

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

534 N. Wood Street
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

AUGUST 25, 2019

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" He answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow door, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough."

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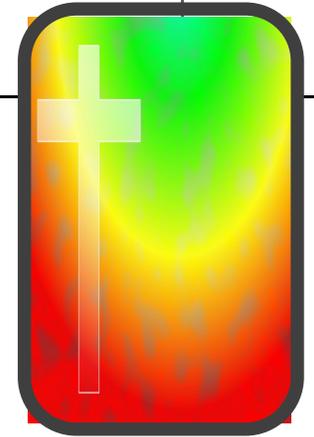
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THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS

MON August 26		NO MASS
TUE August 27	8:00AM (OLL) 5:30PM (STJ)	Parish Family
WED August 28	8:00 AM (OLL) 7:00PM (STM)	+Peggy Telfer
THU August 29	5:30PM (OLL)	Eichelberger Family Fackler Family
FRI August 30	8:00AM (STM) 5:30PM (OLL)	Parish Family
SAT August 31	5:00PM (OLL)	Delost Family DeYoung Family
SUN September 1	8:00AM (STJ) 9:30AM (STM) 11:30AM (OLL)	+Roman Falter

**THANK YOU FOR
 YOUR GIFTS
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Sunday Total	\$2501.50
Capital Imp.	\$50.00
CMAA 2019 (goal: \$12,300)	\$11,051
Food Pantry August Total	\$115.00
Yr to Date FP	\$314.25
	\$1740.44



<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
SAT August 31 5:00PM	Alex Killian	Fran Mardis	Frank Titus Sarah Sarantakos Rob Kollross	VOLUNTEERS PLEASE	Lisa Heap
SUN September 1 11:30AM	Isabella & Sophia Helmig	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.

**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 (your specific prayer need does NOT need to be disclosed to activate the prayer chain).



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 back to school!

LET'S Fall in Love with

The Eucharist

"They treat me as a dead object."
(Diary of St. Faustina, 1835)

We know that this pains the sensitive Heart of Jesus because unrequited love is the height of pain which the human heart experiences. Jesus' Sacred Heart is fully human, perfectly sensitive, overflowing with love and, therefore, pained by the real absence of His people before His Eucharistic throne. Jesus spoke to St. Faustina (the bearer of the message of Divine mercy to the world) about this unbelief in His Eucharistic Presence and confided to her, "When I come to a human heart in Holy Communion, my hands are full of all kinds of graces which I want to give to the soul. But souls do not even pay attention to me; they leave me to myself and busy themselves with other things. ...They treat me as a dead object".

Once when St. Margaret Mary (the saint to whom the revelation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was given) asked Jesus what in her was most displeasing to Him, He told her that it was her inattentiveness to His Presence in the Eucharist. This should shock us awake just as the apostles were awoken by Christ's words, "Could you not watch with me one hour?"

Even a saint—who received mystical revelations from Christ—hadn't been as attached and attentive to Our Lord's Eucharistic Presence as He wanted! How much more then ought we "yoke" ourselves next to His Sacred Body in the Eucharist as

parishes and communities through perpetually adoring His Holy Presence?

This is a sweet yoke which Christ desires for His Church to receive when He invites His bride, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your soul. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light".

The Church and its members are called to be yoked next to and in union with Christ's Eucharistic Body. Jesus longs to gaze upon the unveiled faces of more of the members of His Bride, the Church, coming to adore Him, but many remain outside the throne room and outside the banquet hall.

There is something to notice about Jesus; loving complaint toward His sleeping apostles in the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus highlights a kind of minimum expectation of the time we should give to prayer rather than a normative expectation: "Could you not be with me for a least one hour?" Rather than ensuring that we set aside "enough" time for a Holy Hour each day and treat that as the norm, we should be open to the Lord asking us to abide in His Presence whenever He wants and for as long as He desires our company.

(Story by Matthew Malicki Part 3 of 4)

PARISH CALENDAR



Wednesday, September 11

- K of C Meeting 7PM

Thursday, September 12

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

Saturday, September 14

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon

Sunday, September 15

- Catechist Sunday

Saturday, September 28

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon



- Becky Doran (8/26)
- Emma Davis (8/26)
- Monique Cullotta (8/31)
- Delbert Tjarks (8/31)



Angelo & Monique Cullotta (9/1)

POUR OUT CHURCH-SEPTEMBER 14/15

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.

The link to online sign-ups is <https://www.signupgenius.com>. Once on the site, click the magnifying glass in the upper right corner and enter the email mammyd2@gmail.com. This will give access to all of the sign ups.

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 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.

ARE YOU REGISTERED ?

All Catholics who worship at our parish or who are a part of our parish services are requested to register. In registering you are becoming an active member of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

If you have not registered, please complete the following and drop it in the collection basket and a registration form will be mailed or emailed to you. If you have not received email reminders or calls regarding parish events, you probably are not registered!

Name:
Address:
City: Zip:
Phone:
Email Address:

How long have you been coming to Our Lady of Lourdes Church?

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
- Michael Gardner



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

AUGUST 26

Weekday

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10

Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday

AUGUST 27

St. Monica

1 Thes 2:1-8

Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday

AUGUST 28

St. Augustine, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church

1 Thes 2:9-13

Mt 23:27-32

Thursday

AUGUST 29

Passion of St. John
the Baptist

1 Thes 3:7-13

Mk 6:17-29

Friday

AUGUST 30

Weekday

1 Thes 4:1-8

Mt 25:1-13

Saturday

AUGUST 31

Weekday

1 Thes 4:9-11

Mt 25:14-30

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 1

Twenty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a

Lk 14:1, 7-14

Dear Padre,

Why would God establish laws and feast days for Jews and suddenly change them?

Scripture can explain this. God didn't suddenly change laws and feast days, but followed a consistent plan, with the Old Covenant leading to the New Covenant.

Genesis tells us that Adam and Eve were given life to walk with God in Eden. From eternity it was God's intent to gather humanity into one family in a relationship of love. With Abraham the covenant was extended: "I will make



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of you a great nation....All the families of the earth will find blessing in you" (Genesis 12:2-3). Moses led the tribes from Egypt to Mount Sinai. Here God renewed and strengthened the covenant, giving the Hebrews the Ten Commandments as a guiding light to all. Then, through centuries of hardship, God sent prophets to call people back. These prophets promised God would send a savior in a covenant that would last forever: "I will be their God, and they shall be my people" (Jeremiah 31:33).

Jesus was the Savior foreseen in Genesis 3:15 who would crush Satan's head. He was the one promised by the prophets, the King in David's line (Luke 1:32-33) who would establish God's New Covenant offering salvation to all.

Jesus wasn't part of a sudden change of plans, but the completion of God's design to invite everyone back into the family love and intimacy first offered to Adam and Eve. The laws and feasts, prophecies and psalms of the Old Covenant foretold Christ.

—Fr. Oscar Lukefahr, CM
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A Word from Pope Francis

In the Old Testament, the requirement to be holy, in the image of God who is holy, included the duty to care for the most vulnerable people, such as the stranger, the orphan, and the widow. Jesus brings this Covenant law to fulfillment; he who unites...divinity and humanity, a single mystery of love.

—Angelus, October 26, 2014

Good News!

August 25, 2019

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

A fragment from a church ceiling fresco crumbled and fell to the ground. It was eventually added to the Vatican collection. This piece of rubble is now a priceless object of art. Viewers look up at *Head of an Apostle* from below as he gazes toward Christ's divine glory.

We also are striving to attain that heavenly vision, and Jesus advises us on how to realize it. We should work to enter the smaller gate, the narrow door. It's not the bigger main entrance that everyone uses. The narrow door is a less-traveled side entrance used by those who are close to the owner and his family. Christ invites us to be so familiar and comfortable with him that we come through the side door.

Many pass the Master's house, know where it is, but have lost the practice of stopping inside. They know about God, even pray occasionally, and don't hurt anyone. No doubt not hurting others is admirable, but there is so much more for someone baptized into Christ. We're not called to merely avoid hurting others but to have a deep, transforming experience of healing love that we then share with others.

Jesus' warning seems to be that when there is a mad rush to enter the front gate, those well-intentioned but out-of-practice souls who "don't know him" might find themselves struggling to squeeze in.

Jesus and the Church don't want that to happen to anyone. He invites us to get familiar, stop in often. He might say, "When you get here, just come in the side door!"

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC