

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

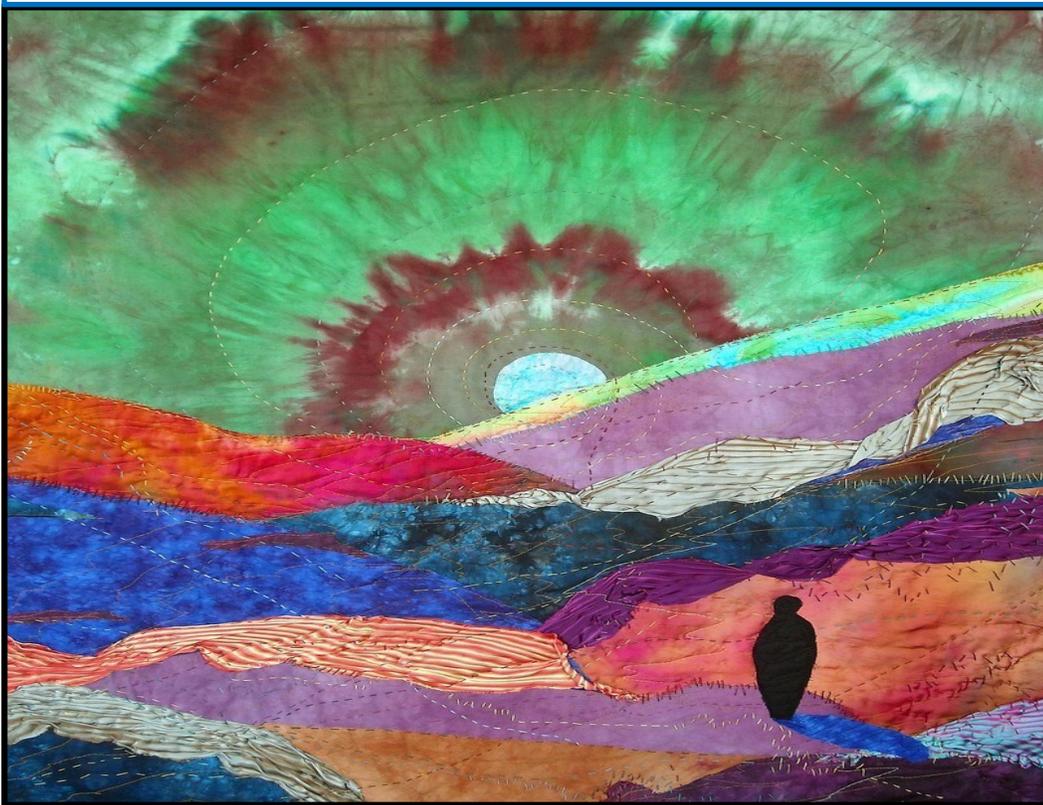
December 5, 2021 2nd Sunday of Advent



DECEMBER
Month of the Immaculate Conception

Feast Day is December 8, 2021

The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is the conception of Mary's birth, not Jesus. Mary, chosen before time to be the Mother of God Incarnate, Jesus Christ, God created Mary perfect and full of grace. (Immaculate meaning preserved from the stain of Original Sin, free from blemish, pure, spotlessly, containing no flaw or error, untarnished, innocent, virtuous). Mary Immaculate is the most beautiful fruit of the work of redemption accomplished by her Son, thereby making her the perfect model of holiness for all Christians.



Lc 3:4-6 As it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one crying out in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

New Message from the Diocese of Joliet:
In accordance with CDC guidelines, masks are required regardless of vaccination status.

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Fred Sarantakos
 (217) 781-1813

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 December 6 <i>(St Nicholas, Bishop)</i>	No Mass
TUE December 7 8:00 AM (OLOL) 5:30 PM (STJ) <i>(St Ambrose, Bishop)</i>	OLOL Parishioners
WED December 8 8:00 AM (OLOL) 7:00 PM (STM) <i>(Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary) (Solemnity)</i>	Parker Hathaway family
THU December 9 4:00 PM (OLOL) <i>(St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin)</i> (NOTE Time Change)	Gene/Lisa Heap family
Friday December 10 4:00 PM (OLOL) (NOTE Time change) <i>(Blessed Adolph Kolping)</i>	OLOL Parishioners
Sat December 11 5:00 PM (OLOL) <i>(St Damasus, Pope)</i>	+David'Gravy' Heavilin + Steve 'Abner' Heavilin (by Martha Heavilin)
SUN December 12 8:00 AM (STJ) 9:30 AM (STM) <i>(3rd Sunday of Advent) (Our Lady of Guadalupe)</i> 11:00 AM (OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL

**THANK YOU FOR
 YOUR GIFTS
 OLOL**

November 27/28	\$4166.00
Capital Imp. (November)	\$1470.00
CMAA 2021 (goal:\$11,300)	\$13,758.00
Food Pantry Nov. Total Yr to Date FP	\$346.00 \$500.00 \$4139.00

Special Collections

 November 20
 Catholic Campaign for
 Human Development
 \$589.00

 Religious Retirement
 December 11/12

Ministry Schedules

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u> Contact Tannie (309) 893-0073)	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u> Contact Sarah (217) 781-0528	<u>Ushers</u> Contact Craig Davis (815) 848-5554	<u>Homebound Ministry</u> Contact Sarah (217) 848-5554
SAT December 11 5:00 pm	None	Patti Huppert	Deacon Paul Sarantakos	Volunteers	
SUN December 12 3rd Sunday of Advent	None	Sarah Sarantakos	Deacon Paul Sarantakos	Volunteers	

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.

December Parish Calendar

Sunday, Dec. 5—Handel's 'Messiah' –Gibson City Bible Church 3:00 pm
Friday, Dec. 10—Christmas Party for Prayer & Pastries 5:00 PM
(Must RSVP by Monday Dec. 6. (Call Sarah 217-781-9528)
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**
 Friday, December 31—Mass—5:30 pm Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

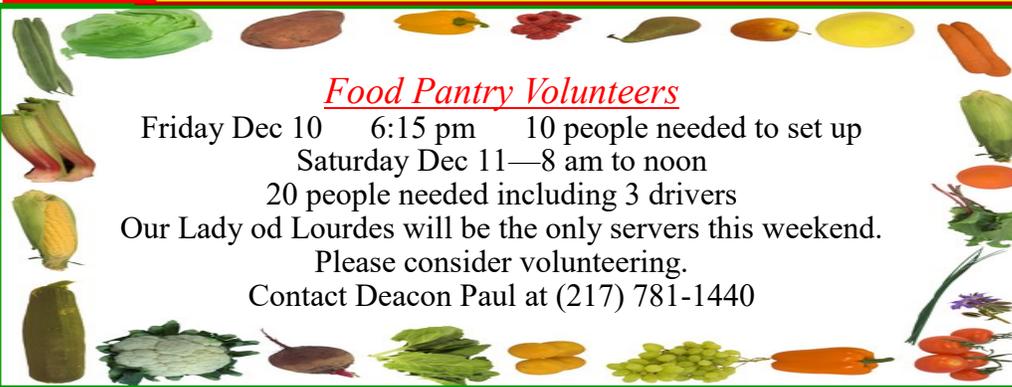


To The Full

When I received Holy Communion, I said to Him, "Jesus, I thought about You so many times last night," and Jesus answered me, And I thought of you before I called you into being. "Jesus, in what way were You thinking about me?" In terms of admitting you to My eternal happiness. After these words, my soul was flooded with the love of God. I could not stop marveling at how much God loves us (Diary, 1292). On my way to the veranda, I went into the chapel for a moment. My heart was plunged in profound adoration, praising God's incomprehensible goodness and His mercy. Then I heard these words in my soul: I am and will be for you such as you praise Me for being. You shall experience My goodness, already in this life and then, to the full, in the life to come (Diary, 1707).
Lord Jesus, may I think of You and praise and thank You more fervently and constantly in anticipation of what You have prepared in Heaven for me and all those who love You!

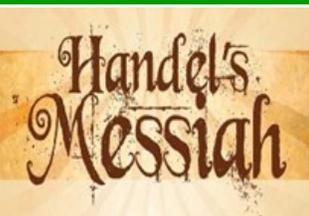


**2022 Envelopes are on the table at the back of the church.
Please pick up your assigned box.
Thank you in advance for your support of Our Lady of Lourdes !!!**



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



"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
5 parishioners from OLOL are offering their voices.



Psalm of the Week (PS. 126)
"The Lord has done great things
for us, we are filled with joy"



Rosary Prayer Schedule for December The Immaculate Conception

Tuesday and Wednesday 7:30 am
Thursday and Friday 3:30 pm
Saturdays before Mass 4:15pm
Sundays before Mass 10:30am



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

**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.

Dec Altar Flowers provided by :
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 !!!

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)
Jody Goodin (217-377-5208)
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.



Sarah McCall (12/6)
Jim Freehill (12/7)
Catherine Cimino (12/7)
Sheri Bane (12/9)
Anthony Gonzalez (12/9)
Jody Goodin (12/11)
Ian Miller (12/12)

Happy Anniversary
Bless our families !!!

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.

Good News!

December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent (C)

Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Many of us grew up thinking that this life doesn't amount to much. It's full of pitfalls and enticements that threaten our eternal salvation. Such disdain often boils over into contempt for the world. According to this thinking, it is only the next life that is important, which will unfold in a much better place. Today's readings challenge such extreme thinking. They assure us that the glory of God is partially revealed to us even within this life. They astound us by insisting that God speaks to us through life's events—events that often appear to be quite mundane.

Baruch tells of Jerusalem, the city loved passionately by every Israelite. This was a city like so many other cities. However, God dwelt there and wherever God dwells is, for that reason, a holy city—be it Jerusalem, Munich, or Detroit. God dwells in our midst, right here, right now. Hence, this imperfect life and this damaged world are holy.

The Gospel situates John the Baptist in the middle of the ancient Near Eastern world. It was a Roman world controlled by Caesar and a Jewish province ruled over by Herod. John stated that it was to that place at that time that the Promised One would come, and it was up to John to "prepare the way of the Lord" (Isaiah 40:3; Luke 3:4).

Most importantly, we must never forget that God took on the troubles and sins of this world and entered our life, making it his life. This is the real reason that this world is holy.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre,

My sister says that singing the *O Antiphons* are her favorite part of Advent. What are they?

An antiphon is a brief refrain, usually from the Bible, either sung or said during worship. An *O Antiphon* is an antiphon that starts with O, as in "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"—each verse of that song is made up of an *O Antiphon*.

The antiphons are most at home in the Liturgy of the Hours—the collection of psalms, hymns, prayers, and readings that make up the regular rhythm of the Church's prayer at morning, midday, evening, and night. The *O Antiphons* your sister refers to are verses used during the Church's evening prayer from December 17–23. With one verse spoken or sung before Mary's Magnificat each evening, these antiphons call on the Lord to come to his people using titles taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

When the *O Antiphons* are sung in Latin, they present a sort of acrostic with a hidden message. The first letter of each title in the antiphon spells *sarcoph*, which is *ero cras* (Latin for "tomorrow I come" or "tomorrow I shall be") spelled backward.

In their original language and context, the *O Antiphons* have a particularly rich significance, but they remain beautiful even when sung simply in English as in the verses of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."

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*.



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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

To prepare the way of the Lord's coming, it is necessary to take note of the requirements of conversion to which the Baptist invites us....First of all we are called to fill the "valleys" caused by coldness and indifference, opening ourselves to others with the same sentiments as Jesus, that is, with affection and fraternal attention.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 9, 2018

Calendar

Monday

DECEMBER 6
Advent Weekday
Is 35:1–10
Lk 5:17–26

Tuesday

DECEMBER 7
St. Ambrose,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
Is 40:1–11
Mt 18:12–14

Wednesday

DECEMBER 8
Immaculate
Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9–15, 20
Eph 1:3–6, 11–12
Lk 1:26–38

Thursday

DECEMBER 9
Advent Weekday
Is 41:13–20
Mt 11:11–15

Friday

DECEMBER 10
Advent Weekday
Is 48:17–19
Mt 11:16–19

Saturday

DECEMBER 11
Advent Weekday
Sir 48:1–4, 9–11
Mt 17:9a, 10–13

Sunday

DECEMBER 12
Third Sunday
of Advent
Zep 3:14–18a
Phil 4:4–7
Lk 3:10–18