

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 30, 2018

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.

"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe (in me) to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.

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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 October 1 St. Therese of the Child Jesus		NO MASS
TUE October 2 The Holy Guardian Angels	5:30PM (STJ)	
WED October 3	8:00AM (OLL)	+John nam Bui
THU October 4 St. Francis of Assisi	5:30PM (OLL)	+Mardelle Duffy
FRI October 5 Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos	8:00AM (STM)	
Sat October 6 St. Bruno	5:00PM (OLL)	+Bob Mardis
SUN October 7 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00AM (STJ) 9:30AM (STM) 11:30AM (OLL)	+Steve Heavilin

**THANK YOU FOR
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Sunday Total	\$2263.00
Capital Imp.	\$0
CMAA (goal: \$12,200)	\$12,521
Food Pantry September Total	\$77.00
Yr to Date FP	\$254.82
	\$2260.78

**MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
Sat, October 6 5:00PM	Alex Killian	Marj Brown	Lisa Heap Jean Wilhelmi	Joe Allen Jerry Brown	Jean Wilhelmi
Sun, October 7 11:30AM	Cecilia Goodin Brooke Beyers	Sarah Sarantakos		Dan Day Keegan Kutemeier	

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.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR DINNER AND A MOVIE AFTER MASS**

October 14th at 12:30 at Father Kirk Memorial Hall

BUILDING OUR PARISH COMMUNITY THROUGH FELLOWSHIP

Go to the Our Lady of Lourdes Facebook page to vote on the movie!!
 (Spaghetti & Salad provided)

**PILGRIMAGE TO GOLDEN TRIANGLE WITH GOA AND SOUTH INDIA
JANUARY 12-JANUARY 25, 2019.**

Please join Fr. Thomas Theneth for a pilgrimage to India to visit the place of the patron Saint of our diocese, St. Francis Xavier, whose body is still intact after 400 years. We will also visit the place where St. Thomas the Apostle landed in AD 52, and the places of two other Indian saints. The Taj Mahal in Agra, and many other exotic places in North and South India are also on the itinerary. Please pick up a flyer at the back of the church if you are interested in more information or contact Fr. Thomas at ttheneth@sspeterandpaul.net or theneth52@gmail.com.

WE WOULD LOVE TO ORGANIZE A GROUP FROM OUR LADY OF LOURDES!

The Science of Fatherhood

Here's a message you don't hear too often: As a father, you really matter. You are needed at home and in the wider world to do things only a dad can do. You can make all the difference in the lives of your children no matter their age.

Though common sense to many, these simple principles are often lost in our culture. But the truth is coming out in the best studies in psychology, social science and family dynamics. The bottom line is that a father is vital to the health and welfare of his children and the family. Mothers, of course, are indispensable and often take a larger share of child and home care. Yet due to distinctive differences in the ways mothers and fathers interact with their children, families thrive when a mom and a dad work together.

With this in mind, here are five facts guaranteed to bolster your image as a father.

1. Studies extol your role. The outcomes of children who have a father at home compared to those without a father tell a big part of the story. Research shows that in father-absent homes children are twice as likely to drop out of high school, seven times more likely to become pregnant as a teen, and many times more likely to abuse drugs, experience physical or sexual abuse or run afoul of the law. Be there, dad, to give your kids the love and stability they need to succeed in life.

2. You have an edge. Popular culture exerts many negative pressures on kids today, from addictive social media distractions to internet pornography. Yet parents still have the inside line to the hearts and minds of their children. So, use your home-field advantage by forming them in virtue from a young age and setting a good example. If your kids see you doing the right thing even when it's difficult, they will be more likely to follow your guidance and rules.

3. Your prayer is positive. Studies show that prayer has many practical benefits, such as better moods, lower blood pressure, less stress and anxiety and increased willpower to overcome bad habits. Be a man of prayer at home. Show your boys, especially, that kneeling before God requires the strength of humility.

4. Your time counts. No pressure, dad, but from the time you see that little one for the very first time, the clock is ticking. You must make a decision then, and every day after, to be an involved father. Yes to cuddling, to roughhousing, to making the ball games, rehearsals and special moments. The payoff is huge, as studies show that every hour you invest with your child will help them reap priceless benefits in terms of future health, relationships and career.

5. Your leadership is key. Don't leave the family's faith life solely to your wife. Not only is that a major personal mistake, but it could be a disaster for your children. A popular study indicates the outsized influence of a father on the religious practice of his children. In fact, it can be safely said that your faith serves as a model for your kids well into adulthood.

Go to Mass with your wife and children, pray together regularly at home, read the Sunday Gospel as a family the evening before Mass. The most powerful witness of faith that your children experience may very well be your own. So tell them what your Catholic faith means to you and the times when God has touched your life.

The Holy Guardian Angels

The mission of the Guardian Angels is, as Saint Paul tells us, to serve the future heirs of salvation. Every kingdom, country, diocese, church and religious order has its protecting Guardian Angel. So has every person. Each bishop of the Catholic Church has two Guardian Angels. Our Guardian Angel is given us at the moment of our birth, stays with us all through life, comforts us in Purgatory, and escorts us, if we are saved, into Heaven. There is a special angel in each church to record all distractions and irreverences that occur there. The greatest joy any of us can give our Guardian Angel is to receive Holy Communion and make our breast a tabernacle of the Eternal God before Whom this angel can adore. Many of the saints saw their Guardian Angels. Saint Rose of Lima did, and so did Saint Gemma Galgani. And so did Saint Frances of Rome, Saint Margaret of Cortona and Saint Bridget of Sweden. A great Pope, Saint Gregory the Great, was tenderly devoted to his Guardian Angel. Saint Catherine of Siena saw her Guardian Angel. Saint Francis de Sales had, as one of his special devotions, reverence for the Holy Angels who have charge of the care of the tabernacle in every Catholic Church.

There are nine choirs of angels, and three hierarchies. These choirs and hierarchies are: first hierarchy, Angels, Archangels and Principalities; second hierarchy, Powers, Virtues and Dominions; third hierarchy, Thrones, Cherubim and Seraphim. This is in the order of ascent. It is from the first hierarchy — Angels, Archangels and Principalities — that guardians are chosen by God for man. Angels are for individuals. Archangels are for parishes, churches and religious communities. And Principalities are for provinces, countries and nations. Saint Augustine says, "Go where we will, our angels are always with us." Saint Jerome says, "So sublime is the dignity of the human soul that from its birth there is appointed to each one a Guardian Angel." And Saint Bernard says, "Make the holy angels your friends. No matter how weak we may be, or lowly our condition, or how great the dangers which surround us, we have nothing to fear under the protection of these guardians." In every difficulty, danger and temptation, Saint Bernard urges us to invoke our Guardian Angel.



PARISH CALENDAR



Wednesday, October 10

- K of C Mtg. 7PM

Thursday, October 11

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

Saturday, October 13

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon

Sunday, October 21

- **YOUTH MASS**

Saturday, October 127

Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon

Sunday, October 28

- RE Teacher Mtg

Tuesday, October 30

- Finance Council Mtg 7PM

Future Food Pantry

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



Anita Meyer (10/1)
Aidan Laughery (10/1)
Vivian Geurts (10/3)
Kaitlynn Volker (10/5)



Rich & Diane Perkins (10/2)
Judy & Delbert Tjarks (10/4)

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



Calendar

Monday

OCTOBER 1

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Jb 1:6-22

Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday

OCTOBER 2

Holy Guardian Angels

Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23

Mt 18:1-5, 10

Wednesday

OCTOBER 3

Weekday

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16

Lk 9:57-62

Thursday

OCTOBER 4

St. Francis of Assisi

Jb 19:21-27

Lk 10:1-12

Friday

OCTOBER 5

Weekday

Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5

Lk 10:13-16

Saturday

OCTOBER 6

Weekday

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17

Lk 10:17-24

Sunday

OCTOBER 7

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 2:18-24

Heb 2:9-11

Mk 10:2-16 or

Mk 10:2-12

Dear Padre,

The older I get, the more distracted I become by crying babies at Mass. Sometimes I leave Mass so irritated that I wonder what benefit is gained in going at all.

At the movies, the opera, or some other formal live performance, a crying infant is regarded as *persona non grata*. But the Eucharist is a family event, not a theatrical one. Children should feel welcomed at Mass. After all, Jesus said, "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Mark 10:14).

While small children may belong at Mass, it should also be acknowledged



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that certain courtesies apply when crowds gather to pray in the house of the Lord. Parents may consider sitting at the end of a pew for a quick exit to minimize disruption when a child needs immediate attention. When a child is of a certain age, parents may consider taking advantage of parish nurseries or designated cry rooms in churches on a temporary basis, if available.

By the same token, impatient parishioners (and preachers) should be sensitive to the needs of parents, who admirably desire participation in the family celebration and weekly nourishment by Christ's word and sacrament—temporary toddler temper tantrums notwithstanding. "Be still and know that I am God!" (Psalm 46:11) is a divine invitation to worshipers of all ages.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR,
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A Word From Pope Francis

Every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, ...And every elderly person, even if he is ill or at the end of his days, bears the face of Christ. They cannot be discarded, as the "culture of waste"

suggests! They cannot be thrown away!

—Address to International Federation of Catholic Medical Associations,
September 20, 2013

Good News!

September 30, 2018

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

The tapestry scene may not seem to have much to do with the readings, yet it does. Let me explain: This wall-size work of art depicts the murder decreed by Herod of all the children two years and under. It was his desperate effort to extinguish any possibility that the Messiah might eventually contest his throne.

The reading of James could very well be applied to the greedy and avaricious Herod. "You have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure; you have fattened your hearts for the day of [your own] slaughter" (James 5:5). All the wealth, authority, and success he had only led him to be more grasping and insecure. Anyone who sees a threat to his own well-being in the birth of a child reveals his own internal poverty of spirit.

Rather than remove the little ones from our lives, we should do all we can to edify and maintain their faith. Jesus, as well as James, has harsh words for anyone who would lead a little one to sin.

Herod was the first who needed to hear the words of the Messiah he was trying to silence. If anything causes you to sin, even something as precious as a hand or foot, it's better to cut it off and live physically impaired rather than maintain apparent wholeness while spiritually rotting from within. The life of our souls and that of the little ones is of paramount importance, and no material security should be placed ahead of it.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC