

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 office@ololgc.org or stop by any time after scheduled Masses.

Our Lady of Lourdes

Established - 1875

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Gibson City, IL 60936

Parish Office Secretary

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General Information
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Website

www.ololgc.org

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

JANUARY 19, 2020 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from the sky and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the holy Spirit.'"

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THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS		
If you wish to have a Mass intention for a loved one, anniversary or other occasion, please contact the parish office. Mass intentions are \$10.00		
MON January 20		No Mass
TUE January 21	8:00 AM (OLL) St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr 5:30 PM (STJ)	Parish Family
WED January 22	8:00 AM (OLL) St. Vincent 7:00 PM (STM)	+Bob Shambrook
THU January 23	5:30 PM (OLL) St. Marianne Cope	+Francis Kollross
FRI January 24	8:00 AM (STM) St Francis de Sales 5:30 PM (OLL)	Parish Family
SAT January 25	5:00 PM (OLL) Conversion of St Paul	+Pearl Gale
SUN January 26	8:00 AM (STJ) 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time 9:30 AM (STM) 11:30 AM (OLL)	Parish Family

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS	
Saturday/ Sunday Total	\$1831.50
Capital Imp.	\$235.00
CMAA 2020 (goal: \$11,900)	\$0.00
Food Pantry January Total	\$22.00
Yr to Date FP	\$254.00


Second Collection
will be
January 25th
and 26th
For
Latin America

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
SAT January 25 5:00PM	Alex Killian	Jack Kollross	Rosanne Miller Carla Moxley Frank Titus	Jerry Brown Michael Smith	Helen Haynes
SUN January 26 11:30AM	Sophia Ray Josephine Kleist	Sarah Sarantakos		Brett Beyers Craig Davis	

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.

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 2020 COLLECTION ENVELOPES AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

If you have not registered with the parish, or if there are not envelopes in your name and you would like them, please contact the office at (217)784-4671.
 Also, please let us know of address, additional children or other contact information changes, by emailing office@ololgc.org **NOTE—after Jan 31st remaining envelopes will be in the office.**



PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR SUPPORT OF THE 2020 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

The Diocese of Joliet is mailing information about the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) to all registered parishioners this month. As you know, the CMAA supports 30 ministries that illustrate this year's theme and allow us all to **BE KIND and MERCIFUL** to the most vulnerable in our community.

Our parish goal for the 2020 CMAA is **\$11,900**. Please remember that 70 percent of any amount we raise over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is a great opportunity for our parish! Please review the material you receive and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

If you do not receive a mailing form the diocese about the CMAA, please contact the parish office.

Notable Notes

Ushers: Calling all Families to help usher ! If a member of your family is ushering, we would LOVE to have that family bring up the gifts ! If you have requested a Mass intention for a loved one or special occasion , PLEASE feel free to let one of the ushers know that you would like to bring up the gifts ! Ushers are now sitting in the back of the church and will have name tags on so that you can identify who is ushering for that Mass. If you would like your family to bring up the gifts for no reason other than you would like to do so, just let an usher know before Mass begins. We would love to see more people participating in this part of the Mass ! If you would like to Usher, please email office@ololgc.org. The whole family is welcome to help out ! There will also be a sign up sheet at the back of the church on the bookshelf for all current and new ushers to pick dates that they like to usher! Again, if you are having a special Mass intention that day—sign up !

Website: Our website has been updated! Check out ololgc.org. New features include a wonderful calendar that will help with scheduling and reminders! If there are any events that you like to be added (you will get an email notification to accept, and then it will send you a reminder to put on your own calendar). Email office@ololgc.org and we will get you an invite. There are all kinds of events scheduled in our Diocese that are also on the calendar. Please check it out ! Visit the Ministry tab on our website or email office@ololgc.org

January Calendar—*s mean—check the back of the church, the website Ministry tab, or OLOL office

January 18-20th—Boy's TEC (Teens Encounter Christ)*
January 19th—Youth Mass at OLOL 11:30 am
January 20th—Registration Deadline for Annulment Support Day*
January 25th— Annulment Support Day*
Food Pantry (Gibson City)
1st Reconciliation Retreat 3:00 to 4:30 pm (OLOL)
January 25th /26th— Second Collection (OLOL)
January 29th—Catholic Men's Night*

Thank you, Thank you, Thank YOU !

Many Many Thanks to ALL who helped in any way for the funeral dinner for Michael Gardner, our brother in Christ.

Your co-operation, compassion and dedication for this dinner to be a success takes 'many' people working together with love and sympathy in their hearts for Michael and his family.

I know God is looking down on you all, smiling and saying "Well done my good and faithful servants ! Well done!"

God's Blessing on you all ! - Fran



Deacon Paul Sarantakos has departed on his 4 month trip to Ireland, leading 8 students. What a wonderful experience they must be having ! Sarah says that Paul would love to hear from any of you who would like to drop a line. His address until May will be:

Paul Sarantakos
C/O Lennon House
Carlos College
St Patrick's College St
Carlow, Ireland R93 A003

Paul is on Facebook and the What's App, if you would like to follow him. Sarah will give us updates as she gets them. Our prayers are with Paul and his charges now and until they return in May.



PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, January 19

Youth Mass

Saturday January 25

Food Pantry 8 am to noon

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).



Paula Cyphert (1/22)
Mae Gardner (1/22)
Michele Fackler (1/22)
Wesley Smith (1/24)
Giles Volker (1/25)
Carter Eichelberger (1/26)
Annabelle Goodin (1/26)

Happy Anniversary

Doug & Tammy Parsons (1/20)
Joe & Alyce Hafer (1/21)
John & Wanda Swearingen (1/22)

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Linda Ellington
Greg Delost
Dale Enghausen
Brian Sullivan
Emma Davis
Terry Hutchcraft
Leo Chapman
Adam Reed
Fran Mardis
Joyce Pearson



If you wish to add the name of a loved one who is sick, please contact the parish office at 217-784-4671 or office@ololgc.org.

Dear Padre,

A religious community invited me to become a lay associate. What kind of commitment is needed?

When laypeople and ordained ministers are attracted to the *charism* of a religious order (its distinctive ministry, mission, and spirituality), they're often invited by its vowed members to participate as "associates" in their prayer life, community dynamics, and apostolic works. After a period of formation, associates may make degrees of commitment, with varying expectations on those who profess a formal commitment. Associates may

also be given a distinctive sign of their membership to wear during prayer and ministry.

While associates like the Third Order (tertiaries) have partnered with Franciscans, Dominicans, and Carmelites for centuries, other congregations are only now nurturing new forms of collaboration. Usually, this partnership is mutually transformative for the associates and for those in consecrated life: "The

participation of the laity often brings unexpected and rich insights into certain aspects of the charism, leading to a more spiritual interpretation of it and helping to draw from it directions for new activities in the apostolate" (Apostolic Exhortation on Consecrated Life [*Vita Consecrata*], 55).

Partnerships between religious communities and their associates are growing in number, based not on utility or diminished numbers of religious today, but on shared faith and responsibility to our universal baptismal call. May the Holy Spirit guide you as you discern this special invitation to holiness!

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



COURTESY GERALYN NEELY



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

"What about you?" It is significant that these words of the elderly Pope [Leo XIII] were also addressed to a laywoman [Katharine Drexel]. We know that the future of the Church in a rapidly changing society will call, and even now calls, for a much more active engagement on the part of the laity.

—MASS WITH BISHOPS, CLERGY, AND RELIGIOUS OF PENNSYLVANIA, SEPTEMBER 26, 2015

Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 20
Weekday
1 Sm 15:16–23
Mk 2:18–22

Tuesday

JANUARY 21
St. Agnes,
Virgin and Martyr
1 Sm 16:1–13
Mk 2:23–28

Wednesday

JANUARY 22
Day of Prayer for the
Legal Protection of
Unborn Children
1 Sm 17:32–33, 37,
40–51, Mk 3:1–6

Thursday

JANUARY 23
Weekday
1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7
Mk 3:7–12

Friday

JANUARY 24
St. Francis de Sales,
Bishop and
Doctor of the Church
1 Sm 24:3–21
Mk 3:13–19

Saturday

JANUARY 25
Conversion of
St. Paul, Apostle
Acts 22:3–16 or
Acts 9:1–22
Mk 16:15–18

Sunday

JANUARY 26
Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Is 8:23–9:3
1 Cor 1:10–13, 17
Mt 4:12–23
or 4:12–17

Good News!

January 19, 2020

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Is 49:3, 5–6; 1 Cor 1:1–3; Jn 1:29–34

"My servant" is an identification a lot of people will shy away from. A servant seeks to accomplish someone else's goals, and the adjective "my" suggests belonging to another. Yet all of today's readings describe individuals who are proud to be servants—servants of God. What makes this kind of servant something to which all of us can aspire?

As a servant of God, Isaiah became "a light to the nations that [God's] salvation may reach to the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6). As a servant of God, Paul became "an apostle of Christ Jesus," proclaiming the good news of God's love "to the church of God that is in Corinth." As a servant of God, John the Baptist prepared the way so that Jesus "might be made known to Israel" (John 1:31). These servants sought to accomplish God's goals for the fulfillment of others. It is in such commitment to others that we ourselves are fulfilled. Ask any parent, lover, or good friend if this is not the case.

We might not want to be the servant of another, but what a privilege it is to be called to be a servant of God, a light to others, to proclaim God's love and make Jesus known. By our baptism, we have all been so called. We enlighten others by the way we live with integrity. The unselfishness of our lives proclaims the good news of Christ Jesus. Authentic Christian living makes him known to the world. That's what it means to be a servant of God.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA