

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
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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 13, 2020 24th Sunday Ordinary Time



Mt 18:23-27 That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.'

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 14		No Mass
TUE September 15	8:00 AM (OLOL) 5:30 PM (STJ)	Parish Family
WED September 16	8:00 AM (OLOL) 7:00 PM (STM)	+ Lucy Shilts (By family friends)
THU September 17	5:30 PM (OLOL)	+ Aldo Celeschi (By family friends)
Friday September 18	8:00 AM (STM) 5:30 PM (OLOL)	Parish Family
SAT September 19	5:00 PM (OLOL)	+ Josephine Chase (By Wanda/Wayne Tornowshi)
SUN September 20 25th 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 29/30	\$2450.00
Capital Imp.	\$0.00
CMAA 2020 (goal: \$11,900)	\$10,299.00
Food Pantry August Total Yr to Date FP	\$15.00 \$191.00 \$1343.20

**Assumption
 August 15th
 \$25.00**

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
SATURDAY September 19	None	Patti Huppert	None	Volunteer Needed (Contact Craig Davis)	None
SUNDAY September 20 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	None	Sarah Sarantakos	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

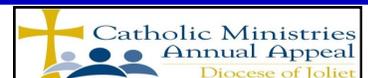
Call the Rectory at least six months

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 !

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. 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



Jerry Stoltz (9/14)
Alex Rosenbaum (9/14)
Erique Gonzalez, Jr (9/14)
Laura Lynch (9/14)
Benjamin Roesch (9/14)
Leo Chapman (9/17)
Marie Davis (9/17)
Patricia Huppert (9/18)
Jodi Beyers (9/18)
Frederick Sarantakos (9/18)
Georgia Lynch (19)
Tim Fackler (9/20)
Emma Kurtenbach (9/20)

Happy Anniversary

Brian and Jody Goodin (9/13)
Roger and Edna Huppert (9/14)

Please pray for our RE students who are preparing for their Confirmation.

Sunday,
September 27th
11:00 AM



RE classes Sunday, September 13th

will be the first day for RE classes to begin for our students at 9:30 AM.
1.) Vehicles—Please line up single file heading North on Wood Street.
2.) Keep your kids in the car until you are in front of the main doors.
3.) Please wait for your child/children to enter the building before leaving.
4.) No parents will be allowed in the building.
5.) Classes will be dismissed one at a time to allow social distancing.

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?

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 13, 2020

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Sir 27:30–28:7; Rom 14:7–9; Mt 18:21–35

What makes seven such an important number? It's the symbolism. It signifies wholeness, completeness, and totality. So, seventy-seven (or seventy times seven in some Bible translations) suggests infinity. Peter was exaggerating when he suggested that he might forgive his brother seven times. He presumed that if he acted in this way, his behavior would demonstrate the immeasurable extent of his personal graciousness. Jesus' response implied that there should be no end to our forgiving another. To underscore the significance of this magnanimity, Jesus offered God (in the guise of the king who forgave a huge debt) as the exemplar of forgiving.

Forgiving another's offense against us could well be one of the most difficult things we are asked to do. To ask for forgiveness does not seem as difficult. After all, when we bump into a perfect stranger in an elevator, we say, "Forgive me." But to forgive someone who has deliberately offended us, who has dishonored our sense of personal dignity, as slight as that offense might be, is neither as easy nor as casual a gesture. And yet, we must.

We all carry debts to others. Both the first reading and the Gospel passage remind us that the debts owed to us by others in no way compare with the debt we owe God, and yet God shows us compassion and forgives us. If we are grateful children of a compassionate God, we will want to be like God and we will forgive others.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre,

We knew a beloved priest whose death was self-inflicted. What is the Church's stance on suicide?

I offer my heartfelt sympathy to you and the faith community for this tragic loss. "We are stewards, not owners, of the life God has entrusted to us. It is not ours to dispose of" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2280). Those who take their own life to end personal suffering assume a decision-making that belongs to God alone. However, the Church also acknowledges that "grave psychological disturbances, anguish, or grave fear of hardship, suffering, or torture can diminish the responsibility of the one committing suicide" (CCC 2282).

At the same time, the Church relies on the compassion of God, who fully knows the intensity of suffering that triggers suicide. Therefore, the Church pastorally states: "We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives" (CCC 2283).

How, then, does the Church specifically pray for those who've committed suicide? Generally they're not deprived of full burial rites in the Church, which consoles the living and commends all of the dead "to God's merciful love and pleads for the forgiveness of their sins" (*Order of Christian Funerals*, 6). Nor are they deprived of burial in a Catholic cemetery—a sacred place that helps bring peace to those confronted by the sudden death of a suicide.

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



HILARY SUSAN OSMAN / PIXELS



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The increase in the rates of suicide in your cities, as well as bullying and various kinds of neediness, are creating new forms of alienation....I ask you to pay special attention to [the young] and their needs. Try to create spaces...of generous and selfless love...to everyone, and not only to those who have "made it."

—MEETING WITH BISHOPS, TOKYO, NOVEMBER 23, 2019

Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 14
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b–9
Phil 2:6–11
Jn 3:13–17

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 15
Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Cor 12:12–14, 27–31a
Jn 19:25–27 or
Lk 2:33–35

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 16
Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, and Martyrs
1 Cor 12:31–13:13
Lk 7:31–35

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 17
Weekday
1 Cor 15:1–11
Lk 7:36–50

Friday

SEPTEMBER 18
Weekday
1 Cor 15:12–20
Lk 8:1–3

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 19
Weekday
1 Cor 15:35–37, 42–49
Lk 8:4–15

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 20
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:6–9
Phil 1:20c–24, 27a
Mt 20:1–16a