

## 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](mailto:pastor@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

## April 21, 2019

### EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

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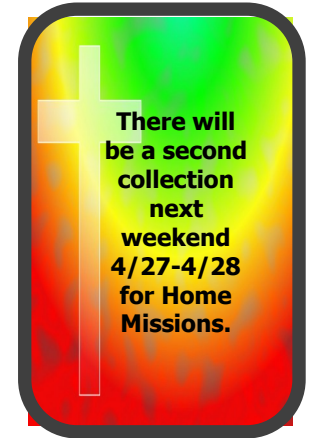
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**THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS**

<b>MON</b> April 22		NO MASS
<b>TUE</b> April 23	8:00AM (OLL) 5:30PM (STJ)	Parish Family
<b>WED</b> April 24	8:00 AM (OLL) 7:00PM (STM)	Kollross Family Skinner Family
<b>THU</b> April 25	5:30PM (OLL)	Cyphert Family Gardner Family
<b>FRI</b> April 26	8:00AM (STM) 5:30PM (OLL)	Parish Family
<b>SAT</b> April 27	5:00PM (OLL)	Wurmnest Family Laughery Family
<b>SUN</b> April 28	8:00AM (STJ) 9:30AM (STM) 11:30AM (OLL)	Divine Mercy Sunday Geurts Family Doran Family

**THANK YOU FOR  
 YOUR GIFTS  
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Sunday Total	\$2748.50
Capital Imp.	\$50.00
CMAA 2019 (goal: \$12,300)	\$6951.00
Food Pantry April Total	\$76.00
Yr to Date FP	\$121.00
	<b>\$894.00</b>

**MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
SAT April 27 7:30PM	Walter Smith	Fran Mardis	Fran Mardis Marj Brown Carla Moxley	Frank Titus Jerry Brown	Lisa Heap
SUN April 28 9:00AM	Isabella & Sophia Helmig	Sarah Sarantakos		Dan Kleist Dan Day	

**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.

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET/DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**Divine Mercy Chaplet** said twice daily

Sun before 11:30am Mass & 5:30pm;

M -8am & 5:30pm;

Tu/W before 8am Mass & 5:30pm;

Th/F 8AM & before 5:30pm Mass;

Sat 8am & before 5pm Mass;

**STM Paxton Divine Mercy schedule posted on bulletin board in OLL vestibule.**

**Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated together at April 28 at St. Mary Paxton**

**1pm-2:45pm Adoration & Confession**

**2:50-3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet**

**3pm-3:10pm Procession of St. Faustina First Class Relic & Veneration of Divine Mercy Image**

## THE HEART OF THE CHRISTIAN MESSAGE

The Easter Triduum we celebrated this week reminds us that an authentic understanding of the place of morality in the life of the Christian begins and ends with faith in Jesus Christ as the incarnate Son of God and Savior of the world. Those who do not accept Jesus as Savior tend to paint him simply as a wise moral teacher, a great poet, and a communicator of beautiful ideals. They focus on the words of his teachings rather than on the meaning of his life, death, and resurrection. There is even a tendency by some within the Church to see adherence to moral teachings and compliance with ethical norms as the litmus test for what makes one authentically Catholic.

During his general audience on April 19, 2017, Pope Francis noted the resurrection as "the heart of the Christian message." He said, "Christianity started from here. It is not an ideology; it is not a philosophical system; rather it is a path of faith which begins with an event witnessed by Jesus; first disciples." It is the surprise of this encounter, the Pope continued, that all Christians are called to experience "even if we are sinners."

Christian moral life flows out of this encounter with the risen Christ. We find its purpose and meaning in his cross and resurrection. The cross reminds us that moral living alone cannot and does not save. Jesus did not teach a new moral law of which the people to whom he spoke were unaware. He came to deal with humanity's inability to live the moral law we already know, to free us from the power sin has over us, and to release us from the debt of injustice by which we are estranged from God. He did this as God incarnate in human flesh by undergoing crucifixion and death as an act of loving mercy. The resurrection reveals him as the divine Son, whom the loving Father sent into the world so that the world might be saved rather than condemned.

The crucified and risen Christ offers himself as a ransom for the many. Lifted up on the cross, he draws all people to himself with the revelation of a merciful God who loves us and forgives us. Christ, whose blood is shed so that sins may be forgiven rather than punished, calls upon those of us who truly encounter him to take up our cross and follow him by doing for others what he has done for us.

When we touch Christ's heart and feel him touching ours, we find that Eden's tree of the knowledge of good and evil, which poisoned humanity, is rendered nutritious by the tree of life (the cross), restoring humanity to divine intimacy and friendship. There is no sin so grave or terrible that it cannot and will not be forgiven by the love of Christ if we repent and accept his gift of mercy in faith. There is no evil so powerful that it has not already been definitively defeated by the cross and resurrection of Jesus. Faith in Christ crucified and risen gives rise to a morality of joyous hope, revealing charity rather than justice to be the essence of a Christian moral life.

~Fr. Stephen Rehrauer, CSSR

## PARISH CALENDAR

# April

**Saturday, April 27**

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon

### SHOES...SHOES...SHOES...

We have a parishioner in need of shoes for their shoe drive.

Shoes need to be used or new (adult, children, men or women) and in good condition... meaning soles intact, laces if necessary, no holes, dry and clean. Tie laces together and rubber band any others in pairs. They can be brought to church in a bag and dropped in the corner by the choir loft steps and I will be happy to collect them on Monday mornings.

If you didn't feel like getting in those closets before, this is some great motivation for spring clean out!

Thanks in advance!



Happy Anniversary

Eric & Michelle Rosenbaum (4/23)  
Harry & Dorl Groom (4/25)  
Jerry & Marj Brown (4/28)  
Tom & Sarah McCall (4/28)

### **Pray for the Sick & Homebound**

Linda Ellington  
Greg Delost  
Dale Enghausen  
Brian Sullivan  
Emma Davis  
Terry Hutchcraft  
Norma Thompson  
Leo Chapman  
Adam Reed  
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@ololg.org.

## Calendar

Monday

APRIL 22

Octave of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-23

Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday

APRIL 23

Octave of Easter

Acts 2:36-41

Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday

APRIL 24

Octave of Easter

Acts 3:1-10

Lk 24:13-35

Thursday

APRIL 25

Octave of Easter

Acts 3:11-26

Lk 24:35-48

Friday

APRIL 26

Octave of Easter

Acts 4:1-12

Jn 21:1-14

Saturday

APRIL 27

Octave of Easter

Acts 4:13-21

Mk 16:9-15

Sunday

APRIL 28

Second Sunday of Easter,

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 5:12-16

Rev 1:9-11a,

12-13, 17-19

Jn 20:19-31

Now Someone  
Very Anxious About Sin?

For more than fifty years,  
edemptorists have ministered

compassionately  
with those  
struggling with  
scrupulosity.



# Dear Padre,

## Is there any significance to the fact that the first witnesses to Jesus' resurrection were women?

The first people to encounter the risen Jesus were Mary Magdalene and the women who came to anoint his body on Easter. Jesus had been killed the day before the Sabbath. His body was buried in haste, so there was no time to do the proper anointing. Jesus appeared first to these women, who became the first witnesses to Christ's resurrection.

According to Jewish law, women were not allowed to be witnesses. They were not allowed to testify or bear witness. The fact that Jesus first appeared to



women, and specifically used women as the first to witness his resurrection, is testimony that in Christ we discard the distinctions that separate and divide us as human beings. Other categories of people were also not allowed to testify in Jewish law—children, slaves, and shepherds were also excluded. In Luke's gospel, the first witnesses to the birth of Jesus were the shepherds on the hillside. Jesus came into this world and left it while giving a voice to those usually silenced.

This Easter, let us be like the Lord as we recommit ourselves to giving voice to those in our world who are unprotected, silenced, and cast aside.

Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR  
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### A Word From Pope Francis

*The growing presence of women in the social, economic, and political life at local, national, and international levels, as well as the ecclesial, therefore, is a healthy process. Women have the full right to be actively included in all areas, and their right must be affirmed and protected, even through legal instruments wherever...necessary.*

—Address to pontifical council, June 9, 2017

# Good News!

April 21, 2019

Easter (C)

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or

1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

The key to our faith is the testimony of the apostles who witnessed Jesus resurrected from the dead. For this reason, the Easter scriptural passages carefully record who saw him, when, and under what circumstances.

Particularly powerful is the testimony of Mary Magdalene. She was at the foot of the cross with Mary and John. She saw Jesus' passion and death in all its brutal reality: carrying the cross, the nailing, spearing, his last agonizing words, lowering his body from the cross, cleaning his corpse, and anointing it according to Jewish customs. She would have wrapped him in linen and then stood outside the tomb as soldiers sealed it shut. She, more than anyone, could testify that he was most definitely dead.

Imagine her surprise when, early Sunday morning, she found the stone rolled away and the tomb empty. After Peter and John came to confirm that it was as she said, Mary Magdalene stayed at the tomb. Having been forgiven much, she loved much. Saint Gregory the Great comments that the woman who stayed behind to seek Christ was the only one to see him, for perseverance is essential to any good deed.

Often we need to persevere in pursuing Jesus. He doesn't reveal himself to mere curiosity seekers. Rather, he rewards those who seek him with sincerity and who have accepted him deeply.

Jesus would find the person who was seeking him. He called her by name because he knew her as no one else. She had found her lost treasure and held on to it with all her loving strength.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC