

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

534 N. Wood Street
Gibson City, IL 60936

Parish Office Secretary
Phone & Fax (217) 784-4671

General Information
office@ololgc.org

Website www.ololgc.org

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

September 6, 2020 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time



Mt 18:19-20 Again, (amen,) I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

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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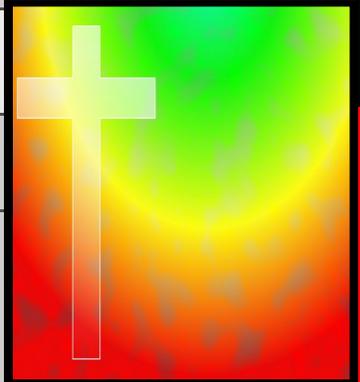
THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS

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

MON September 7		No Mass
TUE September 8	8:00 AM (OLOL) 5:30 PM (STJ)	No Mass
WED September 9	8:00 AM (OLOL) 7:00 PM (STM)	No Mass
THU September 10 (OLOL)	5:30 PM	No Mass
Friday September 11	8:00 AM (STM) 5:30 PM (OLOL)	No Mass
SAT September 12	5:00 PM (OLOL)	*Mary Wurmnest (by Gary/Jean Wilhelmi)
SUN September 13 24th 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 22/23	\$2105.00
Capital Imp.	\$0.00
CMAA 2020 (goal:\$11,900)	\$10,299.00
Food Pantry August Total Yr to Date FP	\$61.00 \$176.00 \$1328.20

**MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
SATURDAY September 12	None	Fran Mardis	None	Volunteer Needed (Contact Craig Davis)	None
SUNDAY September 13 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	None	Alyce Hafer	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 30 we have received \$10,299.00.

Thank you for your support !

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

SEPTEMBER 8th.

The drive-thru Covid-19 testing site will close permanently on Tuesday, September 8th. There is NO charge for the test ! 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. After September 8th, you will have to contact your physician for testing.

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 NEWS

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

SEPTEMBER PARISH CALENDAR

- Sept 10 — (6:00 pm)—OLOL Staff Meeting
- Sept 10—(7:00 pm) OLOL Parish Council Meeting
- Sept. 13—(9:30 am) RE classes start at Father Kirk Hall
- Sept 27—No Mass / Confirmation ONLY (11:00 am)

NOTE—

- To register for the below listed events, check the calendar at ololgc.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



- Austin Hornstein (9/7)
- Joachim Nunnick (9/)
- Cherry Fisher (9/7)
- Erin Lunch (9/8)
- Carol Obert (9/10)
- Natalie Davis (9/10)
- Stacey Helmig (9/11)
- Claire Schmitt (9/11)
- Patricia Harper (9/12)
- Keegan Kutemeier (9/12)



Brian and Jody Goodin (13)



ARE YOU REGISTERED ?

All Catholics who worship at our parish or who are a part of our parish services are requested to register. In registering, you are becoming an active member of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

If you have not registered, please complete the following and drop it in the collection basket and a registration form will be mailed or emailed to you. If you have not received email reminders or calls regarding parish events, you probably are not registered!

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email Address: _____
 How long have you been coming to Our Lady of Lourdes Church? _____

RE classes Sunday, September 13th

will be the first day for RE classes to begin for our students at 9:30 AM. Tannie has been recently collecting the registration forms for the necessary information. We all pray that you will have a good and blessed year of education thanks to our team of teachers. Thank you to Marg Brown for supplying masks for all the students. We are blessed with her talents.

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
- 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@ololgc.org.

Good News!

September 6, 2020

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

This statement might sound like we are respecting the independence of others. It is none of our business how they live their lives, how they behave in society, how they worship God. We mind our own business; they mind theirs. After all, are we our brother's or sister's keepers?

Today's readings challenge this attitude. Ezekiel is told that he must proclaim God's will to the Israelites. If he reneges in his calling and someone dies in guilt, Ezekiel will be held responsible for that death. However, if the wicked refuse to hear this message, their death in guilt will be their own doing, for one must freely accept God's word. In the Gospel, Jesus outlines a way for his disciples to lead sinners back to the community. Both Ezekiel and the disciples have responsibilities to those who are not living faithfully. They both take steps to call them back. In this sense, they act as their brother's or sister's keeper. However, they do not meddle in the other's business. The sinner must freely decide to return. God does not force repentance.

This might be a hard message. Who wants to step up and point out another's error in leaving the Church? However, if we are really concerned, we will do what we can to bring them back. We might not proclaim like the prophet or the disciples did. But the way we live our lives should show them the true value in being a faithful follower of Jesus.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre,

In the story of Noah, God destroyed most of the world. Did that really happen? How should we think about the world's end?

Most biblical scholars generally consider the Noah story to be a tale of God's new covenant with the people. Life here is temporary, but life with God is eternal. The story of the Flood was probably based on some historical event that was recounted in oral traditions for centuries before the story of Noah was written.

The National Geographic Society, in researching that region, discovered that the Mediterranean Sea broke through a natural dam more than 7,500 years ago, filling a freshwater lake with seawater and creating the Black Sea. This natural catastrophe could be the basis for the story of Noah and the Ark. Catastrophic world events such as war, floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, or tornadoes remind us repeatedly how fragile and temporary our lives are.

The biblical truth of the Noah story and of Jesus' account of the end of the world tell us that God is our beginning and our end. The world will end, but

God will not end. God's love for us will also never end. There is a spiritual transformation that will happen both at the end of lives on earth and at the end of time. We can be certain that, in the end, sin and death will be no more and God's love will reign forever.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



MARC BRUELLE/SHUTTERSTOCK



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

It is vital that the Church today go out to proclaim the Gospel to all, in all places, on all occasions, without delay, reluctance, or fear. We do so in obedience to the Lord's missionary mandate, certain of his presence among us until the end of the world.

—ADDRESS TO UNITED BIBLE SOCIETIES, OCTOBER 5, 2017

Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 7

Weekday

1 Cor 5:1-8

Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 8

Nativity of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1-4a or

Rom 8:28-30

Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

or 1:18-23

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 9

St. Peter Claver,

Priest

1 Cor 7:25-31

Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 10

Weekday

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13

Lk 6:27-38

Friday

SEPTEMBER 11

Weekday

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27

Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 12

Weekday

1 Cor 10:14-22

Lk 6:43-49

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 13

Twenty-fourth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30-28:7

Rom 14:7-9

Mt 18:21-35