

## 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 8, 2019

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"If any one comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

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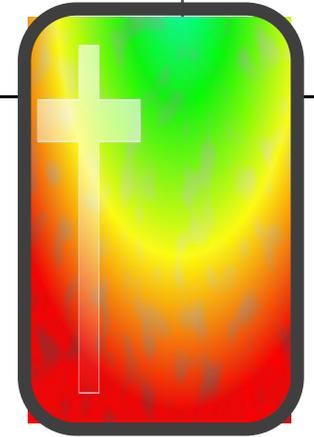
Michael Smith  
 (309)530-1803

**THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS**

<b>MON</b> September 9 St. Peter Claver		NO MASS
<b>TUE</b> September 10	8:00AM (OLL) 5:30PM (STJ)	Parish Family
<b>WED</b> September 11	8:00 AM (OLL) 7:00PM (STM)	Doran Family Eberle Family
<b>THU</b> September 12 The Most Holy Name of Mary	5:30PM (OLL)	Eichelberger Family Fackler Family
<b>FRI</b> September 13 St. John Chrysostom	8:00AM (STM) 5:30PM (OLL)	Parish Family
<b>SAT</b> September 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	5:00PM (OLL)	+Richard Meunier
<b>SUN</b> September 15 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00AM (STJ) 9:30AM (STM) 11:30AM (OLL)	+Lucy Shilts

**THANK YOU FOR  
 YOUR GIFTS**

Sunday Total	\$1989.50
Capital Imp.	\$117.00
CMAA 2019 (goal: \$12,300)	\$11,166
Food Pantry September Total Yr to Date FP	97.00 \$97.00 \$1789.44



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

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
SAT September 14 5:00PM	Alex Killian	Patti Huppert	Tannie Smith Jean Wilhelmi	Bruce Killian Fred Sarantakos	Marj & Jerry Brown
SUN September 15 11:30AM	Cecilia Goodin Brooke Beyers	Michael Smith		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??**

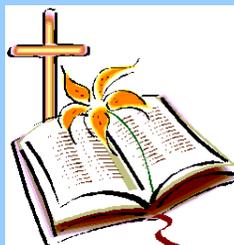
If you or a family member is sick or admitted to the hospital or makes a trip to the Emergency Room, please contact Fr. Dong at (217)784-4671  
 Emergency (630)456-5406

**Marriage/RCIA**

Call the Rectory at least six months before. A six month prep-

**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!



## OUR ROLE IN THIS LIFE...

There are many areas in which our Catholic moral beliefs seem compromised by public laws and policies. Laws on abortion, religious education in public schools, and a host of other issues pose serious dilemmas for Catholics. How can we support laws that violate our basic moral convictions? Shouldn't the laws we enact reflect the moral truths we know to be true?

It's important to remember that morality and religion aren't always the same. While we sometimes equate "moral" with religious, there is, in fact, a more basic moral code—one we might call "common human morality"—the idea that all reasonable people, religious or not, can seek and understand. In a diverse society, it's this common moral base that we must seek.

Consider the abortion debate: Abortion is surely a moral issue, but it shouldn't necessarily be presented as a purely religious one. Anybody who understands what human life is, regardless of his or her religious faith, can understand why abortion is wrong. Political candidates who oppose abortion based on religious beliefs but don't want to impose their belief on others place abortion in a strictly religious category, which makes it too easy to reject. In a pluralist society, our task as Catholics is not to impose our religious views on others but to convince them of our deeply held convictions, using cogent, well-reasoned arguments.

There is also an important distinction between morality and public policy. Morality (religious and common-sense morality) is geared to personal perfection. It's internal, intentional, and deeply personal. Like character, or honesty, it can't be forced on others. It must flow from within. In this sense, it's true to say morality can't be legislated. It can only be freely assumed.

The goal of public policy or law, on the other hand, is aimed toward public order. Laws don't make people moral, but they create an environment in which we can pursue morality. Few of us, for example, would be able to cultivate the virtues of prudence, temperance, and patience if we lived in a society of insurgence. Good public policy tries to achieve the minimum necessary for us to live together in peace, protect us from danger, provide basic goods like housing and education, and regulate commodities like electricity and fuel. Though all of this is necessary and enable us to seek morality, it's not the same as morality.

This distinction becomes evident if we think about things that are moral but not legal. While it may not be a sin to exceed the speed limit, park in a no parking zone, or refuse to report for military duty, such actions are illegal. There are things that are legal but not moral, such as sex with someone other than our spouse, drinking to excess, or lust. And then there are things that are both illegal and immoral, like cheating, bribery, lying, and killing.

It's obvious there isn't a perfect correlation between civil laws, which govern our life together, and morality, which governs our personal lives and makes us a good person. We must remember that the perfection we seek, personally or in society, will never be complete in this life. Saints like Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, and those who followed them weren't discouraged by this reality. They were actively involved in the political life of their times and drew on all available sources of wisdom. They realized that while our life on earth isn't perfect, Christians have a major part to play in trying to shape it.

We should claim our Christian heritage proudly and enter confidently into the political arena, while at the same time we remember that the social and political life we help to create and live in will be far from flawless. At best, our life on earth will only provide the conditions for us to discover God's will and grace.

### **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](mailto: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](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.

## 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



Carol Obert (9/10)  
Natalie Davis (9/10)  
Stacey Helmig (9/11)  
Pat Harper (9/12)  
Jerry Stoltz (9/14)  
Enrique Gonzalez, Jr. (9/14)  
Laura Lynch (9/14)

AN INVITATION TO:  
FR. THOMAS THENETH  
INSTALLATION MASS  
Saturday, September 14  
5 PM Mass  
St. Joseph Parish  
207 S. Main Street, Manteno, IL

### **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](mailto:pastor@ololgc.org).

## Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 9

St. Peter Claver, Priest

Col 1:24–2:3

Lk 6:6–11

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 10

Weekday

Col 2:6–15

Lk 6:12–19

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 11

Weekday

Col 3:1–11

Lk 6:20–26

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 12

Weekday

Col 3:12–17

Lk 6:27–38

Friday

SEPTEMBER 13

St. John Chrysostom,  
Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church

1 Tm 1:1–2, 12–14

Lk 6:39–42

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 14

Exaltation  
of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b–9

Phil 2:6–11

Jn 3:13–17

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 15

Twenty-fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Ex 32:7–11, 13–14

1 Tm 1:12–17

Lk 15:1–32

# Dear Padre,

## We talk about turning away from sin. When do we cross the line between temptation and sin?

The temptations of Jesus, as recorded in the Gospels (Mark 1:12, Luke 4:1, and Matthew 4:1), give us the proper direction with regard to sin and temptation. Jesus was tempted three times, but he did not sin. More than that, Jesus put his trust in God during the temptations. Jesus' message is clear: if you feel tempted, call out to God!

Temptation is a suggestion or impulse to sin, not a sin itself. To experience temptation is natural, not sinful. When tempted, remember there is always a choice to sin or not. Temptations become sins only when we act on them. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* suggests a "silver lining" to temptation: "There is a certain usefulness to temptation. No one but God knows what our soul has received from him, not even we ourselves. But temptation reveals it in order to teach us to know ourselves, and in this way we discover our evil inclinations" (CCC 2847).

If you worry about temptation and sin, why not take part in your parish's sacrament of reconciliation? Like Jesus in the Gospels, you would then be choosing God over evil. You would be asking God to strengthen your weakness, especially in the face of temptation. Like the Lord, you can then proclaim: "Worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve" (Luke 4:8).

—Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

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### A Word from Pope Francis

*I would like to reflect on nonviolence as a style of politics for peace....May charity and nonviolence govern how we treat each other as individuals, within society and in international life. When victims of violence are able to resist the temptation to retaliate, they become the most credible promoters of nonviolent peacemaking.*

—Fiftieth World Day of Peace, January 1, 2017

# Good News!

September 8, 2019

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)  
Wis 9:13-18b; Phmn 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Jesus is radical and absolute when speaking of his first preference for love. In saying *hating* in today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to place God first in our hearts. And when God is first, we will actually love everyone else more and better. Saint Gregory comments on this passage: "In this world let us love everyone, even though he be our enemy; but let us hate him who opposes us on our way to God, though he be our relative. We should...love our neighbor; we should have charity towards all—towards relatives and towards strangers—but without separating ourselves from the love of God out of love for them" (*Evangelia homiliae*, 37, 3).

Jesus' words mean that we cannot be halfhearted in our love for God or neighbors—even if our neighbor is an enemy. The very nature of love is to put others first, and that first "other" is God himself.

A Vatican painting by Pinturicchio shows a well-dressed St. Anthony, head of a large monastery, meeting in the desert with St. Paul, a poor hermit who lived off the land. Both represented two ways of totally responding to God's call—one as a religious monk living in a thriving community and another as a hermit, living separated from the world as testimony to what really matters.

Religious brothers and sisters living by the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience—as monks, hermits, or other forms of consecrated life—testify to the world that this radical, loving God is first above all things. They deserve our support and our imitation!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC