

## 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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#### Parish Office Secretary

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General Information  
[office@ololgc.org](mailto:office@ololgc.org)

#### Website

[www.ololgc.org](http://www.ololgc.org)

#### 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

## JANUARY 5, 2020 Epiphany of the Lord



After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

### PARISH SECRETARY POSITION AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY

Our Lady of Lourdes is in search of someone to  
**IMMEDIATELY** step in to the position of  
**PARISH SECRETARY.**

**This is a part time, paid position.**

**Anyone interested can  
contact Fr. Dong at (217)379-4033.**



**Pastor**

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**Parish Council**

**President**

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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

<b>MON</b> January 6		No Mass
<b>TUE</b> January 7	<b>8:00 AM (OLL)</b> <b>5:30 PM (STJ)</b>	Parish Family
<b>WED</b> January 8	<b>8:00 AM (OLL)</b> <b>7:00 PM (STM)</b>	+Lucy Shilts
<b>THU</b> January 9	<b>5:30 PM (OLL)</b>	Parish Family
<b>FRI</b> January 10	<b>8:00 AM (STM)</b> <b>5:30 PM (OLL)</b>	Parish Family
<b>SAT</b> January 11	<b>5:00 PM (OLL)</b>	+Mike Freehill
<b>SUN</b> January 12	<b>8:00 AM (STJ)</b> <b>9:30 AM (STM)</b> <b>11:30 AM (OLL)</b>	Parish Family Baptism of the Lord

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS**

Sunday Total	\$1834.50
Capital Imp.	\$0.00
CMAA 2019 (goal: \$12,300)	\$13,368.00
Food Pantry December Total	\$117.00
Yr to Date FP	\$319.50
	\$2619.94

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTON**

**\$4271.43**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
SAT January 11 5:00PM	Walter Smith Kate McCall	Patti Huppert	Rosann Miller Carla Moxley Frank Titus	Michael Smith Caine Jost	Carla Moxley
SUN January 12 11:30AM	Colleen Davis Cecelia Goodin	Maggie Davis		Craig Davis Ethan Garard	

**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.



**Volunteers needed Saturday January 11, 2020 at 9:00 AM**

Volunteers are needed to help take down and store the Christmas decorations.

Any help will be much appreciated !

Please contact Sarah Sarantakos at 217-781-0528.



**PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 2020 COLLECTION ENVELOPES AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH**

If you have not registered with the parish, or if there are not envelopes in your name and you would like them, please contact the office at (217)784-4671.

Also, please let us know of address, additional children or other contact information changes, by emailing office@ololgc.org

**2020 PARISH CALENDARS**

Our Parish Calendars are available for 2020. Thank you Day Drainage for providing them for our Parish. Feel free to pick some up after Masses over the next few weekends.

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season.

The Solemnity of the Epiphany is celebrated either on January 6 or, according to the decision of the Episcopal conference, on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. The young Messiah is revealed as the light of the nations. Yet, as the antiphon for the *Magnificat* at Second Vespers reminds us, three mysteries are encompassed in this solemnity: the adoration of the Christ Child by the Magi, the Baptism of Christ and the wedding feast at Cana. Extra candles and/or lamps may be placed

around the sanctuary and in other parts of the church to honor Christ revealed as the Light of the Gentiles (*Ceremonial of Bishops*). It is customary to replace the images of the shepherds at the crib with the three Magi and their gifts.

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation.

The Epiphany is indeed a great Feast, and the joy caused us by the Birth of our Jesus must be renewed on it, for as though it were a second Christmas Day, it shows us our Incarnate God in a new light. It leaves us all the sweetness of the dear Babe of Bethlehem, who hath appeared to us already in love; but to this it adds its own grand *manifestation* of the divinity of our Jesus. At Christmas it was a few Shepherds that were invited by the Angels to go and recognize THE WORD MADE FLESH; but now, at the Epiphany, the voice of God himself calls the whole world to adore this Jesus, and hear him.



### PARISH CALENDAR

**Sunday, January 5**

RE Classes start after break

**Wednesday, January 8**

Knights of Columbus 7:00 PM

**Thursday, January 9**

Staff Meeting 6:15 PM

Parish Council Meeting 7:00 PM

**Saturday, January 11**

Food Pantry 8 AM to Noon

**Sunday, January 12**

K of C Pancake/Sausage Breakfast 10 AM

RE Open House 10-11

**Sunday, January 19**

Youth Mass

**Saturday January 25**

Food Pantry 8 am to noon



Brooks Schmitt (1/5)  
Jack Eichelberger (1/6)  
Haven Hathaway (1/6)  
Nick Roesch (1/7)  
Dan Kleist (1/10)  
LeaAnn Seymour (1/12)

*Happy Anniversary*

Brett and Jodi Beyers (1/8)

### 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).

**Sunday, January 12, 2020  
OPEN HOUSE-Fr Kirk Hall  
(Open to ALL parish !)**

**Come join the RE students for a  
Pancake and Sausage Breakfast!  
Let them show you around their  
classrooms and see what they have  
been learning.**

**January 12th, 2020 at 10:00 am  
Hope to see you there !**

## Pray for US

### Pray for our Parish Mission

**Parish Mission is a parish awakening! A time for the whole parish to come together to reflect upon God's word, to renew our faith, and to pray with open hearts and hands.**

**Join us HERE to pray that we have a successful mission!**

**Thursdays at 5!**

**We NEED you!**

**Our Parish Mission will be March 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup>. Please plan on joining us all 3 days! More info to come.**



### **Pray for the Sick & Homebound**

Linda Ellington  
Greg Delost  
Dale Enghausen  
Brian Sullivan  
Emma Davis  
Terry Hutchcraft  
Leo Chapman  
Adam Reed  
Michael Gardner  
Fran Mardis  
Joyce Pearson



Designed by Cindy

If you wish to add the name of a loved one who is sick, please contact the parish office at 217-784-4671 or [pastor@ololg.org](mailto:pastor@ololg.org).

# Dear Padre,

## What do we know about the Three Kings?

**Y**our question reminds us how much human tradition has embellished some of the events described in sacred Scripture. Historically, the name Magi designates members of an ancient Near Eastern priestly caste. In Matthew's Gospel, they are presented as noble wise men and astrologers.

The number three has long been associated with the Magi. However, the Gospel narratives never mention their number (though they did offer three gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh). Saint Matthew is also silent about their names. However, in the eighth century, Western traditions began calling them Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. Other Christian traditions use different names.

Though their gifts indicate they were from South Arabia, it's doubtful that they represented particular nations or the major racial families. At the very least, the Magi represent the Gentile peoples coming from afar to find the true God in Jesus Christ. This contrasts with King Herod and Israel. Both neglected this manifestation of God's presence in their midst.

Astrology permeated ancient cultures, so it isn't strange that astrologers appear in the Bible. The Church responded by "Christianizing" aspects of astrology. For example, the Church deliberately called Christ the "Sun of Justice," thus replacing the pagan god Sol with one true God. In the fourth century, the Church placed the celebration of Christ's Nativity on December 25, the birthday of the sun. We emphasize Jesus as the Light of the World and celebrate his feast every week on *Sunday*.

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VASANTY/SHUTTERSTOCK

## Calendar

### Monday

JANUARY 6  
 Christmas Weekday  
 1 Jn 3:22—4:6  
 Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

### Tuesday

JANUARY 7  
 Christmas Weekday  
 1 Jn 4:7-10  
 Mk 6:34-44

### Wednesday

JANUARY 8  
 Christmas Weekday  
 1 Jn 4:11-18  
 Mk 6:45-52

### Thursday

JANUARY 9  
 Christmas Weekday  
 1 Jn 4:19—5:4  
 Lk 4:14-22

### Friday

JANUARY 10  
 Christmas Weekday  
 1 Jn 5:5-13  
 Lk 5:12-16

### Saturday

JANUARY 11  
 Christmas Weekday  
 1 Jn 5:14-21  
 Jn 3:22-30

### Sunday

JANUARY 12  
 Baptism of the Lord  
 Is 42:1-4, 6-7  
 Acts 10:34-38  
 Mt 3:13-17

# Good News!

January 5, 2020

*Epiphany of the Lord (A)*

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**"Go back where you came from!"** What if the Magi heard this when they came to the house where the Child was, and they heeded that deriding message? The "signs of the times" that they read told them a king had been born. They might not have known exactly where to look, but they knew what they were looking for, and they recognized that king when they found him. These righteous men were not Israelites, yet God revealed this great mystery to them. Furthermore, there is no indication that they eventually became Israelites. Rather, "they departed for their country" (Matthew 2:12). God really does not play favorites.

Then how are we to understand the claim of being God's Chosen People, whether ancient Israelites or the Christian community? What's the point of being chosen if you are not the favorite? While acknowledging God's special love for his Chosen People, both Isaiah and Paul answer this question. The prophet claims that "nations will walk by your light, kings by the radiance of your dawning" (Isaiah 60:3), and Paul says "the stewardship of God's grace...was given to me for your benefit" (Ephesians 3:2). In other words, some have been chosen by God to bring the light of God's love to others.

The feast of the Epiphany celebrates two important realities—the revelation of God to all people and the responsibility to reveal that astounding mystery to others. The Magi personify both realities. They were men of another faith tradition to whom God revealed the mystery of the Incarnation, and they returned home and probably proclaimed to others the wonder of that mystery.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

## Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

For more than fifty years, Redemptorists have ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity.

For more information and to sign up for our free monthly newsletter, visit: [ScrupulousAnonymous.org](http://ScrupulousAnonymous.org)



## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

*Do we know how to dream, to long for God, ...or do we let ourselves be swept along by life, like dry branches before the wind? The Magi were not content with just getting by, with keeping afloat. They understood that to truly live, we need a lofty goal and we need to keep looking up.*

—EPIPHANY HOMILY, JANUARY 6, 2018