

## 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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#### Website

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#### Mass Schedule

Saturday 5 pm  
Sunday 11:30 am  
Wednesday 8:00 am  
Thursday 5:30 pm

#### Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday following Mass

#### Confession

Saturday 4:30 pm  
Wednesday during Adoration  
Any time by Appointment

#### ❖ FOR YOUR INFORMATION ❖

#### St. Mary

407 W. Pells Street  
Paxton, IL 60957

#### 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

## FEBRUARY 16, 2020 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time



Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

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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

<b>MON</b> February 17		No Mass
<b>TUE</b> February 18	<b>8:00 AM (OLL)</b> <b>5:30 PM (STJ)</b>	Parish family
<b>WED</b> February 19	<b>8:00 AM (OLL)</b> <b>7:00 PM (STM)</b>	+Lucy Shilts
<b>THU</b> February 20	<b>5:30 PM (OLL)</b>	+Aldo Celeschi
<b>FRI</b> February 21	<b>8:00 AM (STM)</b> <b>5:30 PM (OLL)</b>	Parish Family
<b>SAT</b> February 22	<b>5:00 PM (OLL)</b>	+Mike Gardner
<b>SUN</b> February 23 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time	<b>8:00 AM (STJ)</b> <b>9:30 AM (STM)</b> <b>11:30 AM (OLL)</b>	Parish Family

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS**

Saturday/ Sunday Total	<b>\$2439.50</b>
Capital Imp.	<b>\$50.00</b>
CMAA 2020 (goal: \$11,900)	<b>\$0.00</b>
Food Pantry February Total Yr to Date FP	<b>\$55.00</b> <b>\$79.00</b> <b>\$380.10</b>

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
SAT February 22 5:00PM	Walter Smith	Marj Brown	Lisa Heap Denis Fisher Cherry Fisher	Chuck Aubry Robert Bode	Denis/Cherry Fisher
SUN February 23 11:30AM	Brooke Beyers Lane Beyers	Sarah Sarantakos		Dan Kleist Craig Davis	

**Baptism**

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

**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.

**Deacon Paul Sarantakos** has departed on his 4 month trip to Ireland, leading 8 students. What a wonderful experience they must be having ! Sarah says that Paul would love to hear from any of you who would like to drop a line.

His address until May will be:  
 Paul Sarantakos  
 C/O Lennon House  
 Carlos College  
 St Patrick's College St  
 Carlow, Ireland R93 A003

Paul is on Facebook and the What's App, if you would like to follow him. Sarah will give us updates as she gets them. Our prayers are with Paul and his charges now and until they return in May.

**ACT OF CONTRITION**

*O MY God, I am heartily sorry  
 for having offended Thee  
 and I detest all my sins,  
 because of Thy just punishments,  
 but most of all  
 because they offend Thee, my God,  
 who art all good  
 and deserving of all my love.  
 I firmly resolve,  
 with the help of Thy grace,  
 to sin no more,  
 and avoid the near occasions of sin.  
 Amen.*



**PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER  
YOUR SUPPORT OF THE  
2020 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL**

Your gift to the CMAA makes a difference.

The opening report for the 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMAA) in today's bulletin illustrates how the 30 ministries supported through our annual appeal truly exemplify this year's theme, *Be Kind and Merciful*. These ministries allow the diocese to serve our most vulnerable brothers and sisters and assist parishes, including ours. Our parish goal for the 2020 CMAA is **\$11,900**, with 70 percent of any amount we raise over goal will be returned to us for our needs. Please prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's CMAA and make a commitment next week during our CMAA Commitment/InPew Weekend. Thank you for considering the most generous pledge possible to this year's annual appeal.

**Lenten Regulations—Diocese of Joliet**

- 1.) Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- 2.) All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- 3.) On these 2 fast of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these 2 days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
- 4.) To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is sinful.
- 5.) Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. Therefore, all of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial. All Catholics are encouraged to support generously the charitable works of the whole Church, pray and perform works of charity and mercy.
- 6.) Those who are sick, pregnant, or nursing, or whose health would be adversely affected by fasting or abstinence, should not consider themselves bound by these norms.



**PARISH CALENDAR**

Also Check out our website (calendar) for important dates in February. [ololgc.org](http://ololgc.org)

**Wednesday, Feb 19—**  
4th Degree Knights of Columbus will meet after the 7 pm Mass at St Mary's, Paxton

**Thursday Feb 20 to Sunday, Feb. 23—**  
Men's Cursillo \*

**Saturday, February 22-** Food Pantry

**Saturday, February 29—**  
Diocese of Joliet Scouting Day\*



*Is Coming !!!*



Benjamin Freehill (2/17)  
Nathan Giroux (2/21)  
Kate McCall (2/22)



Ted & Peggy Grote (2/17)  
Vince & Paula Cyphert (2/20)

*Listening to Whispers*

In spite of their dramatic image with impressive wings and brass horns, angels are quite subtle. You won't hear them sneak up on you. With the exception of Gabriel's announcement to Mary, angels normally won't even eat raw carrots, much less barge in with fanfare. Instead, they prefer working through slight nudges and soft whispers. They tiptoe into places like dreams, the words of strangers, and books or poems that somehow find their way into our hands just when we need them. While we look for mystical signs in the sky, God's messengers surround us with gentle smiles and encouraging words. The difference isn't about who God sends messages to; it's about who is open to receive them.

Daily Practice: As you hear the world around you today, listen and attend with the ear of your heart. What messages of love, hope and mercy are trying to find a way past the noise and into your soul?

Prayer: Lord, give me a heart that hears and a soul that sees. Awaken me to angels singing in the breeze and dancing across my dreams.

**Vocational Prayer—February  
2020**

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You Inspire young people whom You call to priesthood and consecrated like to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

**Pray for the Sick & Homebound**

- Linda Ellington
- Greg Delost
- Dale Enghausen
- Brian Sullivan
- Emma Davis
- Terry Hutchcraft
- Leo Chapman
- Adam Reed
- Fran Mardis
- Joyce Pearson
- Caine Jost



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](mailto:office@ololgc.org).

# Dear Padre,

## Are the readings at the beginning of Mass more, less, or equal to the celebration of the Eucharist?

The *Novus Ordo*, or the ordinary form of the Roman rite, is celebrated in two major parts: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. These parts complement each other in a balance of word and sacrament.

In his 2004 apostolic letter *Mane Nobiscum Domine*, St. John Paul II described the complementary elements. Using the story of the two disciples

on the road to Emmaus on the night of Easter Sunday, St. John Paul likens the two parts of the revised liturgy to their journey. First, Christ breaks open the word for them, preparing their hearts with an interpretation of the Scriptures. Then they recognize Christ as they break bread. The Liturgy of the Word, proclaimed and preached well, allows time for silence and reflection on the wisdom offered. It becomes the necessary overture for the celebration of thanks and praise and the gift of the sign and sacrament to follow.

Parishes are called to take the Liturgy of the Word most seriously and to bring it to a new level of proclamation. Saint John

Paul admonished all involved, but especially preachers, to cherish the word and preach it so the depths of the mysteries celebrated may be recognized and received into the burning hearts of Christians. In this context, the Scripture readings are given a prominence they didn't have in the older Roman rite.

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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We must ensure that in the usual activities of every Christian community, in parishes, in associations and movements, there actually be at heart the personal encounter with Christ who communicates himself to us in his word, because, as St. Jerome teaches us, "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ."

—ADDRESS TO CATHOLIC BIBLICAL FEDERATION,  
JUNE 19, 2015

## Calendar

**Monday**  
FEBRUARY 17  
Weekday  
Jas 1:1-11  
Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday**  
FEBRUARY 18  
Weekday  
Jas 1:12-18  
Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday**  
FEBRUARY 19  
Weekday  
Jas 1:19-27  
Mk 8:22-26

**Thursday**  
FEBRUARY 20  
Weekday  
Jas 2:1-9  
Mk 8:27-33

**Friday**  
FEBRUARY 21  
Weekday  
Jas 2:14-24, 26  
Mk 8:34-9:1

**Saturday**  
FEBRUARY 22  
Chair of  
St. Peter the Apostle  
1 Pt 5:1-4  
Mt 16:13-19

**Sunday**  
FEBRUARY 23  
Seventh Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Lv 19:1-2, 17-18  
1 Cor 3:16-23  
Mt 5:38-48

# Good News!

February 16, 2020

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 or

Mt 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

**Law, wisdom, or virtue. Choose one.** Today's first reading talks about wisdom. Throughout life, options are placed before us. Which should we pick? Life or death? Good or evil? How do we know which one to choose? Actually, we learn to choose through experience, either our own or the experience of those who have gone before us and left us their insights within our traditions—whether social, political, or religious. Some of these traditions come to us as advice, others as law. One might say that law is really the expression or codification of social, political, or religious traditions. So, to follow law is really to obey a certain kind of codified wisdom.

When St. Paul speaks about wisdom, he is referring to wisdom that comes from following the directives of God, not merely the insights gained through experience. He calls that a mature wisdom as opposed to the wisdom of this age. It is the kind of wisdom we find in Jesus, who lived his life for others, a kind of wisdom that some might consider foolish.

In the Gospel, Jesus insists that he is not abolishing law but fulfilling it. He urges us to go deeper into law and find wisdom, to go even deeper into human wisdom, and there to find virtue. Law deals with exteriors; virtue addresses the inner heart. Law forbids murder; virtue forbids hatred. Where do you live? In law? In wisdom? Or in virtue? Choose one.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA