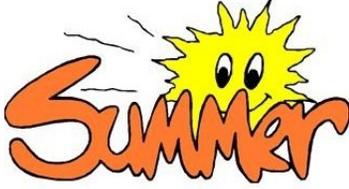
**Parish Council**  
**President**  
 Michael Smith (OLOL)

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 June 25	8:00AM (OLL)	+Bob Mardis
TUE June 26	5:30PM (STJ)	
WED June 27	7:00PM (STM)	
St. Cyril of Alexandria		
THU June 28	5:30PM (OLL)	+Mardelle Duffy
St. Irenaeus		
FRI June 29	8:00AM (STM)	
Sts. Peter & Paul		
SAT June 30	5:00PM (OLL)	+Bob Shambrook
The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church		
SUN July 1	8:00AM (STJ)	
Thirteenth Sunday		
in Ordinary Time		
	9:30AM (STM)	
	11:30AM (OLL)	+Roman Falter

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS**  
**OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$1919.50
Capital Imp.	\$0
CMAA (goal: \$12,200)	\$10,471
Food Pantry June Total	\$66.00
Yr to Date FP	\$201.00
	\$1247.96

We have a second collection for Peter's Pence next weekend 6/30-7/1



<b>MINISTRY SCHEDULES</b>					
<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
Sat, June 30 5:00PM	Alex Killian	Jim Meyer	Frank Titus Fran Mardis	Jerry Brown Joe Allen	Paul & Sarah Sarantakos
Sun, July 1 11:30AM	Aidan Laughery Seth Kollross	Sarah Sarantakos	Lisa Heap Rob Kollross Paul Sarantakos	Greg Laughery Andrew Laughery	

**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 .

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



**Food Pantry Volunteers**

Saturday, February 10 from 8:30AM-Noon will be our next scheduled opportunity to supply the labor for the local food pantry.

It is the second Saturday of the month, which means that in addition to needing Saturday workers, there will be deliveries to those individuals who have limitations that prevent them from picking up the food themselves. As a result, a few people will be needed on Friday night (February 9) at 6:30PM to pack the delivery boxes.

Also some vehicles will be needed on Saturday to deliver these supplies to the client residences.

Please feel free to contact Chuck Aubry [caubry55@gmail.com](mailto:caubry55@gmail.com) with any questions.

**NOTE: THE FOOD PANTRY IS NOW LOCATED IN THE OLD ALCO BUILDING**

## The Word From Father Dong

PLEASE GIVE OUR NEW PASTOR FR. DONG VAN BUI A WARM OUR LADY OF LOURDES FAMILY WELCOME THIS WEEKEND AS HE ARRIVES TO SERVE US AND OUR PARISH NEEDS!



## PARISH CALENDAR



NO JUNE EVENTS



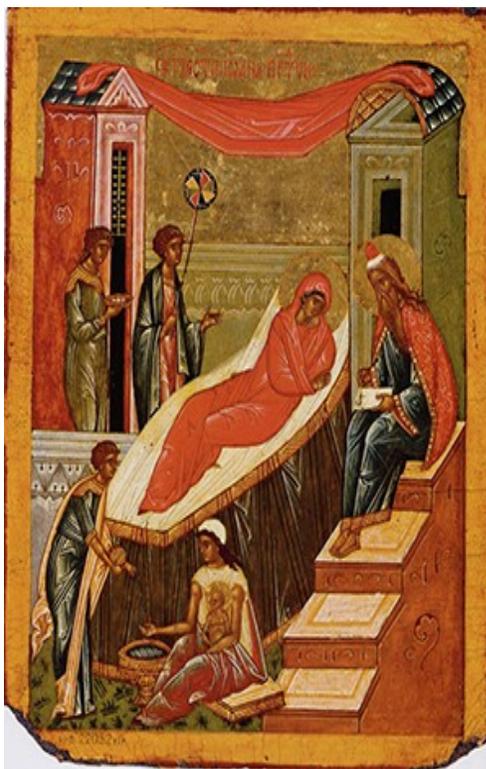
### STORY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

One day an angel appeared to Zachary and announced that he was to have a son named John, who would prepare Israel for the messiah. Zachary doubted that Elizabeth, his aged wife, could bear a child.

He asked for a sign, and the angel obliged. Zachary was struck dumb until John's birth. When the baby was born, the old man cuddled him and celebrated with this prophetic song:

*Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for he has visited his people, he has set them free; and he has established for us a saving power in the House of his servant David, just as he proclaimed, by the mouth of the holy prophets from ancient times, that he would save us from our enemies and from the hands of all those who hate us, and show faithful love to our ancestors, and so keep in mind his holy covenant. This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, that he would grant us, free from fear, to be delivered from the hands of our enemies, to serve him in holiness and uprightness in his presence, all our days. And you, little child, you shall be called Prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare a way for him, to give his people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the faithful love of our God in which the rising Sun has come from on high to visit us to give light to those who live in darkness and the shadow dark as death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

—Luke 1:68–79 NJB



St. John began his ministry thirty years later. He called people to repent and baptized them in water as a sign of purification. Jesus himself approached John for baptism "Behold the lamb of God," John declared to the crowds, "who takes away the sin of the world." He resisted baptizing Jesus, but acquiesced when Jesus explained that he wanted to set an example of righteous behavior.

Herod, the ruler of Galilee, arrested John because he feared the Baptist might foment a rebellion. John had also embittered Herod by condemning his marriage to Herodias, his half-brother's wife. While in prison, John was bothered with doubt about Jesus. He had expected the messiah to come more forcefully with a "winnowing fan in his hand to clear the threshing floor." Thus, he sent his disciples to ask Jesus if he was really the messiah.

Jesus responded that he fulfilled all the messianic signs, healing the blind, the deaf, the lame, and lepers, raising the dead, and preaching good news to the poor. Then Jesus praised John to the crowds as "more than a prophet" and as the greatest man who ever lived. One evening Herod threw a party for Galilee's upper crust. Herodias's daughter entertained, dancing so beautifully that Herod offered to reward her with anything she desired. Her mother told her to ask for John the Baptist's head on a platter. Herod kept his promise. Without even a pretense of a trial, he gave the order and a soldier beheaded John at the prison.



Jody Bane (6/25)  
Peggy Grote (6/25)  
Sophia Ray (6/27)  
Matthew Allen (6/27)  
Brooke Beyers (6/27)  
Dori Groom (6/27)  
Darrin Ray (6/30)



John & Lisa Chaddock (6/25)  
Andrew & Nicole Miller (6/26)  
Ray & Ellen Hankes (6/27)  
John & Joan Cole (6/28)  
Frank & Lynne Titus (6/30)

### Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Linda Ellington  
Greg Delost  
Dale Enghausen  
Brian Sullivan  
Emma Davis  
Terry Hutchcraft  
Norma Thompson  
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@lolgc.org](mailto:pastor@lolgc.org).

## Calendar

### Monday

June 25  
Weekday  
2 Kgs 17:5-8,  
13-15a, 18  
Mt 7:1-5

### Tuesday

June 26  
Weekday  
2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21,  
31-35a, 36  
Mt 7:6, 12-14

### Wednesday

June 27  
Weekday  
2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3  
Mt 7:15-20

### Thursday

June 28  
Weekday  
2 Kgs 24:8-17  
Mt 7:21-29

### Friday

June 29  
Sts. Peter and Paul,  
Apostles  
Acts 12:1-11  
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18  
Mt 16:13-19

### Saturday

June 30  
Weekday  
Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19  
Mt 8:5-17

### Sunday

July 1  
Thirteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24  
2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15  
Mk 5:21-43 or  
5:21-24, 35b-43

# Dear Padre,

**We are told that we are baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection, and that baptism is necessary for our salvation. But why was Jesus baptized?**

Jesus was not baptized in the Jordan River for the same reasons we are baptized today. Exactly why Jesus received baptism is known to him alone. Your question will be one that goes into the "everything you wanted to ask Jesus when you meet him in heaven" category. But scholars studying this question have reasonable assumptions about why Jesus requested baptism.

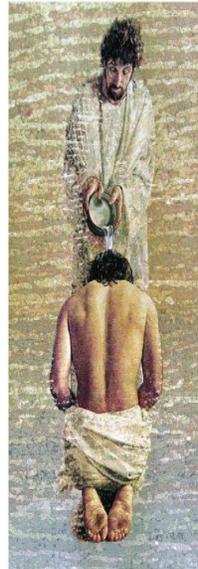
When Jesus requested baptism from John, he wanted to demonstrate that he identified with his people's search for God. Scholars speculate that after years of performing the duties of home and the carpenter's trade, Jesus had become increasingly conscious of his life's mission. It was time to seize the moment and begin his ministry. John balked, thinking he should be accepting baptism from Jesus—the long-awaited one. But Jesus prevailed, and a voice from heaven ratified his action. "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17).

After Jesus' baptism, John's mission was accomplished. Jesus took center stage. Identifying with his people's sinfulness, Jesus allowed himself to be baptized to demonstrate his solidarity with the people, signaling the beginning of the Messianic Age that John had promised.

We know the rest of the story. Later, Jesus would commission his apostles to baptize all nations. This would be a baptism of water and the Spirit, signifying that the baptized had found Jesus and were living in forgiveness and freedom.

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## A Word From Pope Francis

*That is the purpose of our mission: to identify the material and immaterial needs of the people and try to meet them as we can. Do you know what agape is? It is love of others, as our Lord preached. It is not proselytizing, it is love. Love for one's*

*neighbor, that leavening that serves the common good.*

—Interview with *La Repubblica*, October 1, 2013

# Good News!

June 24, 2018

*Nativity of St. John the Baptist (B)*  
Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

When an artist begins a painting, she or he has the end result in mind. The final result, the inspiration, is what sets the artist in motion. Aristotle called this ideal the "final cause" because it was the first thing in mind (the inspiration) and the last to be realized (the final product).

When God gives life to a human at the moment of conception, he does so with a final mission in mind for that child. He gives life freely, but not without a plan.

You and I are not the result of a coincidence or a chain of chemical reactions. We began at the heart of a loving, purposeful God. God willed you and wants you! You are who you are because of God's infinite love. He created you as a unique and divinely designed human being. His purposeful hand reached out and lifted you into existence just the way you are.

Yet your creation is not merely in the past but a reality that touches you now. God holds you and keeps you in every moment of your life. With every breath and movement, God is sustaining you. Your life is a loving project of God today.

Like St. John the Baptist who was created and called to be Jesus' cousin and prepare the way for him, so you have a call to prepare the way for Jesus to enter your world. How you do that in your lifetime as well as how you do that today is something unique to you. Your life has a mission! What is it?

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC