

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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Gibson City, IL 60936

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. 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

March 3, 2019

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC BEST LENT EVER!

Sign up FREE with the below link for daily Lenten emails beginning this Wednesday, March 6 (Ash Wednesday). bestlentever.com/invites



During the Lenten season we will offer

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

on Friday evenings at 6:30PM
following 5:30PM Mass

(Beginning March 8)



If you have old palms that you need to dispose of, please drop them in the basket in the vestibule at the back of the church and we will take care of that for you.

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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 March 4		NO MASS
TUE March 5	8:00AM (OLL) 5:30PM (STJ)	Parish Family
WED March 6 ASH WEDNESDAY	5:30PM (OLL) 7:00PM (STM)	Wilhelmi Family Delost Family
THU March 7 St. Peter Damian	5:30PM (OLL)	Parsons Family Perkins Family
FRI March 8	8:00AM (STM) 5:30PM (OLL)	Parish Family
SAT March 9	5:00PM (OLL)	+Anita Meyer
SUN March 10 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00AM (STJ) 9:30AM (STM) 11:30AM (OLL)	Hafer Family Smith Family

**THANK YOU FOR
 YOUR GIFTS
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Sunday Total	\$1835.87
Capital Imp.	\$0
CMAA 2018 (goal: \$12,200)	\$14,306
Food Pantry February Total	\$119..00
Yr to Date FP	\$261.00
	\$512.00



<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
SAT March 9 5:00PM	Walter Smith	Fran Mardis	Lisa Heap Denis Fisher Cherry Fisher	Bob Bode Fred Sarantakos	Marj Brown
SUN March 10 11:30AM	Hannah & Haven Hathaway	Sarah Sarantakos		Jerry Lynch, Sr. Jerry Lynch, Jr.	

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**



Pledge your gift to the CMAA! This is Commitment Weekend, when we are all asked to pledge our support for the 2019 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA).

God calls all of us to be *Signs of Hope* for those in need in the Diocese of Joliet. The CMAA supports 30 ministries that benefit so many and allow us to do God's work here on earth,. Our parish could not possibly accomplish all that the diocese is able to when we all work together.

Our parish goal for the 2019 CMAA is \$12,300. If we raise more than this goal, 70 percent of the amount over goal will be returned to the parish.

Please prayerfully reflect on how much you can best support this year's CMAA. You may make your gift using one of the pledge envelopes available in the church, by returning the pledge card you received in the mail, visiting jolietdioceseappeal.org, or texting "Donate" to (815)205-1949 to link to a donation form from your mobile phone.

**Illinois Bishops Warn Against
Extreme Abortion Legislation in General Assembly**

As Illinois faces so many pressing issues involving human life and dignity, it is incomprehensible that our elected officials have decided the pressing issue of the day is to enhance the chances that the lives of the most vulnerable and voiceless will be taken. Their efforts, similar to recent actions in New York and Virginia, focus on corrupting our God-given right to life and sowing unnecessary division.

House Bill 2495 and Senate Bill 1942, misnamed the Reproductive Health Act, include so many harmful provisions the full effect of these bills can hardly be imagined. We know the legislation:

- seeks to define abortion as health care and a fundamental right;
- removes abortion clinics from a regulatory framework designed for significant medical procedures;
- attacks a carefully constructed agreement in law on how hospitals care for the victims of sexual assault;
- repeals the ban on partial birth abortion;
- repeals legal protections for doctors and hospitals who decline to participate in abortions;
- requires private health insurance in Illinois to fully cover the cost of abortion;
- removes the requirement that only doctors can perform abortions;
- as well as many other changes that in totality require us to treat abortion as a celebrated right instead of a heart-wrenching tragedy.

Abortion is not health care. It is the intentional taking of innocent and defenseless human life. Moreover, provisions in the law that allow healthcare providers to live and work in accordance with their sincerely-held moral beliefs are not wrong. Freedom of religion and conscience protections are fundamental rights, enshrined in our state and federal constitutions, and they must be respected.

House Bill 2467 and Senate Bill 1594 seek to repeal the Parental Notice of Abortion Act. This law, which has been in statute since 1995 and enforced since 2013, ensures parents are involved in profound medical decisions involving their children. Every other state bordering Illinois – Wisconsin, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri and Iowa – requires at least parental notification. It is a broadly-supported, reasonable safeguard that allows parents to properly exercise love and care for their children. Our government should support families, not undermine them.

Opposition to these bills do not require one to assume a pro-life political position. Opposition should be the natural result of applying reason, fairness and a basic respect for human dignity to the examination of their contents. We cannot further devalue human life to the extent proposed in this legislation without dire consequences for ourselves.

We hope to lead all people of goodwill to rise up and be heard in opposition to these terrible efforts. Accordingly, in the days ahead, we will be distributing more information and calls to action. Today, we ask for your prayers and support as you certainly have ours. <https://www.ilcatholic.org/take-action/action-center/?vsrc=%2fcampaigns%2f63456%2frespond>. (for information to contact your Senator or Rep.)



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

MARCH 15

MARCH 29

APRIL 12



Dinner will be served from 4:30PM-6:30PM. The cost will be \$8 with children under 12 free. Carryout's are available.



REMIND SYSTEM

PLEASE REMEMBER TO FILL OUT THE FAMILY INFORMATION FORM IN THE PEWS AND DROP THEM IN THE COLLECTION BASKET. WE WILL NEED THIS INFORMATION IF YOU WANT TO BE CONTACTED OF CANCELLATIONS OR CHANGES IN MASS TIMES DUE TO WEATHER.

Sunderland Scholarship

The Sunderland Scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating senior from Our Lady of Lourdes. To make a donation toward this year's scholarship award, please use the red offertory envelope marked for this purpose and drop it in the collection basket. Your generosity toward helping our parish youth is greatly appreciated.





Looking for another opportunity to bring Catholicism into your day....tune your radio to Holy Family Radio, 95.7 FM, [EWTV](http://www.ewtn.com) Catholic radio programs.

PARISH CALENDAR



Wednesday, March 6

- ASH WEDNESDAY MASS 5:30PM
- (LENTEN SCHEDULE posted at back of church & extra copies on bookcase.

Saturday, March 9

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon

Wednesday, March 13

- K of C Meeting 7PM

Thursday, March 14

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

Sunday, March 17

- YOUTH MASS

Saturday, March 23

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon



Colleen Davis (3/4)
 Andrea Killian (3/4)
 Eva Acree (3/5)
 Amanda Freehill (3/6)
 Andrew Laughery (3/6)
 Seth Kollross (3/8)
 Jim Fetzner (3/8)



Roger & Kathleen Reum (3/6)

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

Designed by Caroline King

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
MARCH 4

Weekday
Sir 17:20–24
Mk 10:17–27

Tuesday
MARCH 5

Weekday
Sir 35:1–12
Mk 10:28–31

Wednesday
MARCH 6

Ash Wednesday
Jl 2:12–18
2 Cor 5:20–6:2
Mt 6:1–6, 16–18

Thursday
MARCH 7

Thursday after
Ash Wednesday
Dt 30:15–20
Lk 9:22–25

Friday
MARCH 8

Friday after
Ash Wednesday
Is 58:1–9a
Mt 9:14–15

Saturday
MARCH 9

Saturday after
Ash Wednesday
Is 58:9b–14
Lk 5:27–32

Sunday
MARCH 10

First Sunday of Lent
Dt 26:4–10
Rom 10:8–13
Lk 4:1–13

Dear Padre,

How much talking is acceptable while waiting for Mass to begin? The chatter gets noisier as more people arrive, and then everyone starts talking louder just to be heard.

Before Mass, “it is a praiseworthy practice for silence to be observed in the church, in the sacristy, in the vesting room, and in adjacent areas, so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred celebration in a devout and fitting manner” (*General Instruction of The Roman Missal*, 45). For the liturgy to produce its full effects, “it is necessary that the faithful come to it with proper dispositions, that their minds...be attuned to their voices, and that they cooperate with divine grace lest they receive it in vain” (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [*Sacrosanctum concilium*], 11). In this sense, we are silent together, for the Mass is not a private function but a celebration of the Church as the “sacrament of unity,” a holy people united (SC 26).

Thus, from the point of entry in a church to the time of the gathering song, which is intended to foster unity (GIRM 47), how does your faith community gather for Mass? Some churches with self-contained vestibules are ideal for offering welcome to newcomers and for exchanging greetings. Other sacred spaces are less conducive for separating this informal ritual from a place of quietude. Nevertheless, every faith community, with varying success, creates an atmosphere before Mass where individuals come together as a worshipping body, and at the same time, where people may dispose themselves in a devout manner.

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



SHUTTERSTOCK

Good News!

March 3, 2019

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Sir 27:4–7; 1 Cor 15:54–58; Lk 6:39–45

A fresco by Paris Nogari outside the pope’s residence reminds us of an important virtue that is often absent in modern times: the capacity to be silent. “Be still and know that I am God!” (Psalm 46:11).

The figure in the fresco, titled *Silence*, holds a finger over his mouth, indicating that silence starts with us. Speak less! Then we should muffle the background noise, represented by a stork with a stone in its bill to stifle its squawk.

How often do we have times of silence in our lives—and not just moments when there doesn’t happen to be a radio or TV on? I mean purposeful, intentional periods of quiet to be alone with God and ourselves.

Regular times of quiet offer many benefits. They help us reflect, order our thoughts, and contemplate what’s happening inside our hearts and minds. Silence is regenerative and gives us new energy, clarity, and serenity. If we add to this quietude an internal dialogue with ourselves and our Lord, it can take our inner sanctuary to a new level. One will not only find strength but also purpose and focus. Silence is the natural habitat of a flourishing soul, yet we often lock out our inner self in the mayhem of the external world, never allowing it to take in what gives it life—silence.

How about taking an hour without phones, radios, TVs, and computers to dedicate yourself to some meditative work or recreation? Or better yet, take a moment and go to a local perpetual adoration chapel to quietly sit with our Lord.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

For more than fifty years, Redemptorists have ministered compassionately with those



A Word from Pope Francis

When we go to Mass, perhaps we arrive five minutes early and begin to chat with the person next to us. But this is not the moment for small talk...It is the moment for recollection within the heart, to prepare ourselves for the encounter with Jesus.

Silence is so important!

—General audience, November 15, 2017