

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
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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

December 12, 2021 3rd 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 3:15-17 Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Messiah. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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 December 13 <i>(St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr)</i>	No Mass
TUE December 14 8:00 AM (OLOL) 5:30 PM (STJ) <i>(St John of the Cross)</i>	OLOL Parishioners
WED December 15 8:00 AM (OLOL) 7:00 PM (STM) <i>(Blessed Mary Frances Schervier)</i>	Brian/Stacey Helmig family
THU December 16 4:00 PM (OLOL) <i>(Blessed Honoratus Kozminski)</i> (NOTE Time Change)	+ Sally Jones (by Tannie and Michael Smith)
Friday December 17 4:00 PM (OLOL) (NOTE Time change) <i>(St Hildegard of Bingen)</i>	Parishioners of OLOL
Sat December 18 5:00 PM (OLOL) <i>(Blessed Anthony Grassi)</i>	+ Donnie Hansen (by Martha Heavilin)
SUN December 19 8:00 AM (STJ) (4th Sunday of Advent) 9:30 AM (STM) (Blessed Urban V) 11:00 AM(OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL	
December 4/5	\$3028.00
Capital Imp. (November)	\$1470.00
CMAA 2021 (goal:\$11,300)	\$13,758.00
Food Pantry Dec. Total	\$149.00
Yr to Date FP	\$4288.00
	
Special Collections ***** ***** Religious Retirement December 11/12	

<i>Ministry Schedules</i>					
<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 18 5:00 pm	None	Michele Meyer	Carla Moxley	Volunteers	
SUN December 19 4th Sunday of Advent	None	Youth Mass	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 12—Reconciliation after 11 am Mass (Lunch will be served).
Thursday, Dec. 16—Dinner for One 4:30 pm—6:30 pm (MUST RSVP by Dec 14)
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 25—Mass to fulfill Sunday Obligation 5:00 pm
Sunday, Dec 26 to Sunday January 2, 2022 - Christmas Break - No RE Classes
Friday, December 31—5: 30 pm Mass—Holy Day of Obligation Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Sunday, Jan 2, 2022—Feast of the Epiphany (Three Kings)
Wednesday, Jan 5, 2022—Starting 12 hours of Adoration beginning with Mass at 8:00 am with Adoration continuing until Benediction at 8:00 pm
Thursday, Jan 6—Dinner for One at 4:30 pm (Must RSVP by Jan 4th)
Friday Jan 7—Prayers & Pastries 9 am to noon (MUST RSVP by Jan 6th)

Offering Envelopes



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 !!!

RE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

SUNDAY, December 19 @ 11:45 am (after Mass)

Come eat some amazing food and be entertained !!!
Sponsored by the Religious Education Classes



Divine Mercy Daily

Daily Reflections from the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

With a Sinful Soul

The Goodness of God.

The mercy of God, hidden in the Blessed Sacrament, the voice of the Lord who speaks to us from the throne of mercy: Come to Me, all of you.

Conversation of the Merciful God with a Sinful Soul.

Jesus: Be not afraid of your Savior, O sinful soul. I make the first move to come to you, for I know that by yourself you are unable to lift yourself to Me. Child, do not run away from your Father; be willing to talk openly with your God of mercy who wants to speak words of pardon and lavish His graces on you. How dear your soul is to Me! I have inscribed your name upon My hand; you are engraved as a deep wound in My Heart (Diary, 1485).

Lord Jesus, reach out to us sinful souls. Take the first steps toward us. In our need and shame, we are afraid to approach You. So, please draw us with compassionate mercy to Your loving Heart.



Psalm of the Week (IS 12)
"Cry out with joy and gladness:
for among you is the great and
Holy One of Israel"

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 December The Immaculate Conception

Tuesday / Wednesday 7:30 am
Thursday / 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.

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)
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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.



Ian Miller (12/12)
John Martin (12/13)
Mary Fairfield (12/15)
Chuck Aubrey (12/15)
Maggie Davis (12/17)
Bill Hartford (12/20)

Happy Anniversary

Paul and Mary Geurts (12/13)

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@ololgc.org.

Queen of Peace

Latest Medjugorje Message, November 25, 2021



“Dear children! I am with you in this time of Mercy, and I am calling all of you to be **carriers of peace and love** in this world where, through me, little children, God is calling you to be prayer and love, and an expression of Heaven here on earth. May your hearts be filled with joy and faith in God; that, little children, you may have complete trust in His Holy Will. That is why I am with you, because He, the Most High, is sending me among you to encourage you to the **hope**; and you will be **peacemakers in this peaceful world**. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Good News!

December 12, 2021
Third Sunday of Advent (C)
Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

This is the Sunday of joy, Gaudete Sunday. In the first reading, the people are told to “Shout for joy” because “the Lord is in your midst” (Zephaniah 3:14-15). The psalm response tells us to “cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and holy one of Israel” (see Isaiah 12). The second reading directs us to “rejoice in the Lord always” because “the Lord is near” (Philippians 4:4-5). In the Gospel, we see that “the people were filled with [messianic] expectation,” even wondering “whether John might be the Messiah” (Luke 3:15). All John could say was that “one mightier than I is coming” (3:16).

So today, what are we waiting for this Sunday and how is God present? We know that God is already present with us in many ways: in the Church and sacraments; in the lives of good people we know; in the depths of our hearts. And so, we rejoice. We also know that the story of salvation is unfinished. There are still so many evils from which we must be saved. When you think of them, what’s at the top of your list?

We are eager for God to come into our lives anew to comfort us and strengthen us. We know we cannot do it alone. Even as we wait for the day of salvation to dawn, we rejoice for we know that it came before and will come again. That’s why we sing “Joy to the World.”

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre,

I recently moved to a parish that includes a large Mexican community that’s known for their annual *posadas* event. What is that?

Las *posadas*, a nine-day novena preparation for the celebration of Christmas, begins December 16 and ends Christmas Eve.

Posada is Spanish for “inn.” The ceremony remembers Mary and Joseph’s trip to Bethlehem and their difficulty finding a place to stay. *Posadas* are celebrated in many ways, but the traditional celebration involves a group of people, the “pilgrims,” going to several houses, knocking on the door, and asking for *posada*. The pilgrims sing the part of Joseph as he explains their situation and asks for a place to stay. The people inside sing back that they have no room and that the pilgrims should just move on.

On the last night, the people in the last house recognize that Mary is the Queen of Heaven and that the child she carries is the Savior of the World. They invite the pilgrims inside and hold a prayer service that may include a Scripture reading or the rosary. The celebration ends with food and singing.

This tradition is more than a folksy reenactment of Joseph and Mary’s search for lodging—it’s a solemn dramatization by women and men who believe God

searches with them, a touching ceremony that can help Christians today see the real needs of those who live without the security of a home, health insurance, or a steady job.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, 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

Many Christians have that face...from a funeral wake, a face of sadness. But Christ is risen! Christ loves you! And you have no joy? Let us think a bit about this and let us ask: “Do I have joy because the Lord is close to me, because the Lord loves me, because the Lord has redeemed me?”



GAUDETE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020

Calendar

- Monday**
DECEMBER 13
St. Lucy,
Virgin and Martyr
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a
Mt 21:23-27
- Tuesday**
DECEMBER 14
St. John of the Cross,
Priest and Doctor
of the Church
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13
Mt 21:28-32
- Wednesday**
DECEMBER 15
Advent Weekday
Is 45:6b-8, 18,
21c-25
Lk 7:18b-23
- Thursday**
DECEMBER 16
Advent Weekday
Is 54:1-10
Lk 7:24-30
- Friday**
DECEMBER 17
Advent Weekday
Gn 49:2, 8-10
Mt 1:1-17
- Saturday**
DECEMBER 18
Advent Weekday
Jer 23:5-8
Mt 1:18-25
- Sunday**
DECEMBER 19
Fourth Sunday
of Advent
Mi 5:1-4a
Heb 10:5-10
Lk 1:39-45

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