

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
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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

December 6, 2020 2nd Sunday of Advent



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.



Mc 1:5 People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

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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 7 (St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor)		No Mass
TUE December 8 <i>Holy Day of Obligation , Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	8:00 AM (OLOL) 5:30 pm (STJ)	Parish Family
WED December 9 (St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoantzin)	8:00 AM (OLOL) 7:00 PM (STM)	+ Mary Wurmnest (by Gary / Jean Wilhelmi)
THU December 10	5:30 PM (OLOL)	+Josephine Chase (by Michael Bane)
Friday December 11	8:00 AM (STM) 5:30 PM (OLOL)	Parish Family
SAT December 12 (Our Lady of Guadalupe)	5:00 PM (OLOL)	+ Lucy Shilts (by Shilts family)
SUN December 13 3rd Sunday of Advent	8:00 AM (STJ) 9:30 AM (STM) 11:00 AM (OLOL)	Parish Family

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS	
Nov. 21/22	\$1251.00
Capital Imp.	\$0.00
CMAA 2020 (goal:\$11,900)	\$13,876.00
Food Pantry November Total Yr to Date FP	\$50.00 \$219.00 \$2,322.20

Special Collections

November 21/22
Annual Catholic Campaign
for Human Development

December 12/13
Religious Retirement

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry Members
SATURDAY December 12 5:00PM Our Lady of Guadalupe	Not needed at this time	Fran Mardis	Not needed at this time	Volunteer Needed (Contact Craig Davis 815-848-5554)	Sarah Sarantakos Joyce Foster
SUNDAY December 13 11:00 AM 3rd Sunday of Advent	Not needed at this time	Lisa Heap	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.
 Contact Fr. Dong at 217-784-4671

Confession
 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.

2021 FLOWERS:
 Thank you for signing up for our weekly altar flowers. Many thanks for contributing to keeping our church beautiful week to week !!

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

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 !



Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal
Diocese of Joliet

Diary of St. Faustina

Write down these words, My daughter. (Jesus) Speak to the world about My mercy; let all mankind recognize My unfathomable mercy. It is a sign for the end of times; after it will come the day of justice. While there is still time, let them have recourse to the fount of My mercy; let them profit from the Blood and Water which gushed forth for them.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, we pray with St. Faustina, Your great Apostle of Divine Mercy: Help us to take refuge now in the fount of Your Divine Mercy. Immerse us in the ocean of Your mercy, so even now we may 'sing of the mercies of the Lord forever'. (Ps 89:2)

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 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

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.

In your charity, please pray for
Leo Chapman
who was called to
eternal rest.

Grant unto him Eternal rest,
and let perpetual light shine
upon him.

May he rest in peace.

May he and all the
souls of the faithful
departed rest In peace.

AMEN.



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

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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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 8—Holy Day of Obligation
- 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 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 10, 2021—RE Classes home



Sarah McCall (12/6)
Jim Freehill (12/7)
Catherine Cimino (12/7)
Sheri Bane (12/9)
Anthony Gonzalez (12/9)
Jody Goodin (12/11)
Ian Miller (12/12)
John Martin (12/13)

Happy Anniversary

Paul and Mary Geurts (12/13)

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



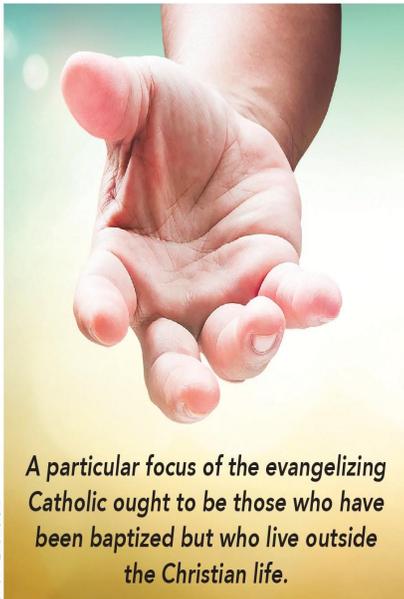
If you wish to add the name of a loved one who is sick, please contact the parish office at 217-784-4671 or office@ololgc.org.

Dear Padre,

Do we need to evangelize, or spread the gospel, to fellow Catholics?

Yes! Evangelization is beneficial to Catholics who already practice the faith. As St. Paul VI pointed out, “The Church...seeks to deepen, consolidate, nourish and make ever more mature the faith of those who are already called the faithful or believers, in order that they may be so still more” (On Evangelization in the Modern World [*Evangelii Nuntiandi*], 54).

What about nonpracticing Catholics? Yes, again! A particular focus of



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the evangelizing Catholic ought to be those who have been baptized but who live outside the Christian life. We already know that a large number of the baptized have not formally repudiated their baptism but do not live in accordance with it. They resist the idea of evangelization out of indifference or a hostility based on the belief that he or she is one of the family, but is “in the know” and no longer believes.

Christ wishes God’s love to be proclaimed and

reproclaimed to all Catholics—practicing and nonpracticing. This is the essential mission that Christ gives to his Church—to invite everyone to experience the full impact of God’s love in Jesus.

—Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

How beautiful it is to think of ourselves as proclaimers of the resurrection of Jesus, not only in words, but also in our conduct and testimony of life! Jesus does not want disciples who are merely able to repeat memorized formulas. He wants witnesses: people who spread hope with their way of welcoming, smiling, and loving.

—GENERAL AUDIENCE, OCTOBER 4, 2017

Calendar

Monday

DECEMBER 7

St. Ambrose,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church

Is 35:1–10

Lk 5:17–26

Tuesday

DECEMBER 8

Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed
Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9–15, 20

Eph 1:3–6, 11–12

Lk 1:26–38

Wednesday

DECEMBER 9

Advent Weekday

Is 40:25–31

Mt 11:28–30

Thursday

DECEMBER 10

Advent Weekday

Is 41:13–20

Mt 11:11–15

Friday

DECEMBER 11

Advent Weekday

Is 48:17–19

Mt 11:16–19

Saturday

DECEMBER 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14–17 or

Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab

Lk 1:26–38 or 1:39–47

Sunday

DECEMBER 13

Third Sunday
of Advent

Is 61:1–2a, 10–11

1 Thes 5:16–24

Jn 1:6–8, 19–28

Good News!

December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent (B)

Is 40:1–5, 9–11; 2 Pt 3:8–14; Mk 1:1–8

The admonition in the title of this reflection is found in the reading from Isaiah and in the Gospel passage. Isaiah describes a long line of exiles returning to Jerusalem after many hard years in Babylon. God leads them back home. In preparation for God’s and the people’s entry, the way is made clear: “Every valley shall be lifted up...The rugged land shall be a plain” (Isaiah 40:4). The road is repaired, just as we might do if someone important were coming to town. The Gospel writer reinterprets this passage. Instead of repairing an actual roadway, the words of John the Baptist prepare for the entrance of Jesus into his public ministry. Despite their differences, both passages speak of the “way of the Lord,” which is the way of salvation.

The people are told they will get a new start. In the first reading it will be after exile; in the Gospel it is the new ministry of Jesus. Even St. Peter refers to this newness. He calls it “new heavens and a new earth” (2 Peter 3:13). He goes on to explain what this means. It will be existence “in which righteousness dwells.” Saint Peter further states that this will come to pass on “the day of the Lord,” the day when God’s promises will be fulfilled and “all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9–10).

The events described in all three readings unfold because of God’s merciful love of all. It is for such a day that we are called to prepare. Are we willing to exert the effort? Are we willing to listen to God’s words?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA