

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

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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 21, 2021—Year of Saint Joseph

First Sunday of Lent



Mc 1:12

At once the Spirit drove him out into the desert.



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,		
MON February 22		No Mass
TUE February 23	8:00 AM (OLOL) 5:30 pm (STJ)	Parishioners of OLOL (St Polycarp, Bishop)
WED February 24	8:00 AM (OLOL) 7:00 PM (STM)	+Josephine Chase (by family friends)
THU February 25	5:30 PM (OLOL)	+Mary Wurmnest (by Helen Haynes)
Friday February 26	6:00 PM (OLOL) Stations of the Cross 6:30 PM (OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL
SAT February 27	5:00 PM (OLOL)	+ Carol Obert (by Margy Shambrook)
SUN February 28	8:00 AM(STJ) 2nd Sunday of Lent 9:30 AM (STM) 11:00 AM (OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS	
OLOL	
Feb 13/14	\$1627.48
Capital Imp.	\$ 25.00
CMAA 2021 (goal:\$ 11,300)	\$0.00
Food Pantry	\$418.00
February Total	\$508.00
Yr to Date FP	\$835.00

Special Collections	
February 17 Ash Wednesday	\$349.00
February 17 Church in Central and Eastern Europe	\$ 0.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULES					
Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry Members
SATURDAY February 27 5:00PM	Not needed at this time	Jim Meyer	Not needed at this time	Volunteer Needed (Contact Craig Davis 815-848-5554)	Sarah Sarantakos Joyce Foster
SUNDAY February 28 11:00 AM Second Sunday of Lent	Not needed at this time	Alyce Hafer	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.
 Contact Fr. Dong at 217-784-4671

Confession
 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

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 your 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)
- 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), 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](mailto:Janet.Townsend@parish.org) 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.

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](mailto:Sarah.Sarantakos@parish.org) at 217-781-0528. It would our honor to serve you and Our Lord.

2020—2021 Parish Council

President-Dan Kleist (309-824-7301)
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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

- ◇ 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
- ◇ February 28—2nd Sunday of Lent —Mass 11:00 AM followed by Confessions 12-12:30 PM
- ◇ March 5 OLL—Mass 6:00 PM followed by Stations 6:30 PM
- ◇ March 7—3rd Sunday of Lent
- ◇ March 11—Parish Council 7:15 PM
- ◇ March 12—OLL Mass 6:00 PM followed by Stations 6:30 PM
- ◇ March 14—4th Sunday of Lent
- ◇ March 19—OLL Mass 6:00 PM followed by Stations 6:30 PM
- ◇ March 21—5th Sunday of Lent—No RE



Kate McCall (2/22)
Ryen Miller (2/24)
Audrey Killian (2/25)
Stanley Davis (2/26)
Diane Perkins (2/26)
Pam Aubry (2/27)
Brian Goodin (2/27)
Lisa Heap (2/28)
Corey Fields (2/28)
Daniel Allen (2/28)

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.

Good News!

February 21, 2021
First Sunday of Lent (B)
Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

We often think that Lent is a time to concentrate on the sufferings of Jesus. Actually that is the theme of Holy Week. The other readings of Lent suggest another theme—covenant-making. God initiates an intimate relationship with us and calls us to be faithful. This is the good news. Moreover, when we are unfaithful, God gives us another chance.

The first reading recounts God's graciousness in saving humankind from destruction. Noah and his family must have felt that they really were lost at sea. However, God's protection was always there. In fact, the waters they so feared were destructive only to what was evil. They had been saved and now, through the covenant, all of creation was given a second chance.

One might think that Jesus wouldn't have struggled with temptation. After all, he was God. However, today's Gospel says that he was tempted. He was in the wilderness, a place long known to be a place of temptation because there the supports of normal life are gone. After forty days of fasting, one's defenses would be significantly weakened, if not broken down. In such a situation, the primary thought is survival. This Gospel does not describe the temptation itself, but it does present Jesus as someone like us—weakened, tempted, and perhaps even "lost at sea." However, God's protection was with him, in the guise of angels.

Both stories assure us that God's covenantal care is there supporting us, regardless of the difficulty or our apparent weakness.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre,

As long as I can remember, our parish has offered the Stations of the Cross as a special devotion during the Lenten season. How ancient is this practice?

Over the centuries, many pilgrims would visit the Holy Land to retrace the steps of Jesus. When they returned to their home churches, many of these pilgrims paid for shrines to be built that represented the holy places they visited. In 1342, the Franciscans became the official guardians of the holy places, and they would guide pilgrims along the Way of the Cross. In 1668, Pope Innocent XI gave permission to the Franciscans to place Stations of the Cross in all of their churches. The number of these early stations varied, from as few as seven to as many as thirty-seven. Finally, in 1731, Pope Clement XII defined fourteen stations as the official devotion.

In recent years, two modifications of the Stations of the Cross have become fairly common. Some churches have a fifteenth station representing Jesus' Resurrection. Other churches have scriptural accounts that are not in the traditional station devotion. In more recent years, a popular Lenten devotion is the "Living Stations of the Cross." This is a play with music, singing, and dramatic speaking parts.

Regardless of their format or the liturgical season of the year during which they are celebrated, the Stations of the Cross are a gentle reminder that we journey with Jesus on his way to Calvary.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Let us invite Jesus into the boats of our lives. Let us hand over our fears to him so that he can conquer them. Like the disciples, we will experience that with him on board there will be no shipwreck. Because this is God's strength... He brings serenity into our storms, because with God life never dies.

EXTRAORDINARY MOMENT OF PRAYER
FOR THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, MARCH 27, 2020

Calendar

Monday

FEBRUARY 22
The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
1 Pt 5:1-4
Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 23
Lenten Weekday
Is 55:10-11
Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 24
Lenten Weekday
Jon 3:1-10
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

FEBRUARY 25
Lenten Weekday
Est C:12, 14-16,
23-25
Mt 7:7-12

Friday

FEBRUARY 26
Lenten Weekday
Ez 18:21-28
Mt 5:20-26

Saturday

FEBRUARY 27
Lenten Weekday
Dt 26:16-19
Mt 5:43-48

Sunday

FEBRUARY 28
Second Sunday of Lent
Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13,
15-18
Rom 8:31b-34
Mk 9:2-10