

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

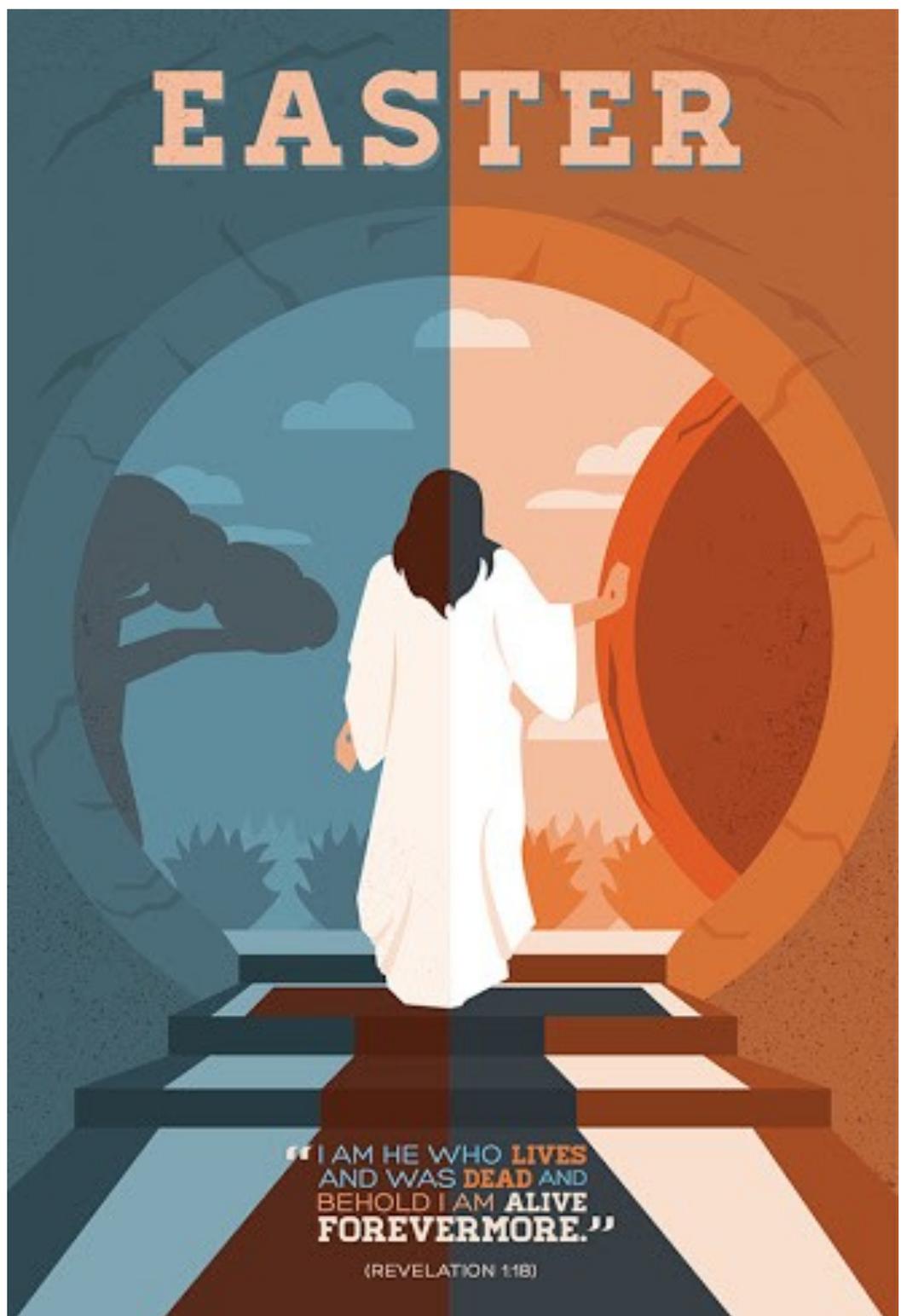
Sunday 8:00 am
Tuesday 5:30 pm

Confession

Sunday 7:30am

April 28, 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER-DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead. He touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. I hold the keys to death and the netherworld.

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THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS

MON April 29 St. Catherine of Siena		NO MASS
TUE April 30 St. Pius V	8:00AM (OLL) 5:30PM (STJ)	Parish Family
WED May 1 St. Joseph the Worker	8:00 AM (OLL) 7:00PM (STM)	Goodin Family Groom Family
THU May 2 St. Anthonasius	5:30PM (OLL)	Grote Family Hall Family
FRI May 3 Sts. Philip & James	8:00AM (STM) 5:30PM (OLL)	Parish Family
SAT May 4	5:00PM (OLL)	Hansen Family Harper Family
SUN May 5 Third Sunday of Easter	8:00AM (STJ) 9:30AM (STM) 11:30AM (OLL)	Hafer Family Hankes Family

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS**OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$3920
Capital Imp.	\$0
CMAA 2019 (goal: \$12,300)	\$7141.00
Food Pantry April Total	\$18.01
Yr to Date FP	\$139.01
	\$912.01

**MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
SAT May 4 5:00PM	Walter Smith	Jack Kollross	Jack Kollross Sarah Sarantakos Rosanne Miller	Steve Killian Bruce Killian	Carla Moxley
SUN May 5 11:30AM	Cecilia Goodin Brooke Beyers	Denis Fisher		Nathan & Ethan Garard	

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR CHILDREN
 MAKING THEIR
FIRST COMMUNION

NEXT WEEKEND

Kinley Beyers
 Jude Killian
 Joey Goodin
 Erin McCall
 Anthony Gonzales
 Enrique Gonzales
 Alania Maloney
 Anthony Maloney

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!

SAINTS OF THE EASTER SEASON

The Easter season, which is actually not just one day but forty days long, is the time when we are encouraged to proclaim the Good News of Christ's resurrection to new life with God. But even more than just proclaiming it, we are invited to be transformed by our contact with the risen Christ and live resurrection lives. The saints whom we remember and celebrate during this season exemplify what we are also trying to do. As Vatican Council II reminded us: "The saints have been traditionally honored in the Church and their authentic relics and images held in veneration. For the feasts of the saints proclaim the wonderful works of Christ in his servants, and display to the faithful fitting examples for their imitation." So may these holy men and women, clergy and laity, rich and poor, popes and peasants encourage and embolden us to live our resurrection lives to the fullest.

St. Catherine of Siena—April 29

At the age of 7 Catherine had a vision of Christ in glory and dedicated herself to God. She joined the Dominican Third Order (1365) and after a vision (1368) in which Christ accepted her as his "bride," she began actively caring for the poor and tending the sick. She was a prolific correspondent, counseling popes and princes, and a renowned reformer and peacemaker. She is also known for her spiritual reflections (The Dialogue). She was canonized (1461), declared patroness of Italy (1939), a doctor of the Church (1970) and, with St. Bridget of Sweden and St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), co-patroness of Europe (1999). Like her, may we offer both our prayer and our actions in service of God.

How might I seek greater renewal and reconciliation in my household, workplace, and parish?

St. Pius V-Pope—April 30

Antonio Ghislieri spent much of his early life tending sheep. He entered the Dominican Order (1518) and after ordination taught philosophy and theology. He was appointed bishop, cardinal and finally pope (1566). As pope he implemented the reforms decreed by the Council of Trent (1545-63). He revised the Roman Missal and the breviary, published the Roman Catechism and restored modernation to the papal court.

St. Joseph the Worker—May 1

Although popular devotion to Joseph, husband of Mary, may have begun as early as the 8th century, it was not until the 15th century that his name was entered in the Church calendar. Since that time, devotion to Joseph has been marked by growing enthusiasm and, in 1955, Pope Pius XII proclaimed a second feast day on May 1, which recognizes Joseph as the skilled craftsman and coincides with Labor Day in many countries.

St. Athanasius—May 2

Born and educated in Alexandria in Egypt, Athanasius attended the Council of Nicaea (325) as the bishop's secretary. Then as Bishop (328) he was a formidable defender of the Council's teaching on Christ's divinity, incurring the wrath of a succession of non-Christian emperors who exiled him. He wrote several treatises on Catholic doctrine, especially on the Incarnation, and introduced monasticism to the West. Through his example, his learning and his writings, he remains one of the most renowned Greek Fathers and a Doctor of the Church. May we recognize the truth of his advice that "one cannot possibly understand the teaching of the saints unless one has a pure mind and is trying to imitate their life."

How might I defend Christian teaching and values when they are threatened?

Sts. Phillip & James—May 3

Philip and James were apostles of Jesus. John's Gospel records several conversations between Jesus and Philip which indicate that he was present throughout the Lord's public ministry and was instrumental in bringing others to Christ. James the son of Alphaeus is called "James the Less" perhaps because he was younger than the other apostle James. He is mentioned in Mark and in Acts. Little is known of his life beyond these biblical details.

PARISH CALENDAR



Sunday, May 5

- First Communion

Wednesday, May 8

- K of C Meeting 7PM

Thursday, May 9

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

Saturday, May 11

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon

Saturday, May 25

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**



We are looking for some of our youth that would like to earn about about 30 minutes of service each

week around our parish. There is some light weeding and occasional watering needed as well as a few other odd jobs. If a Monday works around lunch time, Patti will even throw in lunch!



Sylvia Day (4/30)
Eric Rosenbaum (5/1)
Amy Killian (5/2)
Beth Hornstein (5/5)

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

Designed by L...

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 29

St. Catherine of Siena,
Virgin and
Doctor of the Church

Acts 4:23-31

Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday

APRIL 30

Easter Weekday

Acts 4:32-37

Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday

MAY 1

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:17-26

Jn 3:16-21

Thursday

MAY 2

St. Athanasius,
Bishop and
Doctor of the Church

Acts 5:27-33

Jn 3:31-36

Friday

MAY 3

Sts. Philip and James,
Apostles

1 Cor 15:1-8

Jn 14:6-14

Saturday

MAY 4

Easter Weekday

Acts 6:1-7

Jn 6:16-21

Sunday

MAY 5

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

Rev 5:11-14

Jn 21:1-19 or

Jn 21:1-14

Dear Padre,

What is spiritual communion?

*S*piritual communion is a unique Roman Catholic devotional practice not to be confused with *sacramental* Communion, which is the participation in the mystery of Christ by eating and drinking the Body and the Blood of the Lord.

The development of spiritual communion as a devotion can be traced to St. Alphonsus Liguori. It's a form of spiritual yearning to be in communion with Christ during those times when his sacramental gift can't be shared.



KOSIM SHUKUROV/SHUTTERSTOCK

To share in sacramental Communion, one must be aware of no unconfessed serious sin against God's commands and be in good standing with the Roman Catholic Church. With exceptions for age and health, one must also have fasted from all food and all beverages except water for one hour before receiving sacramental Communion. Some Catholics are unable to share sacramental Communion because of sickness, geographic distance from a Roman Catholic community, or unavailability of priests.

Any Christian who wishes to have spiritual communion with the Lord can do so by taking a moment to consider God's love demonstrated

to us in the life, passion, and death of Christ. Give thanks to God for this wonderful gift, and say a prayer of spiritual communion.

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A Word from Pope Francis

The death penalty is contrary to the meaning of humanitas and to divine mercy, which must be models for human justice. It entails cruel, inhumane, and degrading treatment, as is the anguish before the moment of execution and the terrible suspense between the issuing of the sentence and the execution of the penalty.

—Letter to International Commission Against the Death Penalty, March 20, 2015

Good News!

April 28, 2019

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy (C))

Acts 5:12-16; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19;

Jn 20:19-31

We're not defined by our weakness, but created for greatness! Look at David, Paul, and the sinful woman. David was an adulterer and murderer, yet he wrote Psalms and was Jesus' ancestor. Paul killed one of the first deacons, Stephen, yet became the greatest apostle to the Gentiles. The sinful woman's misdeeds were public, yet what is most remembered is her repentance and love.

Sin is not the last word. God's recreating mercy is. God's mercy asks for a response so all that transformative power can be unleashed in us. The only thing that stands in the way of God's renewal rushing in and totally transforming us is our own lack of acceptance.

Sin wants to stand in the way of this good news. The evil one tries to convince us that we are too sinful; that salvation and happiness might be for others, but certainly not for us.

But David, Paul, and the sinful woman didn't let that sinister message sink in. David was moved to repentance by Nathan's words. Paul accepted that he wasn't saved by his religious fervor or condemned for his errors. He was saved by letting Christ's merciful love embrace him. The sinful woman refused to be defined by her poor choices. She tearfully made penance at Christ's feet, and this act of her brokenness gave off a consoling aroma that filled the house.

Let the power of Christ's love be unleashed in you by forgiving yourself and others. Then your weakness will be the first step toward the greatness God has in store for you.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC