

## 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

534 N. Wood Street  
Gibson City, IL 60936

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General Information  
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**Website** [www.ololgc.org](http://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 3, 2021 Epiphany of our Lord



Lc 2:25-32 Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Messiah of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

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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.		
<b>MON</b> January 4 (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)		No Mass
<b>TUE</b> January 5 (St. John Neumann)	8:00 AM (OLOL) 5:30 pm (STJ)	Parishioners of OLOL
<b>WED</b> January 6 (St. Andre Bessette)	8:00 AM (OLOL) 7:00 PM (STM)	+Josephine Chase (by Susie Rosenbaum)
<b>THU</b> January 7 (St. Raymond of Penyafortt)	5:30 PM (OLOL)	+Leo Chapman (by Margy Shambrook))
<b>Friday</b> January 8 (St Lucian of Beauvias)	5:30 PM (OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL
<b>SAT</b> January 9 (St. Honorius)	5:00 PM (OLOL)	1st Reconciliation Students
<b>SUN</b> January 10 (The Baptism Of the Lord )	8:00 AM (STJ) 9:30 AM (STM) 11:00 AM (OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL	
Dec. 26/27	\$1380.00
Capital Imp.	\$ 00
CMAA 2020 (goal:\$ 11,900)	\$14,211.00
Food Pantry December Total Yr to Date FP	\$80.00 \$683.00 \$3,005.20
<b>Special Collections</b>	
December 12/13 Religious Retirement \$700.00	
<b>CHRISTMAS</b> \$4,739.00	

MINISTRY SCHEDULES					
Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry Members
SATURDAY January 9 5:00PM	Not needed at this time	Mickey Meyer	Not needed at this time	Volunteer Needed (Contact Craig Davis 815-848-5554)	Sarah Sarantakos Joyce Foster
SUNDAY January 10 11:00 AM Baptism of the Lord	Not needed at this time	Lisa Heap	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.

**Diary of St. Faustina:** I (Jesus) am pleased with your efforts, O soul aspiring for perfection, but why do I see you so often sad and depressed? Tell Me, My child, what is the meaning of this sadness, and what is its cause? You see, My child, what you are of yourself. The cause of your falls is that you rely too much upon yourself and too little on Me. But let this not sadden you so much. You are dealing with the God of mercy, which your misery cannot exhaust. Remember , I did not allot only a certain number of pardons.

**\*\*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.

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



## 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.

### 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).

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

In your charity, please pray for  
**Wilma Freehill**

who was called to  
eternal rest.

Grant unto her Eternal rest,  
and let perpetual light shine  
upon her.

May she rest in peace.

May she and all the  
souls of the faithful  
departed rest In peace.

AMEN.



### Prayer and Pastries 2021

When: Friday, Jan. 15 & 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

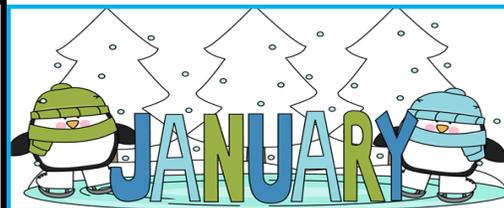
Refreshments will be served

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)  
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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 Events**

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

- January 9—1st Reconciliation Retreat  
3 pm—4:30 pm
- January 10 —RE Classes home
- January 15—Prayer and Pastries 9 am
- January 17—In Person RE (Hall) 9:30 am
- January 17—Catechist Meeting 12 Noon
- January 18—Beginners Bible Study 9 am
- January 29—Prayer and Pastries 9 am



Joyce Freehill (1/4)  
Brooks Schmitt (1/5)  
Haven Hathaway (1/6)  
Jack Eichelberger (1/6)  
Nick Roesch (1/7)

*Happy Anniversary*

Brett and Jodi Beyers (1/8)

God Bless all of our married couples !



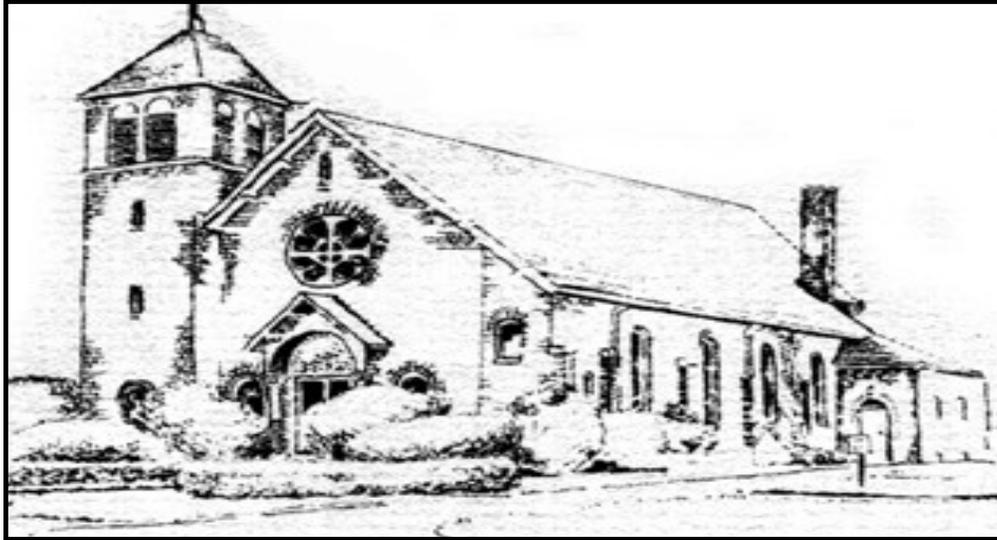
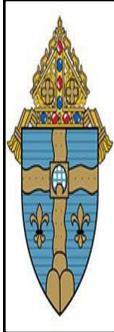
### **Pray for the Sick & Homebound**

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](mailto:office@ololg.org).

Bulletin submissions should be received by Wednesday at 5:00 pm.  
Call the parish at 784-4671 or email to [office@ololgc.org](mailto:office@ololgc.org).



### **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.*

### **The Gift of Confession**

As Catholics we have been given a great aid to forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance. Confession serves several important aspects. *First*, although we can and should ask those whom we have offended to forgive us, there is a corporate aspect to sin that must be addressed. No sin exists in isolation. Its effects ripple out like waves to distant lands.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation allows us to ask for, and be granted, forgiveness from those we have harmed that we might not even realize have been effected by our actions. In short, it allows us to be "reconciled" to the entire Body of Christ.

*Second*, while it's hard enough to forgive another, forgiving oneself can be the most difficult of all. Confession gives us the assurance we need that we are, indeed, forgiven our trespasses. The priest extends to us the promise from Jesus that our sins are indeed "loosed on earth," allowing us to do the internal healing work we need. Third, the Sacrament of Reconciliation can be the means through which we experience forgiveness ourselves and can therefore learn what it means to truly forgive another. By being forgiven, we learn what it truly means to forgive.

*Finally*, through the sacrament, we are restored to unity with God, which is ultimately our goal of both asking and extending forgiveness. By confessing our sins and accepting the penance assigned, we are able to have a fresh start in our relationship with Our Lord, no matter what we might have done. Come and encounter the forgiving Christ in this wonderful Sacrament of mercy and forgiveness!