

## 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

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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

## February 14, 2021—Year of Saint Joseph Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mc 1:40-42 A leper came to him (and kneeling down) begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean.



### **PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR SUPPORT OF THE 2021 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL**

It is time for the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Your gift is especially important this year, during the pandemic, as our diocese continues to explore new and innovative ways to serve those in need.

The 2021 theme is *Shining the Light of Christ*. The 30 ministries the CMAA supports allow parishes to join together to shine Christ's light to the benefit of many, from the poor and vulnerable to seminarians and schoolchildren. No parish could provide all of these ministries on its own. Our parish goal for the 2021 CMAA is **\$11,300**. Please remember that 70 percent of any amount we raise over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is a great opportunity for our parish! Please review the material you receive and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal. If you do not receive a mailing form the diocese about the CMAA, please contact the parish office. Envelopes are also available in every pew.

### **Pope Francis Announces Year of Saint Joseph for 2021(See inside)**

On December 8, 2020, the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as patron saint of the universal Church, Pope Francis issued the Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde* as an extended reflection of the holy foster father of Jesus and spouse of Mary. According to the Holy Father, Saint Joseph was a father in varied ways: beloved, tender and loving, obedient, accepting, creatively courageous, working, and 'in the shadows.' He concluded his letter with a short prayer to Saint Joseph as a synthesis of his teachings. ***Saint Joseph, Pray for us!***

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THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS		
If you wish to have a Mass intention for a loved one, anniversary or other occasion, please contact the parish office.		
<b>MON</b> February 15 (St Georgia)		No Mass
<b>TUE</b> February 16 (St Aganus)	8:00 AM (OLOL) 5:30 pm (STJ)	Parishioners of OLOL
<b>WED</b> February 17 (St Loman) Ash Wednesday (Distribution of Ashes)	8:00 AM (OLOL) 5:30 PM (OLOL) 7:00 PM (STM)	+Carol Obert (by John Leonard family)
<b>THU</b> February 18 (St Simon)	5:30 PM (OLOL)	+Aldo Celeschi (by Celeschi family)
<b>Friday</b> February 19 (St Zambdas)	5:30 PM(OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL
<b>SAT</b> February 20 (St Leo of Catania)	5:00 PM (OLOL)	+ Mary Wurmnest (by Lynch family)
<b>SUN</b> February 21 1st Sunday of Lent (St Felix of Metz)	8:00 AM(STJ) 9:30 AM (STM) 11:00 AM (OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL	
Feb 6/7	\$5686.00
Capital Imp.	\$ 170.00
CMAA 2021 (goal:\$ 11,300)	\$0.00
Food Pantry February Total Yr to Date FP	\$90.00 \$90.00 \$417.00
Special Collections	
January 24 Church in Latin America \$410.00	
February 17 Church in Central and Eastern Europe	

MINISTRY SCHEDULES					
Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry Members
SATURDAY February 20 5:00PM	Not needed at this time	Michele Meyer	Not needed at this time	Volunteer Needed (Contact Craig Davis 815-848-5554)	Sarah Sarantakos Joyce Foster
SUNDAY February 21 11:00 AM First Sunday of Lent	Not needed at this time	Jack Kollross	Not needed at this time	Volunteer Needed (Contact Craig Davis 815-848-5554)	Jerry/Marg Brown Jean Wilhelmi

**Baptism**  
 Call the Rectory at least four weeks before the baptism. Instruction for the parents and God-parents is required.

**Confession**  
 Contact Fr. Dong at 217-784-4671

**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.

**LENT**  
 'Fridays of Lent, there will be Mass at 6:00 pm followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm'

**Triduum and Easter**  
 Holy Thursday: **OLOL 5:30 pm followed by Adoration until 11:00 pm / STM 7:30 pm**  
 Good Friday: **OLOL 7:00 pm / STM 5:30 pm**  
 Holy Saturday Vigil Service:  
**OLOL 7:30 pm STM 7:30 pm**  
 Easter Sunday: **OLOL 8:00 am and 10:00 am STJ 8:00 am / STM 9:30 am**



*Stations of the Cross*

Starting February 19  
 Friday's during Lent at OLL  
 Mass 6:00 pm  
 Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm

### With a Suffering Soul

Jesus: Well, My child, this time you have told Me a good deal. I realize how painful it is not to be understood, and especially by those whom one loves and with whom one has been very open. But suffice it to know that I understand all your troubles and misery. I am pleased by the deep faith you have, despite everything, in My representatives. Learn from this that no one will understand a soul entirely—that is beyond human ability. Therefore, I have remained on earth to comfort your aching heart and to fortify your soul, so that you will not falter on the way. You say that a dense darkness is obscuring you mind. But why, at such times, do you not come to Me, the light who can in an instant pour into your soul more understanding about holiness than can be found in any books?

Thank you, Jesus, for understanding all my troubles and miseries.  
Help me to come to You for light and comfort that only You can give me.

### Plenary Indulgences Available for the Year of Saint Joseph

Special opportunities to receive a plenary indulgence were also included, subject to the usual conditions: sacramental confession, reception of Holy Communion, prayers for the intentions of the Pope, and total detachment to all sin, including venial sin.

*The following prayers and activities have been enriched with a plenary indulgence.*

- 1.) Meditate for at least 30 minutes on the Lord's Prayer ('Our Father') or participate in a spiritual retreat of at least one day that includes meditation on Saint Joseph.
- 2.) Perform a corporal or spiritual work of mercy, inspired by the life and example of Saint Joseph.
- 3.) Pray the Rosary together as a family or a couple, modeling the virtues of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.
- 4.) Dedicate with confidence their daily work to the protection of Saint Joseph the Worker, including the efforts of those who are unemployed, underemployed, or seeking more dignified work.
- 5.) Devoutly recite the Litany of Saint Joseph (available at [USCCP.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/litanies/litany-of-saint-joseph](http://USCCP.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/litanies/litany-of-saint-joseph))
- 6.) Devoutly recite another approved prayer to Saint Joseph, for example 'To you, O blessed Joseph' (available at [USCCB.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/prayer-to-st-joseph-after-rosary](http://USCCB.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/prayer-to-st-joseph-after-rosary)), especially on various feasts of Saint Joseph that will be posted in this bulletin. A copy of this prayer is available at the back of the church.

**The month of February** is traditionally dedicated to the Passion of Our Lord in anticipation of the liturgical season of Lent. In this month, we begin to meditate on the mystery of Jesus' sufferings which culminated in his death on the Cross for the redemption of mankind.

### 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.

**Extraordinary Eucharist Ministers** will bring Holy Communion to your home if you wish. I know many of you may still not feel safe in coming to Mass or are recovering from a surgery or illness, but Jesus still wants to be in you. Our Lady of Lourdes also provides services through its **Out-Reach Ministries**. If you would like any of these Ministries, please call Sarah Sarantakos at 217-781-0528. It would our honor to serve you and Our Lord.

### 2020—2021 Parish Council

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Please contact these dedicated people if you have any concerns or suggestions about church related issues.



### PARISH/ Diocese Events

Check out our website (calendar) for important dates , and our weekly bulletin. [ololgc.org](http://ololgc.org)

- ◇ February 14 - Valentine's Day
- ◇ February 17—Ash Wednesday—**OLL 8 am Mass with distribution of ashes followed by confessions 8:30 to 9:30 am**
- ◇ February 17—Ash Wednesday - **OLL 5:30 pm Communion Service and distribution of ashes**
- ◇ February 19—Prayers and Pastries 9am
- ◇ February 19—OLL Mass 6:00 pm followed by Stations of the Cross
- ◇ February 20—Confessions 4:30 to 5:00 pm
- ◇ February 21—First Sunday of Lent
- ◇ February 21—OLL Confessions 12-12:30
- ◇ February 24—OLL Confessions 8:30-9:30 am
- ◇ February 26—OLL Mass 6:00 PM followed by Stations
- ◇ February 27—OLL Confessions 4:30 PM followed by Mass 5:00 PM



Alex Bane (2/14)  
Zophia McGuire (2/14)  
Jessica DeYoung (2/15)  
Camden Nuss (2/16)  
Benjamin Freehill (2/17)  
Nathan Giroux (2/21)

*Happy Anniversary*

God Bless all OLOL married couples !

### 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](mailto:office@ololgc.org).

# Dear Padre,

**At Mass on holy days of obligation, there's a fair crowd. But on Ash Wednesday, not a holy day, the place is packed. Your explanation?**

**I**ndeed, pastoral experience corroborates your observation. Holy days of obligation draw well, but it's "standing room only" on Ash Wednesday. Although not a day of obligation, perhaps it's considered a "holy" day by most Catholics.

There's something elemental about the smudge of ashes on the forehead. People wear it without embarrassment or shame. No matter our walk of life or social status, we want that sooty cross. It's a badge of identification, graphically reminding Catholics that it's "spiritual gut-check" time. It jogs us from our routines, spurring us to the important reality of being who we are supposed to be—fully and totally Christian. It's as if we are saying, "I'm Catholic and proud of it. I may not be the best or greatest. I have faults and sins, but I'm not a bad person. I know deep down that being Christian is the way to live, and I'm going to try again."

Ash Wednesday signals the beginning of Lent, the Church's special time of confession and renewal in preparation for Easter. It is what Christians are all about—a people who have died with Christ in the waters of baptism in order to rise with him to a new life. We renew our baptismal commitment to be his people. As we celebrate Christ's passage through death to life, we renew our own death to old sinful ways to rise and live with recaptured vigor.

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## Calendar

**Monday**  
FEBRUARY 15  
Weekday  
Gn 4:1-15, 25  
Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday**  
FEBRUARY 16  
Weekday  
Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10  
Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday**  
FEBRUARY 17  
Ash Wednesday  
Jl 2:12-18  
2 Cor 5:20—6:2  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday**  
FEBRUARY 18  
Thursday after  
Ash Wednesday  
Dt 30:15-20  
Lk 9:22-25

**Friday**  
FEBRUARY 19  
Friday after  
Ash Wednesday  
Is 58:1-9a  
Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday**  
FEBRUARY 20  
Saturday after  
Ash Wednesday  
Is 58:9b-14  
Lk 5:27-32

**Sunday**  
FEBRUARY 21  
First Sunday of Lent  
Gn 9:8-15  
1 Pt 3:18-22  
Mk 1:12-15

# Good News!

February 14, 2021  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)  
Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

Today's readings are about forced quarantine. On one level they are about diseases that might be contagious. On another level they are about ritual impurity that was contagious. The Israelites believed that to stand before God in worship, one's body had to be physically intact—no fractures or missing body parts, no open wounds, no oozing body fluids. Skin lesions like those associated with leprosy made one ritually unclean or impure. Furthermore, to touch one with such a disease was to become unclean oneself. The ritual impurity was considered contagious, not necessarily the disease. Unclean people were socially and religiously ostracized.

In the Gospel story, Jesus completely neutralized this practice. Touching the leprous and thus unclean man, Jesus not only didn't become unclean himself, but he actually made the man clean again. The issue here is not merely one of healing. It is a matter of reincorporating the marginalized man into society.

Unfortunately, out of fear or a sense of superiority, some people ostracize or marginalize entire groups of people. This bias might be based on gender, race, culture, sexual preference—almost anything. In this way the benefits of society are denied to those who are marginalized. One characteristic of Jesus, obvious throughout the Gospel stories, is his all-inclusiveness. Jesus rejected no one. He was open to those who society ostracized. He interacted graciously with people with diseases, non-Jews, recognized public sinners, and those working with the Roman occupiers—all people considered ritually unclean. As his disciples, can we do less?

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*



## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

*Contrary to the dispositions of the Law of Moses, which prohibited a leper from drawing near, Jesus extends his hand and even touches him....Jesus teaches us not to be afraid to touch the poor and the excluded, because he is in them. Touching the poor can cleanse us from hypocrisy.*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, JUNE 22, 2016