

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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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

February 17, 2019 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



And he came down with them and stood on a stretch of level ground. A great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way.

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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 February 18		NO MASS
TUE February 19	8:00AM (OLL) 5:30PM (STJ)	Parish Family Feast of OLL
WED February 20	8:00AM (OLL) 7:00PM (STM)	+Rosetta McCreery
THU February 21	5:30PM (OLL)	Haynes Family St. Peter Damian Moxley Family
FRI February 22	8:00AM (STM) 5:30PM (OLL)	Parish Family The Chair of St. Peter The Apostle
SAT February 23	5:00PM (OLL)	+Albert Bode St. Polycarp
SUN February 24	8:00AM (STJ) 9:30AM (STM) 11:30AM (OLL)	+Anita Meyer Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**THANK YOU FOR
 YOUR GIFTS
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Sunday Total	\$4529.50
Capital Imp.	\$10.00
CMAA 2018 (goal: \$12,200)	\$14,306
Food Pantry	\$13.00
February Total	\$89.00
Yr to Date FP	\$340.00



<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
SAT February 23 5:00PM	Alex Killian	Marj Brown	Helen Haynes Tannie Smith Jean Wilhelmi	Steve Killian Bruce Killian	Lisa Heap
SUN February 24 11:30AM	Sophia Helmit	Jodi 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.

HOLY DIALOGUE

By Barbara Hughes

After convincing myself it wasn't really gossip, I was about to retell a story I had recently heard when God said, "You don't really want to share that story, do you?" A few days later I was driving past a church when a magnetic force pulled my car into the parking lot and, before I knew it, I was kneeling before the Blessed Sacrament. On another occasion I passed a homeless person and heard a voice say, "Please give her something so she can have breakfast."

OK, none of that happened, but I've often thought it would be helpful if God communicated with us more directly. The funny thing is that the one day I thought God did just that, it was no help at all. I was walking along the beach contemplating whether to commit to a volunteer program when I spotted a piece of sea glass. Imprinted on the fragment of glass were the letters "NO." I could hardly believe my eyes. Could it be that God was resolving the issue for me? Picking up the piece of glass, I turned it over and noticed the same letters spelled the word "ON". Maybe direct messages aren't what we need after all.

Days later, after spending time in prayer and reflection, the answer *yes* came, not in the form of a sign, but from deep within as I realized that my skills and availability were a perfect match for the program. All that was needed was a willing heart. God had been speaking to me all along; but in my search for a sign, I had become deaf.

Saint Paul wrote that we should pray without ceasing. That doesn't mean we need to be on our knees 24/7, because prayer is a dialogue. It means that God is talking to us and calling us to holiness even when we're not talking to God. The more we take time to listen, the more we become attuned to the subtle nuances of God's voice speaking to us through Scripture, nature, and the people we encounter every day. God talks to us through family members, coworkers, even television ads. The challenge lies not only in hearing God's voice, but in how we respond to those gentle nudges that invite us to become the person God is calling us to be.

When tempted to gossip, instead we can decide to whisper a prayer for the person whose reputation is at stake. When passing a church, we can make the sign of the cross and thank God for his presence in the Eucharist, and when we encounter those in need, we can give joyfully and generously. The more we listen, the more we understand that the call to holiness is not reserved for a few privileged souls. God calls everyone, and when we are attentive, life becomes an ongoing dialogue with God, and soon all of life becomes holy.

"PSSST! DID YOU HEAR" - CLARIFICATION ON WHAT THE CHURCH CONSIDERS GOSSIP

Primary source: Liguori 2003 compiled by Fr. Thomas Santa CSsR

Human beings have the great gift of speech. We continually talk to one another and we talk *about* one another. Gossip, at its most basic level, is just idle talk. It's neither good nor bad. But it's a tool we can use to build up another human being or tear that person down.

Gossip becomes evil when we use our words to unjustly hurt the reputation of another, or to judge another person rashly. The two words that the Church uses to describe this evil side of gossip are *detraction* and *calumny*. The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that **detraction** is "without objectively valid reason, disclosing another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them." **Calumny** occurs when a person, "by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them" (CCC 2477).

To judge whether your own gossip is good or evil, simply ask yourself: Do the words that I am saying help or hurt others? Am I building them up or tearing them down? Hopefully, as a Christian, you are committed to the gospel of love, and to using your words for the good of others (Philippians 2:2-5).

As we look to enter this Lenten season in a few weeks, wouldn't it be wonderful if EVERYONE tried to do more **building up** of our friends, neighbors, co-workers, spouses and children? Next time you enter a conversation of *detraction* or *calumny*...STOP and **build up**. Remember the old saying "if you wouldn't say it to their face, don't say it at all".

PARISH CALENDAR



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- Finance Council Meeting 7PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- Food Pantry 8AM—12 Noon

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- YOUTH MASS

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION FOR ALL SEMI-RETIRED AND RETIRED FOLKS

THE AMERICAN LUTHERAN
CHURCH PARISH HALL
905 EAST 1ST STREET, GIBSON CITY
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019
9AM—10AM

The guest speaker will be our own **DR. JIM MEYER**, a retired veterinarian and airplane pilot. Join him for an engaging and informal discussion, and a morning of fellowship with our friends at the American Lutheran Church.



Nathan Giroux (2/21)
Kate McCall (2/22)
Ryen Miller (2/24)



Vince & Paula Cyphert (2/20)

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Linda Ellington
Greg Delost
Dale Enghausen
Brian Sullivan
Emma Davis
Terry Hutchcraft
Norma Thompson
Leo Chapman
Adam Reed
Rich Meunier
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.

Calendar

Monday

FEBRUARY 18

Weekday

Gn 4:1-15, 25

Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 19

Weekday

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10

Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 20

Weekday

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22

Mk 8:22-26

Thursday

FEBRUARY 21

Weekday

Gn 9:1-13

Mk 8:27-33

Friday

FEBRUARY 22

Chair of St. Peter,

Apostle

1 Pt 5:1-4

Mt 16:13-19

Saturday

FEBRUARY 23

St. Polycarp,

Bishop and Martyr

Heb 11:1-7

Mk 9:2-13

Sunday

FEBRUARY 24

Seventh Sunday in

Ordinary Time

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9,

12-13, 22-23

1 Cor 15:45-49

Lk 6:27-38

Dear Padre,

Why does the Church rightfully celebrate marriage, family, and religious life but neglect the equally important celibate single life? Perhaps if this vocation got the respect and attention it deserves, we'd have fewer people rushing into bad relationships and weak marriages.

Our vocation in life is a gift from God to become a living response to God's love. God invites people to holiness and service through marriage, the single life, the priesthood, the diaconate or the religious life. Lest the single life be overlooked, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states, "We must also remember the great number of *single persons* who...are especially close to Jesus' heart and therefore deserve the special affection and active solicitude of the Church, especially of pastors" (CCC 1658). It adds that the doors of homes "and of the great family which is the Church must be open to all of them."

Like the gift of one's vocation, celibacy also is a gift from God that's offered back to the Church. Jesus himself chose celibacy, not because he disapproved of marriage or family life, but for the sake of the kingdom. He was wedded to his mission in bringing about a universal family that follows God's will. To be celibate, then—whether as a single person or in consecrated life—isn't upheld in and of itself, but for the reign of God.

Whatever the vocation and however it's lived out, "all cooperate in the building up of the Body of Christ" in a spirit of equality and dignity according "to each one's own condition and function" (Canon 208).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
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A Word from Pope Francis

No vocation is born of itself or lives for itself. A vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people, in the experience of fraternal love. Did not Jesus say: "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another"?

—Day of prayer for vocations, May 11, 2014

Good News!

February 17, 2019

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus offers a rather radical call to holiness. Many of us have a hard time accepting that we are all called to such levels of morality. Yet, read to whom Jesus is speaking here. The Gospel says his audience is everyone: his apostles, his disciples, and a large number of other people from around the region. The Second Vatican Council offers a reminder when it says, "Fortified by so many and such powerful means of salvation, all the faithful, whatever their condition or state, are called by the Lord, each in his own way, to that perfect holiness whereby the Father himself is perfect" (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church [*Lumen Gentium*], 11).

A key to progress in any personal area is keeping hungry, never being fully satisfied. The same goes for our faith and relationship with our Lord. If our goal is to be comfortable, to follow the path of least resistance, then mediocrity is our goal. Jesus is anything but mediocre. He proposes to us a high moral standard that isn't reached by coasting.

Our souls are hungry by design. They are never fully satisfied in this life because we desire the Infinite—we desire God.

Luckily, our Lord not only proposes a high moral ideal of holiness, but he also gives us his very Spirit so we can reach the heights he proposes. And so we can pray with St. Augustine, "Give me what you command, and command what you will."

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC