

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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General Information
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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. Pells 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

7:30am

SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change. He willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of first fruits of his creatures. Therefore, put away all filth and evil excess and humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.



A huge thank you to all of you (too many to call by name, and I don't want to leave anyone out!) who contributed fabulous desserts to the Community Outreach Weekend lunch at the North Park. We put out a call, and your response was phenomenal! We received many compliments on the wonderful variety, and the staggering amount of desserts we gave. Thank you all so much!
Gal. 6:10: Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

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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 September 3 St. Gregory the Great		
TUE September 4 5:30PM (STJ)		
WED September 5 St. Teresa of Calcutta	8:00AM (OLL)	+Mary Wurmnest
THU September 6 5:30PM (OLL)		+Mardelle Duffy
FRI September 7 St. Bartholomew	8:00AM (STM)	
Sat September 8 The Nativity of the Bl. Virgin Mary	5:00PM (OLL)	+Bob Mardis
SUN September 9 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00AM (STJ) 9:30AM (STM) 11:30AM (OLL)	+Donald & Ruby Kemmer

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR GIFTS
OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$1776.50
Capital Imp.	\$5.00
CMAA (goal: \$12,200)	\$11,976
Food Pantry August Total Yr to Date FP	\$10.00 \$300.00 \$1905.96

FREEZER PREP MEAL EVENT

Join us for fellowship and food prep! **September 9 at 2PM at Father Kirk Hall.** The cost is \$95/family and yield is approximately 50 adult servings. Those wanting to register or seeking more information or menu items, please contact Nikki Miller at (217)841-0791. Registration cutoff is Tuesday, September 4th.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
Sat, September 8 5:00PM	Spencer Kleist Alex Killian	Andi Killian	Denis Fisher Tannie Smith	Frank Titus Robert Bode	Carla Moxley
Sun, September 9 11:30AM	Cecilia Goodin Brooke Beyers	Sarah Sarantakos		Nathan Garard Ethan Garard	

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.

Marriage/RCIA

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

**GROW IN YOUR FAITH WITH ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT
SUNDAY EVENINGS FROM 6PM-8PM STARTING SEPTEMBER 9
FATHER KIRK MEMORIAL HALL**

You can purchase the Turning Point workbook which can be purchased at
<https://dynamiccatholic.com/the-turning-point-workbook>.

The Turning Point is a bible study on the Gospel of John with thought-provoking reflection questions, follow along video responses, key Bible verses, and more! Presented by Dr. Allen Hunt.

Any questions, contact: Marjorie Brown (217)377-3132 or Tannie Smith (309)893-0073.

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).

What We Celebrate on Labor Day

FR. ROGER J. LANDRY

For over a century, Americans have celebrated Labor Day on the first Monday in September. This national holiday was established in the 1880s for two reasons: to mark the irreplaceable role of the American worker in making this country prosperous and strong; and to have time to attend speeches and events on the spiritual and educational aspects of work, the worker and the good that comes from work. While in many places, the spiritual and educational aspects of this holiday have been underemphasized — displaced, ironically, by a day off from doing what precisely the nation is celebrating: work — Labor Day remains an opportunity for all of us to reflect on the meaning of human work, and specifically our work, not only for the good of our country but also in God's divine plan. In the first command in the Bible, the Lord gave the human person the mission to co-operate (work together) with him in bringing His work of creation to fulfillment: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish ... the birds ... and every living thing that moves on the earth" (Gen 1:28). God, who worked for the "six days" of creation and whom Jesus says "is still working" (Jn 5:17), made man and woman in his own image and likeness and called them to share in this work.

The first way we do so is through pro-creation, when in the image of the Trinitarian communion-of-persons-in-love we "increase and multiply" that part of creation God deemed "very good." The second way we cooperate in bringing creation to perfection is through "subduing the earth" and exercising "dominion" over all living things. Right from the beginning, before the Fall, the human person had received this mission, which shows not only the goodness of human work but how central it is for man's dignity, vocation and mission. After the Fall, both aspects of man's work became toilsome — procreation now would bring with it the "pangs of childbirth" for the woman and the work of subduing and having dominion would now bring "sweat" to one's brow (Gen 3:16-19) — but work would remain fundamentally good, and in fact redemptive. But the most important part of work was not its "transitive" function of perfecting God's material universe, in cultivating the land, raising animals, and even, in modern times, making computer chips out of sand and life-saving medicines out of bacteria. It was the "intransitive" purpose of bringing God's greatest work — the human person — to perfection. Work done well gives the human person the opportunity to cultivate all the various hidden talents and potentials God has implanted in him — physical, intellectual, and spiritual — which are far greater than those He has inscribed in the earth.

So great was Jesus' appreciation for human work in God's divine plan that he could not stop using it as the proper analogy for his preaching. In his teaching, he favorably mentions shepherds, farmers, doctors, sowers, householders, servants, stewards, merchants, laborers, soldiers, cooks, tax collectors and scholars and many more. He compares the work of the apostolate to the manual work of harvesters and fishermen. Jesus did not merely praise ordinary human work but shared in it. He spent the vast majority of his life in Nazareth as a manual laborer. His fellow Nazarenes knew him as a "construction worker" (the Greek word teknon, in Mk 6:3, means is broader than "carpenter"). Following his foster-father, Jesus entered into the world of human work, not as a "cover" until his "real work" would begin, but precisely to redeem noble human work in his process of redeeming the human person. He called all his listeners, of whatever noble profession, to be saints. A few he called to leave their fishing boats or tax-charts behind to proclaim the Gospel. The vast majority he called to proclaim the Gospel by living that good news right where they were. That's still what Jesus does today.

Most of his followers are called to live out their discipleship and apostolate, their vocation and their mission, in the family and in the workplace. There they are called to become saints and bring others to sanctity through this "increasing and multiplying" and "subduing" and "dominion." One's desk, or sewing machine, or kitchen, or chalkboard, or operating room, or workbench or boat, is meant to become an altar which sanctifies not only what is given to God in work, but the giver as well. It is there that the vast majority of men and women are called to be sanctified and sanctify others through showing the original dignity and meaning of human work. Work is not principally about earning a pay-check, but about serving and loving others. When work takes on this meaning, the perfection of the human person continues, the work-place is evangelized, and God's work is advanced. On this Labor Day weekend, a diligent construction worker from Nazareth waves to each of us with calloused hands and says, "Come, follow me!"

PARISH CALENDAR



Saturday, September 8

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon

Sunday, September 9

- RE CLASSES BEGIN
10AM-11:10am

Wednesday, September 12

- K of C Meeting 7PM

Thursday, September 13

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

Sunday, September 16

- RE Teacher Meeting

Saturday, September 22

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon

Future Food Pantry

- Saturday, November 24
OLL and GCMS Interact
Club (no delivery weekend)



Paul Baillie (9/3)
Will Baillie (9/3)
Kinley Beyers (9/4)
Petra Chaddock (9/5)
Cherry Fisher (9/7)
Joachim Nunnink (9/7)
Erin Lynch (9/8)



Tim & Michele Fackler (9/6)

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Linda Ellington
Greg Delost
Dale Enghausen
Brian Sullivan
Emma Davis
Terry Hutchcraft
Norma Thompson
Leo Chapman
Adam Reed
Anita Meyer
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@ololg.org.

Calendar

Monday

September 3
*St. Gregory the Great,
Pope and Doctor
of the Church*
1 Cor 2:1-5
Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday

September 4
Weekday
1 Cor 2:10b-16
Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

September 5
Weekday
1 Cor 3:1-9
Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

September 6
Weekday
1 Cor 3:18-23
Lk 5:1-11

Friday

September 7
Weekday
1 Cor 4:1-5
Lk 5:33-39

Saturday

September 8
*Nativity of the Blessed
Virgin Mary*
Mi 5:1-4a or
Rom 8:28-30
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
or Mt 1:18-23

Sunday

September 9
*Twenty-third Sunday in
Ordinary Time*
Is 35:4-7a
Jas 2:1-5
Mk 7:31-37

Dear Padre,

I enjoy going to the casino to gamble, but I have seen people gamble and lose all of their money. Is gambling considered a sin?

To play games of chance, to bet on horse or dog races, or to buy lottery tickets are, in and of themselves, innocent undertakings that can be sources of fun—and even financial returns. But circumstances can change an innocent game into something morally suspect, even downright wrong. When a person gets so involved with gambling that it becomes addictive, when the welfare of the gambler and the gambler's family is jeopardized, gambling ceases to be a harmless amusement. Instead, it becomes an irresponsible practice—indeed, objectively, a sin. The sin lies in the neglect of one's responsibilities to self, family, and God.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says this about gambling: "Games of chance or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for their needs or those of others. The passion for gambling risks becoming an enslavement" (CCC 2413).

A survey of a local group of Gamblers Anonymous highlights the potential destructive nature of this activity. Within this group, the gambling addiction has led 22 percent to divorce, 40 percent to lose their jobs, 49 percent to steal money with which to pay their gambling debts, and 63 percent to contemplate suicide. Hopefully, we and others will seek healthier ways to relax or seek out our fortunes.



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A Word From Pope Francis

We all know...how much harm and scandal is done to the Church by those people who say they are deeply Catholic and often go to Church, but who then neglect their family in daily life, speak badly of others and so on. This is what Jesus condemns because this is a counter-witness to Christianity.

—Angelus, August 30, 2015

Good News!

September 2, 2018

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

Today's painting is of the golden calf, produced by the Israelites when Moses disappeared up the mountain to receive God's law. Since Moses delayed, they melted gold brought from Egypt, made their own god, and began worshipping it. This is the essence of idolatry: We create a god to worship, but since it is our creation, we are really worshipping ourselves.

Jesus accused the Pharisees of falling into a similar trap. They slavishly revered human traditions that didn't reflect the heart of God. They hid behind laws created in the name of religion to serve themselves and their desire for power. Jesus overturns the tables of their self-justifications. He quotes the prophet as an accusation: "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me" (Mark 7:6).

Before pointing an accusatory finger, realize that the same can happen to us. We can cling to human traditions and laws while disregarding God's basic commands of love and mercy. We can hide behind those laws and traditions to justify our self-righteousness and look down on others who are not as pious as us, as noted by James: "Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves" (James 1:22).

Pope Francis makes a special effort to remind the Church, especially the clergy, of this truth: "Dangerous as it was then for the Pharisees, so too is it for us to consider ourselves acceptable or, even worse, better than others simply for observing the rules...even though we do not love our neighbor, we are hard of heart, we are arrogant and proud."

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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 right now we do not have a teacher OR Assistant for the Preschool children! Please pray on this and if you are willing to help fill one of these positions please call Tannie Smith at (309) 893-0073.