

## 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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**Mass Schedule**  
(effective June 21/2020)

Saturday 5 pm  
Sunday 11:00 am  
Wednesday 8:00 am  
Thursday 5:30 pm

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Wednesday following Mass

**Confession**

During Wednesday Adoration  
4:30 pm before Saturday Mass  
Any time by Appointment

### ❖ FOR YOUR INFORMATION ❖

#### St. Mary

407 W. Pells Street  
Paxton, IL 60957

Phone—217-379-4033

**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**

## August 30, 2020 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time



Mt 16:24-26 Take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life?

### Prayers of the Faithful during Coronavirus and Flu Season

- \* For those who are suffering in the current outbreak of sickness that they might be healed, and for the happy repose of all who have died from this sickness in recent weeks; *Let us pray to the Lord.*
- For scientists, health professionals, public officials, and all who are serving the common good in this difficult and uncertain time, that they will be filled with wisdom and understanding; *Let us pray to the Lord.*
- \* That in times of illness our merciful and loving Father will strengthen our faith and trust in his goodness and divine providence; *Let us pray to the Lord.*
- \* That our compassionate Father would touch all affected by the current outbreak with healing and peace; *let us pray to the Lord.*

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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.

<b>MON</b> August 31		<b>No Mass</b>
<b>TUE</b> September 1	8:00 AM (OLOL) 5:30 PM (STJ)	Parish family
<b>WED</b> September 2	8:00 AM (OLOL) 7:00 PM (STM)	+Josephine Chase (by Wanda/Wayne Tornowski)
<b>THU</b> September 3	5:30 PM (OLOL)	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Friday</b> September 4	8:00 AM (STM) 5:30 PM (OLOL)	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>SAT</b> September 5	5:00 PM (OLOL)	+Chuck Kollross (by Tannie/ Michael Smith)
<b>SUN</b> September 6 23rd Sunday Of Ordinary Time	8:00 AM (STJ) 9:30 AM (STM) 11:00 AM (OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS**

August 15/16	\$1010.00
Capital Imp.	\$0.00
CMAA 2020 (goal:\$11,900)	\$10,259.00
Food Pantry August Total Yr to Date FP	\$70.00 \$115.00 \$1267.20

**Assumption  
August 15  
\$140.00**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
SATURDAY September 5	None	Mickey Meyers	None	Volunteer Needed (Contact Craig Davis)	None
SUNDAY September 6 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	None	Lisa Heap	None	Volunteer Needed (Contact Craig Davis)	None

**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

**Announcements for this week: (summarized by the OLOL Re-opening Committee)**

- 1.) Masks are to be worn at all times you are inside the church.
- 2.) Please use the hand sanitizer at the back of the church when entering.
- 3.) No singing.
- 4.) Use hand sanitizer prior to receiving communion. (Provided at each pew)
- 5.) The first pews on both sides of the aisle will be given communion in their pews.
- 6.) To receive communion, leave mask on....Father will place the host in your hand....step to the side...remove your mask and consume.....return to your seat.

**Thank you ALL for your cooperation as we re-open our Church !!!**

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



**Please be Kind and Merciful to those in need.**

Please prayerfully consider supporting the CMAA, if your means allow. The CMAA helps our parish and the Diocese of Joliet to provide vital ministries, programs and services to support our friends and neighbors in need, especially during these unprecedented times.

**Our parish goal is \$11,900.00 and as of August 23 we have received \$10,259.00.**

Thank you for your support !

**Message from GAH Incident Command:  
Drive-Thru Covid-19 Testing extended to SEPTEMBER**

The drive-thru Covid-19 testing site will be held EVERY Monday and Wednesday during the month of SEPTEMBER from 10 am –6 pm.  
There is NO charge for the test !

This is FREE to the community and you are welcome and encouraged to get tested if you feel that you may have been exposed.

Please don't hesitate to take the opportunity to use the drive-thru site. Tests will be administered in our drive-thru location in the alley-way between Melvin Street and Lott Blvd, next to the big red building.

Patients should remain in their vehicles and provide a valid DL or photo ID for identification verification purposes.

Notification of positive test results will be provided by your Primary Care Provider. No appointment or referral is needed.

Please follow the signs and enter the South end of the alley and proceed North to the testing tents. Do not block any driveways or intersections.

**American Red Cross Blood Drive**

Monday September 14, 2020  
12 noon to 5:30pm

First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall  
401 North Church Street, Gibson City.

To schedule your appointment,

Call Sharon at 217-249-8103 by Wednesday, September 9.

Be advised that all donors must wear a face mask.



**SEPTEMBER PARISH CALENDAR**

Sept 10 — (6:00 pm)—OLOL Staff Meeting  
Sept 10—(7:00 pm) OLOL Parish Council Meeting  
Sept 27—No Mass / Confirmation ONLY (11:00 am)

To register for the below listed events, check the calendar at [ololg.org](http://ololg.org)

Sept 11-13 Virtual World Wide Marriage Encounter  
Sept. 11-13 Men's Silent Retreat  
Sept 12 (9:00 am) ZOOM—Voter Responsibility  
and the Consistent Ethic of Life Conference  
Sept 14 (7:00 pm) ZOOM -Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary kick-off workshop  
Sept 17 (1:00 pm & 7:00 pm) ZOOM - Staying Engaged, Keeping Them Engaged  
Sept 24 (9:30 am) ZOOM—Joyfulness workshop

**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](mailto:tomandjanettownsend@yahoo.com) (your specific prayer need does NOT need to be disclosed to activate the prayer chain).



Father Bui will be on vacation September 3 to September 11. We wish him safe travels with blessings. There will be no weekday masses.

Father Dennis Spies will be celebrating Mass with us on Saturday September 5 and Sunday September 6 at the regular times.

September

**PARISH NEWS**

Check out our website (calendar) for important dates in September, and our weekly bulletin. [ololg.org](http://ololg.org) There are a limited copies of the Bulletin at the back of the Church.

**\*\*A message from Sarah Sarantakos.**  
Many of you may still not feel safe coming to Mass. If you would like to receive Holy Communion, please call me at 217-781-0528. We can set a time when I can bring Holy Communion to you.



Delbert Tjarks (8/31)  
Monique Cullotta (8/31)  
Will Baillie (9/3)  
Paul Baillie (9/3)  
Kinley Beyers (9/4)

Happy Anniversary

Angelo and Monique Cullotta (9/1)  
Tim and Michele Fackler (9/6)

**Pray for the Sick & Homebound**

Linda Ellington  
Dale Enghausen  
Brian Sullivan  
Emma Davis  
Terry Hutchcraft  
Leo Chapman  
Adam Reed  
Fran Mardis  
Joyce Pearson  
Rosanne Miller  
Carol Obert



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@ololg.org](mailto:office@ololg.org).

# Good News!

August 30, 2020

*Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)*

Jer 20:7-9 • Rom 12:1-2 • Mt 16:21-27

In 1937, *The Cost of Discipleship* by a German Lutheran pastor, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, was published. The book reflected on the Sermon on the Mount, and the demands it outlined led to Bonhoeffer's arrest and eventual death at the hands of the Nazis. It can be very dangerous to be faithful to Jesus' way of life. This shouldn't surprise us. Jesus' teaching cost Jesus his life.

Though the Gospel reading does not provide us with a program of action, it repeats Jesus' charge to take up our cross and follow him. This cross is different for each of us; it makes very personal demands. We are called to lose our life for his sake. This was true at the time of Jesus; it is true today.

This was true at the time of the prophet Jeremiah as well. He was called to proclaim God's word to his own people. They would not listen. Instead, "I am an object of laughter; / everyone mocks me" (Jeremiah 20:7). The prophet wants relief from his prophetic responsibility. Who wouldn't? What follows is quite moving. He makes up his mind that he will stop talking about God—but he can't. "It [the word of God] is as if fire is burning in my heart... / I grow weary holding back" (Jeremiah 20:9). That is the cost Jeremiah had to pay. The cross was the cost Jesus paid. And what of us?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## Dear Padre,

### I feel guilty about putting my mother in a nursing home. Have I abandoned her?

**C**aring for aging, fragile parents is a responsibility that is increasing as people live longer due to advances in medical technology. Accompanying longer lives, however, is often poorer health. Frequently family members conclude that they don't have the wherewithal to care responsibly for their parents. So, they seek a nursing facility where parents may be properly cared for in terms of their physical, psychological, and even spiritual health. Nursing homes with staff that understand the needs of the elderly are a great assistance. They have experience with many elderly residents, while our experience may be limited to our own loved one.



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The situation becomes more complicated when parents ask their children to "never put me into a nursing home." As difficult as it is to refuse this request, neither you nor your parent knows how much care will be needed, so a guarantee isn't fair to the family. The best response would be: "We'll look after you as long as we possibly can, and we would only consider a nursing home if your needs become more than we could handle, or if it were the only place where you could be safely cared for."

Sometimes guilt arises when we haven't had the best relationship with a parent, and regret things from our past. The best response then is to learn from the past and move forward. Commit to being more attentive, even though our parents no longer live with us. The worst abandonment would be depriving them of our love and affection.

—From *Life, Death, and Catholic Medical Choices*, © 2011 Liguori Publications  
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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Homes for the elderly...should be the "sanctuaries" of humanity where one who is old and weak is cared for and protected....It is so good to go visit an elderly person! Look at our children: sometimes we see them listless and sad; they go visit an elderly person and become joyful!*

—MEETING WITH THE ELDERLY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2014

## Calendar

**Monday**  
AUGUST 31  
Weekday  
1 Cor 2:1-5  
Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday**  
SEPTEMBER 1  
Weekday  
1 Cor 2:10b-16  
Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday**  
SEPTEMBER 2  
Weekday  
1 Cor 3:1-9  
Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday**  
SEPTEMBER 3  
St. Gregory the Great,  
Pope and Doctor  
of the Church  
1 Cor 3:18-23  
Lk 5:1-11

**Friday**  
SEPTEMBER 4  
Weekday  
1 Cor 4:1-5  
Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday**  
SEPTEMBER 5  
Weekday  
1 Cor 4:6b-15  
Lk 6:1-5

**Sunday**  
SEPTEMBER 6  
Twenty-third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Ez 33:7-9  
Rom 13:8-10  
Mt 18:15-20