

## 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

**Parish Office Secretary**  
**Phone & Fax (217) 784-4671**

General Information  
[office@ololgc.org](mailto:office@ololgc.org)

**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

## December 19, 2021 4th Sunday of Advent



DECEMBER  
Month of the Immaculate Conception

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 1:39-47 During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior.

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

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 Tannie Smith Dir.RE

**Youth Ministry**  
 Michael Smith

**Music Director**  
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 dvanbui@ololgc.org

**Parish Council President**  
 Fred Sarantakos  
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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.	
<b>MON December 20</b> <i>(St Dominic of Silo)</i>	No Mass
<b>TUE December 21</b> 8:00 AM (OLOL) 5:30 PM (STJ) <i>(St Peter Canisius)</i>	Parishioners of OLOL
<b>WED December 22</b> 8:00 AM (OLOL) 7:00 PM (STM) <i>(Jacopone da Todi)</i>	+Evelyn Cook (By Michael and Tannie Smith)
<b>THU December 23</b> 4:00 PM (OLOL) <i>(St John of Kanty)</i> <b>(NOTE Time Change)</b>	Parishioners of OLOL
<b>Friday December 24</b> 4:00 PM (OLOL) <i>(Christmas Eve)</i> <b>(NOTE Time change)</b> <i>(St Hildegard of Bingen)</i>	Parishioners of OLOL
<b>Sat December 25</b> 9:00 AM (OLOL) <i>(Nativity of our Lord)</i> <b>(NOTE Time change)</b> <i>(Christmas Day)</i> 5:00 PM (OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL Parishioners of OLOL
<b>SUN December 26</b> 8:00 AM (STJ) <i>(Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph)</i> 11:00 AM(OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL	
December 11/12	\$3017.48
Capital Imp. (December)	\$87.00
CMAA 2021 (goal:\$11,300)	\$13,758.00
Food Pantry Dec. Total	\$50.00
Yr to Date FP	\$199.00
	\$4388.00
	
Special Collections	
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<b>Religious Retirement December 11/12 \$595.00</b>	

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	Friday, Christmas Eve 4:00 pm	None	Needed	Frank Titus	Volunteers		
	SAT December 25 9:00 am 5:00 pm	None	Needed	Deacon Paul 9:00 am Fran Mardis 5:00 pm	Volunteers		
	SUN December 26 11 am Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	None	Jack Kollross	Deacon Paul	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 /January Parish Calendar
<b>Sunday, Dec. 19—RE Christmas Program after 11:00 am Mass</b>
<b>Friday, Dec 24—Christmas Eve — Mass 4:00 pm (Father Dennis Spies)</b>
<b>Saturday, Dec. 25— Nativity of the Lord- Mass 9:00 am (Father Dennis Spies)</b>
Saturday, Dec 25—Mass to fulfill Sunday Obligation 5:00 pm
Sunday, Dec. 26—Mass 11:00 am—Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sunday, Dec 26 to Sunday January 2, 2022 - <b>Christmas Break - No RE Classes</b>
Friday, December 31—5: 30 pm Mass—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation) (Dispensation granted because of Pandemic)
Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022— 5:00 pm Regular Mass
Sunday, Jan 2, 2022—Mass 11:00 am -Feast of the Epiphany (Three Kings)
<b>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</b>
Thursday, Jan 6—Dinner for One 4:30 pm—6:30 pm <b>(Must RSVP by Jan 4th)</b>
Friday Jan 7—Prayers & Pastries 9 am to noon <b>(MUST RSVP by Jan 6th)</b>
Thursday, Jan 20—Dinner for One 4:30 pm –6:30 pm <b>(MUST RSVP by Jan 18th)</b>

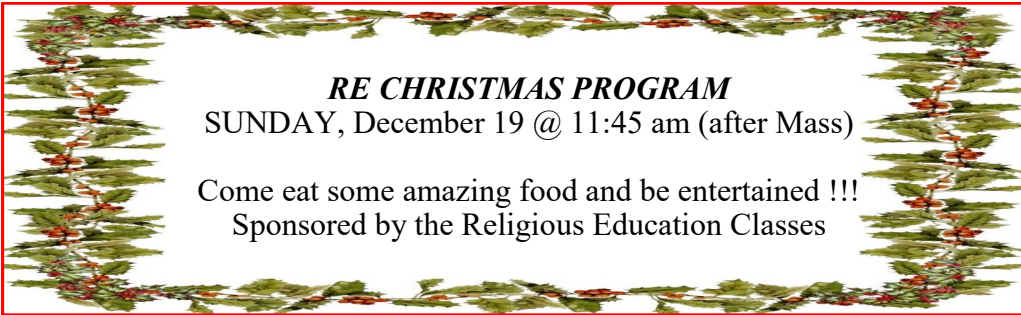


**Offering Envelopes**



**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 !!!

**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.



**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

**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



**With a Sinful Soul #2**

Jesus speaks-I am your strength; I will help you in the struggle.  
My child, do you fear the God of mercy? My holiness does not prevent Me from being merciful. Behold, for you I have established a throne of mercy on earth — the tabernacle — and from this throne I desire to enter into your heart. I am not surrounded by a retinue or guards. You can come to Me at any moment, at any time; I want to speak to you and desire to grant you grace (Diary, 1485).  
Lord, before the throne of mercy on earth, the tabernacle of Your Eucharistic Presence, I ask for mercy for souls that are afraid of You. Be especially merciful to them and draw them to Yourself.

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.

*A Psalm*  
Psalm of the Week (Ps 80)  
“Lord, make us turn to you.  
Let us see your face and we shall be saved”



- Bill Hartford (12/20)
- Rucker Parsons (12/21)
- Therese Davis (12/22)
- Jane Lange (12/22)
- Donna Ruddy (12/23)
- Isidore Ortiz (12/23)
- Tom McCall (12/25)
- Joyce Hutchcraft (12/26)
- Janet Townsend (12/26)
- Braden Roesch (12/26)



**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.

**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.**

Bless our families !!!

**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 !!!**

**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



**Our Lady of Lourdes is starting 12 hours of Adoration every Wednesday beginning Wednesday January 5, 2022- with Mass at 8:00am, Adoration continuing until Benediction at 8:00pm**

**What is Adoration?**  
When Catholics say they are “going to Adoration,” they are typically referring to Eucharistic Adoration. Adoring, Loving, respecting, worshipping with reverence and honor the Eucharist Body of Jesus Christ. Which is the worship of the Eucharistic Body of Jesus outside of the Mass. The Eucharistic Body of Jesus is in the form of a host and is displayed in a monstrance on the altar so that all can see and pray in the presence of Christ. Adoration exalts the greatness of the Lord who made us and the almighty power of the Savior who sets us free from sin. Adoration is the love of the spirit to the “King of Glory,” respectful silence in the presence of the “ever greater” God. We can show our adoration to God in many ways, but in Eucharistic Adoration, we spend time adoring the true presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

**What Do I Do During Eucharistic Adoration?**  
Adoration at Our Lady of Lourdes is in the Church. As a form of respect, you should always genuflect when you see our Eucharistic Lord in monstrance on the altar. Maintain an attitude of respect, and that of others present. There may be music playing to help foster a spirit of prayer (talking with Jesus), worship, and adoration. Always keep in mind that you are in the presence of God! Kneeling, sitting, standing, and even laying on the floor before the Blessed Sacrament are all appropriate forms of prayer. Let your posture reflect your worship of the King and do what is comfortable for you.

You really don't have to “do” anything during Adoration. You can just sit there and look at Jesus. Take the time to be with Him. If you are the only person in the church, don't be afraid to pray or sing aloud. This is your personal time with Christ.

**Let us try to start off 2022 spending time with Our Lord, getting to know him. I know you can't come all the time but when you can Jesus will be waiting to hear from you. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of Church on the table. If you don't know when you can come on Wednesday's, then just come.**

# Good News!

December 19, 2021  
Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)  
Mt 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

It's not only children who are impatient with the lo-o-o-ong ride that takes them to a party or an amusement park. Adults can hardly contain themselves as they await the announcement of a winner, the return of an absent loved one, or the birth of a baby. This is the kind of excitement found in today's readings. Micah describes the long-awaited leader promised by God. He will be even more than the people could have imagined: firm, strong, and dependable. They must have asked, “When is he coming?”

By the time the Gospel was written, Jesus' followers knew a lot about him, so they were able to embellish stories a bit, the way we often do to emphasize the greatness of someone. They believed he was so extraordinary that his greatness was recognized even before he was born. His pregnant mother was told, “Blessed is the fruit of your womb” (Luke 1:42). She must have been frequently asked, “When are you due? When is he coming?”

The reading from Hebrews does not provide specific details of Jesus' coming. Rather, it tells us why he came: “I come to do your will, O God” (10:7). That is what the people of Micah's era were really longing for—not simply a leader, but one who did God's will and who would lead them to do it too. We're now on the threshold of the fulfillment of that promise. Are you excited? Are we there yet?

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

## Calendar

- Monday**  
DECEMBER 20  
Advent Weekday  
Is 7:10-14  
Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday**  
DECEMBER 21  
Advent Weekday  
Sg 2:8-14 or  
Zep 3:14-18a  
Lk 1:39-45
- Wednesday**  
DECEMBER 22  
Advent Weekday  
1 Sm 1:24-28  
Lk 1:46-56
- Thursday**  
DECEMBER 23  
Advent Weekday  
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24  
Lk 1:57-66
- Friday**  
DECEMBER 24  
Advent Weekday  
2 Sm 7:1-5,  
8b-12, 14a, 16  
Lk 1:67-79
- Saturday**  
DECEMBER 25  
Nativity of the Lord  
(Christmas)  
Is 52:7-10  
Heb 1:1-6  
Jn 1:1-18 or  
1:1-5, 9-14
- Sunday**  
DECEMBER 26  
Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary, and Joseph  
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or  
1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28  
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17  
or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24  
Lk 2:41-52