

## 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 9, 2020

## 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

## Our Lady of Lourdes' Patronal Day



Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer, you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am! If you remove from your midst oppression, false accusation and malicious speech; If you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; Then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday.

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**THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS**

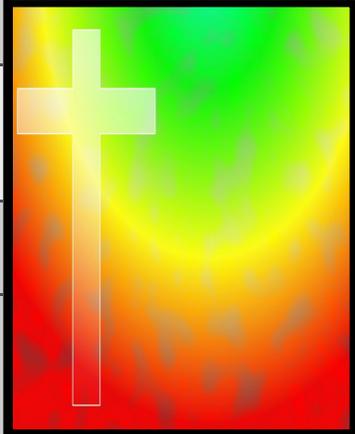
If you wish to have a Mass intention for a loved one, anniversary or other occasion, please contact the parish office.

Mass intentions are \$10.00

<b>MON</b> February 10		No Mass
<b>TUE</b> February 11	<b>8:00 AM (OLL)</b> <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> <b>5:30 PM (STJ)</b>	Pray for the sick (World Day of the Sick)
<b>WED</b> February 12	<b>8:00 AM (OLL)</b> <b>7:00 PM (STM)</b>	+Lucy Shilts
<b>THU</b> February 13	<b>5:30 PM (OLL)</b>	+Aldo Celeschi
<b>FRI</b> February 14	<b>8:00 AM (STM)</b> <b>5:30 PM (OLL)</b>	Parish Family
<b>SAT</b> February 15	<b>5:00 PM (OLL)</b>	+Mike Freehill
<b>SUN</b> February 16	<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>\$3037.50</b>
Capital Imp.	<b>\$265.00</b>
CMAA 2020 (goal: \$11,900)	<b>\$0.00</b>
Food Pantry February Total	<b>\$24.00</b>
Yr to Date FP	<b>\$325.10</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 15 5:00PM	Walter Smith Kate McCall	Lisa Heap	Lisa Heap Denis Fisher Cherry Fisher	Chuck Aubry Bruce Killian	Rosanne Miller
SUN February 16 11:30AM	Sophia Ray Carter Eichelberger	Jodi Beyers		Volunteers Needed	

**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.

**Valentine's Trip**

*Come join the RE Students!*

*Wednesday, February 19th 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 the office@ololgc.org or on our Facebook Page)*

*The evening will start at the Hall at 4:45pm and end back at the Hall at 7:45pm*



**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 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. and leave a message.



**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 from the diocese about the CMAA, please contact the parish office.

**HOLY DIALOGUE**  
By Barbara Hughes

After convincing myself it wasn't really gossip, I was about to retell a story I had recently heard when God said, "You don't really want to share that story, do you?" A few days later I was driving past a church when a magnetic force pulled my car into the parking lot and, before I knew it, I was kneeling before the Blessed Sacrament. On another occasion I passed a homeless person and heard a voice say, "Please give her something so she can have breakfast."

OK, none of that happened, but I've often thought it would be helpful if God communicated with us more directly. The funny thing is that the one day I thought God did just that, it was no help at all. I was walking along the beach contemplating whether to commit to a volunteer program when I spotted a piece of sea glass. Imprinted on the fragment of glass were the letters "NO." I could hardly believe my eyes. Could it be that God was resolving the issue for me? Picking up the piece of glass, I turned it over and noticed the same letters spelled the word "ON". Maybe direct messages aren't what we need after all.

Days later, after spending time in prayer and reflection, the answer *yes* came, not in the form of a sign, but from deep within as I realized that my skills and availability were a perfect match for the program. All that was needed was a willing heart. God had been speaking to me all along; but in my search for a sign, I had become deaf.

Saint Paul wrote that we should pray without ceasing. That doesn't mean we need to be on our knees 24/7, because prayer is a dialogue. It means that God is talking to us and calling us to holiness even when we're not talking to God. The more we take time to listen, the more we become attuned to the subtle nuances of God's voice speaking to us through Scripture, nature, and the people we encounter every day. God talks to us through family members, coworkers, even television ads. The challenge lies not only in hearing God's voice, but in how we respond to those gentle nudges that invite us to become the person God is calling us to be.

When tempted to gossip, instead we can decide to whisper a prayer for the person whose reputation is at stake. When passing a church, we can make the sign of the cross and thank God for his presence in the Eucharist, and when we encounter those in need, we can give joyfully and generously. The more we listen, the more we understand that the call to holiness is not reserved for a few privileged souls. God calls everyone, and when we are attentive, life becomes an ongoing dialogue with God, and soon all of life becomes holy.



**PARISH CALENDAR**

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

**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

**Wednesday, Feb 19—4:45 pm**  
RE Valentine's Trip to the Annex

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

**Saturday, February 22-** Food Pantry

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



Mary Laughery (2/13)  
Zophia McGuire (2/14)  
Alex Bane (2/14)  
Camden Nuss (2/16)



Paul and Carol Obert (2/11)  
Robert and Cheryl Bode (2/14)  
Donald and Janey Hansen (2/15)

**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,

## My church spends too much on flower arrangements. Are they really needed?

**F**lowers and plants in homes and other buildings create a sense of beauty and welcome. They also help lift the spirits of the infirm in hospitals and the pall of sadness from those who mourn a loved one. Similarly, flowers in churches awaken our senses, embody hospitality, and enliven our spirits. Moreover, living flowers and plants serve “as a reminder of the gift of life God has given to the human community” (“Built of Living Stones,” 129, USCCB, 2000).

Along with other church adornments—both fixed and movable—flowers enkindle in the worshiper a feeling of what St. Peter said at the transfiguration, “Lord, it is good that we are here” (Matthew 17:4, Luke 9:33). They add dignity to the sacred space and visually express the holiness of the mysteries celebrated there. “Sacred buildings and requisites for divine worship should be truly worthy and beautiful and be signs and symbols of heavenly realities” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 288).

Nevertheless, “floral decoration should always show moderation and be arranged around the altar rather than on the altar table” (*GIRM* 305). Restraint in floral decoration is the norm during Advent. It’s forbidden during Lent, except on Laetare Sunday and feasts, although simple compositions other than flowers are permissible.

To control costs, some parishes rely on volunteers with flower-arranging skills. Arrangements left behind at funerals and funeral homes and from church weddings are also offered for the benefit of the faithful.



CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE/ROB ROULER

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR  
 Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

## Calendar

- Monday**  
 FEBRUARY 10  
 Saint Scholastica,  
 Virgin  
 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13  
 Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday**  
 FEBRUARY 11  
 Weekday  
 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30  
 Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday**  
 FEBRUARY 12  
 Weekday  
 1 Kgs 10:1-10  
 Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday**  
 FEBRUARY 13  
 Weekday  
 1 Kgs 11:4-13  
 Mk 7:24-30
- Friday**  
 FEBRUARY 14  
 Sts. Cyril, Monk, and  
 Methodius, Bishop  
 1 Kgs 11:29-32;  
 12:19  
 Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday**  
 FEBRUARY 15  
 Weekday  
 1 Kgs 12:26-32;  
 13:33-34  
 Mk 8:1-10
- Sunday**  
 FEBRUARY 16  
 Sixth Sunday in  
 Ordinary Time  
 Sir 15:15-20  
 1 Cor 2:6-10  
 Mt 5:17-37 or  
 Mt 5:20-22a, 27-28,  
 33-34a, 37

# Good News!

February 9, 2020  
 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)  
 Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

The description of the disciples found in today’s Gospel is an impressive compliment—and an even greater challenge. Jesus tells them they are “salt of the earth” (Matthew 5:13), bringing out the good taste of living. In other words, life would be bland and uninteresting without them. They are also the “light of the world” (Matthew 5:14), helping people find their way. Without them, others would stumble and fall. Jesus is telling them how important they are in the lives of others. They could each and all say: I am really something!

Such compliments are also a challenge. What must one do to be salt and light in the lives of others? The Isaian passage provides some suggestions: Share your bread with the hungry; shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked; don’t turn your back on your own; remove from your midst oppression, false accusation, and malicious speech. In other words, to be salt or light is to meet the needs of the needy. This teaching of Jesus is not as easy as it might at first look.

Jesus is speaking to his disciples, his followers. They are not those who are simply curious about this itinerant preacher or remarkable healer. They have chosen to follow him, not merely from place to place, but to model their lives after his. Isn’t that what we also claim to be—his followers? Haven’t we promised to model our lives after his? If so, as both compliment and challenge he says to us as well, “You are really something!”

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Christian life has to be a life that must blossom in works of charity, in doing what is good. But if you have no roots, you cannot blossom, and who is the root? Jesus! ... “What blossoms a tree bears come from what lies underneath it.” Never cut off Jesus’ roots.

—GENERAL AUDIENCE, MARCH 21, 2018