

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 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

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday following Mass

Confession

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

❖ FOR YOUR INFORMATION ❖

St. Mary

407 W. Palls 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

Sunday 7:30am

JANUARY 13, 2019

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the

Messiah. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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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 January 14		NO MASS
TUE January 15	8:00AM (OLL) 5:30PM (STJ)	Parish Family
WED January 16	8:00AM (OLL) 7:00PM (STM)	+Anita Meyer
THU January 17	5:30PM (OLL)	+Roman Falter St. Anthony
FRI January 18	8:00AM (STM) 5:30PM (OLL)	Parish Family
SAT January 19	5:00PM (OLL)	+Bob Shambrook Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
SUN January 20	8:00AM (STJ) 9:30AM (STM) 11:30AM (OLL)	+Roman Falter Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL

Sunday Total	\$2548.50
Capital Imp.	\$434.00
CMAA (goal: \$12,200)	\$14,306
Food Pantry January Total	\$136.00
Yr to Date FP	\$136.00



Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
SAT January 19 5:00PM	Alex Killian	Jim Meyer	Frank Titus Carla Moxley Rob Kollross	Chuck Aubry Jerry Brown	Frank Titus
SUN January 20 11:30AM	Sophia Ray Wil Baillie	Denis Fisher		Keegan Kutemeier Dan Day	

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.

PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR SUPPORT OF THE 2019 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

The Diocese of Joliet is mailing information about the 2019 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) to all registered parishioners this month. As you know, the CMAA supports 30 ministries that benefit every parish in the diocese, including ours, and are **Signs of Hope** (also this year's theme) to our brothers and sisters most in need.

Our parish goal for the 2019 CMAA is \$12,300. Please remember that 70 percent of any amount we raise over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is a great opportunity for our parish! Please review the material you receive and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

If you do not receive a mailing from the diocese about the CMAA, please contact the parish office.

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.



The mystery of Christ's baptism in the Jordan by St John, the Precursor, proposes the contemplation of an already adult Jesus. This mystery is infinitely linked to the Solemnities of the Lord's birth and the Epiphany that we have just celebrated, as in some ways it takes up and represents their significance to us.

At Christmas we have contemplated the human birth of the Word incarnate by the Virgin Mary. In the 4th century, the Fathers of the Church deepened the understanding of the faith with regard to the Christmas mystery in the light of Jesus' Humanity. They spoke of the Incarnation of the Word already working like the 'Christification' of that humanity that he had assumed from His mother. Or put in simpler terms: Jesus is the Christ from the first instant of conception in Mary's spotless womb because He Himself, with His Divine Power, consecrated, anointed and 'Christified' that human nature with which He became incarnate.

In the mystery of the Epiphany, we then meditated on Christ's manifestation to all nations that was represented by the Magi, the wise men from the East, who came to adore the Child.

Now, in the mystery of Christ's Baptism in the Jordan River, we again encounter and represent the truth of the Lord's incarnation and His manifestation as the Christ. Jesus' Baptism is in fact His definitive manifestation as the Messiah or Christ to Israel, and as the Son of the Father to the entire world. Here we find the dimension of the Epiphany which was His manifestation to all nations. The Father's voice from heaven shows that Jesus of Nazareth is the eternal Son and the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove shows the Trinitarian nature of the Christian God. The true and unique God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, shows Himself in Christ, through Him, with Him and in Him.

PRAYER FOR THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



PARISH CALENDAR



SUNDAY, JAN 13

- RE Pancake Breakfast/Open House
- YOUTH MASS

SATURDAY, JAN 26

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon

SUNDAY, JAN 27

- RE Teachers Meeting



Marj Brown (1/18)
Nora McCall (1/18)



Steve & Lucy Shilts (1/18)
Jerry & Georgia Lynch (1/18)
Doug & Tammy Parsons (1/20)

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Linda Ellington
Greg Delost
Dale Enghausen
Brian Sullivan
Emma Davis
Terry Hutchcraft
Norma Thompson
Leo Chapman
Adam Reed
Sharon Cottington
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

JANUARY 14

Weekday

Heb 1:1-6

Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday

JANUARY 15

Weekday

Heb 2:5-12

Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

JANUARY 16

Weekday

Heb 2:14-18

Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

JANUARY 17

St. Anthony,
Abbot

Heb 3:7-14

Mk 1:40-45

Friday

JANUARY 18

Weekday

Heb 4:1-5, 11

Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

JANUARY 19

Weekday

Heb 4:12-16

Mk 2:13-17

Sunday

JANUARY 20

Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5

1 Cor 12:4-11

Jn 2:1-11

Dear Padre,

My fiancée was baptized in the Lutheran Church. If she becomes Catholic, will she be baptized again?

A person can be validly baptized only once, whether in or out of the Catholic Church. Catholics believe three things are necessary for a valid baptism: first, baptizing in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; second, flowing water; and third, the intention of the "minister" to baptize using the form (words of the Trinitarian formula) and matter (flowing water) needed for a valid baptism.

Orthodox and most Protestant baptisms are recognized by the Catholic Church. However, baptisms performed by

Christian communities that don't believe in the Trinity—Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormons, for example—are not recognized by the Catholic Church as valid. These communities may use the same matter (flowing water), but they don't have the same form (Trinitarian formula) or intention in their baptism.

If your fiancée decides to become Catholic, she will need to attend Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) classes, make her first Communion and reconciliation, and be confirmed, but she has already been validly baptized and will not need to be baptized again.

—Fr. Scott Katzenberger, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A Word From Pope Francis

Being holy is not a privilege for the few, as if someone had a large inheritance; in baptism we all have an inheritance to be able to become saints....Thus we are all called to walk on the path of holiness, and this path has a name and a face: the face of Jesus Christ.

—Angelus, November 1, 2013

Good News!

January 13, 2019

The Baptism of the Lord (C)

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Acts 10:34-38

or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

We have all received baptism, but why don't the amazing fruits and graces received then always show themselves powerfully in our lives?

Titus tells us what has already happened for us in baptism. We were saved "through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the holy Spirit" (3:5). Yet this renewal accomplished by the Spirit needs to be fully embraced by us for it to reach its potential. We know we have been renewed, but how do we keep renewing? This happens by prayerful contact with the Holy Spirit.

In Titus, Spirit is capitalized because it's the Spirit of God. Renewal by the Holy Spirit is a renewal in which God, not man, is the principal protagonist. "Behold, I" (not you) "make all things new" (Revelation 21:5).

We often think that to be renewed and grow, we have to do something. God tells us it is something he does. "I, the LORD, make you holy" (Leviticus 20:8). We have to give him back the power he already has. Or better yet, we need to recognize God's power and let him use it in us.

A revolution needs to happen in our minds and hearts where we recognize that without the Holy Spirit we can do nothing. So ask the Holy Spirit to come upon you in a real baptism of fire. Then all those baptismal gifts will spark into a flame and help you set the world ablaze with his love!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC