

## 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

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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 8, 2019**  
**2nd 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.**



John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance"

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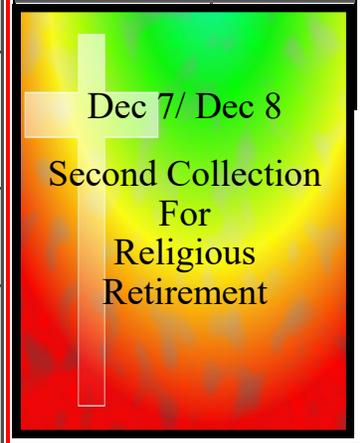
Michael Smith  
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**THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS**

<b>MON</b> December 9	8:00 AM (OLL)	Parish Family
Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary		
<b>TUE</b> December 10	8:00 AM (OLL) 5:30 PM (STJ)	Parish Family
<b>WED</b> December 11	8:00 AM (OLL) 7:00 PM (STM)	+ Lucy Shilts
<b>THU</b> December 12	5:30 PM (OLL)	+ Richard Meunier
<b>FRI</b> December 13	8:00 AM (STM) 5:30 PM (OLL)	Parish Family
<b>SAT</b> December 14	5:00 PM (OLL)	+Mike Freehill
St. Ambrose		
<b>SUN</b> December 15	8:00 AM (STJ) 9:30 AM (STM) 11:30 AM (OLL)	Youth Mass
3rd Sunday of Advent		

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS**

Sunday Total	\$1971.50
Capital Imp.	\$0
CMAA 2019 (goal: \$12,300)	\$13,368.00
Food Pantry November Total Yr to Date FP	\$36.00 \$155.00 \$2336.44



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

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
SAT December 14 5:00PM	Alex Killian	Marj Brown	Jack Kollross Carla Moxley Rosanne Miller	Jerry Brown Bruce Killian	Rosanne Miller
SUN December 15 11:30AM	Walter Smith Katie McCall	Youth Mass		Youth Mass	

**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 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.

**Handel's Messiah Sunday, December 8**

Gibson Area Music Foundation is presenting Handel's Messiah at 3:00 PM on Sunday, December 8 at the Bible Church in Gibson City (west side of town, just off Route 47). We invite you to enjoy the chorus and soloists with piano and orchestra accompaniment. No admission—just a free-will offering if you desire. Refreshments following.

**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.

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.

PARISH CALENDAR  
**December**

**Sunday, December 8**

Parish Christmas Party 12:30 PM  
(Hosted by RE Classes)

**Wednesday, December 11**  
Knights of Columbus 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

**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](mailto:office@ololgc.org)

**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!



- Alayna Miller (12/2)
- Terri Eichelberg (12/2)
- Brayden Stroh (12/2)
- Karla McKinney (12/4)
- Jeanne Fetzner (12/5)
- Sarah McCall (12/6)
- Catherine Cimino (12/7)
- Jim Freehill (12/7)
- Adam Burnes (12/8)
- Anthony Gonzalez (12/9)
- Lisa Chaddock (12/10)
- Jody Goodin (12/11)
- Ian Miller (12/12)
- Cali Roy (12/13)
- John Martin (12/13)



Paul and Mary Geurts (1213)



**A PRAYER FOR ADVENT**

Mary, O luminous mother,  
Holy healing art!  
Eve brought sorrow to the soul,  
But by your holy Son  
By you pour balm on  
Death's wounds and travail.  
You have indeed conquered death!  
You have established life!  
Ask for us life.  
Ask for us radiant joy.  
Ask for us the sweet, delicious ecstasy  
That is forever yours.  
Amen.

**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.

**Shepherds Closet Food Pantry  
ITEMS NEEDED**

- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Hygiene Products
- Cleaning Products
- Canned Meat
- Canned Fruit
- Condiments
- Snack Items
- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Sugar
- Canned Pasta



**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).

## Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
DECEMBER 9	DECEMBER 10	DECEMBER 11	DECEMBER 12	DECEMBER 13	DECEMBER 14	DECEMBER 15
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Gn 3:9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38	Advent Weekday Is 40:1-11 Mt 18:12-14	Advent Weekday Is 40:25-31 Mt 11:28-30	Our Lady of Guadalupe Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47	St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19	St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17:9a, 10-13	Third Sunday of Advent Is 35:1-6a, 10 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11

# Good News!

December 8, 2019  
Second Sunday of Advent (A)  
Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

At times, God's presence among us is so unspectacular that we need someone else to point it out, someone with a loud voice. That seems to have been the role of John the Baptist. His lifestyle and his message certainly caught everyone's attention. But when he caught their attention, he directed it away from himself to the kingdom of heaven.

He called it a kingdom because that was the government those of his time knew. (Jesus, too, often spoke of his kingdom.) However, the kingdom John referred to is not one of military power and privilege but a "peaceable kingdom," where animals that are normally feared as predators live with each other in peace. A beautiful picture, but is it a possibility or just fantasy? The people believed that some day one would be born who would rule this way, thus enabling them to become a genuine peaceable kingdom. This kingdom would not be made of animals, but of women and men of different races, cultures, and beliefs; women and men who would recognize each other's God-given uniqueness and would create genuine unity from this diversity.

John the Baptist declared that this kingdom "is at hand." Is it? Do we strive to live peacefully with the great diversity of people of our world? Or are we smug as we proclaim: "We have Abraham as our father" (Matthew 3:9), so we are right and you are wrong. The people of John's time should have known better. We should, too. John cries out to them—and to us: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Matthew 3:2).

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## Dear Padre,

**An intellectual friend told me that she loves the great dogmas of Advent. I smiled and agreed, but I don't have the faintest idea what she meant!**

**D**ogma refers to Church teachings defined by an ecumenical council, including the pope, or by the pope alone acting as head of the Church. The magisterium, the Church's teaching authority, tells us these must-be-believed truths have been divinely revealed to us. During Advent, we celebrate two dogmas: the immaculate conception of Mary, which we honor tomorrow,

and the Incarnation, which includes the birth of Christ that we prepare for now.

Both dogmas speak of God's extraordinary connection with humanity. God specially gifted Mary because of her role in becoming the Mother of God. Mary, from the instant of her conception, was free from original sin. Her closeness to Jesus was established from the earliest moments of her existence.

The dogma of the Incarnation is defined simply by St. John. "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (John 1:14). During the year, we first celebrate the Incarnation on March 25, at the solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Scripture and Tradition hold that Jesus was conceived in

Mary's womb when she accepted God's will by answering yes to the angel's announcement that she would bear the "Son of the Most High" (Luke 1:32). During Advent, we eagerly anticipate the result of that Incarnation, Jesus' birth.

Dogmas can sometimes seem disconnected from our lives. The customs of Advent put an everyday face on the book definitions and remind us that God lives in our midst.

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A WORD FROM  
*Pope Francis*  
*It is the mystery of Christ's flesh: one doesn't understand love for thy neighbor, one doesn't understand love for thy brother if one doesn't understand this mystery of Incarnation. I love my brother because he too is Christ, is Christlike, is the flesh of Christ.*

VISIT TO PENTECOSTAL  
CHURCH OF  
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JULY 28, 2014

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