## 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 Schødulø (offøctivø Junø 21/2020) Saturday 5 pm Sunday 11:00 am Wednesday 8:00 am Thursday 5:30 pm Cucharistic Adoration Wednesday following Mass Conføssion 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

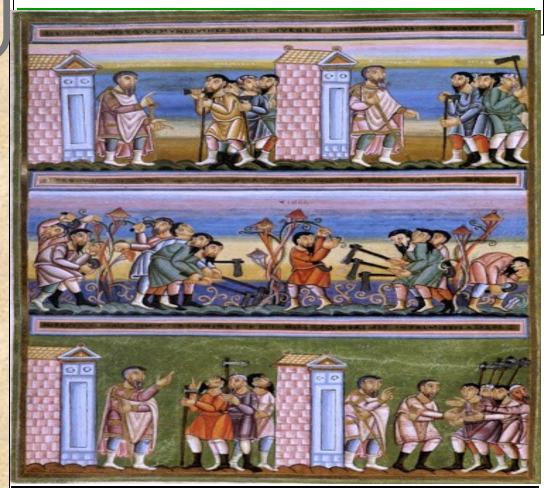
Mass Schødulø Sunday 9:30 am Wednesday 7:00 pm Friday 8:00 am Cucharistic Adoration Friday following 8AM Mass Conføssion Friday following 8AM Mass

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**St. Joseph** 312 N. Hickory Street

Loda, IL 60948 Mass Schedule Sunday 8:00 am Tuesday 5:30 pm Confession

# September 20, 2020 25th Sunday Ordinary Time



Mt 20:9-16 When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? (Or) am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.".

## 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.

Pastor			THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS				THANK YOU FOR												
Rev. Dong van Bui (217) 784-4671 (OLOL)			If you wish to have a Mass intention for a loved one, anniversary or				YOUR GIFTS												
(217) 379-4033(STM)			other occasion, please contact the parish office.																
dvanbui@ololgc.org			MON Septem	ber 21	No Mass		September		\$1923.00										
Emergency (630) 456-5406							5/6												
Deacon Paul Sarantakos psarantakos@parkland.edu Parish Secretary			TUE Septemb	er 22 8:00 AM (OLOL)	Parish Family				A125.00										
				5:30 PM ( STJ)			Capital Imp.		\$125.00										
office@ololgc.org			WED Septemb	er 23 8:00 AM (OLOL)	+ Josephine Chase (by Matt/Kristin Kutemeier)		CMAA 2020 (goal:\$11,900) Food Pantry		\$10,299.00										
Tannie Smith (309) 893-0073				7:00 PM (STM)															
Bulletin Editor									\$45.00										
Carla Moxley (217) 552-9013			THU Septemb	er 24 5:30 PM (OLOL)	+ Mike Freehill		Sept. Total Yr to Date FP		\$45.00 \$45.00										
<b>Religious Education</b> Tannie Smith DRE					(by Knights of Columbus)				\$1388.20										
Youth Ministry Michael Smith Music Director If interested contact dvanbui@ololgc.org			Friday Septem	ber 25 8:00 AM (STM)	Parish Family														
				5:30 PM (OLOL)			Special Collection Sept.26/27 Christ is Our Hope												
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Parish Council President			SUN Septembe																
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	SUNDAY September 27		None		None	Volunteer Needed		None											
	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time		None			(Contact Craig Davis)													
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			<ul> <li>Announcements for this week: (summarized by the OLOL Re-opening Committee)</li> <li>1.) Masks are to be worn at all times you are inside the church.</li> <li>2.) Please use the hand sanitizer at the back of the church when entering.</li> <li>3.) No singing.</li> <li>4.) Use hand sanitizer prior to receiving communion. (Provided at each pew)</li> <li>5.) The first pews on both sides of the aisle will be given communion in their pews.</li> <li>6.) To receive communion, leave mask onFather will place the host in your handstep to the sideremove your mask and consumereturn to your seat.</li> <li>Thank you ALL for your cooperation as we re-open our Church !!!</li> </ul>																
	mitted to the hospital or m		<b>PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER</b> Catholic Ministries																
	p to the Emergency Room,	-	<u>YOUR SUPPORT OF THE</u> 2020 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL Diocese of Jolier																
contact Fr. Dong at (217)784-4671 Emergency (630)456-5406 <b>Marriage/RCIA</b>			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.																
										C	Ill the Rectory at least six n		Our parish goal is \$11,900.00 and as of August 30 we have received \$10,299.00.						
														Thank you for your support !					

## SEPTEMBER PARISH CALENDAR

Sept 27—No Mass / Confirmation ONLY (11:00 am)

NOTE-

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

Sept 24 (9:30 am) ZOOM—Joyfulness workshop

<u>Congratulations to our Confirmation Students</u> Sunday September 27th at 11:00 am (No Mass) Officiated by Bishop Richard Pates



Amanda Freehill Victoria Cullotta Carter Eichelberger Paul Baillie Elizabeth Giroux Anthony Gonzalez William Baillie Gaines Parsons Sophia Ray Aiden Helmig Spencer Kleist Charley Ulrich Annabelle Goodin Colleen Davis



Enrique Gonzalez

\*\*\*\*\*Thank you to our RE teachers, Tannie Smith and Jodi Beyers, who have prepared these students for this very blessed Sacrament.

## Prayers and Pastries

Friday, September 25, 2020 Time—9:00 am—11:00 am Address—120 West 11th Street Gibson City, IL 60936 Hosted by Sarah Sarantakos. Seating is limited to 10 people and masks are required. Contact Sarah by <u>September 23rd</u> to 217-781-0528 to confirm your reservation.

# 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:

Zip:

Address:

City:

Phone:

Email Address:

How long have you been coming to

Our Lady of Lourdes Church?



**RE classes Sunday, September** 

RE classes have begun for our students on Sundays at 9:30 AM. In the Hall. 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.

## 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

(your specific prayer need does NOT need to be disclosed to activate the prayer chain).



**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.



Tim Fackler (9/20) Emma Kurtenbach (9/20) Amy Stoltz (9/22) Thomas Hathaway (9/22) Martha Heavilin (9/24) Ann Benoit (9/26) Denis Fisher (9/26) Nancy Kurtenbach 9/(27) Greg Kurtenbach (9/30)



God Bless all of our OLOL couples !

#### Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Linda Ellington Dale Enghausen Brian Sullivan Emma Davis Terry Hutchraft 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 20, 2020 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

The story in the Gospel doesn't sound fair. Some people worked from early morning until evening; others joined them at the end of the workday. But they all got the same pay. How can that be fair? Perhaps fairness isn't the point of the story. But then, what is?

The landowner, symbolizing God, hired the workers "after agreeing with them for the usual daily wage" (Matthew 20:2). If the earliest workers presumed that the agreed-upon wage would be changed, does that make God unfair? Those workers expected God to conform to what they considered just—and justice certainly is a very important value. However, God acted out of divine generosity—a quality we hope to benefit from but which might engender resentment when it is bestowed upon others.

As difficult as this story might seem to us, it raises some important questions about ourselves. Perhaps the story is not so much about God as it is about our own attitudes. If we are faithful to what we believe is God's will for us, do we then presume that God owes us some kind of compensation? Do we expect that God will act according to our standards of retributive justice (this-for-that) rather than restorative justice (bring-it-back-to-life)? Do we resent God's graciousness toward others?

It is better that we all look to God for generosity than for justice. If we do, we will find, as the psalm response tells us: "The Lord is gracious and merciful" (Psalm 145.8).

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

# Dear Padre,

# My nephew has a chronic illness. My father is saving money to send to him so he can send it to a faith healer my dad has seen on TV. What can I say to my dad to convince him this is a bad idea?

**T** he Catholic Church teaches that "those who dwell in heaven" regularly intercede with God on our behalf (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 956), and those intercessions include healings.

But living people with the power to instantly heal physical and mental ailments are rare. Some "healers" have accomplices who fake illness or disability and are then "cured" for the sole purpose of getting people to



give money to the "healer." We should be very skeptical about these claims, because scam artists understand how easy it is to take advantage of people who are desperate for relief of pain or for the cure of a chronic or terminal illness.

One thing is certain: healing ultimately comes from God. Anyone who claims he or she is the healer and not simply God's instrument is unquestionably a fraud.

Suggest to your dad that he talk to his priest before he sends any

money to the "healer." The best way for him to help his grandson is to pray for him and donate any money he has saved to an organization that does research into the condition. That way, your father will be helping everyone with the condition—not just your nephew.

> -Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



# A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Jesus wants to make us contemplate the gaze of that landowner: the gaze with which he looks upon each of the laborers searching for work and calls them to go to his vineyard....It is a gaze which calls, invites one to get up and begin a journey because he wants life for each of us. —ANGELUS, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

# Calendar

Monday SEPTEMBER 21 St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Eph 4:1–7, 11–13 Mt 9:9–13

**Tuesday** SEPTEMBER 22 *Weekday* Prv 21:1–6, 10–13 Lk 8:19–21

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest Prv 30:5–9 Lk 9:1–6

> Thursday SEPTEMBER 24 Weekday Eccl 1:2–11 Lk 9:7–9

### Friday SEPTEMBER 25 *Weekday* Eccl 3:1–11 Lk 9:18–22

Saturday SEPTEMBER 26 Weekday Eccl 11:9—12:8 Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday SEPTEMBER 27 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 18:25–28 Phil 2:1–11 or 2:1–5 Mt 21:28–32