

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

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St. Joseph

312 N. Hickory Street
Loda, IL 60948

Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 am

Tuesday 5:30 pm

Confession

Sunday 7:30am

December 13, 2020 3rd Sunday of Advent



An ADVENT Prayer For Courage

Dear Heavenly Father,
Help me to hear your voice.
Touch me once again. Give me
the courage to be your beloved.
Give me courage to choose joy.
I need you now this Christmas.
Be born in me again. Today.
In Jesus' name, Amen.



Jn 1:19-28 And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites (to him) to ask him, "Who are you?" he admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Messiah." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?"

He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am 'the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

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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 each.		
MON December 14 (St. John of the Cross)		No Mass
TUE December 15 (St. Maximus)	8:00 AM (OLOL) 5:30 pm (STJ)	Parish Family
WED December 16 (St. Adelaide)	8:00 AM (OLOL) 7:00 PM (STM)	+ Sally Jones (by Tannie / Michael Smith)
THU December 17 (St. Briarch)	5:30 PM (OLOL)	+Joyce Nally (by Linda / Don Armstrong)
Friday December 18 (St. Theotimus & Basilian)	8:00 AM (STM) 5:30 PM	Parish Family
SAT December 19 (St. Anastasius I)	5:00 PM (OLOL)	+ Carol Obert (by John Leonard family)
SUN December 20 4th Sunday of Advent (St. Julius)	8:00 AM (STJ) 9:30 AM (STM) 11:00 AM (OLOL)	Parish Family

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS	
Nov. 28/29 Dec. 5/6	\$1631.00 \$2848.00
Capital Imp.	\$670.00
CMAA 2020 (goal:\$11,900)	\$13,876.00
Food Pantry December Total Yr to Date FP	\$216.00 \$216.00 \$2,538.20

Special Collections
November 21/22
 Annual Catholic Campaign
 for Human Development
\$310.00

December 12/13
 Religious Retirement

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry Members
SATURDAY December 19 5:00PM	Not needed at this time	Michael Smith	Not needed at this time	Volunteer Needed (Contact Craig Davis 815-848-5554)	Sarah Sarantakos Joyce Foster
SUNDAY December 20 11:00 AM 4th Sunday of Advent	Not needed at this time	Sarah Sarantakos	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.

****A message from Sarah Sarantakos:**
 Many of you may still not feel safe coming to Mass. If you would like to receive **Holy Communion** or other **Outreach Ministries**, please call Sarah at (217)781-0528.

Prayer and Pastries

When: Friday, December 18 9AM-11 AM
 Where : Home of Sarah Sarantakos
 120 West 11th Street, Gibson City
 Limited to 10. **RSVP** 217-781-0528
 (Please wear a mask)

2021 PARISH CALENDARS

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

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 !

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 29 we have received \$13,876.00.
We have reached our GOAL !!!!! Thank you for your support !



DECEMBER is the Month of the Immaculate Conception

The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Chosen before time to be the Mother of God Incarnate, Jesus Christ, God created Mary perfect and full of grace, preserving her from the stain of Original Sin. Mary Immaculate is the most beautiful fruit of the work of redemption accomplished by her Son, thereby making her the perfect model of holiness for all Christians.

Blessing of the Bambino's (Baby Jesus) on Dec 19th Mass / Dec. 20th Mass.

We will bless the baby Jesus at both the Saturday night Mass and the Sunday Mass. There will be a manger in front of the altar. Please put your baby Jesus in the manger at the beginning of Mass. Father Dong will do the blessing during Mass. Don't forget to pick up your baby Jesus before you leave church.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

To pre-register for your choice of Mass, Please call Tannie at (309)893-0073 or email office@ololgc.org with the name and how many in your group.

December 24: Christmas Eve Mass 4:00PM / 6:30 PM with Father Pham

December 25: Christmas Day Mass 8:00AM with Father Pham

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 at OLOL

THANK YOU to all the people who showed up on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning to decorate our church for Christmas. It is beautiful! Your time was much appreciated!

JESUS is
the Reason
for the
Season.

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). This 'Prayer Chain' has been very successful in offering up our prayers to those in need.

Beginners Bible Study

Starts Monday January 4, 2021
(9am to noon)

Where— home of 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

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

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)
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Fred Sarantakos (217-781-1813)

Please contact these dedicated people if you have any concerns or suggestions about church related issues.



PARISH Events

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

- December 13—RE Classes at home
- December 18 - Prayer & Pastries 9 am
- December 20—RE Classes at home
- December 19/20—Blessing of Baby Jesus at Saturday night and Sunday Mass
- December 24—see Mass schedule
- December 25—see Mass schedule
- December 27—NO RE Classes
- December 31—see Mass schedule
- January 1, 2021—No Mass at OLOL
- January 3, 2021—NO RE Classes
- January 4, 2021— Bible Study 9 am



John Martin (12/13)
Mary Fairfield (12/15)
Chuck Aubry (12/15)
Maggie Davis (12/17)
Bill Hartford (12/20)

Happy Anniversary

God Bless all of our married couples!

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Brian Sullivan
Emma Davis
Terry Hutchcraft
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@ololgc.org.

Dear Padre,

Who was John the Baptist?

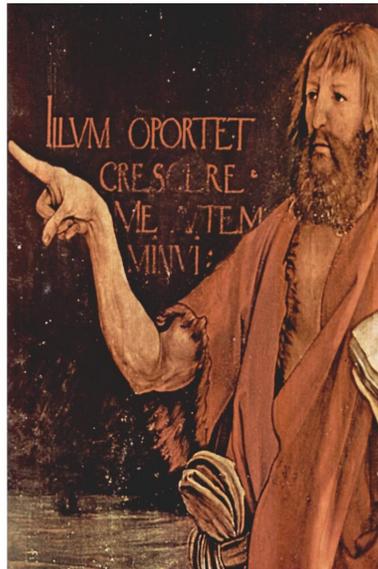
What we know about John the Baptist comes from a combination of Scripture and Church traditions that evolved during and after the writing of the Scriptures of the New Testament.

John's parents were Zechariah, who was a priest in the Jerusalem Temple, and Elizabeth, who was related to Mary. The angel Gabriel told Zechariah that his wife would bear a son, even though she was quite old. It is believed that John was born in the region of Ain Karim, southwest of Jerusalem. When he was in his early twenties, he was a member of the Qumran community, and later was a hermit in the desert. John began his public ministry in his late twenties in the Jordan River Valley. His preaching followed the long line of Jewish prophets who preached against the evils of the day and demanded inner repentance and outer baptism as a sign of that repentance.

John continued his preaching in the Jordan Valley even after encountering Jesus. Eventually John was arrested by Herod Antipas and imprisoned at Machaerus Fortress by the Dead Sea. He was beheaded at the request of Salome, the daughter of Herodias, and buried at Sebaste, in Samaria. After John's death, many of his disciples followed Jesus, including Andrew and John.

John, whose name means "God is gracious," is usually represented in pictures holding a long slender cross with a small lamb partially hidden behind him.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR | Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



NICOLAUS OF HAGUENAU AND MATTHIAS GRONWALD: JOHN THE BAPTIST. DETAIL OF THE SCENIUM ALTARPIECE

Calendar

Monday

DECEMBER 14
Advent Weekday
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a
Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday

DECEMBER 15
Advent Weekday
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13
Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday

DECEMBER 16
Advent Weekday
Is 45:6c-8, 18,
21c-25
Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday

DECEMBER 17
Advent Weekday
Gn 49:2, 8-10
Mt 1:1-17

Friday

DECEMBER 18
Advent Weekday
Jer 23:5-8
Mt 1:18-25

Saturday

DECEMBER 19
Advent Weekday
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a
Lk 1:5-25

Sunday

DECEMBER 20
Fourth Sunday
of Advent
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12,
14a, 16
Rom 16:25-27
Lk 1:26-38

Good News!

December 13, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent (B)

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

So far the readings for Sundays in Advent have shown God leading the people into a new way of life—a way of righteousness and loyalty, of honesty and responsibility. Today the readings show the people beginning to see that the accomplishment of this transformation would come through the leadership of one individual. Who might that person be?

The passage from Isaiah describes a prophet, one anointed by God and bringing good news to the poor. When the Baptist appears on the scene in John's Gospel, people wonder if it might be him. He insists he is not the one, nor is he a prophet. Then, "Who are you?" (John 1:19) Recalling the passage from Isaiah read on the First Sunday of Advent, John tells them he is the one repairing the road, getting it ready for the long-awaited one to arrive. He adds that his baptism is a baptism of repentance. He is readying them to be what Paul describes as "perfectly holy... blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 5:23).

We now see that these readings are preparing us for salvation. We are now told that such divine graciousness will be inaugurated by an individual, one who has not yet been identified. Will it be a powerful king? A mighty warrior? A spectacular prophet? Those in the time before Christ didn't know. We now know that it will be someone powerful enough to initiate a revolutionary change in the lives of the entire people. Now waiting gets exciting.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Anxieties, difficulties, and sufferings permeate our lives, and so many times the reality around us seems to be inhospitable and arid, like the desert....But the words of [John] the Baptist reveal that our joy rests on the certainty that this desert is inhabited: "Among you there is one whom you do not know."

—ANGELUS, GAUDETE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017