

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

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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

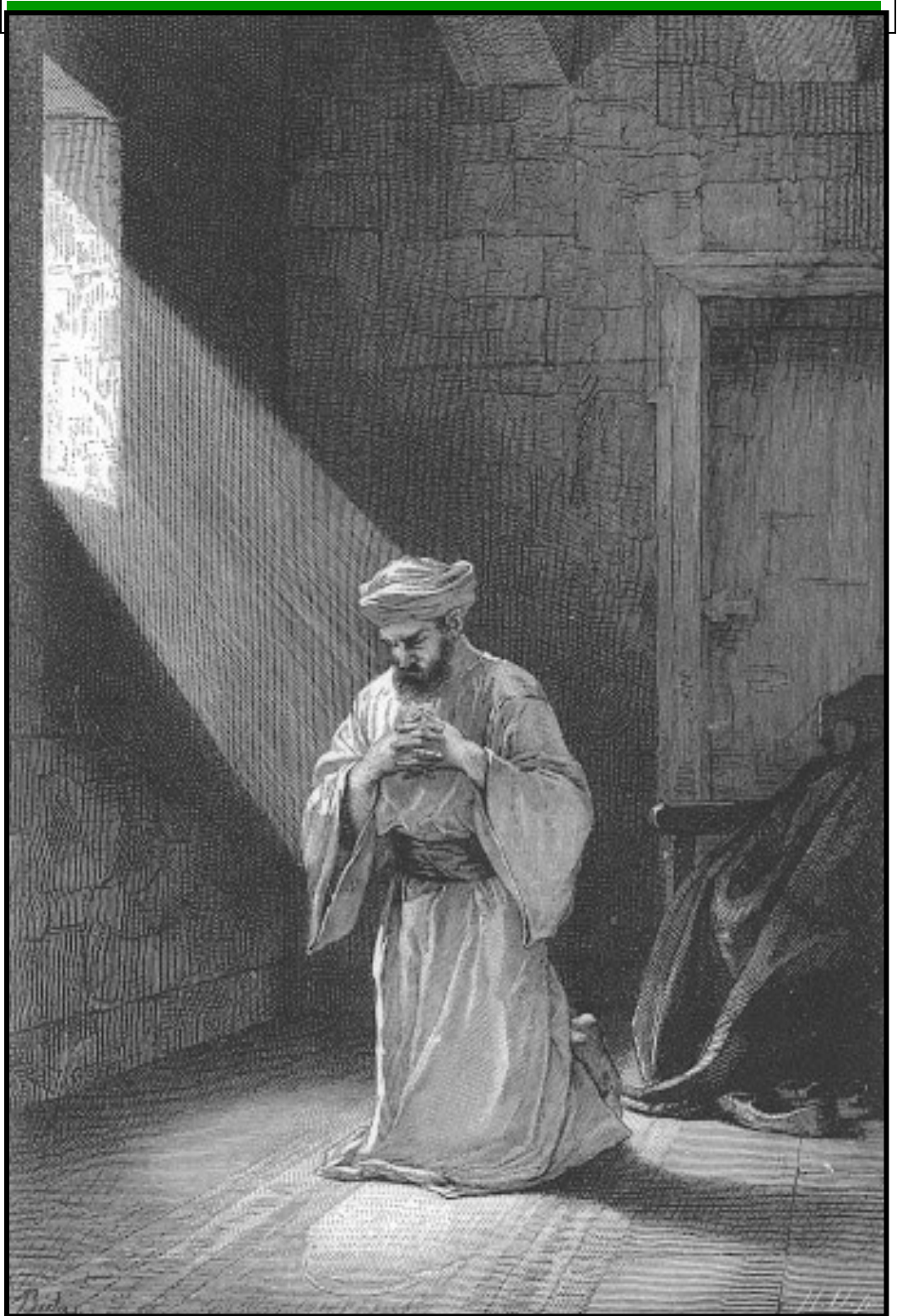
Sunday 8:00 am

Tuesday 5:30 pm

Confession

Sunday 7:30am

FEBRUARY 23, 2020 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time



"When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you. "

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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

MON February 24		No Mass
TUE February 25	8:00 AM (OLL) 5:30 PM (STJ)	Parish family
WED February 26 ASH WEDBESDAY	5:30 pm (OLL) 7:00 PM (STM)	Parish Family
THU February 27	5:30 PM (OLL)	+Aldo Celeschi
FRI February 28	8:00 AM (STM) 6:00 PM (OLL) Stations of the Cross 6:30 PM (OLL)	Parish Family
SAT February 29	5:00 PM (OLL)	+Mike Gardner
SUN March 1 1st Sunday of Lent	8:00 AM (STJ) 9:30 AM (STM) 11:30 AM (OLL)	Parish Family

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS

Saturday/ Sunday Total	\$2106.50
Capital Imp.	\$0.00
CMAA 2020 (goal: \$11,900)	\$0.00
Food Pantry February Total Yr to Date FP	\$56.00 \$135.00 \$436.10

Ash Wednesday
Feb 26, 2020
Special Collection
for the Church in
Central and
Eastern Europe

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
WED. February 26 5:30 PM	Needed	Needed		Frank Titus Fred Sarantakos	
SAT February 29 5:00PM	Adrianna McCall Kate McCall	Jim Meyer	Lisa Heap Denis Fisher Fran Mardis	Chuck Aubry Bruce Killian	Sarah Sarantakos
SUN March 1 11:30AM	Gaines Parsons Sophia Ray	Michael Smith		Craig Davis Victoria 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

**Knights of Columbus Fish Fry dates:**

Friday, February 28 Friday March 13

Friday March 27 Friday, April 3

Service from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Ticket: \$8.00 (all you can eat)

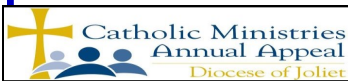
Kids under 12 eat free.

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

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



**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 Prayers Needed: We as a Parish will offer the Rosary and Chaplet of the Immaculate Conception for **Caine Smith**, son of Mike and Tannie Smith, who was involved in a serious vehicle accident on Feb. 14th and is recovering at Carle Hospital, Champaign. Please join us at **4:30 Saturday**, prior to 5:00 PM Mass. Thank you in advance !



PARISH CALENDAR

Also Check out our website (calendar) for important dates in February. ololgc.org

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 !!!



- Megan Volker (2/22)
- Gerald Freehill (2/24)
- Ryen Miller (2/24)
- Audrey Killian (2/25)
- Stanley Davis (2/26)
- Diane Perkins (2/26)
- Pam Aubrey (2/27)
- Brian Goodwin (2/27)
- Daniel Allen (2/28)
- Corey Fields (2/28)
- Lisa Heap (2/28)
- Ray Hankes (3/1)
- Keaton Beyers (3/1)



Laura and Adam Burnes (3/1)

CONGRATULATIONS
on the marriage of
Jim & Michele Meyer



February 22, 2020

*May you be blessed with a lifetime of
love and happiness.*

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.

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.

Dear Padre,

A Protestant friend says all the Catholic rituals aren't necessary to get to heaven. What can I say to convince her?

Your friend is correct about heaven: God wishes the salvation of everyone—not just Catholics (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church [*Lumen Gentium*], 13). Even so, Catholics believe—and Christ taught us—that certain rituals are necessary to enter heaven. Baptism is one example.

But being Catholic isn't just about getting to heaven. Earthly benefits abound!



Take the Mass: holy Communion gives us Jesus Christ's very Body and Blood. The sacrament of reconciliation absolves our sins, bringing us peace, comfort, and a closer relationship to God. Our saints and the Blessed Mother inspire us and intercede on our behalf. Our Church leaders—ordained and religious—bring Christ to our lives. Our Catholic hymns and prayer traditions help us offer praise and thanks in a unique way. Your priest and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* can explain in detail the

spiritual and temporal benefits of our rituals and rich traditions.

Once we get to heaven, the need for distinctions among those of different Christian faiths dissolves. But until then, we shouldn't follow the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church simply because it's the religion of our parents or spouse; we should follow them because we believe they show us how to deepen our relationship with God by living as Jesus wanted us to.

So while "all the Catholic rituals" do prepare us for heaven, they also enrich and inform our earthly lives in ways we can't find anywhere else. I thank God for my Catholicism every day—and you should, too.

—Fr. Scott Katzenberger, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Calendar

Monday

FEBRUARY 24
Weekday
Jas 3:13–18
Mk 9:14–29

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 25
Weekday
Jas 4:1–10
Mk 9:30–37

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 26
Ash Wednesday
Jl 2:12–18
2 Cor 5:20–6:2

Thursday

FEBRUARY 27
Thursday after
Ash Wednesday
Dt 30:15–20
Lk 9:22–25

Friday

FEBRUARY 28
Friday after
Ash Wednesday
Is 58:1–9a
Mt 9:14–15

Saturday

FEBRUARY 29
Saturday after
Ash Wednesday
Is 58:9b–14
Lk 5:27–32

Sunday

MARCH 1
First Sunday of Lent
Gn 2:7–9; 3:1–7
Rom 5:12–19 or 5:12,
17–19
Mt 4:1–11

Good News!

February 23, 2020

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Wow, that's a tall order! But what does perfect mean? The Greek word means "full" or "complete." In the first reading, Leviticus calls us to be holy, a word with cultic allusions—to be set apart to be used for God. Though not possessing exactly the same sense, there is a connection between perfect and holy, for to be set apart to be used for God will certainly make us perfect, fulfilled, and complete. So what does Jesus mean when he tells us to be perfect, as God is perfect?

Continuing our reflection on the Sermon on the Mount, we find Jesus telling us how we are to be perfect as God is perfect. He offers two examples of extraordinary behavior. The Mesopotamian code of Hammurabi states "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." The punishment may not exceed the crime. This was a step forward in ancient justice.

Jesus said that this is not enough. There is to be no vindictiveness, no revenge, regardless of how equivalent it might appear. The reason for this is that God loves and cares for all, even those who do us injustice. God makes the "sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust" (Matthew 5:46). In this way, we must be like God; we must love all, no exceptions. This is what it means to be perfect. It is indeed a tall order. But it is the way to be fulfilled, to be complete.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

One of the essential characteristics of this vocation to perfection is the love of our enemies, which protects us from the temptation to seek revenge and from the spiral of endless retaliation....Those who evangelize must therefore be first and foremost practitioners of forgiveness, specialists in reconciliation, experts in mercy.

—HOMILY IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC,
NOVEMBER 29, 2015