

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

November 28, 2021—Year of Saint Joseph First Sunday of Advent

**NOTE— Mass times for Thursdays and Fridays
will be at 4:00 pm until further notice. (see inside for schedule)**



Lc 21:25-28

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."

New Message from the Diocese of Joliet:

In accordance with CDC guidelines, masks are required regardless of vaccination status.

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THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS	
If you wish to have a Mass intention for a loved one, anniversary death, birthday or other occasion, please contact the parish office or Lori Gale at 309 475-9261.	
MON November 29 (St Clement)	No Mass
TUE November 30 8:00 AM (OLOL) 5:30 PM (STJ) (St Andrew, Apostle)	OLOL Parishioners
WED December 1 8:00 AM (OLOL) (Blessed Charles de Foucauld) 7:00 PM (STM)	+ Carol Obert (by family)
THU December 2 4:00 PM (OLOL) (Blessed Rafal Chylinski') (NOTE Time Change)	+Patrick Lynch (by friends)
Friday December 3 4:00 PM (OLOL) (NOTE Time change) (St Francis Xavier, Priest)	OLOL Parishioners
Sat December 4 5:00 PM (OLOL) (St John Damascene, Priest)	+Mary Wurmnest (by family)
SUN December 5 8:00 AM (STJ) (2nd Sunday of Advent) 9:30 AM (STM) (St Sabas) 11:00 AM(OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL	
November 20/21	\$2718.00
Capital Imp. (November)	\$1450.00
CMAA 2021 (goal:\$11,300)	\$13,496.00
Food Pantry Nov. Total Yr to Date FP	\$38.00 \$154.00 \$3793.00

Special Collections

November 20
Catholic Campaign for Human Development
\$584.00

Religious Retirement
December 11/12

Ministry Schedules

Date	Altar Servers Contact Tannie (309) 893-0073)	Lectors	Euch. Minister Contact Sarah (217) 781-0528	Ushers Contact Craig Davis (815) 848-5554	Homebound Ministry Contact Sarah (217) 848-5554
SAT December 4 5:00 pm	None	Fran Mardis	Rob Kollross	Jerry Brown Robert Bode	
SUN December 5 2nd Sunday of Advent	None	Lisa Heap	Deacon Paul Sarantakos	Craig Davis and daughter	

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.

Parish Calendar (More dates to be posted)

Sunday, Nov 28—No RE Classes **Thanksgiving Break**
Sunday, Nov 28—Advent Begins
DECEMBER —
 Thursday, Dec 2—Dinner for One 4:30 pm—6:30 pm (MUST RSVP) (limit 13)
 Friday, Dec. 3—Prayers & Pastries 9:00 am to noon (MUST RSVP)
Sunday, Dec. 5—Handel's 'Messiah' –Gibson City Bible Church 3:00 pm
Saturday Dec. 11—Our Lady of Lourdes to serve at the Food Bank
(we are the only servers and there will be deliveries)
 Sunday Dec 12—Reconciliation after 11 am Mass (Lunch will be served).
 Thursday, Dec. 16—Dinner for One 4:30 pm—6:30 pm (MUST RSVP)
 Friday, Dec. 17—Prayers & Pastries—9:00 am to noon (MUST RSVP)
 Sunday, Dec. 19—RE Christmas Program after 11:00 am Mass
 Saturday , Dec 24—Christmas Eve — Mass 4:00 pm (Father Dennis Spies)
 Saturday, Dec. 25—Christmas Day - Mass 9:00 am (Father Dennis Spies)
 Sunday, Dec 26 to Sunday January 2, 2022 - **Christmas Break - No RE Classes**



Divine Mercy Daily

Daily Reflections from the
Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

The Lord's Final Coming

When, on one occasion, instead of interior prayer, I took up a book of spiritual reading, I heard these words spoken distinctly and forcefully within my soul, You will prepare the world for My final coming. These words moved me deeply, and although I pretended not to hear them, I understood them very well and had no doubt about them. Once, being tired out from this battle of love with God and making constant excuses on the grounds that I was unable to carry out this task, I wanted to leave the chapel, but some force held me back and I found myself powerless. Then I heard these words, You intend to leave the chapel, but you shall not get away from Me, for I am everywhere. You cannot do anything of yourself, but with Me you can do all things (Diary, 429. Lord Jesus, without You, we can do nothing, but with You and Your gracious mercy, we can do all things (see Phil 4:13). Help us as apostles of Your Divine Mercy to prepare for and pray for Your final coming. May our celebration and offering of Holy Mass hasten the day of Your coming.

2021—2022 Parish Council

President-Fred Sarantakos (217-781-1813)
Vice President -Marj Brown (217-377-3132)
Secretary-Alyce Hafer (217-745-2411)
Craig Davis (815-848-5554)
Parker Hathaway (217-784-8193)
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Please contact these dedicated people if you have any concerns or suggestions about church related issues.

Parish Office Hours

Located at the Rectory next to the church,
534 N Wood, Gibson City
Monday: 8am to Noon
Thursday: 8am to Noon
Lori Gale, Church Secretary
Phone: 217-784-4671
Note— the office will be closed
on Federal Holidays

Fr. Dong hears Confessions, on Wednesdays during adoration about 8:30am, Saturdays before Mass at 4:30pm, and the **2nd Saturday of the month 10—11 am.** or you may call Fr. Dong at 217-784-4671 and set up a time that is more convenient for you. Confession is a way to get your Soul back into the state of grace.

Food Pantry Volunteers

Friday Dec 10 6:15 pm 10 people needed to set up
Saturday Dec 11—8 am to noon
20 people needed including 3 drivers
Our Lady of Lourdes will be the only servers this weekend.
Please consider volunteering.
Contact Deacon Paul at (217) 781-1440

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Handel's Messiah

“Handel’s Messiah”
“Festival of Lessons & Carols”
Sunday Dec. 5, 2021, 3:00pm
Gibson City Bible Church
The event is free and open to all

Helen Haynes (11/29)
Joan Cole (11/30)
Teri Eichelberger (12/2)
Alayna Miller (12/2)
Branden Stroh (12/2)
Karla McKinney (12/4)
Sarah McCall (12/6)

Happy Anniversary

Bless our families !!!



Psalm of the Week (Ps 25)
“To you, O Lord, I lift my soul”

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.

2021 Altar Flowers are now being billed directly to the church at \$30.00 per week. Please mark your check memo line ‘*Altar Flowers*’ for your donation when it is your turn.
Thank you.



Rosary Prayer Schedule for November- Holy Souls in Purgatory December The Immaculate Conception

Tuesday and Wednesday 7:30 am
Thursday and Friday 3:30 pm
Saturday Nov. 27 4:15pm
Sunday Nov. 28 10:30am

NOTE—RE teacher is urgently needed for 2nd grade students.
(reminder, This is a sacramental year.)
Contact Tannie at (309)893-0073.

Nov./Dec Altar Flowers provided by :
Nov. 27/28—Rob and Linda Schmitt
Dec 4/5—Paul and Sarah Sarantakos
Dec. 11/12— Alyce Hafer
Dec 18/19—Lisa Heap
Dec 25/26—Our generous Parish families
Thank you !!!

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.

Good News!

November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent (C)

Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Our *birth day* is not the anniversary of our birth—that is our *birthday*. Our birth day is the actual day of our birth. However, we do have a second birth day and it is this day to which this Sunday's readings refer. We might call it our final birth day, the day when we are born into fulfillment. Jeremiah assures us that will be the day when God's promises will be fulfilled in us. We will finally have a righteous leader; the nation will be safe, and the place where God dwells amid the people will be secure.

In the Gospel, Jesus is probably speaking figuratively about the end of the world—at least the end of the world as it is known to humans. However, it is not the end of everything, for after cosmic destruction takes place, "then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory" (Luke 21:27). After suffering the so-called birth pangs of the Messiah (see Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time), something new will appear; we will see that our redemption is at hand. We will be born into a new life in a new world.

Advent is the time to look forward to this new birth day of fulfillment. We do not simply await the anniversary of Jesus' human birth day, for that day announced the coming of the final birth day of each of us. His birth announces *our* new birth.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre,

What do Advent-wreath candles signify?

Most Advent wreaths have three purple candles and one rose candle to echo the liturgical colors of the Church's Advent celebrations.

Whether the wreath is being used at home or in a church, the lighting of the candles should follow the liturgical colors of the Sundays of Advent. The vestments at Mass are purple during the first two weeks of Advent, so we light a purple candle on the first and second Sundays of Advent.



On the third Sunday, the Church celebrates *Gaudete* Sunday or Rejoice

Sunday, named after the first word of the day's traditional entrance verse (Philippians 4:4-5). The priest wears rose vestments at Mass as a sign of our brightening hope and joy, and on the Advent wreath we light the rose candle to reflect the theme of the liturgy. The fourth Sunday of Advent sees the lighting of the last purple candle.

Some churches and families add a fifth candle to their Advent practices by placing a white candle in the center of the wreath. They light this at Christmas, again echoing the Church's liturgical color for the season and rejoicing in Christ our

Lord, whose birth brings light and life to our world.

Fr. Matthew Allman, CSsR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Advent is a continuous call to hope: it reminds us that God is present in history to lead it to its ultimate goal, to lead it to its fullness, which is the Lord...God is not distant, he is always with us, to the extent that very often he knocks on the door to our heart.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, NOVEMBER 29, 2020

Calendar

Monday

NOVEMBER 29
Advent Weekday

Is 2:1-5

Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 30

St. Andrew,
Apostle

Rom 10:9-18

Mt 4:18-22

Wednesday

DECEMBER 1

Advent Weekday

Is 25:6-10a

Mt 15:29-37

Thursday

DECEMBER 2

Advent Weekday

Is 26:1-6

Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday

DECEMBER 3

St. Francis Xavier,
Priest

Is 29:17-24

Mt 9:27-31

Saturday

DECEMBER 4

Advent Weekday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26

Mt 9:35-10:1,

5a, 6-8

Sunday

DECEMBER 5

Second Sunday

of Advent

Bar 5:1-9

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Lk 3:1-6

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