

## 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](mailto:office@ololgc.org) or stop by any time after scheduled Masses.

### Our Lady of Lourdes

Established - 1875

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General Information  
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**Website** [www.ololgc.org](http://www.ololgc.org)

#### Mass Schedule

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

## December 20, 2020 4th Sunday of Advent

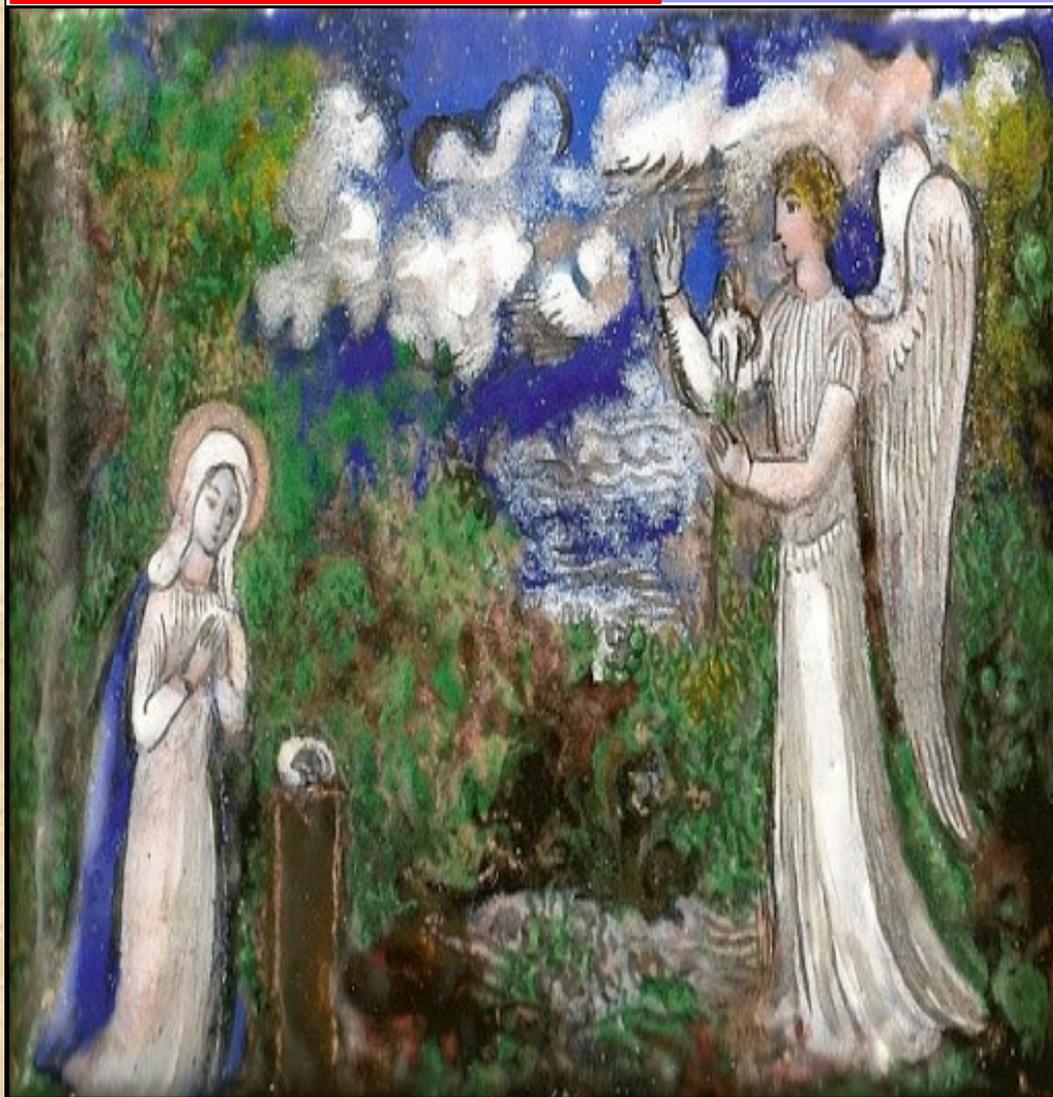
### DECEMBER:

#### 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.

### An ADVENT Prayer

Lord Jesus, You know my miseries better than I do. I want to do better. I want to rely more on You. Help me to plunge into the ocean of Your mercies, so my miseries may be transformed into a plea for mercy on the whole world.



Lc 1:28-33 And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

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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.		
<b>MON</b> December 21 (St. Peter Caninsius)		No Mass
<b>TUE</b> December 22 (St. Demetrius)	8:00 AM (OLOL) 5:30 pm (STJ)	Parish Family
<b>WED</b> December 23 (St. John of Kanty, Priest)	8:00 AM (OLOL) 7:00 PM (STM)	+ Greg Delost (by Paul / Carol Obert)
<b>THU</b> December 24 Christmas Eve (St. Delphinus)	4:00 PM (OLOL) 6:30 PM (OLOL)	+Josephine Chase (by Ron / Eileen Woolums) Parishioners of OLOL
<b>Friday</b> December 25 Nativity of the Lord (St. Anastasia III)	8:00 AM (OLOL)	+ Carol Obert (by Denis Fisher)
<b>SAT</b> December 26 (St. Stephen (First Martyr))	5:00 PM (OLOL)	+ Mary Wurmnest (by Fran Mardis)
<b>SUN</b> December 27 The Holy Family Jesus, Mary & Joseph	8:00 AM (STJ) 9:30 AM (STM) 11:00 AM (OLOL)	Parish Families of OLOL

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS	
Dec. 12/13	\$1120.00
Capital Imp.	\$10.00
CMAA 2020 (goal:\$11,900)	\$14,021.00
Food Pantry December Total Yr to Date FP	\$145.00 \$361.00 \$2,683.20
<b>Special Collections</b>	
<b>December 8 Immaculate Conception \$140.00</b>	
<b>December 12/13 Religious Retirement \$375.00</b>	

<b>MINISTRY SCHEDULES</b>					
Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry Members
SATURDAY December 26 5:00PM	Not needed at this time	Patti Huppert	Not needed at this time	Volunteer Needed (Contact Craig Davis 815-848-5554)	Sarah Sarantakos Joyce Foster
SUNDAY December 27 11:00 AM The Holy Family	Not needed at this time	Jack Kollross	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 Eve Lectors:**  
 4:00 pm - Marj Brown  
 6:30 pm - Jack Kollross

**Christmas Day Lector:**  
 8:00 AM - Maggie Davis

**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 December 13 we have received \$14,021.00.**  
*We have reached our GOAL !!!!! Thank you for your support !*

**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@ololg.org with the name and how many in your group.

- December 24:** Christmas Eve Mass 4:00PM and 6:30 pm (Father Pham)
- December 25:** Christmas Day Mass 8:00AM (Fr. Dong)
- 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



**PARISH Events**

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

- **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**
- **January 10, 2021—RE Classes home**
- **January 15—Prayer and Pastries 9 am**
- **January 18—Beginners Bible Study 9 am**
- **January 29—Prayer and Pastries 9 am**

Caution : Possible EMAIL SCAM

Recently we have been advised that our parishioners might possibly get an email 'from Father' asking for money.  
Be assured that this is a SCAM.....DO NOT open or respond in any way to this email.



- Bill Hartford (12/20)
- Rucker Parsons (12/21)
- Theresa Davis (12/22)
- Jane Lange (12/22)
- Donna Ruddy (12/23)
- Isidore Ortiz (12/23)
- Tom McCall (12/25)
- Sharon Wurmnest (12/25)
- Joyce Hutchcraft (12/26)
- Janet Townsend (12/26)
- Braden Roesch (12/26)
- Raymond Wurmnest (12/27)



God Bless all of our married couples !

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

**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

**Prayer and Pastries 2021**

When: Friday, **Jan. 15 & 29**  
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)

**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](mailto: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.

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 (217-781-1813)

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

**Pray for the Sick & Homebound**

- Brian Sullivan
- Emma Davis
- Terry Hutchcraft
- Joyce Pearson
- Fran Mardis
- Rosanne Miller
- Connie Cimino
- Ken Freehill
- Wilma 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](mailto:office@ololg.org).

# Good News!

December 20, 2020  
Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)  
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;  
Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

The reading from Samuel assures us that the leader we are awaiting will be of the royal house of David. We presume this means personal power and political leadership, and recognition of this from others.

The Gospel turns us in a different direction. In it Mary asks, "How can this be?" (Luke 1:34) This question can be understood in two different ways. One means: How is it going to happen? The other suggests: You've got to be kidding! When told she will bear a child, this virgin asks: How is this going to happen? Her visitor explains the unfolding of an unbelievable event. While stories in pagan religions described how gods took on human form, such wondrous events supposedly happened in royal families—not in the life of an unassuming girl promised to a modest carpenter. In the Incarnation, a singular historic event, Mary did not say: "You've got to be kidding!" She replied: "If that's what you want, I'm willing."

Advent readings have traced God leading the people to salvation and a new way of living, to an outline of an individual chosen by God to lead them, to the realization that this leader will be a descendant of David. However, none of this happens as we might expect. Rather, it unfolds in such an unpretentious way that many people did not even realize it was happening. Who could blame anyone for saying: You've got to be kidding! But God was not kidding.

Now we are ready for Christmas.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## Dear Padre,

### Does God call me, like God called Mary? Can the angel Gabriel speak to me as he did to Mary?

**P**erhaps God has already spoken to you! In the great calls in Scripture, God doesn't seem to care about age. God doesn't care about gender, race, talents, poverty or wealth, strengths or weaknesses. God calls each of us because we are God's daughters and sons. God's call is personal (to you and no other!), and this call is to always be Christian and serve the Lord. Most often

the call won't be dramatic, like it was for Moses. More likely, your call will be quiet and personal. Remember what God said: "Be still, and know that I am God!" (Psalm 46:11).

In these hectic days before Christmas, find a peaceful place and quiet time. Be still and say to God, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:9). In this place, God will reveal your call to you, a call that was present long before your birth.

God has already spoken to us in our life's vocation. We are planted in friendships, relationships, marriages, jobs, families, a community, and a nation. In each place, we listen to hear what God is calling forth from us.



Then, like Mary, we say yes! We reach into our most generous spirit and proclaim "yes" to even the most difficult, mundane, or boring aspects of our vocation.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR  
[Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)



#### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*The angel Gabriel calls Mary "full of grace": in her there is no room for sin, because God chose her from eternity to be the mother of Jesus and preserved her from original sin....We too are asked to listen to God who speaks to us, and to accept his will....The Lord is always speaking to us!*

—SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, DECEMBER 8, 2014

## Calendar

### Monday

DECEMBER 21  
Advent Weekday  
Sg 2:8-14 or  
Zep 3:14-18a  
Lk 1:39-45

### Tuesday

DECEMBER 22  
Advent Weekday  
1 Sm 1:24-28  
Lk 1:46-56

### Wednesday

DECEMBER 23  
Advent Weekday  
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24  
Lk 1:57-66

### Thursday

DECEMBER 24  
Advent Weekday  
2 Sm 7:1-5,  
8b-12, 14a, 16  
Lk 1:67-79

### Friday

DECEMBER 25  
Christmas  
Is 52:7-10  
Heb 1:1-6  
Jn 1:1-18 or  
Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

### Saturday

DECEMBER 26  
St. Stephen, First Martyr  
Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59  
Mt 10:17-22

### Sunday

DECEMBER 27  
The Holy Family of  
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph  
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or  
Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3  
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17  
or Heb 11:8, 11-12,  
17-19  
Lk 2:22-40 or  
2:22, 39-40