

## 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 [office@ololgc.org](mailto:office@ololgc.org) or stop by any time on Monday or after Masses.

### Our Lady of Lourdes

Established - 1875

534 N. Wood Street  
Gibson City, IL 60936

#### Parish Office Secretary

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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. 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

Sunday 7:30am

## DECEMBER 1, 2019 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### PARISH SECRETARY POSITION AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY

**Our Lady of Lourdes is in search of someone to IMMEDIATELY step in to the position of PARISH SECRETARY. This is a part time, paid position. Anyone interested can contact Fr. Dong at (217)379-4033.**



With Patti and Mike Meunier moving to Florida, the Council has decided to divide the Parish Secretary duties between Tannie Smith, Carla Moxley and Laura Lynch, until a permanent Parish Secretary can be found. The ladies ask for your patience and God's guidance to fill some BIG shoes, in the absence of Patti. We at Our Lady of Lourdes wish Patti and Mike Meunier God's blessings with their relocation and hope to hear from them soon.



For as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In (those) days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away.

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Tannie Smith DRE

**Youth Ministry**

Michael Smith

**Music Director**

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**Parish Council President**

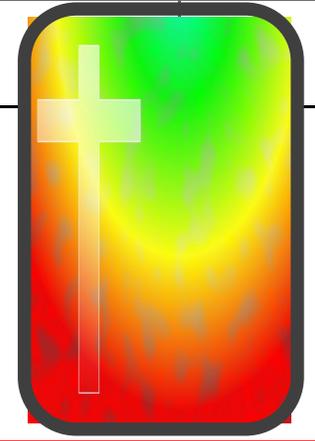
Michael Smith  
 (309)530-1803

**THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS**

<b>MON</b> December 2		NO MASS
<b>TUE</b> December 3	8:00AM (OLL) 5:30PM (STJ)	Parish Family St.. Francis Xavier
<b>WED</b> December 4	8 :00 AM (OLL) 7:00PM (STM)	+Roman Felter St. John Damascene
<b>THU</b> December 5	8:00 AM (OLL) 9:30 AM (STM)	+Lucy Shiits
<b>FRI</b> December 6	8:00AM (STM) 5:30PM (OLL)	Parish Family
<b>SAT</b> December 7	5:00PM (OLL)	+Mike Freehill St. Ambrose
<b>SUN</b> December 8	8:00AM (STJ) 9:30AM (STM) 11:30AM (OLL)	+Chuck Kollross 2nd Sunday of Advent

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$3896.50
Capital Imp.	\$0
CMAA 2019 (goal: \$12,300)	\$13,006.00
Food Pantry November Total	\$14.00
Yr to Date FP	\$119.00
	\$2300.44



Volunteers are always needed for our parish ministries. For more information on how to join, contact the parish office.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
SAT December 7 5:00PM	Walter Smith	Lisa Heap	Jack Kollross Carla Moxley Rosanne Miller	Jerry Brown Bruce Killian	Jean Wilhelmi
SUN December 8 11:30AM	Cecilia Goodwin Colleen Davis	Jodi Beyers		Aiden Laughery Andrew Laughery	

**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.

**2020 COLLECTION ENVELOPES**

Please pick up your envelopes at the back of the church.

If you have not registered with the parish, or if there are not envelopes in your name and you would like them, please contact the office at (217)784-4671.

Also, please let us know of address, additional children or other contact information changes, by emailing office@ololgc.org

**2020 PARISH CALENDARS**

Our Parish Calendars are available for 2020. Thank you Day Drainage for providing them for our Parish. Feel free to pick some up after Masses over the next few weekends.

**2020 FLOWERS**

Please sign up for altar flowers for 2020. The sign up sheet is on the table at the back of the church. Flowers are provided by County Market and are \$30. You may have already signed up for a permanent date--if you wish to make any changes, please note them on the sheet. Christmas and Easter signups are on the back two pages. Many thanks in advance for contributing to keeping our church beautiful week to week!

## SUPPORT OUR YOUTH FOR CHRISTMAS

Being young and being Catholic can have many challenges. Trying to stick to your faith in this day and age and being out on your own for the first time can be a very stressful time. So during this time before the Christmas season begins we would like to collect gift cards for these past RE students who are out on their own for possibly the first time. We would like to remind them that they are not alone and to turn to God to see them through any exciting, or stressful, times in their lives right now. We will be sending out these care packages before Christmas and will except cash, gift cards, and notes of inspiration if you would like to do that too ! Thank you so much for your support !

Have a Blessed Day ! Tannie Smith



## PARISH CALENDAR

# December



**Saturday, December 7**  
Decorate the church 9 AM

**Sunday, December 8**  
Parish Christmas Party 12:30 PM  
(Hosted by RE Classes)

**Wednesday, December 11**  
Knights of Columbus 7:00 PM

**Thursday, December 12**  
OLOL Staff Meeting 6:15 PM  
Parish Council Meeting 7:00 PM

**Saturday, December 14**  
Food Pantry 8:30 AM to noon  
Bambino Blessing 5:00 PM Mass

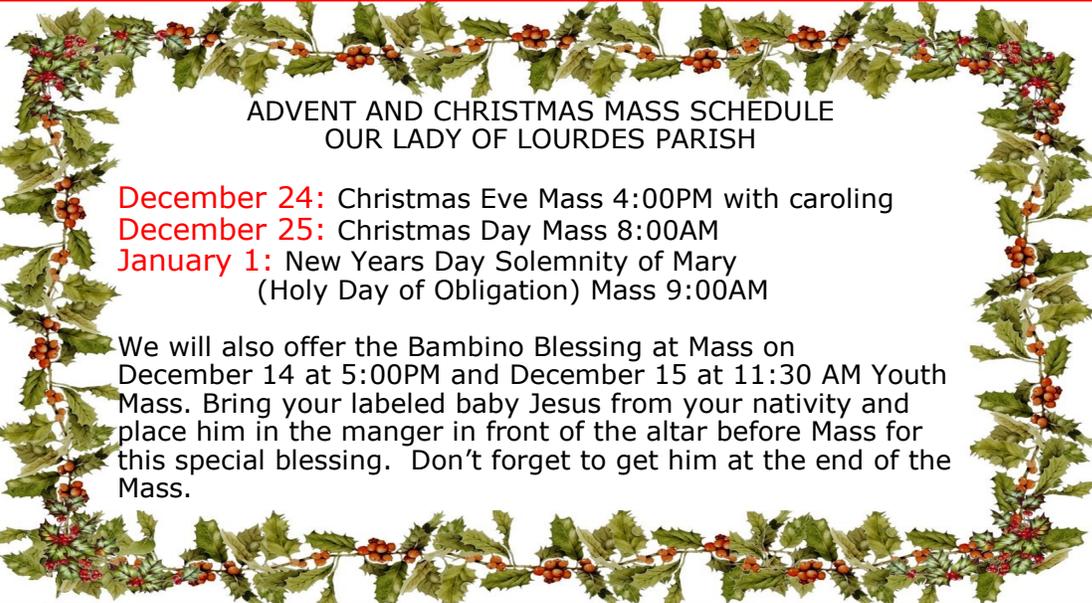
**Sunday, December 15**  
Youth Mass and Bambino Blessing

**Saturday, December 28**  
Food Pantry 8:30 am to noon

## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

**December 24:** Christmas Eve Mass 4:00PM with caroling  
**December 25:** Christmas Day Mass 8:00AM  
**January 1:** New Years Day Solemnity of Mary  
(Holy Day of Obligation) Mass 9:00AM

We will also offer the Bambino Blessing at Mass on December 14 at 5:00PM and December 15 at 11:30 AM Youth Mass. Bring your labeled baby Jesus from your nativity and place him in the manger in front of the altar before Mass for this special blessing. Don't forget to get him at the end of the Mass.



JESUS is  
the Reason  
for the  
Season.

## From the RE Desk.....

The RE Program will be hosting another Christmas Food Drive. They will be collecting food from November 17—December 8. You will find boxes at the back of the church and at the Hall for deposit. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Paul Volker (12/2)  
Spencer Kleist (12/2)  
Mark Skinner (12/2)  
Jim Ruddy (12/7)



God Bless You All !

**Our Lady of Lourdes Christmas Party**  
Hosted by: Religious Education Classes

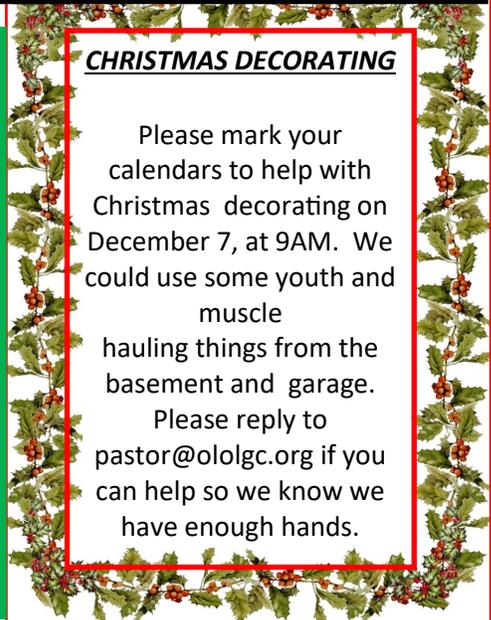


Come join us at **12:30** after Mass on  
**December 8th.**  
For a day of celebration!  
Nacho Bar !

Plus the **RE Classes** have **something special**  
in store for **everyone!**  
There will also be boxes available for  
Food donations to the  
Shepherd's Closet's Emergency Food Bank.

## CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Please mark your calendars to help with Christmas decorating on December 7, at 9AM. We could use some youth and muscle hauling things from the basement and garage. Please reply to [pastor@ololgc.org](mailto:pastor@ololgc.org) if you can help so we know we have enough hands.



## Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Linda Ellington  
Greg Delost  
Dale Enghausen  
Brian Sullivan  
Emma Davis  
Terry Hutchcraft  
Leo Chapman  
Adam Reed  
Michael Gardner  
Fran Mardis  
Joyce Pearson



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](mailto:pastor@ololgc.org).

# Dear Padre,

**A eucharistic minister at a parish we were visiting refused my eight-year-old granddaughter Communion from the cup. Her father asked if this was parish policy, and the minister replied, “No, I refuse!” My grandchild receives both species in our home parish. Can a eucharistic minister refuse the Blood of Christ to anyone?**

According to the United States Conference of Catholic bishops, “It is the choice of the communicant, not the minister, to receive from the chalice. Children are encouraged to receive Communion under both kinds, provided they are properly instructed and that they are old enough to receive from the chalice” (*Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds*, 46–47). Children who have reached the age of reason—normally about age seven—are usually advised on this matter of reception by their parents or guardians before they step up to the chalice at Mass. In addition, first-Communion instructions provide adequate preparation on the proper and reverent reception of holy Eucharist.

Essentially, children eligible to receive this sacrament are entitled to participate in the same manner as other members of the ecclesial community. “Sacred ministers cannot deny the sacraments to those who seek them at appropriate times, are properly disposed, and are not prohibited by law from receiving them” (*Code of Canon Law*, 845). While this canon specifically pertains to ordained ministers, it’s applicable for all ministers at the service of the faithful who have a right to receive holy Communion by reason of their baptism.



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—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR  
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

## Calendar

### Monday

DECEMBER 2  
Advent Weekday  
Is 4:2–6  
Mt 8:5–11

### Tuesday

DECEMBER 3  
St. Francis Xavier,  
Priest  
Is 11:1–10  
Lk 10:21–24

### Wednesday

DECEMBER 4  
Advent Weekday  
Is 25:6–10a  
Mt 15:29–37

### Thursday

DECEMBER 5  
Advent Weekday  
Is 26:1–6  
Mt 7:21, 24–27

### Friday

DECEMBER 6  
Advent Weekday  
Is 29:17–24  
Mt 9:27–31

### Saturday

DECEMBER 7  
St. Ambrose,  
Bishop and  
Doctor of the Church  
Is 30:19–21, 23–26  
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6–8

### Sunday

DECEMBER 8  
Second Sunday  
of Advent  
Is 11:1–10  
Rom 15:4–9  
Mt 3:1–12

# Good News!

December 1, 2019

First Sunday of Advent (A)

Is 2:1–5; Rom 13:11–14; Mt 24:37–44

Be prepared! But for what? Since we’re entering the season of Advent, we might think that we’re called to prepare for the birth of Jesus. Advent is certainly the time to prepare for Christmas, but it’s much more than that, for God comes into our lives in many different ways, even today. We see evidence of that when, working together, we rebuild not only cities, as Isaiah describes in the first reading, but relationships in families, parishes, and countries.

Remarkable changes take place in our lives when, as Paul bids us, we “throw off the works of darkness,” works of rivalry and jealousy (Romans 13:12). God comes to us every day with the power we need to improve ourselves and our world. God often comes quietly in ways so ordinary we might miss them. That is the point of Jesus’ insistence to “stay awake” and “be prepared” (Matthew 24:42, 44).

God certainly came long ago as a human being. That was a one-time-only event. We believe that God will come again at the end. That, too, will happen only once. But God comes more often than this. God comes every day to help us be our better selves. This is what the Advent readings tell us.

What can we do? How are we to prepare for God’s coming? Today’s readings tell us. We must work for the peace that Isaiah describes; we must throw off the works of darkness, as Paul instructs; and we must do as Jesus tells us: stay awake and be prepared.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

*We can ask ourselves: Is this sacrament fulfilled in me? More concretely: Do I just like to be served at the Lord’s table or do I get up to serve like the Lord?...And as a Church let us ask ourselves: After receiving Communion many times, have we become people of communion?*

—EUCHARISTIC CONCELEBRATION, APRIL 20, 2018