

## 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

# SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began."

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**THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS**

<b>MON</b> September 16 Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian		NO MASS
<b>TUE</b> September 17 St. Bellarmine	8:00AM (OLL) 5:30PM (STJ)	NO MASS
<b>WED</b> September 18	8:00 AM (OLL) 7:00PM (STM)	NO MASS
<b>THU</b> September 19 St. Januarius	5:30PM (OLL)	NO MASS
<b>FRI</b> September 20	8:00AM (STM) 5:30PM (OLL)	NO MASS
<b>SAT</b> September 21 St. Matthew	5:00PM (OLL)	Kutemeier Family Perkins Family
<b>SUN</b> September 22 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00AM (STJ) 9:30AM (STM) 11:30AM (OLL)	+Lucy Shilts

**THANK YOU FOR  
 YOUR GIFTS**

Sunday Total	\$2042.10
Capital Imp.	\$10.00
CMAA 2019 (goal: \$12,300)	\$11,166
Food Pantry September Total	\$10.00
Yr to Date FP	\$107.00
	\$1799.44



Volunteers are always needed for our parish ministries. For more information on how to join, contact the parish office.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
SAT September 21 5:00PM	Walter Smith	Lisa Heap	Tannie Smith Jean Wilhelmi	Bruce Killian Fred Sarantakos	Helen Haynes
SUN September 22 11:30AM	Haven Hathaway Sophia Ray	Jodi Beyers		Craig Davis Brett Beyers	

**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.

**FAITH ENRICHMENT CLASSES  
 BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15  
 6:30PM  
 PARISH HALL**

Please join us for some fellowship and Faith Enrichment. We will be working through the Bishop Barron's Mass set.

This is a wonderful opportunity to get together with members of our Parish Family and walk that journey of our faith together. Please join us!



**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!

## The Story of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Saint of the Day for September 14

Early in the fourth century, Saint Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on that spot. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day, the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

### Reflection

The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. Countless generations of artists have turned it into a thing of beauty to be carried in procession or worn as jewelry. To the eyes of the first Christians, it had no beauty. It stood outside too many city walls, decorated only with decaying corpses, as a threat to anyone who defied Rome's authority—including Christians who refused sacrifice to Roman gods. Although believers spoke of the cross as the instrument of salvation, it seldom appeared in Christian art unless disguised as an anchor or the Chi-Rho until after Constantine's edict of toleration.



### PARISH CALENDAR



- Saturday, September 28  
Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon



Nicholas Meunier (9/16)  
Marie Davis (9/17)  
Leo Chapman (9/17)  
Fred Sarantakos (9/18)  
Jodi Beyers (9/18)  
Patti Huppert (9/18)  
Georgia Lynch (9/19)  
Tim Fackler (9/20)  
Amy Stoltz (9/22)  
Parker Hathaway (9/22)



### 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



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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.



BLOOD DRIVE-MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23  
12Noon-5:30PM

First Presbyterian Church  
Fellowship Hall  
401 North Church Street  
Gibson City

To schedule an appointment call Sharon  
(217)249-8103. Need appointments by  
9/18/2019.

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## Calendar

### Monday

SEPTEMBER 16

Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and  
Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Tm 2:1-8

Lk 7:1-10

### Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 17

Weekday

1 Tm 3:1-13

Lk 7:11-17

### Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 18

Weekday

1 Tm 3:14-16

Lk 7:31-35

### Thursday

SEPTEMBER 19

Weekday

1 Tm 4:12-16

Lk 7:36-50

### Friday

SEPTEMBER 20

Sts. Andrew Kim  
Tae-gön, Priest,  
Paul Chông Ha-sang,  
and Companions,  
Martyrs

1 Tm 6:2c-12

Lk 8:1-3

### Saturday

SEPTEMBER 21

St. Matthew,  
Apostle and Evangelist

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13

Mt 9:9-13

### Sunday

SEPTEMBER 22

Twenty-fifth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Am 8:4-7

1 Tm 2:1-8

Lk 16:1-13

# Dear Padre,

## How do I respect my young teenager's privacy in using social media without compromising parental protection?

There are more Facebook accounts than Catholics worldwide, reports the US Conference of Catholic Bishops ([usccb.org/about/communications/social-media-guidelines.cfm](http://usccb.org/about/communications/social-media-guidelines.cfm)). Social media—blogs, social networks, text messaging, and more—is the fastest-growing form of communication in the United States, particularly among youth and young adults. How can we take charge of it rather than let it control us?

While both adults and children need to protect themselves from their own thoughtless impulses in posting opinions and photographs online that may affect their reputations and careers, children need added protection from online predators. It's advisable for parents to set parameters with their children and convey the idea that technology use is a privilege, not a right. If parents intend to follow their kids on social media or monitor their phone, texting, and internet activity, transparency is better than spying and snooping. This helps prevent violating the privacy that young people desire and the trust needed between parents and their children. It's also prudent for parents to communicate the dangers of today's digital world and be vigilant in detecting warning signs exhibited by their children. These include changes in a child's personality and behavior, attempts to conceal their use of computers and handheld devices, and a decline in academic performance.

"Social media can be powerful tools for strengthening community, although social media interaction should not be viewed as a substitute for face-to-face gatherings," wrote the US Bishops. This applies to essential family interaction as well.



—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR  
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### A Word from Pope Francis

*Emails, text messages, social networks, and chats can also be fully human forms of communication....Social networks can facilitate relationships and promote the good of society, but they can also lead to further polarization and division between individuals and groups. The digital world is a public square...where we can either encourage or demean one another.* —Fiftieth World Communications Day, January 24, 2016

# Good News!

September 15, 2019

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32

Strangely enough and discouragingly often, we find the attitude of the older son from the Prodigal Son parable in the Church. The righteous believers who have always belonged can be jealous and look down upon the poor sinner who comes later and gets the same reward.

Yet, the attitude of all of us toward those who are spiritually, morally, or materially needy should be that of the loving father.

The sinner comes back in shame, weakness, and obvious failure. His very act of returning is a cry for help, support, and understanding. The father offers his mercy and compassion without questions, without an interrogation. His shoulder is never too proud, too hard, or righteous to be refused as a pillow for the humiliated soul who returns broken, pillaged, and ruined by sin.

Humanity is noblest when admitting its weakness. Humanity is greatest in its ability to show mercy and lift the downtrodden. The father-son relationship is most beautiful when it is being reconciled and restored.

We should always rejoice at the return of a prodigal child, and we should always honor a forgiving parental heart. "We must celebrate and rejoice," said the father. If we are convinced of this, we now have a charge: Go out and find the lost coin and welcome back the lost sheep with humility and joy!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC