

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

SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IN SEARCH OF...PARISH SECRETARY

Our Lady of Lourdes is in search of someone to step in to the position of PARISH SECRETARY. This is a part time, paid position. Anyone interested can contact Patti for more details at (309)825-8230, or stop by the office on Monday's between the hours of 8:30AM and 5PM.



He called in his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, 'How much do you owe my master?' He replied, 'One hundred measures of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Here is your promissory note. Sit down and quickly write one for fifty.' Then to another he said, 'And you, how much do you owe?' He replied, 'One hundred kors of wheat.' He said to him, 'Here is your promissory note; write one for eighty.'

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THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS

MON September 23 St. Pius		NO MASS
TUE September 24	8:00AM (OLL) 5:30PM (STJ)	Parish Family
WED September 25	8:00 AM (OLL) 7:00PM (STM)	+Lucy Shilts
THU September 26 Sts. Cosmas & Damian	5:30PM (OLL)	Fanson Family Fields Family
FRI September 27 St. Vincent de Paul	8:00AM (STM) 5:30PM (OLL)	Parish Family
SAT September 28 St. Wenceslaus	5:00PM (OLL)	Fetzner Family Fairfield Family
SUN September 29 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00AM (STJ) 9:30AM (STM) 11:30AM (OLL)	+Lucy Shilts

**THANK YOU FOR
 YOUR GIFTS**

Sunday Total	\$1988.50
Capital Imp.	\$0
CMAA 2019 (goal: \$12,300)	\$11,558
Food Pantry September Total Yr to Date FP	\$81.00 \$188.00 \$1880.44



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 28 5:00PM	Alex Killian	Marj Brown	Tannie Smith Jean Wilhelmi	Bruce Killian Fred Sarantakos	Frank Titus
SUN September 29 11:30AM	Isabella & Sophia Helmig	Sarah Sarantakos		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
 EVERY SUNDAY
 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!

Saint Vincent de Paul's Story

September 27

The deathbed confession of a dying servant opened Vincent de Paul's eyes to the crying spiritual needs of the peasantry of France. This seems to have been a crucial moment in the life of the man from a small farm in Gascony, France, who had become a priest with little more ambition than to have a comfortable life.

The Countess de Gondi—whose servant he had helped—persuaded her husband to endow and support a group of able and zealous missionaries who would work among poor tenant farmers and country people in general. Vincent was too humble to accept leadership at first, but after working for some time in Paris among imprisoned galley slaves, he returned to be the leader of what is now known as the Congregation of the Mission, or the Vincentians. These priests, with vows of poverty, chastity, obedience, and stability, were to devote themselves entirely to the people in smaller towns and villages.

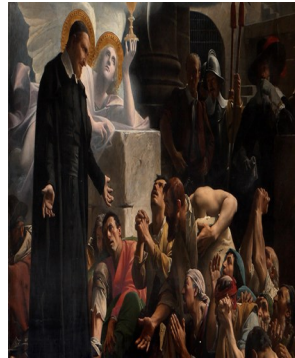
Later, Vincent established confraternities of charity for the spiritual and physical relief of the poor and sick of each parish. From these, with the help of Saint Louise de Marillac, came the Daughters of Charity, "whose convent is the sickroom, whose chapel is the parish church, whose cloister is the streets of the city." He organized the rich women of Paris to collect funds for his missionary projects, founded several hospitals, collected relief funds for the victims of war, and ransomed over 1,200 galley slaves from North Africa. He was zealous in conducting retreats for clergy at a time when there was great laxity, abuse, and ignorance among them. He was a pioneer in clerical training and was instrumental in establishing seminaries.

Most remarkably, Vincent was by temperament a very irascible person—even his friends admitted it. He said that except for the grace of God he would have been "hard and repulsive, rough and cross." But he became a tender and affectionate man, very sensitive to the needs of others.

Pope Leo XIII made him the patron of all charitable societies. Outstanding among these, of course, is the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, founded in 1833 by his admirer Blessed Frédéric Ozanam.

Reflection

The Church is for all God's children, rich and poor, peasants and scholars, the sophisticated and the simple. But obviously the greatest concern of the Church must be for those who need the most help—those made helpless by sickness, poverty, ignorance, or cruelty. Vincent de Paul is a particularly appropriate patron for all Christians today, when hunger has become starvation, and the high living of the rich stands in more and more glaring contrast to the physical and moral degradation in which many of God's children are forced to live.



Saint Vincent de Paul is the Patron Saint of: Charitable Societies

CONGRATULATIONS

Ross & Morgan Perkins



September 21, 2019

May you be blessed with a lifetime of love and happiness.



PARISH CALENDAR



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



Martha Heavilin (9/24)
Ann Benoit (9/26)



Curt & Holly Miller (9/27)
Mike & Patti Meunier (9/28)

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.

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Gibson Area Hospital Auxiliary

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Linda Ellington
Greg Delost
Dale Enghausen
Brian Sullivan
Emma Davis
Terry Hutcraft
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@ololg.org.

Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 23

St. Pius of Pietrelcina,
Priest

Ezr 1:1-6

Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 24

Weekday

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20

Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 25

Weekday

Ezr 9:5-9

Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 26

Weekday

Hg 1:1-8

Lk 9:7-9

Friday

SEPTEMBER 27

St. Vincent de Paul,
Priest

Hg 2:1-9

Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 28

Weekday

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a

Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 29

Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Am 6:1a, 4-7

1 Tm 6:11-16

Lk 16:19-31

Dear Padre,

Is withholding or withdrawing life support a form of euthanasia?

While it's always morally wrong to kill an innocent person, it can sometimes be morally right to allow someone to die. This implies that it is sometimes morally wrong to allow a person to die. To withhold antibiotics from a person who has every chance of recovering and living a full life if given the medication would be morally wrong.

But there are times when we must accept that our death is inevitable and that additional medical treatment will place an excessive burden on us and our caretakers, with little benefit.

To refuse such treatment is not a form of suicide; rather it's a decision to allow the dying process to take its natural course. The key words here are *excessive burden* and *little benefit*. When is using a ventilator too burdensome to bear and able to be withdrawn? When is the natural care of nutrition and hydration failing to do what it should? Such life-sustaining treatment or care

may be too burdensome for some but not for others.

A young person after a car accident may be left a quadriplegic and unable to breathe without a ventilator. He might consider the ventilator an extraordinary means of preserving life and want to discontinue its use. Any determination that disregards the value of this person's life—by the patient himself or anyone else—must be avoided. Ultimately, such judgments shouldn't be made without a careful review of Catholic moral teaching, medical and spiritual consultation, and a well-formed conscience.

—Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

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A Word from Pope Francis

The level of progress in a society is measured by its capacity to safeguard life....Death from malnutrition is an attack on life. Terrorism, war, violence; so is euthanasia. Loving life means always taking care of the other, wanting the best for him, cultivating and

respecting her transcendent dignity.

—Address to Science and Life Association, May 30, 2015

Good News!

September 22, 2019

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 or Lk 16:10-13

Public service by authorities should be the humble use of ones God-given talents, exemplifying the great commandment to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:31).

Civil or religious authority should be a service. Public authority is conferred upon a person by election or appointment in order to promote the common good. Far from a career of self-aggrandizement, it's a call to place the good of others before one's own.

When speaking of this, Jesus places the emphasis on trustworthiness. Those delegated authority are there to serve and to honor the confidence given them. That's why financial or political corruption is so grievous. People who first win the trust of others only to misuse it by taking advantage of them violate their mandate. And when trust is lost in public life and personal relationships, life becomes a walk through a valley of fear where we are governed by self-preservation. Truly then, we become what the Latins wrote: "Man is a wolf to man."

So be worthy of the trust your family, clients, and others place in you. Be worthy of the confidence God has bestowed with all the talents he has given to use for the good of others. Make your life a responsible gift to others and rejoice in their flourishing more than your own!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC