

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. 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 6, 2019 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

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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 7 St. Raymond of Penafort		NO MASS
TUE January 8	8:00AM (OLL) 5:30PM (STJ)	Parish Family
WED January 9	8:00AM (OLL) 7:00PM (STM)	+Bob Shambrook
THU January 10	5:30PM (OLL)	+Anita Meyer
FRI January 11	8:00AM (STM) 5:30PM (OLL)	Parish Family
SAT January 12 The Baptism of the Lord	5:00PM (OLL)	+Steve Heavilin
SUN January 13 The Baptism of the Lord	8:00AM (STJ) 9:30AM (STM) 11:30AM (OLL)	+Roman Falter

**THANK YOU FOR
 YOUR GIFTS**

LOL

Sunday Total	\$2190
Capital Imp.	\$0
CMAA (goal: \$12,200)	\$14,306
Food Pantry December Total	\$64.00
Yr to Date FP	\$361.00
	\$3231.78

MASS COLLECTIONS

WEEKEND
 DEC 22/23
 \$3373.00

CHRISTMAS
 \$3175.75

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
SAT January 12 5:00PM	Walter Smith	Marj Brown	Frank Titus Carla Moxley Rob Kollross	Chuck Aubry Jerry Brown	Helen Haynes
SUN January 13 11:30AM	Seth Kollross Aidan Laughery	Jodi Beyers		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 **Sings 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 form the diocese about the CMAA, please contact the parish office.

RE CLASSES RESUME THIS WEEKEND, JANUARY 6, 2019

On January 13, 2019 we will have our annual RE pancake and Sausage breakfast put on by our Knights of Columbus. This year we would like to invite all parents to join your child for breakfast! We will also be having an open house that day for your child to be able to take you to their class and show you some of the things that they have been working on! This is also a Youth Mass day and it would be wonderful to have all of the youth attend Mass this Sunday and sit at the front of the church on the left hand side to show the parish how wonderful our youths are!



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season.

The Solemnity of the Epiphany is celebrated either on January 6 or, according to the decision of the Episcopal conference, on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. The young Messiah is

revealed as the light of the nations. Yet, as the antiphon for the *Magnificat* at Second Vespers reminds us, three mysteries are encompassed in this solemnity: the adoration of the Christ Child by the Magi, the Baptism of Christ and the wedding feast at Cana. Extra candles and/or lamps may be placed around the sanctuary and in other parts of the church to honor Christ revealed as the Light of the Gentiles (*Ceremonial of Bishops*). It is customary to replace the images of the shepherds at the crib with the three Magi and their gifts.

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation.

The Epiphany is indeed a great Feast, and the joy caused us by the Birth of our Jesus must be renewed on it, for as though it were a second Christmas Day, it shows us our Incarnate God in a new light. It leaves us all the sweetness of the dear Babe of Bethlehem, who hath appeared to us already in love; but to this it adds its own grand *manifestation* of the divinity of our Jesus. At Christmas it was a few Shepherds that were invited by the Angels to go and recognize THE WORD MADE FLESH; but now, at the Epiphany, the voice of God himself calls the whole world to adore this Jesus, and hear him.

God gives us grace to grow in the knowledge of this thy *Gift*, and to understand the importance of this great Day, whereon we make alliance with the whole human race, accomplished in Mary when she became Mother, and consummated, confirmed, and declared on this day; consummated in the adoration of the Magi, confirmed in the Baptism in the Jordan, and declared in the miracle of the water changed into wine.'

MEN'S CURSILLO

**St. Patrick's Church in Urbana
Feb 21-24, 2019.**

**Come for good food, lots of fun and great fellowship.
For more information, go to ChampaignCursillo.com.
Cost is \$80 but we will not turn anyone away for lack of funds.**

PARISH CALENDAR



WEDNESDAY, JAN 9

- K of C Meeting 7PM

THURSDAY, JAN 10

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

SATURDAY, JAN 12

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon

SUNDAY, JAN 13

- RE Pancake Breakfast/Open House
- YOUTH MASS

SATURDAY, JAN 26

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon

SUNDAY, JAN 27

- RE Teachers Meeting



Dan Kleist (1/10)
Lea Ann Seymour (1/11)
Isabel Eichelberger (1/12)



Brett & Jodi Beyers (1/8)
Terry & Joyce Hutchcraft (1/12)

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@ololgc.org.

Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 7

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 3:22–4:6

Mt 4:12–17, 23–25

Tuesday

JANUARY 8

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:7–10

Mk 6:34–44

Wednesday

JANUARY 9

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:11–18

Mk 6:45–52

Thursday

JANUARY 10

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:19–5:4

Lk 4:14–22a

Friday

JANUARY 11

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5–13

Lk 5:12–16

Saturday

JANUARY 12

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:14–21

Jn 3:22–30

Sunday

JANUARY 13

Baptism of the Lord

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

Dear Padre,

I'm having an argument with a fundamentalist friend who insists the Epiphany happened exactly as it says in the Bible. I keep saying there's no way it could have. Who is right?

Catholics believe that each book of the Bible needs to be appreciated according to the principles of its own literary genre. We don't look to the Gospels for modern critical history or unbiased biographical/reportorial fact-telling.

The four Gospels were written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Each Gospel writer uses human skill to craft a true story, presenting the saving mystery of our Lord's life, death, and resurrection so that readers may come to know Christ, share his life, and be saved.

Every story in the Gospels is shaped to communicate saving truth, but not every story is told as a direct "just the facts, ma'am" report of sequential events. So there's saving sense in which, yes, the Epiphany happened exactly as it says in Matthew 2:1–12. And there's a more literal sense in which, no, the Epiphany probably didn't happen exactly as it's recounted.

What is most certain is the Gospel's saving message of the birth of our true King, the Light of the World, before whom we offer homage and who, when we encounter him, will change our lives and send us home in a new path.

—Fr. Matthew Allman, CSSR
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A Word From Pope Francis

How many stars there are in the sky! And yet the Magi followed a new and different star, which for them shone all the more brightly.... They listened to a voice deep within, which led them to follow that light. It was the voice of the Holy Spirit, who works in all people.

—Homily, Epiphany of the Lord, January 6, 2016

Good News!

January 6, 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord (C)

Is 60:1–6; Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6; Mt 2:1–12

King Herod, the most powerful man in the region, was greatly troubled to hear about the birth of a king. Why would a reigning king fear a little child? Perhaps because he believed if word spread that a future messiah had been born, the Jews would be harder to control. They were easier to dominate when they were without hope, without a leader.

Herod was correct. Wise men from the East looking for the King of the Jews fulfilled prophecies that foretold all nations would come to Israel looking for a messianic leader.

Herod was also troubled because, if indeed this newborn was a king, he had a pretender and a competitor right under his royal nose. King Herod was correct again.

Although Jesus did not pretend to overthrow the Romans, he did come with authority and would upend the existing order. Jesus would preach to the heart and demand that no one sit on that throne except God his Father.

The painter Pseudo Domenico presents the arrival of the Magi as a procession of vassals showing homage to their king. Kneeling, bowing, and standing erect with gifts in hand, authorities from far away are showing reverence to the newborn royalty who sits on Mother Mary's lap. His royal hall is the hillside, his scepter a baby finger, his royal family is Joseph and Mary.

These Gentile kings were the first to do what all of creation and all of history have been doing since then—bending their knee to the King of the Universe. Herod was right to worry.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC