

## 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](mailto:pastor@ololgc.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  
Wednesday 8:00 am  
Thursday 5:30 pm

#### Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday following Mass

#### Confession

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

#### ❖ FOR YOUR INFORMATION ❖

#### 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

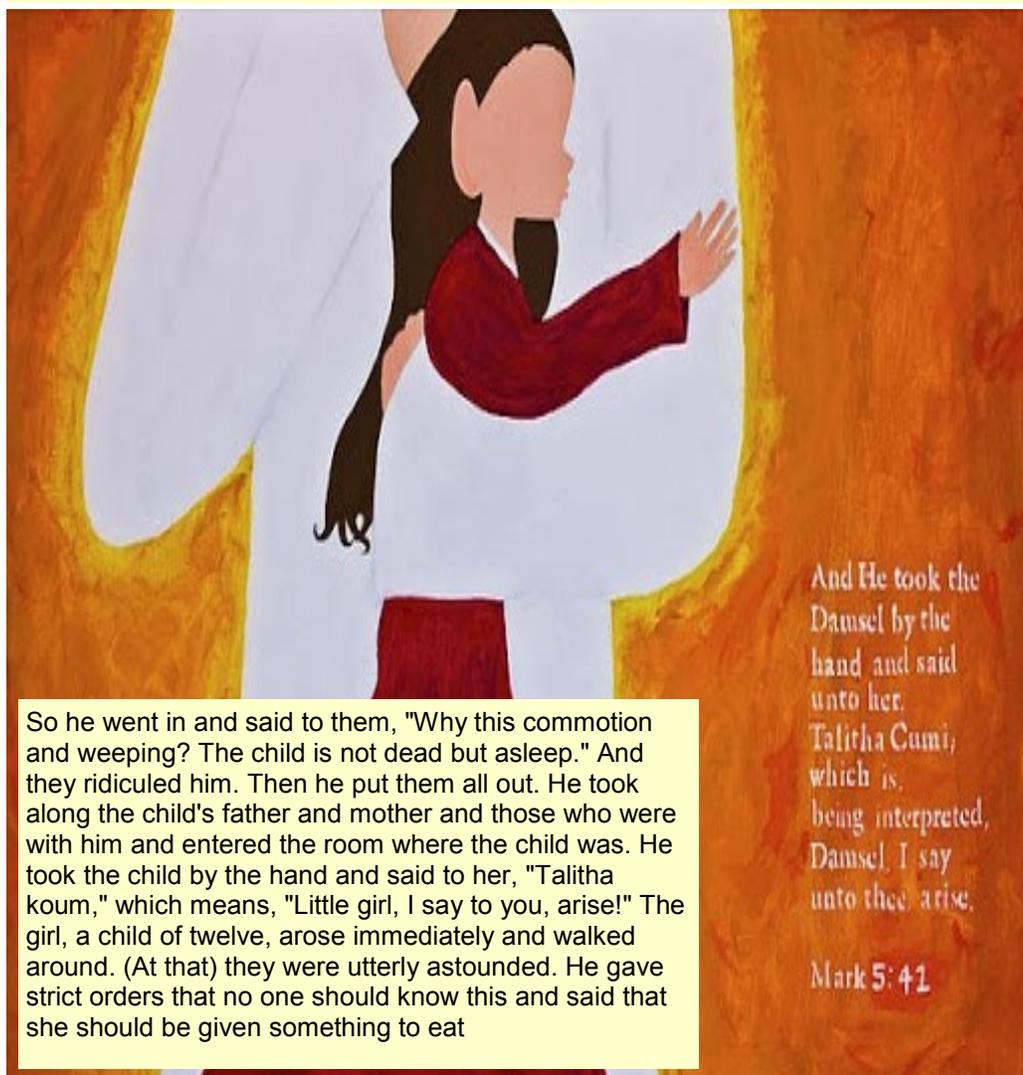
#### Confession

7:30am

# JULY 1, 2018

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Note the change in daily Mass from Monday to Wednesday 8AM followed by Adoration. The 4th of July also lands on Wednesday and we WILL have Mass.



So he went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep." And they ridiculed him. Then he put them all out. He took along the child's father and mother and those who were with him and entered the room where the child was. He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. (At that) they were utterly astounded. He gave strict orders that no one should know this and said that she should be given something to eat

And He took the Damsel by the hand and said unto her, Talitha Cumi, which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise.

Mark 5:41

### COST SHARE FREEZER MEAL PREP

If you are interested in having some easy make ahead meals, please join us!

**July 8 at 2PM at Fr. Kirk Hall.**

We will be preparing 10 meals that serve 4-6 adults. Cost depends on the number of participants but is usually around \$95. Any additional questions can be directed to Nikki Miller at (217) 841-0791. RSVP by July 4.

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

Want to make a difference for local students in need?

Shepherds Closet in Gibson City is collecting school supplies for the Hanley School Supply Fund, which provides students in need with the necessary tools to start the school year off right. This also helps our local teachers who often buy supplies with their own money. **At the back of church is a listing of the supplies needed by July 28, 2018.** If you are interested in donating, please pick one up. Items can be dropped off at Shepherd's Closet, 112 N. Sangamon Avenue, Gibson City, during their normal business hours.

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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 July 2		NO MASS
TUE July 3	5:30PM (STJ) St. Thomas the Apostle	
WED July 4	8:00AM (OLL)	+Mardelle Duffy
THU July 5	5:30PM (OLL) St. Anthony Zaccaria	+Mardelle Duffy
FRI July 6	8:00AM (STM) St. Marie Goretti	
SAT July 7	5:00PM (OLL)	+John Kollross, Jr.
SUN July 8	8:00AM (STJ) Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30AM (STM) 11:30AM (OLL) +Mardelle Duffy

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

Sunday Total	\$2299.50
Capital Imp.	\$0
CMAA (goal: \$12,200)	\$10,596
Food Pantry June Total	\$35.00
Yr to Date FP	\$236.00
	\$1282.96

**The Peter's Pence collection is this weekend.**  
 The purpose of the Peter's Pence Collection is to provide the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
Sat, July 7 5:00PM	Walter Smith	Fran Mardis	Jerry Brown Marj Brown		Lisa Heap
Sun, July 8 11:30AM	Cecilia Goodin Brooke Beyers	Lisa Heap	Lisa Heap	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**

**FUTURE PARISH DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:**  
 Saturday, August 11—OLL and Rotary Club (delivery weekend)  
 Saturday, November 24—OLL and GCMS High School Interact Club (no delivery weekend)

Volunteers needed for set up on Friday at 6:30PM and should plan to be there at 8:30AM Saturday. If you are available to help or have any questions, please contact Chuck Aubry at [caubry55@gmail.com](mailto:caubry55@gmail.com).

**NOTE: THE FOOD PANTRY IS NOW LOCATED IN THE OLD ALCO BUILDING (NEXT TO BIG R ON ROUTE 9). Volunteers please park on the NORTH end of the County Market parking lot.**

## **THE REAL MEANING OF THE FOURTH OF JULY**

**It's the Fourth of July weekend. We're supposed to be celebrating Independence Day. But what makes this day special? What gives the Fourth of July its significance is that our Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Continental Congress in 1776.**

It was in Philadelphia, and the signers of that document, composed by Thomas Jefferson, knew that this declaration of independence from the dictatorial rule of Great Britain might also be — literally — their death sentence. They knew full well that the wrath and might of the British army would be sailing across the Atlantic to descend on the relatively defenseless colonies. They knew their scattered “states” didn't have the numbers or arms or training to stand against the British, much less defeat them militarily. Yet they put their signatures, and their lives, their families, their destiny, on that parchment.

**And so, against all odds, and even against reason, that Declaration told the world that “these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent states.” The only importance of the 4th day of July, then, is that it marks the birth of the United States of America. The very words should send awe-filled shivers up your spine, as they do mine.**

Most of the people living in those colonies had simply had enough of British domination, of working and virtually existing at the pleasure of a king they didn't know and who obviously considered them his indentured servants. They wanted to be free, to make their own decisions, to govern themselves and breathe the sweet air of liberty.

**The first celebration of American Independence took place four days later in Philadelphia, where the Continental Congress was still meeting. The ceremony began with a public reading of the Declaration of Independence. Then, from the tower of the State House, now called Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell rang out. The coat of arms of the king of England was taken down. And there was a parade. And cannons boomed. The people, though aware of what lay ahead, cheered! A new nation sprang to life. That's what this day is meant to be about.**

John Adams, himself a signer of the Declaration, thought that Americans should henceforth celebrate a “great anniversary festival.” In a letter to his wife Abigail he wrote, “It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forevermore.”

**So it began. A more elaborate celebration was held there in 1788, after the new Constitution had been ratified. Then there was a much larger parade, speeches and a dinner.**

But between those two celebrations, in 1776 and 1788, there was much horrible fighting, rivers of bloodshed, the deaths and bankruptcies of many of the signers of the Declaration, families torn apart and businesses and farms destroyed. The freedoms declared by the Declaration — and ushered into fact by the Constitution — were secured at a terrible cost.

**Soon, across the growing nation, at sunrise on July 4, salutes were fired and bells were rung. Flags were flown from buildings, from homes, and along the streets. Shop windows were decorated with red, white, and blue. Churches held special services.**

What's Independence Day like today? Do most people you know actually make time to purposely celebrate our independence in meaningful ways?

**Even while we're again locked in a deadly combat on foreign soil — still involving hundreds of thousands of our finest young men and women?**

What are they fighting for now? Is it anything like what motivated our Revolutionary Army?

**Is it “freedom from religion,” the necessity to take “under God” out of our pledge, or even to do away with it altogether? Is it the “right” to end the lives of unwanted babies, or the “right” of two men or two women to “marry”?**

Or is it still the impossible dream of a nation under God, with unalienable rights endowed equally to all — among these life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness?

**Surely this weekend is a time for all of us who really cherish that original dream, the one for which so many have died, to individually and collectively re-declare our independence from tyranny, despotism, taxation without representation, and debts that no free society should ever bear and most importantly our freedom of religion and the right to pray.**

And allegiance to the blood-bought foundation of government of, by, and for the people . . . people who are determined to live free.

## **PARISH CALENDAR**



### **Thursday, July 12**

- Parish Council Meeting 6PM

### **Saturday, July 14**

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon

### **Saturday, July 28**

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon



Chris Garard (7/3)  
Heather Killian (7/4)  
Baillie Killian (7/5)  
Liz Volker (7/7)  
Jerry Lynch, Jr. (7/7)

I have had some inquiries for Father Thomas address...it is as follows:

Thomas Theneth  
36N Ellsworth  
Naperville, IL 60540

He would love to hear from you!



## **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@ololgc.org](mailto:pastor@ololgc.org).

## Calendar

### Monday

July 2

Weekday

Am 2:6-10, 13-16

Mt 8:18-22

### Tuesday

July 3

St. Thomas,

Apostle

Eph 2:19-22

Jn 20:24-29

### Wednesday

July 4

Weekday

Am 5:14-15, 21-24

Mt 8:28-34

### Thursday

July 5

Weekday

Am 7:10-17

Mt 9:1-8

### Friday

July 6

Weekday

Am 8:4-6, 9-12

Mt 9:9-13

### Saturday

July 7

Weekday

Am 9:11-15

Mt 9:14-17

### Sunday

July 8

Fourteenth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Ez 2:2-5

2 Cor 12:7-10

Mk 6:1-6

# Dear Padre,

**Is there any sense in suffering? A friend is in great pain, and I don't think she should have to suffer so much. No one should!**

The most popular book of Catholic devotion is *The Imitation of Christ*, written by Thomas à Kempis. He wrote this as he watched his best friends and members of his religious community suffer and die from the plague. Much of the book revolves around suffering.

Thomas wrote that it was not deep words that made a person holy and upright, but a good life, lived in God's presence. He believed God walked with the simple, and revealed God's very self to the humble. For Thomas à Kempis, there is no solution to suffering except to put your faith in Christ.

The Book of Job explores the mystery of innocent people experiencing misery and evil. Job suffers great pains and hardships, but he comes to the conclusion that faith in God must transcend personal pain and suffering.

Jesus advises his followers to take up their cross and follow him (Matthew 10:38, 16:24; Mark 8:34; and Luke 9:23, 14:27). Saint Paul reminds us that we suffer with Christ so that we may be glorified with him (Romans 8:17). The epistle of James challenges Christians to consider trials of any kind as nothing but a joy (James 1:2).

We all suffer. It's part of life. Our faith in Jesus is the bridge that can lead us over the chasm of suffering to the place of peace that many of the early martyrs and saints found.

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### *A Word From Pope Francis*

*Countless people suffer trials and injustice, and live in anxiety. Our hearts need anointing with God's consolation, which does not take away our problems, but gives us the power to love, to peacefully bear pain. Receiving and bringing God's consolation: this mission of the Church is urgent.*

—Homily in Tbilisi, Georgia, October 1, 2016

# Good News!

July 1, 2018

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24, 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15

Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Michelangelo's statue *The Pietà*, finished before he turned twenty-four, expresses a theme Italians didn't enjoy seeing in art: death. Even worse, it recalls the torturous death of a crucified son held by his mourning mother. The image is horrific.

In his approach, Michelangelo is revolutionary. Rather than directly representing death, his statue is a meditation on it. Instead of showing the Virgin in the moment of extreme anguish, the normal strategy to achieve pity in the onlooker, the master decides to show Mary in humble acceptance of this heart-wrenching moment.

She doesn't fight or run from the pain in rebellious screams. Her teeth aren't clenched, her brow is unwrinkled, and her eyes aren't filled with tears imploring upward seeking to understand the illogical. She merely sits in the painful moment embracing the Son and abandoning her sorrow to the Father who permitted it.

Her hands reveal her attitude. One holds her Son under his arm firmly. She pulls him to her, sustaining the weight of the mystery. She absorbs the moment, fleeing not. Remaining in the pain, she endures the cost of our redemption, expressing her fiat again, in silence: Let it be done to me according to your word.

The other hand tilts toward us, open. She is letting go, giving over! She knows this Child in her arms was never only hers, but everyone's. We're invited to grasp her open hand, join her pain, and do our part to take up our own cross and follow him.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC