

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
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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 26, 2021 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



Lc 2:48-50 When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them.



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.

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 27 <i>(St John, Apostle)</i>	No Mass
TUE December 28 8:00 AM (OLOL) <i>(The Holy Innocents, Martyrs)</i> 5:30 PM (STJ)	Parishioners of OLOL
WED December 29 8:00 AM (OLOL) <i>(Jacopone da Todi)</i> 7:00 PM (STM)	Parishioners of OLOL
THU December 30 4:00 PM (OLOL) <i>(St Thomas Becket)</i> (NOTE Time Change)	Parishioners of OLOL
Friday December 31 5:30 PM (OLOL) (NOTE Time change) <i>(Solemnity of Mary (St Sylvester I, Pope))</i>	+Carolyn Kollross (by Michael / Tannie Smith)
Sat January 1, 2022 5:00 PM (OLOL) <i>(World Day of Prayer for Peace)</i> <i>(Mary, Mother of God)</i>	+Robert 'Bob' Mardis (by Fran Mardis)
SUN January 2, 2022 8:00 AM (STJ) <i>(Epiphany of the Lord)</i> 9:30 AM (STM) 11:00 AM (OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL	
December 18/19	\$2011.00
Capital Imp. (December)	\$50.00
CMAA 2021 (goal:\$11,300)	\$13,758.00
Food Pantry Dec. Total	\$143.00
Yr to Date FP	\$212.00
	\$4531.00
	
Special Collections	
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Religious Retirement December 11/12 \$715.00	

<i>Ministry Schedules</i>					
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 January 1, 2022 5:00 pm	None	Fran Mardis	Marj Brown	Volunteers	
SUN January 2, 2022 11 am Epiphany of the Lord	None	Jack Kollross	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 /January Parish Calendar

Sunday, Dec. 26—Mass 11:00 am—Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
 Sunday, Dec 26 to Sunday January 2, 2022 - **Christmas Break - No RE Classes**
 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)
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 4:30 pm—6:30 pm (Must RSVP by Jan 4th)
 Friday Jan 7—Prayers & Pastries 9 am to noon (MUST RSVP by Jan 6th)
Wednesday, Jan 12—Starting 12 hours of Adoration beginning with Mass at 8:00 am with Adoration continuing until Benediction at 8:00 pm
Wednesday, Jan 19—Starting 12 hours of Adoration beginning with Mass at 8:00 am with Adoration continuing until Benediction at 8:00 pm

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 !!!



With a Sinful Soul #3

Jesus: My mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world. Who can measure the extent of My goodness? For you I descended from heaven to earth; for you I allowed Myself to be nailed to the cross; for you I let My Sacred Heart be pierced with a lance, thus opening wide the source of mercy for you. Come, then, with trust to draw graces from this fountain. I never reject a contrite heart. Your misery has disappeared in the depths of My mercy. Do not argue with Me about your wretchedness. You will give Me pleasure if you hand over to Me all your troubles and griefs. I shall heap upon you the treasures of My grace (Diary, 1485).

Lord Jesus, reveal to souls that Your mercy is greater than all the sins of the world. Draw us to Your Sacred Heart, so our miseries may disappear in the depths of Your mercy. Have mercy on us all.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, (No. 1457), that all Catholics should go to confession at least once a year. Don't miss out on this incredible grace. Fr. Dong hears Confessions every Wednesday 8:30am to 9:00am., every Saturday at 4:30pm, and the second Saturday of the month from 10:00am to 11:00am., or Call Fr. Dong for a convenient time.

Contact Sarah Sarantakos to RSVP—Call or text 217-784-0528
Dinner for one—Thursday Jan 6 4:30 to 6:30 pm RSVP by Jan 4—limited seating
Prayers & Pastries—Friday, January 7 (9:00 am to noon) - RSVP - limit of 10



Psalm of the Week
PS 89 "Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord"
Ps 96 "Today is born our savior, Christ the Lord"



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.



Rosary Prayer Schedule for December
The Immaculate Conception January
The Holy Name of Jesus
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.

January Altar Flowers provided by :
Dec 25/26—Our generous Parish families
Jan 1—Fran Mardis
Jan 8/9—Jack and Susan Kollross
Jan 14/16—Paul and Sarah Sarantakos
Jan 22/23—Mark and Becky Doran
Jan 29/30—Wanda Swearingen

2022 Altar Flowers are now being billed directly to the church at **\$35.00 per week**. Please mark your check memo line 'Altar Flowers' for your donation when it is your turn. **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.



- Joyce Hutchcraft (12/26)
- Janet Townsend (12/26)
- Braden Roesch (12/26)
- Alania Maloney (12/28)
- Marron Parsons (12/28)
- Andrew Killian (12/29)
- Charley Ulrich (12/30)
- Mark Andreae (1/1)
- Steve Killian (1/1)
- Tannie Smith (1/1)
- Roger Reum (1/3)

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



Good News!

December 26, 2021

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (C)

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

So many family-oriented television programs today feature the antics of dysfunctional families. They're often so well produced that we laugh at the blundering exploits, thus giving them credibility. The readings for today's feast show us what a real family looks like. Parents worry about the security of their children (Luke); brothers and sisters are told to be compassionate, kind, humble, gentle, and patient (Colossians); elders are respected and cared for in their need (Sirach). Even the psalm response sketches the profile of a flourishing family as understood at that time.

We can only guess what the Holy Family must have been like. There is no indication that their neighbors saw them as anything more than an average family. Jesus learned Joseph's trade and, most likely, would take over the business after he died. Instead, he launched out as an itinerant preacher. Even that does not seem to have been so exceptional for that time. Nor was Mary's widowhood reason for him to stay home. The Gospels indicate that she was part of a protective family unit. This did not appear to be an exceptional family. But how exceptional it was!

The lesson is that even an average family has the potential to be a holy family. What we should do is pattern our lives after Paul's exhortation to the Colossians. If we live like this, we will discover that holiness is all in the family.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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 all 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 for you. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of Church on the table. It would be very helpful if I knew when people will be there, as Jesus is never left alone during Adoration. Someone must always be with Jesus. If you don't know when you can come on Wednesday's, no worries just come. Adoration is for all ages, Children & Adults. Sarah Sarantakos 217-781-0528.

Calendar

Monday

DECEMBER 27

St. John,
Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4

Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday

DECEMBER 28

The Holy Innocents,
Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5-2:2

Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday

DECEMBER 29

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:3-11

Lk 2:22-35

Thursday

DECEMBER 30

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:12-17

Lk 2:36-40

Friday

DECEMBER 31

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:18-21

Jn 1:1-18

Saturday

JANUARY 1

Blessed Virgin Mary,
the Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27

Gal 4:4-7

Lk 2:16-21

Sunday

JANUARY 2

Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12e