

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

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General Information
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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 31, 2021—Year of Saint Joseph

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



And he is divided. An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. A married woman, on the other hand, is anxious about the things of the world, how she may please her husband.



PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR SUPPORT OF THE 2021 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

It is time for the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Your gift is especially important this year, during the pandemic, as our diocese continues to explore new and innovative ways to serve those in need. The 2021 theme is *Shining the Light of Christ*. The 30 ministries the CMAA supports allow parishes to join together to shine Christ's light to the benefit of many, from the poor and vulnerable to seminarians and schoolchildren. No parish could provide all of these ministries on its own. Our parish goal for the 2021 CMAA is **\$11,300**. Please remember that 70 percent of any amount we raise over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is a great opportunity for our parish! Please review the material you receive and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal. If you do not receive a mailing form from the diocese about the CMAA, please contact the parish office. Envelopes are also available in every pew.

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 February 1		No Mass
TUE February 2	8:00 AM (OLOL) (Presentation of the Lord) 5:30 pm (STJ) <i>Blessing of the Candles 8 am</i>	Parishioners of OLOL
WED February 3	8:00 AM (OLOL) (Sts. Blaise and Ansgar) 7:00 PM (STM)	<i>Mass for the sick</i> +Leo Chapman (by Marc and Sandra Wilson)
THU February 4	5:30 PM (OLOL)	+Robert & Loretta Bode (by Marj Brown)
Friday February 5	5:30 PM (OLOL) (St Agatha)	Parishioners of OLOL
SAT February 6	5:00 PM (OLOL) <i>Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day Celebration</i> (St Paul, Miki and Companions)	+ Carol Obert (by John/Mary Ellen Leonard)
SUN February 7	8:00 AM (STJ) (5th Sunday in Ordinary Time) 9:30 AM (STM) 11:00 AM (OLOL)	<i>Celebration of Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day</i> Parishioners of OLOL

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL	
Jan. 23/24	\$1231.00
Capital Imp.	\$ 25.00
CMAA 2021 (goal:\$ 11,300)	\$0.00
Food Pantry January Total	\$55.00 \$274.00
Yr to Date FP	\$274.00
Special Collections	
January 24 Church in Latin America	
\$265.00	

MINISTRY SCHEDULES					
Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry Members
SATURDAY February 6 5:00PM	Not needed at this time	Patty Huppert	Not needed at this time	Volunteer Needed (Contact Craig Davis 815-848-5554)	Sarah Sarantakos Joyce Foster
SUNDAY February 7 11:00 AM 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	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.
 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

****From Sarah Sarantakos:**

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

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



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.

Due to the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Holy See made provision in its decree that persons who are currently unable to go to Mass or confession because of public health restrictions may defer reception of those two sacraments until they are able to do so. Those who are sick, suffering, or are homebound may also receive the plenary indulgence by fulfilling as much as they are able and by offering their sorrows and sufferings to God through Saint Joseph, condoler of the sick and patron saint for receiving a good death.



Is Coming !!!

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.

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.

2020—2021 Parish Council

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Please contact these dedicated people if you have any concerns or suggestions about church related issues.

FEBRUARY

PARISH/ Diocese Events

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

- ◇ February 1 -1st Day of Black History Month
- ◇ February 2 -Blessing of the Candles 8am
- ◇ February 3 - Mass for the Sick 8am
- ◇ February 6 -Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day Celebration - Mass 5:00 pm
- ◇ February 6 - Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day Celebration - Mass 11:00 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—OLL 8 am Mass with distribution of ashes followed by confessions 8:30 to 9:30 am
- ◇ February 17—Ash Wednesday - OLL 5:30 pm Communion Service and distribution of ashes
- ◇ February 19—OLL Mass 6:00 pm followed by Stations of the Cross
- ◇ February 20—Confessions 4:30 to 5:00 pm
- ◇ February 21—OLL Confessions 12-12:30



James Wurmnest (2/1)
Mark Skinner (2/2)
Spencer Kleist (2/2)
Jim Ruddy (2/7)

Happy Anniversary

God Bless 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@ololgc.org.

Dear Padre,

Recently my son made his first reconciliation and was told to say some prayers as his penance. Doesn't this make prayer seem like a punishment for being bad?

You raise a valid concern. In fact the latest rite of reconciliation suggests that, if at all possible, penance must right the wrong and be clear enough that the penitent knows he has fulfilled it. Penance should not just show God we're sorry; it should also put us on the path to a Christian life and correct the harm our sins caused.

For instance, if someone has stolen something and returning it would reveal his sin (this cannot be part of the penance), making a comparable donation might be a fitting penance. When someone confesses gossiping, I challenge him or her to tell someone else something good about the person who was gossiped about. In other words, instead of spreading pain, learn to spread joy. The penance for disobeying parents might be to do something nice for them or do chores without being asked. This type of penance is far more beneficial to the penitent and the community at large.

Using prayer as a penance can send the signal that we pray only when

we've been bad or need something from God, like forgiveness. On the contrary, prayer should be constant. We should pray always and in all ways, if for no other reason than to give glory to God.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSSR

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We must never forget that true power, at any level, is service, whose bright summit is upon the cross....Although man frequently equates authority with control, dominion, success, for God authority is always synonymous with service, humility, love. It means entering the logic of Jesus who kneels to wash the Apostles' feet.

ADDRESS TO INTERNATIONAL UNION
OF SUPERIORS GENERAL, MAY 8, 2013

Calendar

Monday
FEBRUARY 1
Weekday
Heb 11:32-40
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday
FEBRUARY 2
Presentation
of the Lord
Mal 3:1-4
Heb 2:14-18
Lk 2:22-40
or 2:22-32

Wednesday
FEBRUARY 3
Weekday
Heb 12:4-7, 11-15
Mk 6:1-6

Thursday
FEBRUARY 4
Weekday
Heb 12:18-19, 21-24
Mk 6:7-13

Friday
FEBRUARY 5
St. Agatha,
Virgin and Martyr
Heb 13:1-8
Mk 6:14-29

Saturday
FEBRUARY 6
St. Paul Miki and
Companions, Martyrs
Heb 13:15-17, 20-21
Mk 6:30-34

Sunday
FEBRUARY 7
Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Jb 7:1-4, 6-7
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23
Mk 1:29-39

Good News!

January 31, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Who teaches with authority? To whose voice should we listen? The first reading provides an answer. Moses had been appointed by God to be God's voice for the Israelites—for that is what a prophet is. Moses assures the people that God will raise up a leader like himself. They are to listen to that voice just as they listened to his voice. The Gospel presents Jesus as the fulfillment of that promise.

The issues of contemporary life are extraordinarily complex. Actually, when one is in the midst of living, it is always complex. It was complex at the time of Moses and at the time of Jesus as well. So, to whose voice should disciples listen? It is easy to answer: "The one with authority." But who has authority? Recognizing genuine authority is not as easy as it sounds. Moses' position of authority was eventually recognized, but that was not the case in the beginning. The expression, "Who died and left you boss?" comes right out of an earlier story of Moses (Exodus 2:14). As for Jesus, he never held a recognized position of authority in his society, and we know his authority seems eventually to have been rejected by most.

A sign of genuine authority is seen in the integrity of one's life. Moses led the people through the struggles of the wilderness. In this Gospel, Jesus confirms the message of his teaching with his works of healing. Who has authority? "By their fruits you will know them" (Matthew 7:16).

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA