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 Cucharistic Adoration Wednesday following Mass

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

✤ FOR YOUR INFORMATION ✤
St. Mary

407 W. Pells Street Paxton, IL 60957

Mass Schødulø Sunday 9:30 am Wednesday 7:00 pm Friday 8:00 am Cucharistic Adoration Friday following 8AM Mass Conføssion Friday following 8AM Mass

St. Joseph

312 N. Hickory Street Loda, IL 60948 Mass Schødulø Sunday 8:00 am Tuesday 5:30 pm Conføssion 7:30am

AUGUST 26, 2018 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Please welcome Father Chung van Doan again this weekend as he celebrates Mass with us while Fr. Dong is visiting family. Please keep both in your prayers for safe travels.



HUSBANDS, LOVE YOUR WIVES, EVEN AS CHRIST LOVED THE CHURCH AND HANDED HIMSELF OVER FOR HER TO SANCTIFY HER, CLEANSING HER BY THE BATH OF WATER WITH THE WORD, THAT HE MIGHT PRESENT TO HIMSELF THE CHURCH IN SPLEN-DOR, WITHOUT SPOT OR WRINKLE OR ANY SUCH THING, THAT SHE MIGHT BE HOLY AND WITHOUT BLEMISH.

Pastor Rev. Dong van Bui (217)784-4671		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.				THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL	
dvanbui@ololgc.org Emergency (630)456-5406		Mass intentions are \$10.			Sunday	\$3234.50	
Deacon		MON August 27 St. Bernard			Tot		
Paul Sarantakos		TUE Augus	t 28 5:30PM (ST	(I		Capital Imp.	\$25.00
psarantakos@parkland.edu Parish Secretary		St. Pius				CMAA (goal: \$12,200)	\$11,976
Bulletin Editor Patti Meunier pastor@ololgc.org		WED August 29 8:00AM (OLL) The Queenship of the Bl. Virgin Mary		NO MASS		Food Pantry August Total Yr to Date FP	\$85.00 \$290.00 \$1895.96
Religious Education Tannie Smith DRE Beth Baillie Asst. DRE		THU August 30 5:30PM (OLL) St. Rose of Lima) NO MASS	NO MASS		
Youth Ministry Michael Smith		FRI August 318:00AM (STM)St. Bartholomew)			
Music Director If interested contact pastor@ololgc.org		Sat September 1 5:00PM (OLL) St. Louis		+Velma "Sally" Bru	+Velma "Sally" Bruening		
Parish Council President Michael Smith (OLOL)		SUN September 28:00AM (STJ)Twenty-Second Sunday9:30AM (STM)in Ordinary Time11:30AM (OLL)		1)	+Steve Heavilin		
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Sat, September 1 5:00PM	Walter Smith		Fran Mardis	Denis Fisher Tannie Smith	Frank Rober		Heap
Sun, September 2 11:30AM	Sophia Ray Will Baillie (training)		Denis Fisher		Nathan Garard Ethan Garard		
Volunteers are all	ways neede	ed for our pa	rish ministries. For mor	e information on h	ow to join	, contact the parish	office.
Baptism Call the Rectory at least four weeks before the baptism. Instruction for the parents and		GROW IN YOUR FAITH WITH ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT SUNDAY EVENINGS FROM 6PM-8PM STARTING SEPTEMBER 9 FATHER KIRK MEMORIAL HALL To register please contact: Marjorie Brown (217)377-3132 or Tannie Smith (309)893-0073.					
God-parents is required. Sick?? If you or a family member is sick or admitted to the bosnital or		PRE-K TEACHER AND ASSISTANT NEEDED Would you like to grow your own faith life while helping to bring little ones closer to Christ? As of					

would you like to grow your own faith life while helping to bring little ones closer to Christ? As of or admitted to the hospital or makes a trip to the Emergency Room, please contact Fr. Dong at

(217)784-4671.

Marriage/RCIA

Call the Rectory at least six

months before. A six month

preparation time is required.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRAYER CHAIN

We are organizing a PRAYER CHAIN for those in need of prayer support. If you would like to be a "prayer" in the prayer chain OR if you have a need for prayers, contact Janet Townsend at (217)621-4812 or tomandjanettownsend@yahoo.com. (your specific prayer need does NOT need to be disclosed to activate the prayer chain).

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with profound sadness that we have received additional knowledge of harm and misdeeds conducted by those who were in positions of trust and authority within the Church. This week the Pennsylvania Grand Jury released a report which details allegations of child abuse over a period of 70 years. The numbers are staggering. Words cannot adequately express the level of anger, pain and humiliation felt by people of faith, including myself.

I am genuinely sorry for the wounds inflicted upon precious children. I know that for many victims the wounds will never fully heal and for others the scars will remain a constant reminder of the pain endured. The violation of trust experienced by all is deep. It is alarming to realize the extent to which some of my brother bishops and priests have failed to

uphold their obligations to care for the people. This is particularly disheartening for those of the clergy and laity who have faithfully served our Lord and yet find themselves with the burden of this weighty stigma. To all who have been touched by these tragedies, I am truly sorry.

There is no place in the Church for those who cause harm to children or participate in covering up egregious abuse. The protection of children and vulnerable adults is a critical component of the ministries in the Diocese of Joliet. Prior to the adoption of the <u>national Charter for the</u> <u>Protection of Children and Young People</u>, the diocese had begun to address this issue of sexual abuse with implementation of a *Misconduct Policy* in 1990. By 1993 a committee, which would later be known as the Review Board, had been established. The policies and procedures developed by this board have evolved significantly over the years and will continually be evaluated and revised.

Today, the Joliet Diocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection is tasked with implementing the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and all related policies. This includes screening all clerics, seminarians, employees and volunteers who work with children, educating children on ways to stay safe and how to seek help when needed, training adults about the warning signs of abuse, and the appropriate actions to take if they suspect a child is at risk. The diocese has specific procedures in place for receiving allegations, immediately reporting allegations to appropriate civil authorities, and assisting victims with access to support services. Men seeking acceptance to the seminary or diaconate formation program must participate in an extensive This includes psychological testing and interviews respective process. with committees. Throughout their training the candidates are constantly evaluated in regard to their behavior, self-awareness, social interactions, disposition and overall character. Every effort is made to ensure that only those who are suitable for ministry are ordained.

The Church must work diligently to regain the trust that has been lost. To promote transparency the diocese participates in annual audits conducted by third parties. These audits assess the level of compliance to Church and governmental requirements. Indeed, this week the Diocese of Joliet participated in and passed an audit conducted by the FBI to review the application and management of criminal background checks. The diocese first published a list of diocesan priests with credible allegations of sexual abuse of minors over a decade ago. It can be found on our website. I pledge to you that anyone with a credible allegation will not be returned to ministry.

Evil is present in our society. I ask each of you to join me in efforts to rid the earth of this scourge and to protect the most vulnerable among us. I ask that you work with me to heal these wounds which have violated our trust and challenged our faith. I ask you to pray with me that we will all come to know and live the true message of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon

<u>To make a report</u> of child abuse first contact civil authorities (local police and/or Illinois Department of Child and Family Services I-800-25ABUSE). Then, if the allegation involves a priest or other agent of the Church, contact the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 815-263-6467.





Calendar

Monday August 27 St. Monica 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12 Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday

August 28 St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17 Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday August 29 Passion of St. John the Baptist 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 Mk 6:17-29

> Thursday August 30 Weekday 1 Cor 1:1-9 Mt 24:42-51

Friday August 31 Weekday 1 Cor 1:17-25 Mt 25:1-13

Saturday

September 1 Weekday 1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 25:14-30

Sunday

September 2 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Dear Padre,

How does one become a patron saint?

Datron saints are nominated by various groups and reconfirmed by the ${f P}$ Holy See. The patron saint then becomes the heavenly protector of the individuals, institutions, or specialized activities that are placed under the saint's care. Those under the saint's patronage are encouraged to call for the saint's intercession and to follow the example of the saint's life.

The choosing of patrons dates back to the early centuries of the Church, when Christians were named after the apostles and martyrs and churches were named after angels. The popularity of patron saints grew in the Middle Ages, when every circumstance of life had a heavenly protector. Examples of this are St. Michael, as the patron invoked to protect bell towers against lightning strikes, and St. Maurice, the patron of sword smiths. In the age of exploration, whole cities and even newly discovered countries were put under the protection of the saints (San Francisco is protected by St. Francis. Two Caribbean islands are named after saints, St. Lucia and St. Vincent).

If you wish to see a searchable listing of all the patron saints, a good place to go is catholic.org/saints/patron.php. May your patron saint always watch over you and protect you!

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A Word From Pope Francis

The living legacy of martyrs gives us peace and unity today. They teach us that, with the power of love, with meekness, one can fight against arrogance, violence and war, and one can bring about peace with patience....O Lord, make us worthy witnesses to the gospel and to your love.

> -Homily remembering martyrs of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, April 22, 2017

Good News!

August 26, 2018 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69

We all want to leave a legacy, to be remembered when we're gone. A legacy comes from faithfully and lovingly living your convictions. Joshua challenges the Israelites, making a definitive statement as their leader and head of his family: "We will serve the Lord." Notice that it isn't a question of if you will serve someone, but who you will serve.

The easiest way to find out who you are serving is to look where your heart, thoughts, and worries are. Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there also will your heart be" (Matthew 6:21).

Peter also had this hard choice placed to him, and he spoke up as the first pope, the head of a family of believers. When Jesus revealed the doctrine of the Eucharist. that it was truly his body and blood, many left him over this difficult saying.

Jesus asks the apostles if they want to leave, too. He could have said this was just a symbol-that those who left had misunderstood. But he doesn't change his teaching. He merely asks the apostles if they accept and believe him.

Peter's answer, like Joshua's, is a fundamental option. He finds in Jesus' words eternal life. There is nowhere else to go when you have tasted the goodness and truth of Jesus. As hard as some of those truths may be, for Peter there is no turning away. Following Jesus faithfully will lead him to lay down his life for Jesus, crucified upside down, and buried on Vatican Hill where you can visit his tomb today. How's that for a legacy?-Fr. Mark Haydu, LC