

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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Gibson City, IL 60936

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General Information
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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

May 17, 2020 Sixth Sunday of Easter



And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows it. But you know it, because it remains with you, and will be in 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 May 18		No Mass
TUE May 19	Father Bui ONLY No attendance	For the Parishioners of OLL, St Mary and St Joseph
WED May 20	Father Bui ONLY St. Bernardine of Siena No attendance	For the Parishioners of OLL, St Mary and St Joseph
THU May 21	Father Bui ONLY St Christopher Magallanes No Attendance	*Lucy Shilts
Friday May 22 St Rita of Cascia	Father Bui ONLY No attendance	*Mike Freehill
SAT May 23	Father Bui ONLY No attendance	For the Parishioners of OLL, St Mary and St Joseph
SUN May 24	Father Bui ONLY Ascension of Our Lord Live Stream No attendance	For the Parishioners of St Mary, OLL and St Joseph

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS

March Total	\$1950.00
April Total	\$4167.72
Capital Imp.	\$0.00
CMAA 2020 (goal: \$11,900)	\$7,466.00
Food Pantry May Total	\$0.00
Yr to Date FP	\$551.10

You may mail your donations to:

**Our Lady of Lourdes
 534 N Wood St,
 Gibson City, IL 60936**

Thank you !

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
SAT May 23					
SUN May 24 Ascension of Our Lord					

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.

**If you would like to make your weekly or monthly contribution to OLOL, even with the current situation. please mail your envelope with your contribution (please checks only) Thank you !
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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. please contact the parish office.

Food Pantry Volunteers

Saturday, May 23rd will be an OLL Food Pantry Weekend
THIS WILL BE CURBSIDE PICK-UP ONLY
Masks are required both days !

8-10 Volunteers are needed for set up on Friday, May 22 at 6:30PM.
Please park on the East side of the parking lot.

Please arrive by no later than 8:30AM Saturday, May 23 and park at County Market. Parking is very limited at the Pantry. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. If you are available to help or have any questions, please contact Paul Sarantakos at 217-781-1440 or by email at psarantakos@parkland.edu.

NOTE: THE FOOD PANTRY IS NOW LOCATED IN THE OLD ALCO BUILDING (NEXT TO BIG R ON ROUTE 9). Volunteers please park on the NORTH end of the County Market parking lot.



PARISH CALENDAR

Also Check out our website (calendar) for important dates in May, and our weekly bulletin. ololgc.org

All Masses, Stations of the Cross, and any gathering of parishioners in the church is suspended in an effort to keep safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The month of May is Mary's month. Very rarely has our Blessed Mother's intercession been needed as much as it is today in seeking the cessation of the coronavirus.

Pray for our Parishes and our Country at this trying time.
God Bless Us and keep us safe !

News from the Diocese of Joliet concerning a Phased Re-Opening.

In recent correspondence, the Diocese is working diligently to work on **THE PLAN**, for reopening churches and resuming public participation in the sacramental life of the Church. The Plan has been developed by the bishops in consultation with and the approval of state and local public health officials and civil authorities. More information will be forthcoming !!!



Angelica Cullotta (5/18)
Andrew Miller (5/19)
Kolbie Eichelberger (5/20)
Julie Roesch (5/20)
Joseph Goodin (5/21)
Ellen Hanks (5/21)
Janice Allen (5/21)
Kenneth Slavicek (5/21)
Peter Hartford (5/22)
Frank Titus (5/24)
Margy Shambrook (5/24)

Position needs to be filled: Food Service Coordinator St John Vianney Villa—Naperville

The Diocese of Joliet is seeking to hire a Food Service Coordinator at the St John Vianney Villa in Naperville. The Food Service Coordinator will design/develop the weekday menus and prepare healthy hot meals for lunch and dinner Monday through Friday for the priests residing at St John Vianney Villa. He/she will watch over the Villa and report any issues to the Facilities Manager, order supplies, shop for food, etc. Must have excellent culinary skills and the ability to relate well with others. Must be dependable. This is a full-time benefited non-exempt position. Normal work week Monday through Friday 10:30 am to 6:30 pm. Requires flexibility of schedule if needed.
To view a full job description, visit: <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/listjobs.php>.
Applicants meeting the necessary qualifications, please email a cover letter, resume and salary requirement to: humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org



Stanley and Suzanne Vetter (5/19)
Dan and Sylvia Day (5/19)
Michael and Tannie Smith (5/22)

**Join us
during the Month of May
to honor the
Blessed Virgin Mary.
The month of May is traditionally devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary. So to honor her this month, we would like us as a parish to say the Rosary—together— every evening at 9:00 pm. through the month of May.**

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRAYER CHAIN

We have organized a PRAYER CHAIN for those in need of prayer support. If you would like to be a 'prayer warrior' in the prayer chain OR if you have a need for prayers, contact Janet Townsend at (217)621-4812 or tomandjanettownsend@yahoo.com (your specific prayer need does NOT need to be disclosed to activate the prayer chain).

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
Rosanne Miller



Congratulations !!!
To our graduating Seniors and the recipient of the Sunderland Scholarship .
We are PROUD of you and wish you many blessings as you begin your next adventure !!! God bless you !!!

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,

After Mass a friend told me I belonged to “the priesthood of believers.” I’m not a priest! What did she mean?

At baptism, all of us became part of the laity. The word *laity* comes from the Greek word *laos*, which means “people.” The laity are the people of God. As people of God, we all share in the priesthood of Christ. This is why the Church speaks of the “priesthood of all believers,” because when we were baptized we were incorporated into Christ’s priesthood. Each of us is called to exercise our common priesthood within the Church, strengthening and serving each other. The exercise of priesthood means, above all, to serve.

The Church speaks of Jesus as our High Priest, the one who offers himself as the sacrificial animal. Jesus is the priest and victim, offering himself as a sacrifice to God. The priesthood that Jesus exercises is one of self-giving. All those who are called to the priesthood of Christ are called to serve as he did, offering themselves in a spirit of service and love.

This “priesthood of all believers” shouldn’t be confused with the sacrament of Holy Orders, which ordains to the office of bishop, priest, or deacon. These men are called by God and ordained by the Church to exercise the particular ministry of preaching the good news and administering the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. During Mass, the ordained priest represents Christ and also acts on behalf of all the people of God. His sacramental priesthood represents the common priesthood of the whole Church.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

There are so many people waiting for us to go out and meet them and look at them with the tenderness that we have experienced and received from our relationship with God. That is where our power lies: not in our ideals and in our personal projects, but rather in the strength of his mercy.

—ADDRESS TO THE ORDER OF AUGUSTINIAN RECOLLECTS,
OCTOBER 20, 2016

Calendar

Monday

MAY 18
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:11–15
Jn 15:26–16:4a

Tuesday

MAY 19
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:22–34
Jn 16:5–11

Wednesday

MAY 20
Easter Weekday
Acts 17:15, 22–18:1
Jn 16:12–15

Thursday

MAY 21
Easter Weekday
Acts 18:1–8
Jn 16:16–20

Friday

MAY 22
Easter Weekday
Acts 18:9–18
Jn 16:20–23

Saturday

MAY 23
Easter Weekday
Acts 18:23–28
Jn 16:23b–28

Sunday

MAY 24
The Ascension
of the Lord
Acts 1:1–11
Eph 1:17–23
Mt 28:16–20

Good News!

May 17, 2020

Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 8:5–8, 14–17; 1 Pt 3:15–18; Jn 14:15–21

We have hopes for ourselves and others. We hope for good health, for fulfilling work, for settled lives for our children. As valuable as such hope might be, that is not what Peter is referring to in today’s second reading. He is talking about religious hope. Not hope *that*, but hope *in*. Not hope that God will give us what we ask, that God will supply what we cannot accomplish, that God will reward our faithfulness. That is also valid hope, but it is still not religious hope.

Genuine religious hope is hope or trust in God. Period. Trust in God when we have no idea what the future might bring. Trust in God when all our best plans crumble before us. Trust in God when we face the terrors of illness and death. This is a trust or hope for which we do not provide God plans to follow so our needs get met as we think they should be. It is a hope that enables us to place ourselves into the hands of God. Period.

This kind of hope asks for nothing and expects everything. Why? Because we are convinced that God loves us with a passion we can’t possibly imagine and, therefore, wants what is best for us. This might seem like an impossible hope, but the reading goes on to list reasons to hope. God’s love is exemplified by Jesus Christ, who “suffered for sins...that he might lead you to God” (1 Peter 3:18). Who could ask for more?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA