

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

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 24, 2021—Year of Saint Joseph

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mc 1:16-20 As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

Pope Francis Announces Year of Saint Joseph for 2021(See inside)
On December 8, 2020, the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as patron saint of the universal Church, Pope Francis issued the Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde* as an extended reflection of the holy foster father of Jesus and spouse of Mary. According to the Holy Father, Saint Joseph was a father in varied ways: beloved, tender and loving, obedient, accepting, creatively courageous, working, and 'in the shadows.' He concluded his letter with a short prayer to Saint Joseph as a synthesis of his teachings.

Saint Joseph, Pray for us !

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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 25 (Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle)		No Mass
TUE January 26 (Sts. Timothy and Titus)	8:00 AM (OLOL) 5:30 pm (STJ)	Parishioners of OLOL
WED January 27 (St. Angela Merici)	8:00 AM (OLOL) 7:00 PM (STM)	+Leo Chapman (by Marc and Sandra Wilson)
THU January 28 (St. Thomas Aquinas)	5:30 PM (OLOL)	+Josephine Chase (by Keith and Janna Friday)
Friday January 29	5:30 PM (OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL
SAT January 30	5:00 PM (OLOL)	+ Carol Obert (by Mary Jane and Eugene Roth)
SUN January 31 (4th Sunday in Ordinary Time)	8:00 AM (STJ) 9:30 AM (STM) 11:00 AM (OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL	
Jan. 16/17	\$1114.00
Capital Imp.	\$ 0.00
CMAA 2020 (goal:\$ 11,900)	\$14,296.00
Food Pantry January Total Yr to Date FP	\$67.00 \$219.00 \$219.00
Special Collections	
	

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry Members</u>
SATURDAY January 30 5:00PM	Not needed at this time	Michael Smith	Not needed at this time	Volunteer Needed (Contact Craig Davis 815-848-5554)	Sarah Sarantakos Joyce Foster
SUNDAY January 31 11:00 AM 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Not needed at this time	Alyce Hafer	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.
 Contact Fr. Dong at 217-784-4671

Confession
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.

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)

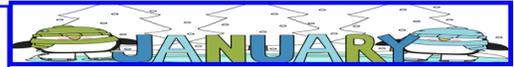


Plenary Indulgences Available for the Year of Saint Joseph

Special opportunities to receive a plenary indulgence were also included, subject to the usual conditions: sacramental confession, reception of Holy Communion, prayers for the intentions of the Pope, and total detachment to all sin, including venial sin.

The following prayers and activities have been enriched with a plenary indulgence.

- 1.) Meditate for at least 30 minutes on the Lord's Prayer ('Our Father') or participate in a spiritual retreat of at least one day that includes meditation on Saint Joseph.
- 2.) Perform a corporal or spiritual work of mercy, inspired by the life and example of Saint Joseph.
- 3.) Pray the Rosary together as a family or a couple, modeling the virtues of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.
- 4.) Dedicate with confidence their daily work to the protection of Saint Joseph the Worker, including the efforts of those who are unemployed, underemployed, or seeking more dignified work.
- 5.) Devoutly recite the Litany of Saint Joseph (available at USCCP.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/litanies/litany-of-saint-joseph)
- 6.) Devoutly recite another approved prayer to Saint Joseph, for example 'To you, O blessed Joseph' (available at USCCB.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/prayer-to-st-joseph-after-rosary), especially on various feasts of Saint Joseph that will be posted in this bulletin. A copy of this prayer is included as an insert in this bulletin and also available at the back of the church.



PARISH/ Diocese Events

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

- 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
- February 14—Valentine's Day
- February 17—Ash Wednesday

**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.



Annabelle Goodin (1/26)
Carter Eichelberger (1/26)
Mary Geurts (1/28)
Tim Freehill (1/28)
Lee Thomas (1/28)
Molly Kollross (1/28)



Stacey and Brian Helmig (1/27)

From the conclusion of the Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
In you Mary placed her trust;
With you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
Show yourself a father and
guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and
courage, and defend us from every evil.
Amen.

Prayer For Various Needs: For the Family:

O God, in whose eternal design family life has its firm foundation, look with compassion on the prayers of your servants and grant that, following the example of the Holy Family of your Only Begotten Son in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, we may, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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.

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

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)
Jim Meyer (217-784-8125)
Fred Sarantakos (217-781-1813)
Please contact these dedicated people if you have any concerns or suggestions about church related issues.

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@ololgc.org.

Dear Padre,

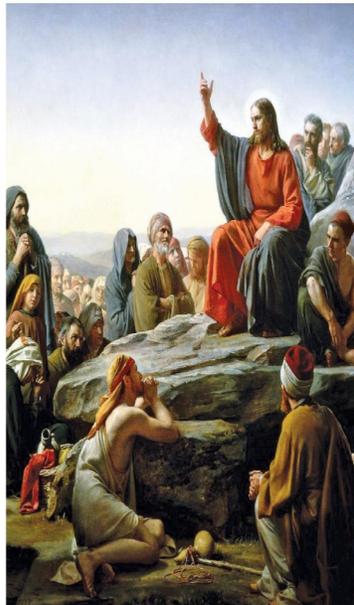
Mark 1:15 quotes Jesus as saying, “Repent, and believe in the gospel.” Since the Gospels hadn’t been written yet, what was he referring to?

These days when we say the word *gospel*, we tend to be talking about one of the four written Gospels of the New Testament: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. But the word *gospel* wasn’t originally tied to any particular written form of communication. In fact, the Greek word we translate to *gospel—evangelion—*simply means “good news.”

When Jesus says, “Repent and believe in the gospel,” he is basically saying, “Repent and believe in the good news.” For Jesus, the nature of that good news is clear: Jesus is announcing the coming of God’s kingdom, the initiation of the fullness of God’s reign on earth. Jesus preaches this good news in word and action and makes it real through his life, death, and resurrection.

After Jesus’ resurrection and ascension, many of his followers were inspired by the Holy Spirit to go into the world and continue Christ’s gospel proclamation. The apostles and disciples did this by word of mouth at first, but within a few decades they decided to commit the message of Christ’s good news to writing, giving us the Gospel books we know today.

Fr. Matthew Allman, CSsR
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SERMON ON THE MOUNT BY GABRIEL BOCCIONI/WIKIPEDIA

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

In these, our troubled times, rent by the tragedies of war and menaced by the baneful tendency to accentuate differences and to incite conflict, may the Good News that in Jesus forgiveness triumphs over sin, life defeats death, and love conquers fear, be proclaimed to the world with renewed fervor.

LETTER RECOGNIZING MISSIONARY WORK, OCTOBER 22, 2017

Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 25
Conversion of
St. Paul the Apostle
Acts 22:3–16 or
Acts 9:1–22
Mk 16:15–18

Tuesday

JANUARY 26
Sts. Timothy and Titus,
Bishops
2 Tm 1:1–8 or Ti 1:1–5
Mk 3:31–35

Wednesday

JANUARY 27
Weekday
Heb 10:11–18
Mk 4:1–20

Thursday

JANUARY 28
St. Thomas Aquinas,
Priest and Doctor
of the Church
Heb 10:19–25
Mk 4:21–25

Friday

JANUARY 29
Weekday
Heb 10:32–39
Mk 4:26–34

Saturday

JANUARY 30
Weekday
Heb 11:1–2, 8–19
Mk 4:35–41

Sunday

JANUARY 31
Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Dt 18:15–20
1 Cor 7:32–35
Mk 1:21–28

Good News!

January 24, 2021

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Jon 3:1–5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29–31; Mk 1:14–20

We have all heard stories about the extraordinary fish that got away. We might even have such a story of our own. Two of today’s readings are fish stories, but with a slight twist. They are also “call narratives.” Last week we reflected on the call to listen and to follow; this week it is a call to go out to bring God’s mercy to others. This is a call to “catch” others, as one might catch fish—a metaphor that would have delighted fisher people.

In the beginning of the Jonah story, the prophet did not catch fish; one caught him. Later, the word he preached was very successful, his own spitefulness notwithstanding. The Ninevites were the sworn enemies of the Israelites, and Jonah did not want them to repent, but to be punished by God. Nevertheless, God’s mercy was stronger than Jonah’s spite. In the Gospel, Jesus calls his followers to set down their fishing nets and to launch into a life of catching people with the word of God. There is an eagerness here that is absent in the Jonah story. Furthermore, the disciples left their primary commitment—their patriarchal family—to accept Jesus’ invitation.

As Pope Francis declared, we are all missionary disciples. Are we eager to respond, as were Jesus’ disciples? Or do we think we should attend only to those whom we judge to be deserving? If so, have we forgotten that no one deserves God’s mercy? It is a free gift to all.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA