

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

534 N. Wood Street
Gibson City, IL 60936

Parish Office Secretary
Phone & Fax (217) 784-4671

General Information
office@ololgc.org

Website www.ololgc.org

Mass Schedule
(effective June 21/2020)

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 11:00 am

Wednesday 8:00 am

Thursday 5:30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday following Mass

Confession

During Wednesday Adoration
4:30 pm before Saturday Mass
Any time by Appointment

❖ FOR YOUR INFORMATION ❖

St. Mary

407 W. Pells Street
Paxton, IL 60957

Phone—217-379-4033

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

November 29, 2020 1st Sunday of Advent (Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory)



Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.



Support the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal this Giving Tuesday! This December 1, the Diocese of Joliet is participating in Giving Tuesday! Please mark your calendar and consider supporting the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) on this annual day of giving. Gifts will help the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) support our 30 ministries that shelter the homeless, feed the hungry, educate our youth and provide information of our seminarians. For more information about the CMAA before Giving Tuesday, please follow @DOHCMAA on Facebook or Twitter or visit jolietdioceseappeal.org

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Parish Council

President

Dan Kleist (309-824-7301)

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 each.

MON November 30 (St. Andrew, Apostle)		No Mass
TUE December 1 (Blessed Charles de Foucauld)	8:00 AM (OLOL) 5:30 pm (STJ)	Parish Family
WED December 2 (Blessed Rafal Chylinski)	8:00 AM (OLOL) 7:00 PM (STM)	+ Mary Wurmnest (by Leo and Aubrey Chapman)
THU December 3 (St. Francis Xavier)	8:00AM (OLOL)	+Josephine Chase (by Ron and Eileen Woolums)
Friday December 4 (St. John Damascene, Priest)	8:00 AM (STM) 5:30 PM(OLOL)	Parish Family
SAT December 5 (St. Sabas)	5:00 PM (OLOL)	+ Greg Delost (by Paul and Carol Obert)
SUN December 6 2nd Sunday of Advent (St. Nicholas)	8:00 AM (STJ) 9:30 AM (STM) 11:00 AM (OLOL)	Parish Family

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS

Nov. 14/15	\$1542.00
Capital Imp.	\$0.00
CMAA 2020 (goal:\$11,900)	\$13,716.00
Food Pantry November Total Yr to Date FP	\$133.00 \$169.00 \$2,272.20

Special Collections

All Saints Day Nov. 1

\$435.00

All Souls Day Nov. 2

\$100.00

November 21/22
 Annual Catholic Campaign for
 Human Development

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry Members</u>
SATURDAY December 5 5:30 PM	Not needed at this time	Marj Brown	Not needed at this time	Volunteer Needed (Contact Craig Davis 815-848-5554)	Sarah Sarantakos Joyce Foster
SUNDAY December 6 11:00 AM 2nd Sunday of Advent	Not needed at this time	Alyce Hafer	Not needed at this time	Volunteer Needed (Contact Craig Davis 815-848-5554)	Jerry/Marg Brown Jean Wilhelmi

Baptism

Call the Rectory at least four weeks before the baptism. Instruction for the parents and God-parents is required.

Confession

Contact Fr. Dong at 217-784-4671

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.



Christmas Decorating !!

Saturday, **December 5th**, we need help to decorate the church (inside and outside) for Christmas ! Please set aside 9 am to 11:00 am to help us prepare for Christmas ! Thank you !

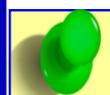
**PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER
 YOUR SUPPORT OF THE**

2020 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

Please be Kind and Merciful to those in need.

. Our parish goal is \$11,900.00. As of November 15 we have received \$13,716.00.

Thank you for your support !



When we meet our CMAA Goal! OLOL will get back **70%** of every dollar received above our goal. Reaching our goal is a great achievement, and continuing to give is even greater! As of October 18th, we have surpassed our goal ! Thank you for your continued support!



Advent starts today, Sunday, November 29.
Please prepare for this special season in the church. Place your Advent Wreath where you can light the candle everyday or once a week and say the prayers that will be printed in the bulletin or added as an insert. Let us all prepare our hearts, minds and souls to receive Jesus the Messiah coming into the world as our Savior.

PARISH Events
Check out our website (calendar) for important dates, and our weekly bulletin. ololg.org



- November 29—NO RE Classes
- November 29- 1st Sunday of Adven



- December 4 - Prayer & Pastries 11 am
- December 6—RE Classes at home
- December 8—Holy Day of Obligation
- December 8—Decorate Church 9-11 am
- December 10 - Parish Council 7:15 pm
- December 13—RE Classes at home
- December 18 - Prayer & Pastries 11 am
- December 20—RE Classes at home
- December 27—NO RE Classes
- January 3, 2021—NO RE Classes



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH
Sign up sheets are at the back of the church.
Please call Tannie at (309)893-0073 to pre-register.

December 24: Christmas Eve Mass 4:00PM / 6:30 PM with Father Phan
December 25: Christmas Day Mass 8:00AM with Father Phan
December 31: New Year's Eve 5:30PM—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)
January 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
No Mass of OLOL

A PRAYER FOR ADVENT

Mary, O luminous mother,
Holy healing art!
Eve brought sorrow to the soul,
But by your holy Son
By you pour balm on
Death's wounds and travail.
You have indeed conquered death!
You have established life!
Ask for us life.
Ask for us radiant joy.
Ask for us the sweet, delicious ecstasy
That is forever yours.
Amen.

Prayer and Pastries

When: Friday, December 4 and
December 18 9AM-11 AM
Where : Home of Sarah Sarantakos
120 West 11th Street, Gibson City
Limited to 10. **RSVP** 217-781-0528

Beginners Bible Study

Starts Monday January 4, 2020 (9am to noon)
Hostess—Joyce Foster
1410 Railside Drive, Gibson City
Please RSVP 217-680-1280
(Mask must be worn)
Bibles / supplies will be provided for \$20.00
Refreshments will be served



Helen Haynes (11/29)
Joan Cole (11/30)
Teri Eichelberger (12/2)
Alayna Miller (12/2)
Brayden Stroh (12/2)
Karla McKinney (12/4)
Sarah McCall (12/6)



Bruce and Amy Killian (11/24)
Ron and Eileen Woolums (11/24)
God Bless all of our married couples !

2021 FLOWERS:

Thank you for signing up for our weekly altar flowers.
Many thanks for contributing to keeping our church beautiful week to week !!

We are taking a poll to see if there is any interest in having a Support Group for Widows/Widowers. It can be a hard time for many people, especially during the Holidays or actually anytime in your daily lives. If you are interested, please call Doris Freehill at 217-552-4149

2021 PARISH CALENDARS

Our Parish Calendars are available for 2021. Thank you **Day Drainage** for providing them for our Parish. Feel free to pick some up after Masses over the next few weekends.

The Choir is looking for anyone who can sing and/or play an instrument. Please consider sharing your talents. Call Pam Aubry at 217-781-1237

2020—2021 Parish Council

President—Dan Kleist (309-824-7301)
Secretary—Alyce Hafer (217-745-2411)
Craig Davis (815-848-5554)
Parker Hathaway (217-784-8193)
Jim Meyer (217-784-8125)
Fred Sarantakos (217-781-8113)
Please contact these dedicated people if you have any concerns or suggestions about church related issues.

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 2021 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. Thank you for your donations !

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Brian Sullivan
Emma Davis
Terry Hutchcraft
Leo Chapman
Joyce Pearson
Fran Mardis
Rosanne Miller
Connie Cimino
Ken Freehill



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@ololg.org.

Dear Padre,

My husband of fifty years has no medical issues with his hearing, but he still doesn't listen to me in conversation. How can I feel heard?

I humbly suggest that your husband read this edition of "Dear Padre."

You might leave this bulletin someplace where he will see it.

"Give every man thine ear, but few thy voice," wrote Shakespeare in *Hamlet*. Likewise, the Bible reads, "Everyone should be quick to hear, slow to speak" (James 1:19).

Good listening skills require effort and discipline. Researchers say that only about 10 percent of us listen effectively. Generally, people hear only a fraction of what someone says. Moreover, during an emotional conflict, we tend to hear even less of what another is saying. Nevertheless, Pope Francis said, "We are called to meet others and listen to their life, their cry for help." He called listening "an act of love!" In other words, being available to listen to someone in need is an expression of charity, and being present to others—a spouse, a friend, the bereaved, for example—may actually speak louder than words.

In conversations, people feel heard when their feelings are validated and restated by the listener. But often the listener finds it easier to give advice, fix the problem, or win an argument, than to actively hear what the speaker is trying to communicate. It's advisable to eliminate distractions when someone wants to engage in an important conversation. People don't feel heard when a listener's short attention span wants to resume watching television. Nor do they feel respected during a serious phone conversation while the click of a computer mouse or yawning is overheard!



SHOCHUIS / SHUTTERSTOCK

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



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Take time, quality time. This means being ready to listen patiently and attentively to everything the other person wants to say...Often the other spouse does not need a solution to his or her problems, but simply to be heard, to feel that someone has acknowledged their pain, their disappointment, their fear, their anger.

—AMORIS LAETITIA, MARCH 19, 2016

Calendar

Monday
NOVEMBER 30
St. Andrew,
Apostle
Rom 10:9–18
Mt 4:18–22

Tuesday
DECEMBER 1
Advent Weekday
Is 11:1–10
Lk 10:21–24

Wednesday
DECEMBER 2
Advent Weekday
Is 25:6–10a
Mt 15:29–37

Thursday
DECEMBER 3
St. Francis Xavier,
Priest
Is 26:1–6
Mt 7:21, 24–27

Friday
DECEMBER 4
Advent Weekday
Is 29:17–24
Mt 9:27–31

Saturday
DECEMBER 5
Advent Weekday
Is 30:19–21, 23–26
Mt 9:35–10:1, 5a, 6–8

Sunday
DECEMBER 6
Second Sunday
of Advent
Is 40:1–5, 9–11
2 Pt 3:8–14
Mk 1:1–8

Good News!

November 29, 2020
First Sunday of Advent (B)
Is 63:16b–17, 19b; 64:2–7; 1 Cor 1:3–9
Mk 13:33–37

Hurry Up and Wait! We've all had this experience. We rush to get ready...and then we wait: at the doctor's office, for a train, at a restaurant. For what do we hurry up and wait this Sunday? Some might say we are waiting for the birth of Jesus. But today's readings don't say this. The first reading describes people waiting for relief from the guilt of their sinfulness. Paul talks about waiting for "the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ" at the end time (1 Corinthians 1:7). The people in the Gospel are waiting for the return of the householder to settle accounts. There's no waiting for Christmas—yet.

For what should we wait if not Christmas? Isaiah tells us to hurry up and change our lives of pettiness, selfishness, and arrogance, and then to wait for the graciousness of God to "rend the heavens and come down" (Isaiah 63:19). Paul tells us to hurry up and embrace "the grace of God bestowed on [us] in Christ Jesus" (1 Corinthians 1:4), and then to wait for the final revelation of his glory. The Gospel tells us to hurry up, be alert and ready for Christ's return, and then to wait for it to happen.

If we don't prepare ourselves for the coming of God in the reality of our own lives, we might not recognize this salvation when it comes. We're not waiting for an event that happened in the past; we are waiting for the grace of God that is calling us into the future. So, hurry up and wait!

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA