

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

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 27, 2020 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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.

Divine Mercy with a Perfect Soul

Jesus, But child, you are not yet in your homeland, so go, fortified by My grace, and fight for My kingdom in human souls; fight as a king's child would; and remember from you, My child, a great number of souls who will glorify My mercy for all eternity. My child, that you may answer My call worthily, receive Me daily in Holy Communion. My Lord Jesus, strengthen me with yourself in Holy Communion to proclaim Your merciful love, so may souls will glorify Your mercy for all eternity.



Lc 2:25-32 Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Messiah of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

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 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 December 28 (St. Peter Caninsius)		No Mass
TUE December 29 (St. Demetrius)	8:00 AM (OLOL) 5:30 pm (STJ)	+Loretta Bode (by Marj Brown)
WED December 30 (St. Egwin of Evesham)	8:00 AM (OLOL) 7:00 PM (STM)	+Carolyn Kollross (by Tannie / Michael Smith)
THU December 31 (St. Sylvester I, Pope)	5:30 PM (OLOL)	Mass Lector—Fran Mardis +Bob Mardis (by Fran Mardis)
Friday January 1, 2021 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God		No Mass
SAT January 2 (St Basil The Great / St Gregory, Bishop)	5:00 PM (OLOL)	+Doris Cook (by Tannie/ Michael Smith)
SUN January 3 (The Epiphany Of the Lord)	8:00 AM (STJ) 9:30 AM (STM) 11:00 AM (OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS	
Dec. 19/20	\$1791.48
Capital Imp.	\$100.00
CMAA 2020 (goal:\$11,900)	\$14,211.00
Food Pantry December Total Yr to Date FP	\$242.00 \$603.00 \$2,925.20

Special Collections

December 8
Immaculate Conception
\$140.00

December 12/13
Religious Retirement
\$475.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULES					
Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry Members
SATURDAY January 2 5:00PM	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 January 3 11:00 AM Epiphany of the Lord	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.

Diary of St. Faustina: I (Jesus) am pleased with your efforts, O soul aspiring for perfection, but why do I see you so often sad and depressed? Tell Me, My child, what is the meaning of this sadness, and what is its cause? You see, My child, what you are of yourself. The cause of your falls is that you rely too much upon yourself and too little on Me. But let this not sadden you so much. You are dealing with the God of mercy, which your misery cannot exhaust. Remember, I did not allot only a certain number of pardons.

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!
 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.

**New Year's MASS SCHEDULE
OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH**

If you plan to attend Mass on Dec 31st, please call Tannie at (309)893-0073 or email office@ololg.org At this time, no pre-registration is planned unless needed.

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 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 9—1st Reconciliation Retreat 3 pm—4:30 pm
- January 10 —RE Classes home
- January 15—Prayer and Pastries 9 am
- January 17—In Person RE (Hall) 9:30 am
- January 17—Catechist Meeting 12 Noon
- January 18—Beginners Bible Study 9 am
- January 29—Prayer and Pastries 9 am

Wishing you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year. Pray that the world will be healed. Praise God daily for your blessings.



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.



- Alania Maloney (12/28)
- Marron Parsons (12/28)
- Andrew Killian (12/29)
- Charley Ulrich (12/30)
- Mark Andraea (1/1)
- Steve Killian (1/1)
- Tannie Smith (1/1)
- Sophie Hafer (1/1)
- Roger Reum (1/3)

Happy Anniversary

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

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)

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



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.

**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.

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.

Good News!

December 27, 2020

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (B)

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

Some of the most popular television programs depict family interactions. Unfortunately, many of these families are dysfunctional, and those that are not often appear to be vapid, boring, even unrealistic. Today's readings offer examples of genuine family values and the kind of relationships for which most people yearn.

Sirach describes the tender care that bonds parents and children. First it is the parents who care for the children. Over the years the roles reverse and adult children care for elderly parents. The family is the basic community, where one first learns the hard lessons of unselfishness and forgiveness. The psalm response also describes a model family. The husband will experience success in his work and enjoy the blessings of family life with his wife and their children. Paul provides a list of values to which family members should commit themselves: "compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another" (Colossians 3:12-13). Finally, the Gospel reading provides a glimpse into the lives of the Holy Family. Here they are: a refugee family with Joseph as the protector.

In a way, these are all "holy families." Prayer is important in the first reading; fear of the Lord is rewarded in the psalm; Paul calls the people "God's chosen ones" (Colossians 3:12). This feast is not meant to be only a look into the past at the Holy Family. It is an opportunity for us to look into the present and do our part to make our own families holy.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre,

Why does the Church celebrate the Holy Family? Jesus doesn't seem to be much of a family person. Scripture show him ignoring—even rejecting—Mary and Joseph.

As Jesus grows in age and wisdom, it becomes clear that he hasn't come to build up his own little family but to create a worldwide family of disciples. This family would claim God as the father of everyone in the family, with Jesus and all others as brothers and sisters. All who followed him would be as dear to Jesus as his mother or his foster father. As Jesus said: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you" (John 15:9).

The roles of Mary and Joseph in this new family of Jesus were not to be only earthbound parents but, more importantly, to be examples of how to follow God's purpose. Both Mary and Joseph accepted God's path for them, even though they didn't know where the path would take them.

In the new family of God, we are people who seek out and follow God's purpose in our lives. We are to say yes with Mary; we are to imitate Joseph in following God's direction. Jesus said this quite plainly: "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3:35). The will of God becomes the cornerstone of Jesus' new, universal family of humankind. Every Christian family, then, has a double task in raising their children: teaching and inspiring them to love and believe in Jesus and to always seek God's will.

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



HOLY FAMILY / IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHEDRAL, EAST TIMOR / WIKICOMMONS



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Instead of returning home with his family, he stayed in Jerusalem, in the Temple, causing great distress to Mary and Joseph who were unable to find him....Returning home, Jesus surely remained close to them, as a sign of his complete affection and obedience. Moments like these become part of the pilgrimage of each family.

—FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, DECEMBER 27, 2015

Calendar

Monday

DECEMBER 28
*Holy Innocents,
Martyrs*
1 Jn 1:5—2:2
Mt 2:13—18

Tuesday

DECEMBER 29
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 2:3—11
Lk 2:22—35

Wednesday

DECEMBER 30
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 2:12—17
Lk 2:36—40

Thursday

DECEMBER 31
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 2:18—21
Jn 1:1—18

Friday

JANUARY 1
*Solemnity of Mary,
Holy Mother of God*
Nm 6:22—27
Gal 4:4—7
Lk 2:16—21

Saturday

JANUARY 2
*Sts. Basil the Great and
Gregory Nazianzen,
Bishops and Doctors
of the Church*
1 Jn 2:22—28
Jn 1:19—28

Sunday

JANUARY 3
Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1—6
Eph 3:2—3a, 5—6
Mt 2:1—12