

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

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

Sunday 7:30am

January 17, 2021 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jn 1:35-39 The next day John was there again with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon.

JANUARY— Dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.

The month of January is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. After the Blessed Virgin Mary conceived by the Holy Spirit, the angel Gabriel appeared to St. Joseph and told him that the Child's name should be called Jesus, meaning "God Saves." According to Jewish law, on the 8th day after his birth a male child was to be circumcised, receive his name, and become a full member of God's covenant people. According to the old Roman liturgical calendar, the Feast of the Circumcision of Jesus was celebrated on January 1st, eight days after Christmas, the same day that He was given His sacred name. Currently we celebrate the Solemnity of the Mother of God on January 1st and honor the Holy Name of Jesus on January 3rd. For Catholics, Jesus' sacred name is the object of a special devotion symbolized by the monogram "IHS," (sometimes called a Christogram), which is the first three letters of the Greek spelling of His name.

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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 January 18		No Mass
TUE January 19	8:00 AM (OLOL) 5:30 pm (STJ)	Parishioners of OLOL
WED January 20	8:00 AM (OLOL) (Sts. Fabian and Sebastian) 7:00 PM (STM)	+Leo Chapman (by Audrey Chapman)
THU January 21	5:30 PM (OLOL) (St. Agnes)	+Joyce Nally (by Harold Medler)
Friday January 22	5:30 PM (OLOL) (Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children)	Parishioners of OLOL
SAT January 23	5:00 PM (OLOL) (Sts. Vincent and Marianne Cope)	+ Mike Freehill (by Freehill family)
SUN January 24	8:00 AM (STJ) (3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time) 9:30 AM (STM) 11:00 AM (OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL	
Jan. 9/10	\$2521.00
Capital Imp.	\$ 35.00
CMAA 2020 (goal:\$ 11,900)	\$14,296.00
Food Pantry January Total	\$78.00 \$152.00
Yr to Date FP	\$152.00
Special Collections	
	

MINISTRY SCHEDULES					
Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry Members
SATURDAY January 23 5:00PM	Not needed at this time	Fran Mardis	Not needed at this time	Volunteer Needed (Contact Craig Davis 815-848-5554)	Sarah Sarantakos Joyce Foster
SUNDAY January 24 11:00 AM 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Not needed at this time	Jack Kollross	Not needed at this time	Volunteer Needed (Contact Craig Davis 815-848-5554)	Jerry/Marg Brown Jean Wilhelmi

Baptism
 Call the Rectory at least four weeks before the baptism. Instruction for the parents and God-parents is required.

Confession
 Contact Fr. Dong at 217-784-4671

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.

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.*

MORNING OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, for the salvation of souls, the reparation of sins, the reunion of all Christians, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father this month. Amen.

PRAYER DURING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary,
We, your children of every nation,
Turn to you in this pandemic.
Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great.
Grant that we might deposit them at your feet,
Take refuge in your Immaculate Heart,
And obtain peace, healing, rescue, And timely help in all our needs.
You are our Mother. Pray for us to your Son. Amen.

In your charity, please pray for
Don Hansen
1944—2021
who was called to
eternal rest.
Grant unto him Eternal rest,
and let perpetual light shine
upon him.
May he rest in peace.
May he and all the
souls of the faithful
departed rest In peace.
AMEN.

**From Sarah Sarantakos:

Many of you may still not feel safe coming to Mass. If you would like to receive **Holy Communion** or other **Outreach Ministries**, please call Sarah at (217)781-0528.

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). This 'Prayer Chain' has been very successful in offering up our prayers to those in need.

We are taking a poll to see if there is any interest in having a **Support Group for Widows/Widowers**. It can be a hard time for many people, especially during the Holidays or actually anytime in your daily lives. If you are interested, please call Doris Freehill at 217-552-4149

Prayer and Pastries 2021

When: Friday, Jan. 29
9AM-11 AM

Where : Home of Sarah Sarantakos
120 West 11th Street, Gibson City
Limited to 10. **RSVP** 217-781-0528
(Please wear a mask)

Beginners Bible Study

Starts Monday **February 8, 2021**
(9am to noon)

Where— home of Joyce Foster
1410 Railside Drive, Gibson City
Please RSVP 217-680-1280
(Mask must be worn)
Bibles/supplies will be provided for \$20.00
Refreshments will be served

The Choir is looking for anyone who can sing and/or play an instrument. Please consider sharing your talents. Call Pam Aubry at 217-781-1237

2020—2021 Parish Council

President-Dan Kleist (309-824-7301)
Secretary-Alyce Hafer (217-745-2411)
Craig Davis (815-848-5554)
Parker Hathaway (217-784-8193)
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Fred Sarantakos (217-781-1813)
Please contact these dedicated people if you have any concerns or suggestions about church related issues.



PARISH/ Diocese Events

Check out our website (calendar) for important dates , and our weekly bulletin. **ololg.org**

- January 18—Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 18—Pro-Life Discussion Group
- January 21—New Year, New Hope
- January 22—Community Ecumenical Memorial Pro-Life Prayer Vigil
- January 23— Partnership in Mission
- January 23—Day of Support for Annulment Petitioners
- January 24—Partnership in Mission
- January 24—Sunday of the Word of God
- January 29—Prayer and Pastries 9 am
- January 31—RE Class 9:30—10:45 am
- February 1—1st Day of Black History Month
- February 1—OLOL Office Meeting 8 am
- February 7—Sunderland Scholarship Collection (via your envelope)
- February 8—Beginners Bible Study 9am
- February 11—Staff Meeting 6:15 pm followed by Parish Council 7:15 pm



Marj Brown (1/18)
Nora McCall (1/18)
Angela Wurmnest (1/21)
Mae Gardner (1/22)
Wesley Smith (1/24)



Georgia and Gerald Lynch (1/18)
Tammy and Doug Parsons (1/20)
Alyce and Joe Hafer (1/21)
Wanda and John Swearingen (1/22)

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Brian Sullivan
Emma Davis
Terry Hutchcraft
Joyce Pearson
Fran Mardis
Rosanne Miller
Connie Cimino
Ken Freehill



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.

Dear Padre,

Can the Eucharist be celebrated outside of a church—for example, inside my home?

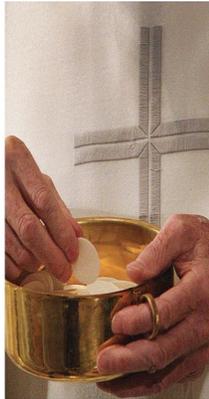
What an interesting question. The earliest celebrations of the Eucharist were held in the homes of the early Christians. As centuries evolved and the Christian population grew, larger rooms were rented and later built to house the community gathering. The word *church* is what we now call a building in which people worship. If we were to be completely accurate, we would call the building the house or shelter for the Church because the Church is understood primarily as the baptized community living in faith and charity.

Unfortunately, because of changing demographics and priest shortages, many communities are consolidating and church buildings are being shut down and even destroyed. As a result, communities and places for liturgy grow larger. Large communities can easily become impersonal and pastoral leadership increasingly difficult.

Recently, some large parishes have developed neighborhood communities in an attempt to subdivide into smaller faith-sharing units—not unlike the original house churches. These smaller communities gather for regular prayer and catechesis. The parish priest occasionally attends their meetings and celebrates the Eucharist with them. This is one example of celebrating the Eucharist outside of a church building.

So, although there can be exceptions for pastoral necessity, canon law indicates that celebrating Mass in a sacred place is the norm. The bishop may clarify this law for his own diocese to best meet the needs of his people while respecting the dignity of the Eucharist.

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Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 18

Weekday

Heb 5:1-10

Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday

JANUARY 19

Weekday

Heb 6:10-20

Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday

JANUARY 20

Weekday

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17

Mk 3:1-6

Thursday

JANUARY 21

St. Agnes,

Virgin and Martyr

Heb 7:25—8:6

Mk 3:7-12

Friday

JANUARY 22

Day of Prayer for the

Legal Protection of

Unborn Children

Heb 8:6-13

Mk 3:13-19

Saturday

JANUARY 23

Weekday

Heb 9:2-3, 11-14

Mk 3:20-21

Sunday

JANUARY 24

Third Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10

1 Cor 7:29-31

Mk 1:14-20

Good News!

January 17, 2021

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20;

Jn 1:35-42

Today we focus on our call from God. Both Samuel and Jesus' disciples were called. Unfortunately, not everyone realizes he or she has been called to be a disciple. Pope Francis insists that by virtue of baptism we are all missionary disciples. What does this mean? What does it ask of us?

Today's readings set the stage for our consideration of discipleship. They tell us several things. As with Samuel, the invitation from God can be unexpected, for it can occur in the very ordinary events of life. Perhaps, like Samuel, we don't hear the call because the event is so ordinary. Maybe we need someone to open our eyes to God's presence in the ordinariness of life. But what do we expect a call from God to be? A thunderclap? A blinding light? Actually, when we realize we have been called by God, it is like a crash of thunder or a blinding light.

Intrigued by Jesus, the disciples wanted to hear more, and so they followed him. Frequently God speaks to us through the lives of other people. When we see goodness in them we too want to be good, to do good. This might prompt us to share what we have, to comfort those who suffer, to forgive those who have offended us. We may not yet know how to do it, but such goodness can touch us deeply. Do we listen, like Samuel? Are we open, like the disciples?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Jesus does not want disciples who are merely able to repeat memorized formulas. He wants witnesses: people who spread hope, with their way of welcoming, smiling, and loving; above all loving because the power of the resurrection makes Christians capable of loving even when love seems to have lost its motivation.

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