

## 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  
[office@ololgc.org](mailto:office@ololgc.org)

#### Website

[www.ololgc.org](http://www.ololgc.org)

#### 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 2, 2020 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time Presentation of the Lord



"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Pastor**

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**THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS**

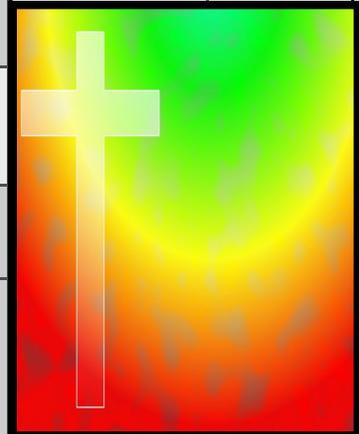
If you wish to have a Mass intention for a loved one, anniversary or other occasion, please contact the parish office.

Mass intentions are \$10.00

<b>MON</b> February 3		No Mass
<b>TUE</b> February 4	<b>8:00 AM (OLL)</b> <b>5:30 PM (STJ)</b>	Parish Family
<b>WED</b> February 5 St. Agatha	<b>8:00 AM (OLL)</b> <b>7:00 PM (STM)</b>	+Lucy Shilts
<b>THU</b> February 6 St. Paul Miki	<b>5:30 PM (OLL)</b>	+Aldo Celeschi
<b>FRI</b> February 7	<b>8:00 AM (STM)</b> <b>5:30 PM (OLL)</b>	Parish Family
<b>SAT</b> February 8	<b>5:00 PM (OLL)</b>	+Mike Gardner
<b>SUN</b> February 9 5th 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>\$2491.50</b>
Capital Imp.	<b>\$10.00</b>
CMAA 2020 (goal: \$11,900)	<b>\$0.00</b>
Food Pantry January Total Yr to Date FP	<b>\$32.10</b> <b>\$301.10</b> <b>\$301.10</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 8 5:00PM	Walter Smith Adrianna Cullotta	Michael Smith	Lisa Heap Denis Fisher Cherry Fisher	Chuck Aubry Bruce Killian	Jean Wilhelmi
SUN February 9 11:30AM	Hannah and Haven Hathaway	Youth Mass		Ethan Garard 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.*

## Valentine's Trip—February 5, 2020

Come join the RE Students !

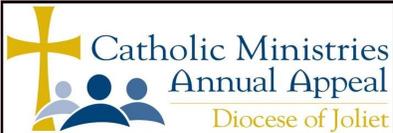
Wednesday, February 5th, we will be taking a trip to the Annex to deliver Valentine's Day Cards after dinner at Monical's! We have a school bus ready to go to take us all there with reservations booked!

Now we need to fill the seats ! We have room for 50 people total, so please sign up (email : office@ololgc.org or check out our Facebook page) The evening will start at the Hall at 4:45 pm and end back at the Hall at 7:45 pm. We hope you can join us !

**Father Burke Masters** used to play college baseball and even for the Chicago White Sox farm team ! He has now served as the Catholic chaplain for the Cubs since 2013. He is an outstanding speaker and will be speaking at St., Mary's in Paxton about Being a Disciple of Jesus !

**Wednesday, February 12th 6 pm to 7 pm**

Paxton would like to get an idea of how many people to expect from our parish, so please email the office at [office@ololgc.org](mailto:office@ololgc.org). Please let us know if you are coming and how many will be in your group. You may also call 784-4671.



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

The Diocese of Joliet is mailing information about the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) to all registered parishioners this month. As you know, the CMAA supports 30 ministries that illustrate this year's theme and allow us all to **BE KIND and MERCIFUL** to the most vulnerable in our community.

Our parish goal for the 2020 CMAA is **\$11,900**. Please remember that 70 percent of any amount we raise over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is a great opportunity for our parish! Please review the material you receive and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

If you do not receive a mailing form the diocese about the CMAA, please contact the parish office.

## Pray for US

### Pray for our Parish Mission

Parish Mission is a parish awakening! A time for the whole parish to come together to reflect upon God's word, to renew our faith, and to pray with open hearts and hands.

Join us **HERE** to pray that we have a **successful mission!**

**Thursdays at 5!**

**We NEED you!**

**Our Parish Mission will be March 5th, 6th, and 7th. Please plan on joining us all 3 days! More info to come.**



### PARISH CALENDAR

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

**Sunday, February 2—RE Super Bowl**

**Wednesday, February 5—**  
Valentine's RE trip to Annex  
(start at Fr. Kirk Hall 4:45pm)

**Saturday, February 8—Food Pantry**

**Sunday, February 9—**  
Children's Mass 11:30 am  
Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day Celebration  
(cake and ice cream after Mass)

**Wednesday, February 12—**  
Fr. Burke—St. Mary's 6-7pm  
GC Knights of Columbus Meeting—7 PM

**Thursday, February 13—**  
2020 Day of Reflection \* 9 am  
OLOL Staff Meeting 6:15 pm  
OLOL Parish Council Meeting—7 PM

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

**Saturday, February 22- Food Pantry**

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



Jim Ruddy (2/7)



God Bless All of our Families !

### 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



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,

**A guided meditation on the rosary's fourth Joyful Mystery (The Presentation of Our Lord) mentions "our Blessed Mother's purification." What does that mean?**

**A**ccording to Jewish law, a mother was considered ritually impure for forty days after giving birth to a son, and eighty days after the birth of a daughter (see Leviticus 12:1-8). After the prescribed period of purification, she made an offering to God in the Temple for her atonement and another offering to support the priests. Her purification offering was a pigeon or

turtledove; the burnt offering for the priests was a yearling lamb. However, if a woman couldn't afford the lamb, she could instead substitute two turtledoves or pigeons. Mary's offering of two birds indicated her poverty (see Luke 2:24).

Moreover, the Law stipulated that every firstborn male be presented to God in the Temple. "The LORD spoke to Moses and said, 'Consecrate to me every firstborn; whatever opens the womb...whether of human being or beast, belongs to me'" (Exodus 13:1-2). As a devout, law-abiding Jewish couple, Mary and Joseph traveled eighty miles from Nazareth to

Jerusalem to present their son to God. Mary couldn't afford a lamb as a burnt offering; rather she offered Jesus as the true Lamb of God in the name of the human race. Saint Alphonsus Liguori wrote, "O my God, I on my part unite my sacrifice to that of Mary. I offer to you your own divine Son, and by his merits I ask you to grant me all the graces I need for salvation."

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR  
[Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)



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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*In the Temple...Mary and Joseph find the roots of their faith, for faith is not something learned from a book, but the art of living with God, learned from the experience of those who have gone before us. The two young people, in meeting two older people [Simeon and Anna], thus find themselves.*

—FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD,  
FEBRUARY 2, 2018

## Calendar

### Monday

FEBRUARY 3

Weekday

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30;

16:5-13

Mk 5:1-20

### Tuesday

FEBRUARY 4

Weekday

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b,

24-25a, 30-19:3

Mk 5:21-43

### Wednesday

FEBRUARY 5

St. Agatha,

Virgin and Martyr

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17

Mk 6:1-6

### Thursday

FEBRUARY 6

St. Paul Miki and

Companions, Martyrs

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12

Mk 6:7-13

### Friday

FEBRUARY 7

Weekday

Sir 47:2-11

Mk 6:14-29

### Saturday

FEBRUARY 8

Weekday

1 Kgs 3:4-13

Mk 6:30-34

### Sunday

FEBRUARY 9

Fifth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10

1 Cor 2:1-5

Mt 5:13-16

# Good News!

February 2, 2020

*Presentation of the Lord (A)*

Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

**Everyone wants to belong to someone or something.** In fact, we do not merely want to belong; we need to belong. However, sometimes we forget to whom we really belong. This feast reminds us to whom Jesus belonged. The reading from Hebrews underscores the fact that Jesus was one of us. He also was a descendant of Abraham, thus we are his brothers and sisters. But he really belonged to God.

The ritual of presentation, a ritual that was and continues to be common in religious Israel, was meant to remind everyone to whom we belong. True, only male infants were so presented. This reflects the custom of tracing lineage in the family, tribe, or clan through the male line, with women participating through the agency of men. This cultural gender bias need not prevent us from understanding the profound meaning of the presentation. Though one of us, Jesus belonged to God.

The Gospel story tells of a man and a woman who recognized that this child would be the one through whom God saves all people. It describes two important religious insights: First, it acknowledges that the child we cherish as one of us really belongs to God. Second, it illustrates how each child has a mission to the world to somehow make it a better place. So even with its gender and cultural bias, this feast is about us as well as Jesus. We all belong to God; and we all have a mission to the world.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*