

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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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

MARCH 8, 2020 2nd Sunday of Lent



After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

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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 March 9		No Mass
TUE March 10	8:00 AM (OLL) <i>Lenten Weekday</i> 5:30 PM (STJ)	Parish family
WED March 11	8:00 AM(OLL) <i>Lenten Weekday</i> 7:00 PM (STM)	+Lucy Shilts
THU March 12	5:30 PM (OLL) <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	+Aldo Celeschi
FRI March 13	8:00 AM (STM) <i>Lenten Weekday</i> 6:00 PM (OLL) Stations of the Cross 6:30 PM (OLL)	Parish Family
SAT March 14	5:00 PM (OLL)	+Mike Gardner
SUN March 15	8:00 AM (STJ) 3rd Sunday of Lent 9:30 AM (STM) 11:30 AM (OLL)	Youth of our Parish +Mike Chapman

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS	
Saturday/ Sunday Total	\$6261.00
Capital Imp.	\$0.00
CMAA 2020 (goal: \$11,900)	\$0.00
Food Pantry March Total	\$105.00
Yr to Date FP	\$541.10

Ash Wednesday
Feb 26, 2020
Special Collection
for the Church in
Central and
Eastern Europe
Thank you !
\$550.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
SAT March 14 5:00PM	Walter Smith	Jack Kollross	Rob Kollross Tannie Smith Sarah Sarantakos	Fred Sarantakos	Carla Moxley
SUN March 15 11:30AM Youth Mass	Lane and Brooke Beyers	Youth Mass		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.

LENT

‘Fridays of Lent, there will be Mass at 6:00 pm followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm’

Triduum and Easter

Holy Thursday: OLL 5:30 pm followed by Adoration until 11:00 pm
 STM 7:30 pm

Holy Friday Stations: OLL 3:00 pm
 STM 12:00 pm

Passion Service : OLL and STM 7:00 pm,
 STJ 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday Vigil Service:
 OLL 7:30 pm
 STM 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday:
 OLL 9:00 am STJ 8:00 am
 STM 9:30 am



**Vocational Prayer-
 March 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 life to courageously follow your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, 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.

Parish Prayers Needed: We as a Parish will offer the Rosary and the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy for **Caine Jost**, son of Mike and Tannie Smith, who was involved in a serious vehicle accident on Feb. 14th and is now recovering at home. Cards of encouragement also may be sent to **Caine Jost, 702 N Main, Saybrook, IL 61770**. Please join us at **4:30 Saturday**, prior to 5:00 PM Mass.



Knights of Columbus Fish Fry dates:
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.



A note from Margy Shambrook: Looking for some way to serve your church? We welcome anyone with music talent to help us by playing the piano for church, recording music with or without the congregation, pushing buttons during Mass, and/or singing in the choir on Saturday night or Sunday morning. Please consider this. Thanking you in advance for your help. (Contact Margy Shambrook or the office)

Please read a special note from our Diocese:

We received word from the Diocese that as a precautionary measure fighting the transmission of Coronavirus, we have been advised to **receive ONLY the Body of Christ** at Communion and suspense with receiving the Blood of Christ, as well as **no physical contact when offering the 'Sign of Peace'**. This practice will continue until further notified. It has also been suggested that if you are feeling ill, you are excused from Mass. Wishing you all God's Blessings and good health.

Looking for another opportunity to bring Catholicism into your day.... tune your radio to Holy Family Radio, 95.7 FM, EWTN Catholic radio programs.

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



Sunderland Scholarship

The Sunderland Scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating senior from Our Lady of Lourdes. To make a donation toward this year's scholarship award, please use the red offertory envelope marked for this purpose and drop it in the collection basket. Your generosity toward helping our parish youth is greatly appreciated.



PARISH CALENDAR

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

- Sunday, March 8—Daylight Savings Time
- Wednesday March 11—K of C meeting—7:00 pm
- Thursday March 12—Parish Staff meeting at 6:15 pm followed by Parish Council meeting at 7:00 pm
- Friday, March 13—K of C Fish Fry 4:30 pm—6:30 pm at Fr. Kirk Hall
- Saturday, March 14—Food Pantry
- Sunday March 15—Youth Mass
- Tuesday March 17—St. Patrick's Day
- Saturday, March 28—Food Pantry



- Michael Smith (3/11)
- Joseph McGuire (3/11)
- Caine Jost (3/13)
- Allison Kleist (3/14)
- Doug Parsons(3/14)
- Terry Hutchcraft (3/14)
- Victoria McGuire (3/14)



- Mark and Jill Andreea (3/8)
- Rich and Beth Baillie (3/15)

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
- 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,

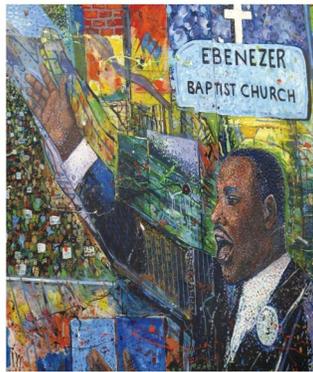
Is the new life that Jesus promises available now for the taking, or is he talking about life in heaven? The transfiguration seems to give Jesus new life and spirit immediately.

I remember preparing an ecumenical prayer service to commemorate the life and work of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I came across a statement he made on April 3, 1968, the night before he was assassinated. Utilizing the Gospel of Jesus' transfiguration, Dr. King said, "I just want to do God's will. He's allowed me to go up to the mountain....I'm happy tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."

Indeed, Jesus went to the mountaintop centuries ago and was transfigured. In the glory of God's voice and vision, Jesus came back down, fearing no one as he faithfully preached God's word, even as he went to another mountaintop, that of Calvary. Only then, in his moment of obedient death, was God's earthly glory fulfilled in him. "It is finished," he proclaimed (John 19:30). Yet even here, there is still more: the wait in hope and expectation of God's ultimate vindication three days later in the resurrection.

So my hope for you, for me, for everyone, is that we also have mountaintop experiences of God's grace and blessing. Such moments of prayer, obedience, and service are there for the taking whenever we receive God's courage to act with integrity, justice, or forgiveness. Still, the culmination of our own bearings of the cross always awaits its ultimate completion beyond the grave in the kingdom of heaven.

—Fr. James A. Krings
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



Calendar

Monday

MARCH 9

Lenten Weekday

Dn 9:4b-10

Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

MARCH 10

Lenten Weekday

Is 1:10, 16-20

Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday

MARCH 11

Lenten Weekday

Jer 18:18-20

Mt 20:17-28

Thursday

MARCH 12

Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5-10

Lk 16:19-31

Friday

MARCH 13

Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a,

17b-28a

Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

MARCH 14

Lenten Weekday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday

MARCH 15

Third Sunday

of Lent

Ex 17:3-7

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15,

19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Good News!

March 8, 2020

Second Sunday of Lent (A)

Gn 12:1-4a; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Today's readings don't seem Lenten.

They are uplifting, not penitential. God makes promises to Abram of extraordinary good fortune, political protection, and international status. The man must have been thrilled. Paul reminds Timothy that the life of holiness and blessing to which we have been called is a gift from God; always available to us, and not a reward for any good works we might have performed. And then we hear of Jesus' transfiguration in the sight of a few disciples. They were so overwhelmed by that spectacular experience they wanted to pitch tents so they wouldn't have to leave the place. How are such wondrous ideas penitential?

While God's marvelous blessings are free gifts, we are expected to respond to them appropriately, to accept them and use them for the common good. Abram's blessings were not simply for him and his family. "All the families of the earth will find blessing in you" (Genesis 12:3). His blessings would open a door to others—other nations, other ethnic groups, other religious communities. Abram was not simply chosen by God. He was chosen so that others might be blessed through him.

Timothy was instructed to "bear your share of hardship for the gospel" (2 Timothy 1:8). The blessing might be a gift, but it carried the responsibilities of discipleship. The voice from heaven told the disciples: "Listen to him" (Matthew 17:5). Being chosen by God or having seen the glory of Jesus calls for a change of mind and heart. This change isn't easy to accomplish. It is the reason for penance.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

The event of the Lord's transfiguration offers us a message of hope—thus shall we be, with him. It invites us to encounter Jesus, to be at the service of our brothers and sisters.

—ANGELUS, AUGUST 6, 2017