

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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Parish Office

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General Information
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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

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

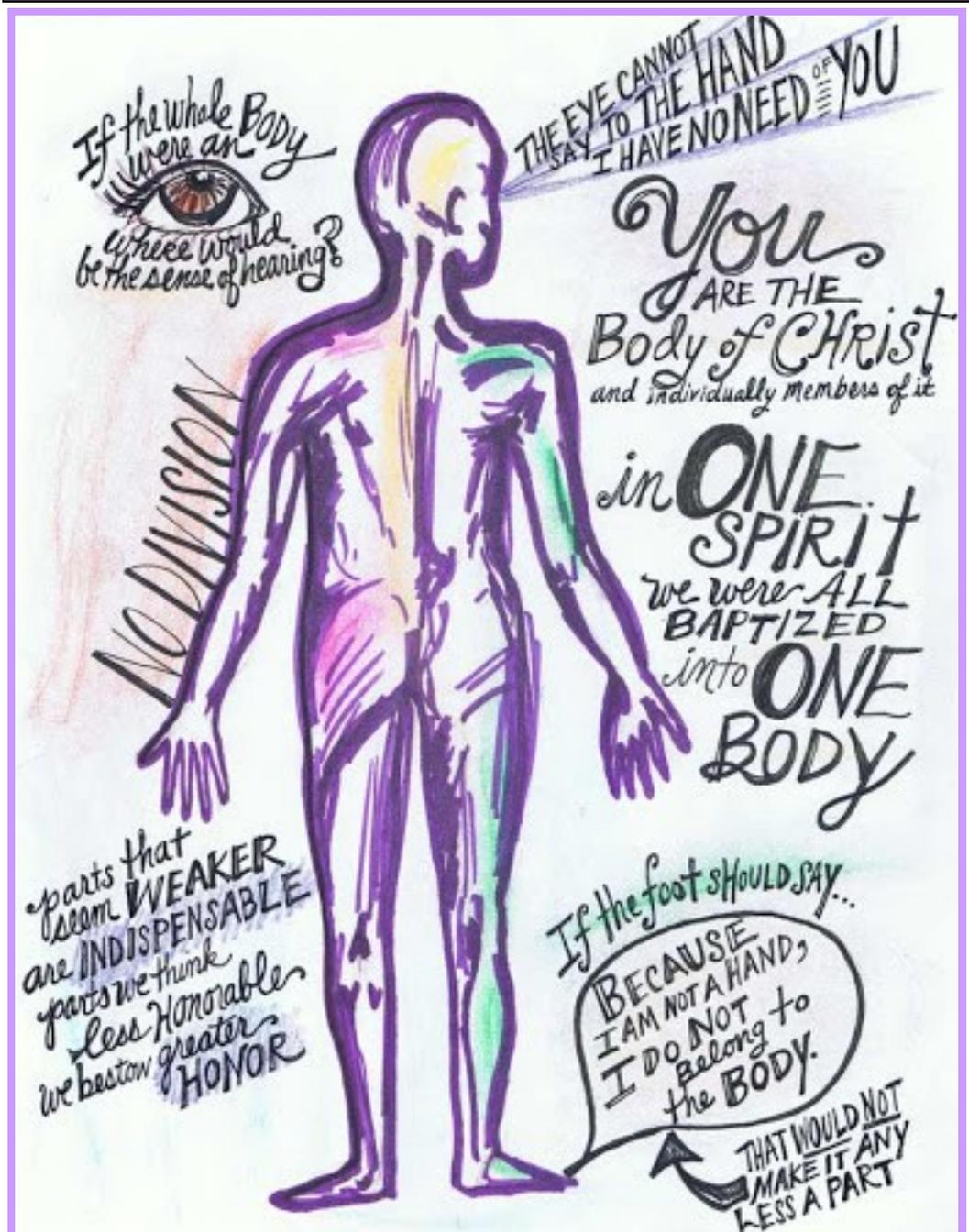
Sunday 8:00 am
Tuesday 5:30 pm

Confession

Sunday 7:30am

JANUARY 27, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of the body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ. For in one Spirit were we all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether bond or free; and were all made to drink of one Spirit.

FAITH ENRICHMENT CLASS

Faith Enrichment Classes will resume this weekend for anyone interested in strengthening their faith. We will be doing "The Mass" series by Bishop Barron. This will be held at Father Kirk Hall at 7PM on Sundays. Anyone wanting additional information please contact Marj Brown at 217-377-3132.

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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 28 St. Thomas Aquinas		NO MASS
TUE January 29	8:00AM (OLL) 5:30PM (STJ)	Parish Family
WED January 30	8:00AM (OLL) 7:00PM (STM)	+Bob Shambrook
THU January 31 St. John Basco	5:30PM (OLL)	+Anita Meyer
FRI February 1	8:00AM (STM) 5:30PM (OLL)	Parish Family
SAT February 2 Presentation of the Lord	5:00PM (OLL)	+Anita Meyer
SUN February 3 Presentation of the Lord	8:00AM (STJ) 9:30AM (STM) 11:30AM (OLL)	+Roman Falter

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL

Sunday Total	\$1949.00
Capital Imp.	\$0
CMAA (goal: \$12,200)	\$14,306
Food Pantry January Total Yr to Date FP	\$24.00 \$177.00 \$177.00



<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
SAT February 2 5:00PM	Walter Smith	Jack Kollross	Helen Haynes Tannie Smith Jean Wilhelmi	Steve Killian Bruce Killian	Rosanne Miller
SUN February 3 11:30AM	Hannah & Haven Hathaway	Jody Beyers		Craig Davis Brett Beyers	

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.

WEEKEND FEBRUARY 9/10

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Join us for cake and ice cream at Fr. Kirk Hall following all OLL Masses this weekend to celebrate.

Food Pantry Volunteers

Saturday, February 9 will be an OLL Food Pantry Weekend

THIS WILL BE A DELIVERY WEEKEND

6-8 Volunteers are needed for set up on Friday, February 8 at 6:00PM. Please park on the East side of the parking lot.

This is a delivery weekend so we will need some extra help and drivers on Saturday morning. Please arrive by no later than 8:30AM Saturday, February 9 and park at County Market. Parking is very limited at the Pantry. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

If you are available to help or have any questions, please contact Paul Sarantakos at 217-781-1440 or by email at psarantakos@parkland.edu.



The Feast of St. Blaise-February 3

St. Blaise was born to rich and noble parents, and received a Christian education. He was a physician before being consecrated a bishop at a young age. Although such a statement seems terse, keep in mind that at that time the local community usually nominated a man to be a bishop based on his outstanding holiness and leadership qualities; he in turn was then examined and consecrated by other bishops with the approval of the Holy Father. Therefore, St. Blaise must have been a great witness of our Faith, to say the least.

During the persecution of Licinius, St. Blaise, receiving some divine command, moved from the town, and lived as a hermit in a cave. Wild animals visited, and he healed any that were sick and wounded. One day, a group of hunters gathering wild beasts for the game in the amphitheater discovered St. Blaise and seized him. As he was being taken to the governor Agricolaus, the governor of Cappadocia and Lesser Armenia, St. Blaise encountered a woman whose pig was being seized by a wolf; St. Blaise commanded the wolf to release the pig, and it was freed unhurt.

While in prison, he miraculously cured a small boy who was choking to death on a fishbone lodged in his throat. Also, the woman whose pig had been saved brought St. Blaise candles so that his cell would have light and he could read the sacred Scriptures.

Eventually, Agricolaus condemned St. Blaise for upholding his Christian faith rather than apostatizing. He was tortured with the iron comb (an instrument designed for combing wool but was used here for shredding the skin) and finally beheaded.

By the sixth century, St. Blaise's intercession was invoked for diseases of the throat in the East. As early as the eighth century, records attest to the veneration of St Blaise in Europe, and he became one of the most popular saints in the spiritual life of the Middle Ages. Many altars were dedicated to his honor, and even the Abbey of St. Blaise in southern Germany claimed to have some of his relics.

One reason for St. Blaise's popularity arose from the fact he was a physician who cured, even performing miraculous cures. Thereby, those who were sick, especially with throat ailments, invoked his intercession. Eventually the custom of the blessing of throats arose, whereby the priest held two crossed candles over the heads of the faithful or touched their throats with them while he invoked the prayer of the saint and imparted God's blessing. In our present *Roman Ritual*, the priest prays, "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." This practice continues in many parishes on St. Blaise's feast day.

While we invoke St. Blaise for his protection against any physical ailment of the throat, we should also ask is protection against any spiritual ailment — profanity, cursing, unkind remarks, detraction or gossip.

PARISH CALENDAR



WEEKEND FEBRUARY 2/3

- St. Blaise Blessing of the Throats-ALL OLL MASSES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- OLL Food Pantry Weekend
See details at left

WEEKEND FEBRUARY 9/10

- Celebrate Feast of OLL
See details at left

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- K of C Meeting 7PM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- Finance Council Meeting 7PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- Food Pantry 8AM—12 Noon

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- YOUTH MASS



Lee Thomas (1/28)
Mary Geurts (1/28)
Molly Kollross (1/28)
Paul Volker (2/2)
Spencer Kleist (2/2)
Mark Skinner (2/2)

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 28
St. Thomas Aquinas,
Priest and Doctor
of the Church
Heb 9:15, 24-28
Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday

JANUARY 29
Weekday
Heb 10:1-10
Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

JANUARY 30
Weekday
Heb 10:11-18
Mk 4:1-20

Thursday

JANUARY 31
St. John Bosco,
Priest
Heb 10:19-25
Mk 4:21-25

Friday

FEBRUARY 1
Weekday
Heb 10:32-39
Mk 4:26-34

Saturday

FEBRUARY 2
Presentation
of the Lord
Mal 3:1-4
Heb 2:14-18
Lk 2:22-40 or
Lk 2:22-32

Sunday

FEBRUARY 3
Fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Jer 1:4-5, 17-19
1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or
1 Cor 13:4-13
Lk 4:21-30

Dear Padre,

What is the symbolic relationship between the altar and the Eucharist?

The altar, also called the table of the Lord, is not just a piece of furniture. Many generations ago, our earliest Christian ancestors gathered at dining-room tables for the Eucharist, and through the centuries that simple piece of furniture came alive with deep meanings.

It is from the altar that we share in the Eucharist, and the altar resonates with the presence of Christ. The altar is consecrated by a bishop and anointed with chrism, just as Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king.

The gestures and rituals of the Catholic Church shape the expression of our faith and our hearts. We bow and genuflect to express reverence, honor, and devotion. These gestures are used not only by Roman Catholics and other Christians, but by people of other faiths, including Jews, Muslims, and Buddhists.

After the priest raises and shows the consecrated host and chalice to the assembly, he genuflects, and any concelebrants bow to the host and chalice. Norms exist for bowing to the altar and, at some points of the eucharistic celebration, kissing the altar. The kiss is an intimate act of showing reverence and honor.

The altar is a tangible sign of Christ and his sacrifice. We bow to the altar during the eucharistic liturgy and outside of the Mass as well, because for Catholics it's the central place of our encounter with Christ and with the great communion of saints.

Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

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A Word from Pope Francis

We have before us Jesus hidden yet present in the Eucharist....On the altar, we worship the flesh of Jesus; in these our brothers and sisters, we encounter the wounds of Jesus. The Christian adores Jesus, the Christian seeks Jesus, the Christian can recognize the wounds of Jesus.

—Greeting the sick at Fátima, May 13, 2017

Good News!

January 27, 2019

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

1 Cor 12:12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Have you ever lost something and then, after some time passes, finally found it? Perhaps your keys, a cell phone, or worse still, a credit card. When we find utilitarian items that we've lost or misplaced, we're so relieved and happy because we need these things for daily living. But what if we lose our whole purpose for living? Then we're really in trouble.

The people to whom Nehemiah was speaking lost more than something material; they lost the key to who they were as a people. They lost the law of God that had been given to them through Moses hundreds of years before. They were now listening to it for the first time. Upon hearing all its wisdom and prescriptions, they were cut to the heart and wept. There was so much they had forgotten and were no longer practicing. As exiles in Babylon they had lost so much.

Yet the response toward this rediscovery could have been joy, because now they knew once again what made for happiness and living in the Lord. They had discovered the love that called them into existence.

We have been given the Holy Spirit who leads us into all truth and reminds us of everything Jesus taught us in Scriptures and Tradition. Knowing God's truth is the deepest source of joy. Finding him is like finding what was lost. Like the found key, God unlocks our happiness. Like a cell phone, he gives us a constant connection with him. And like a credit card—but infinitely better—God is the love that fulfills our desires. And we never have to pay him back.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC