

## 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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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

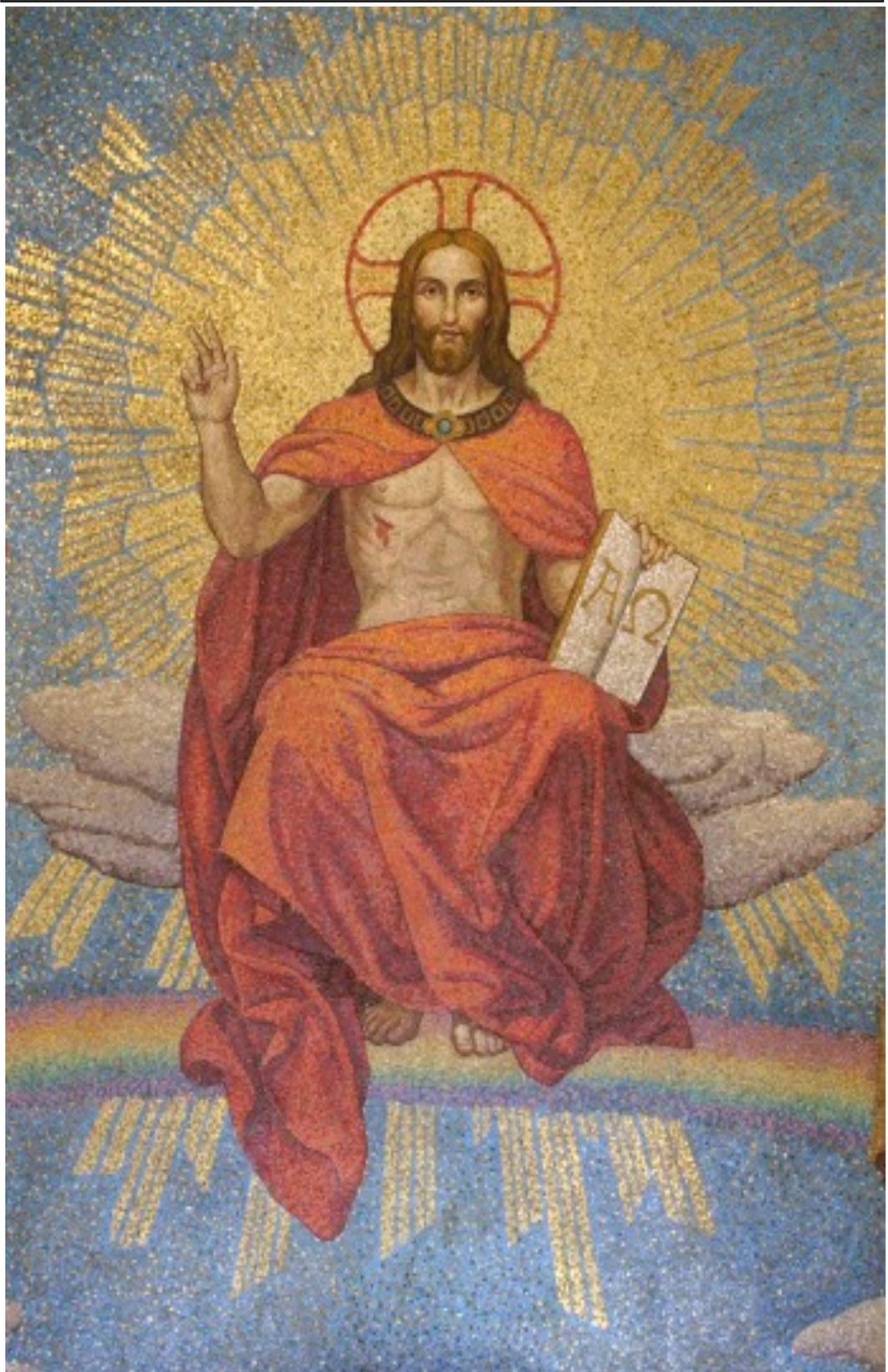
Sunday 8:00 am  
Tuesday 5:30 pm

#### Confession

Sunday 7:30am

# JUNE 2, 2019

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER-ASCENSION OF THE LORD



“Behold, I am coming soon. I bring with me the recompense I will give to each according to his deeds. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

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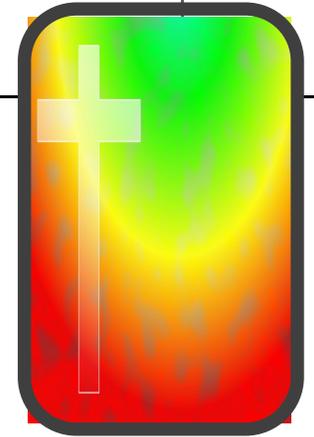
**THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS**

<b>MON</b> June 3 St. Charles Lwanga & Companions		NO MASS
<b>TUE</b> June 4	8:00AM (OLL) 5:30PM (STJ)	Parish Family
<b>WED</b> June 5 St. Boniface	8:00 AM (OLL) 7:00PM (STM)	Martin Family McCall Family
<b>THU</b> June 6 St. Norbert	5:30PM (OLL)	McGuire Family Medernach Family
<b>FRI</b> June 7	8:00AM (STM) 5:30PM (OLL)	Parish Family
<b>SAT</b> June 8	5:00PM (OLL)	+Bob Shambrook
<b>SUN</b> June 9 Pentecost Sunday	8:00AM (STJ) 9:30AM (STM) 11:30AM (OLL)	Meyer Family Miller Family

**THANK YOU FOR  
 YOUR GIFTS**

**LOL**

Sunday Total	\$3160.00
Capital Imp.	\$0
CMAA 2019 (goal: \$12,300)	\$8843.00
Food Pantry May Total	\$13.00
Yr to Date FP	\$157.00
	\$1135.01



**MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
SAT June 8 5:00PM	Walter Smith	Fran Mardis	Fran Mardis Marge Brown Jerry Brown	Chuck Aubry Jerry Brown	Rosanne Miller
SUN June 9 11:30AM	Brooke Beyers Cecilia Goodin	Jodi Beyers		Mason & Keegan Kutemeier	

**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.

**OUR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT DOLLARS AT WORK!**

Just an update on parish projects! The hall basement has been drying and we are in the process of picking out new carpet and replacing bookcases for the RE classrooms. We will **NEED HELP** on Wednesday, June 19th at 6:30PM for about an hour or two to move everything from the basement to the main level in the hall to prepare for carpet installation. If you are available, please call Patti in the office (217)784-4671 or email at [pastor@ololgc.org](mailto:pastor@ololgc.org) so that we are sure that we have enough help. Again, a great service project for the older kiddos! *There may or may not be ice cream :)*



**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!



### POUR OUT CHURCH-SEPTEMBER 14/15 WEEKEND

Our Lady of Lourdes would like to participate in the **POUR OUT CHURCH** weekend and combine our efforts with other churches in Gibson City to help local residents. We would also like to make sure that anyone in our own parish that needs labor for a project is aware of this opportunity. If you would like to participate or know of anyone in need of assistance, please contact Patti in the office (217)784-4671 or [pastor@ololgc.org](mailto:pastor@ololgc.org) and she will get you on a contact list. Please prayerfully reflect on this opportunity to join in a weekend filled with service and the opportunity to work side by side with our brothers and sisters in Christ.



### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Diocese of Joliet will hold its Forty-first Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, August 18, 2019 at 2:00PM at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. If you are celebrating either your 25th or 50th anniversary this year, please contact the parish office so that we may submit your name to the Diocese for a formal invitation. Those celebrating over 50 year anniversaries do not receive a formal invitation, but will be able to register to attend at a later date.



### Marijuana Legalization

Talk in the Illinois Legislature about legalizing recreational marijuana just got serious, as legislative language was filed a

week ago that would allow sale of the drug to individuals 21 and older on Jan. 1, 2020 -- just a few months away.

Our Illinois bishops in February issued [a statement against legalizing marijuana](#), citing its strong potential for addiction and questioning the wisdom of the state commercializing a drug into an industry from which it will profit. We repeated those concerns last week at a state Capitol press conference, along with representatives from law enforcement, the NAACP, and other groups against legalization.

We also disagree with proponents of legalization painting it as a social justice issue. We recognize that many individuals get caught in the criminal justice system because of a marijuana infraction. But possession of amounts of less than 10 grams was "decriminalized" a few years ago by reducing the penalty to a ticketable offense, much like a traffic violation. If lawmakers are serious about giving marijuana users a second chance, then why not craft legislation that deals **only** with expungement -- or clearance -- of low-level marijuana offenses, instead of tacking it onto the legalization effort as "social justice"?

### Our bishops said it best in their statement:

*We ask lawmakers to say "no" to legalization of marijuana, as Pope Francis explained in 2014 when speaking about marijuana and other recreational drugs: "... To say this 'no,' one has to say 'yes' to life, 'yes' to love, 'yes' to others, 'yes' to education, 'yes' to greater job opportunities. If we say 'yes' to all these things, there will be no room for illicit drugs, for alcohol abuse, for other forms of addiction."*

Reach out to your state lawmakers and tell them to reject legalization of marijuana.

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRAYER CHAIN

We have organized a PRAYER CHAIN for those in need of prayer support. If you would like to be a "prayer warrior" in the prayer chain OR if you have a need for prayers, contact Janet Townsend at (217)621-4812 or [tomandjanettownsend@yahoo.com](mailto:tomandjanettownsend@yahoo.com) (your specific prayer need does NOT need to be disclosed to activate the prayer chain).



### PARISH CALENDAR



#### Wednesday, JUNE 12

- K of C Meeting 7PM

#### Thursday, JUNE 13

- Parish Council Meeting 7:15PM

#### Saturday, JUNE 22

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon



### LECTORS NEEDED

We are in need of people for our Lector Ministry. If you feel called to participate in the Mass, please contact Tannie Smith at [tanniehutchcraft599@hotmail.com](mailto:tanniehutchcraft599@hotmail.com).

With enough lectors, it is only a one Mass commitment a month. Please prayerfully consider participating in this ministry.



- Sophia Helmig (6/3)
- Enrique Gonzalez (6/6)
- Megan Meunier (6/8)



Chuck & Pam Aubry (6/9)

### 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 Carson K...  
Ann Alt

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

JUNE 3

St. Charles Lwanga and  
Companions, Martyrs

Acts 19:1-8

Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday

JUNE 4

Easter Weekday

Acts 20:17-27

Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday

JUNE 5

St. Boniface,  
Bishop and Martyr

Acts 20:28-38

Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday

JUNE 6

Easter Weekday

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11

Jn 17:20-26

Friday

JUNE 7

Easter Weekday

Acts 25:13b-21

Jn 21:15-19

Saturday

JUNE 8

Easter Weekday

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31

Jn 21:20-25

Sunday

JUNE 9

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or

Rom 8:8-17

Jn 20:19-23 or

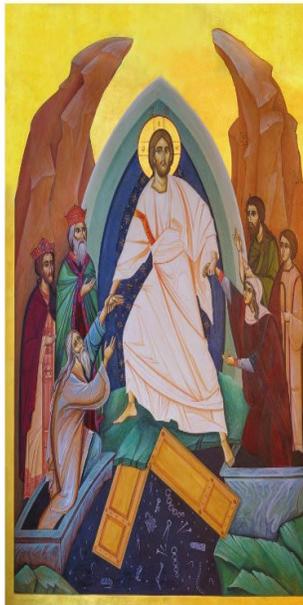
Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

# Dear Padre,

**I'm confused by the phrase in the Apostles' Creed that says Jesus "descended into hell" before he rose on Easter. What does that mean?**

In the Old Testament, everyone who died, good or bad, ended up in Sheol. Sheol was portrayed as a shadowy place where the dead dwelt in a miserable existence, deprived of God. In the New Testament, this place was referred to as Hades or Gehenna. *Hades* is the Greek word for "the land of the dead." *Gehenna* is a word with Hebrew origins that referred to the valley of Hinnom. This valley was a narrow gorge, south of Jerusalem, used for a garbage dump. This image was used by Jesus for the place of punishment for the wicked after death (Matthew 5:22; 18:8).

When the Apostles' Creed states "he descended into hell," it means Jesus really suffered the effects of death—and did, indeed, die—and that everyone must suffer. Jesus died and went to Hades, where all the dead had to go. The Church has traditionally taught that Jesus also had a mission to perform when he went to Hades. Because everyone, whether evil or righteous, ended up in Hades, Jesus came to free the just ones who had gone before him. This is the so-called "harrowing of hell," which was a popular devotion in medieval times. Jesus went to hell and released those holy souls stranded there. Some Eastern Church iconography portrays Jesus rising from the tomb and bringing those people out of the underworld and up to heaven with him.



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## A Word from Pope Francis

*[Jesus] is like a roped guide climbing a mountain who, on reaching the summit, pulls us up to him and leads us to God. If we entrust our life to him, if we let ourselves be guided by him, we are certain to be in safe hands, in the hands of our Savior,*

*of our Advocate.*

—General audience, April 17, 2013

# Good News!

June 2, 2019

Ascension of the Lord (C)

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or

Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24: 46-53

Seventh Sunday of Easter (C)

Acts 7:55-60; Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

Jn 17:20-26

In the Nicene Creed, we pray, "He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father." Jesus lived forty days in his glorified body after the resurrection, but at the end he rose into heaven, where he awaits each of us. It was planned all along that he who came down from heaven would return there. "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man" (John 3:13).

The amazing truth is that he has opened heaven for us, cheering on each of us to join him forever! "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be" (John 14:3). So we're not only striving to get to heaven, but Jesus is there interceding with his power for "the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit" upon each of us (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 667).

Imagine Jesus as your intercessor in heaven, pleading your case as a brother before our loving Father! If God is for us, who can be against us? He is also there inaugurating his messianic kingdom. He told Pilate that his kingdom wasn't of this world. He has now taken the throne of his kingdom and will draw all peoples to himself. You and I will become witnesses to "his kingdom [that] will have no end," to quote the same Creed. So let's live with newfound confidence that Jesus reigns in heaven, interceding for us, preparing our eternal home.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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