

## 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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General Information  
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**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

## February 28, 2021—Year of Saint Joseph

### Second Sunday of Lent



Mc 9:7-8 Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; then from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

#### 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!*



#### ***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.

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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 March 1		No Mass
TUE March 2	8:00 AM (OLOL) 5:30 pm (STJ)	Parishioners of OLOL
WED March 3	8:00 AM (OLOL) 7:00 PM (STM)	+Albert Bode (by Marj Brown)
THU March 4	5:30 PM (OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL
Friday March 5	6:00 PM (OLOL) 6:30 PM (OLOL)	Wilma Freehill (by family) Stations of the Cross (OLOL)
SAT March 6	5:00 PM (OLOL)	+ Mike Freehill (by Freehill family)
SUN March 7	8:00 AM(STJ) 3rd Sunday of Lent 9:30 AM (STM) 11:00 AM (OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS	
OLOL	
Feb 20/21	\$2102.00
Capital Imp.	\$ 10.00
CMAA 2021 (goal:\$ 11,300)	\$0.00
Food Pantry February Total	\$95.00 \$603.00
Yr to Date FP	\$930.00

**Special Collections**



## MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry Members
SATURDAY March 6 5:00PM	Not needed at this time	Fran Mardis	Not needed at this time	Volunteer Needed (Contact Craig Davis 815-848-5554)	Sarah Sarantakos Joyce Foster
SUNDAY March 7 11:00 AM Third Sunday of Lent	Not needed at this time	Lisa Heap	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

## Fast and Abstinence during Lent

Abstinence is a penitential practice consisting of refraining from the consumption of meat and is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age or older. Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and the Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.

In addition to abstinence, fasting is to be observed by all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 years (inclusive). On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. Note: Those who are unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons are urged to practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition.

## 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.

**Eucharistic Dalmatic Robes**  
**Thank You to the Carol Obert Memorial Fund for donating 4 Eucharist Dalmatic robes to OLOL.**  
**Parishioners will notice Deacon Paul Sarantakos wearing the appropriate Eucharistic Dalmatic robes during Mass.**

## 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@olol.org) 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](mailto:Sarah.Sarantakos@olol.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 CALENDAR

For more information, check out our website, and our weekly bulletin, [OLOL.org](http://OLOL.org)

### Friday, March 5 (OLL)

- Mass 6:00 PM— Stations @ 6:30 PM
- **Sunday, March 7—3rd Sunday of Lent**

### Thursday, March 11

- Parish Council 7:15 PM
- **Friday, March 12 (OLOL)**
- Mass 6:00 PM— Stations 6:30 PM
- **Sunday, March 14 - 4th Sunday of Lent**
- **Friday, March 19 (OLOL)**

- Mass 6:00 PM - Stations 6:30 PM

### Sunday, March 21—5th Sunday of Lent

### Friday, March 26 (OLOL)

- Mass 6:00 PM - Stations 6:30 PM

### Sunday, March 28—Palm Sunday

### Sunday, April 4—Easter Sunday

### Sunday, April 11—Divine Mercy Sunday

- 1st Communion Retreat 12:00 to 2:30



Ray Hanks (3/1)  
Keaton Beyers (3/1)  
Ted Grote (3/2)  
Molly Killian (3/2)  
Amy Eberle (3/3)  
Victoria Medernach (3/4)  
Andrea Killian (3/4)  
Eva Acree (3/5)  
Amanda Freehill (3/6)  
Andrew Laughery (3/6)

*Happy Anniversary*

Kathleen and Roger Reum (3/6)

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

# Good News!

February 28, 2021

Second Sunday of Lent (B)

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

Some spiritual writers and psychologists tell us how important it is to live in the present. Still, many of our decisions are made with an eye toward the future. Life commitments are always future oriented. Each newborn child carries promises for the future. Because we are part of the emerging universe, we are always called into the future. Today's readings also carry implications for the future.

Isaac was not only Abraham's beloved son; he was Abraham's legacy and future dynasty. Isaac's death would have put an end to Abraham's memory in the future. Consequently, this was more than a test of obedience. Abraham was presented with a choice: Choose Isaac and all that the future might bring to your family and memory through him. Or, trust that the promise God made—that your descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the sky—would be fulfilled even if Isaac dies. God asked Abraham to place his future in God's hands.

Some scholars believe that the real meaning of Jesus' transfiguration lies in its effects on the disciples who witnessed it. In this experience they came to see Jesus in a significantly new way. They saw that he has somehow associated with Moses, an agent of the law, and Elijah, a great prophet. In other words, Jesus was somehow associated with the very core of Jewish religion. The disciples did not understand how, nor did they grasp what "rising from the dead meant." Still they placed their future in his hands.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## Dear Padre,

### Was Lent always associated with sacrifice, sin, and penance? Did Lent have some other purpose in Church history?

**A** set period of Lent was not observed during the first centuries of Christianity. Rather, Christians prepared for the Easter celebration with an all-night vigil and a fast. This vigil concluded with a morning Eucharist. Gradually, Christians extended this celebration to include Jesus' own Passover (the supper on Holy Thursday and the death of Jesus on Friday). By the end of the second century, baptism became linked to the Easter Vigil, and the time leading to Easter became a period of intense preparation for baptism. At first, this preparation period lasted only three weeks. This baptismal preparation program eventually extended to forty days. The idea of forty days came out of Mark's Gospel (1:13), where we read about Jesus going into the desert for forty days to prepare for his ministry.

Today the Lenten period serves a double purpose. It is still a time of intense preparation for the catechumens, as they anticipate celebrating the sacrament of baptism at the Easter Vigil. But Lent also has become a time for baptized Christians to reflect on their own baptism. During Lent, the baptized are challenged to turn away from sin and choose again the deepest meaning of their baptism: the fact that they have died and risen with Christ and are now alive anew in Jesus. This renewal is done through the traditional penitential practices of fasting, prayer, and works of charity.

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#### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*We learn from Abraham to pray with faith, to dialogue, to argue, but always ready to receive the word of God and to put it into practice. We learn to talk with God as a child with his father: to listen to him, respond, argue, but transparent, as a child with his father.*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, JUNE 3, 2020

## Calendar

### Monday

MARCH 1

Lenten Weekday

Dn 9:4b-10

Lk 6:36-38

### Tuesday

MARCH 2

Lenten Weekday

Is 1:10, 16-20

Mt 23:1-12

### Wednesday

MARCH 3

Lenten Weekday

Jer 18:18-20

Mt 20:17-28

### Thursday

MARCH 4

Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5-10

Lk 16:19-31

### Friday

MARCH 5

Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a,

17b-28a

Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

### Saturday

MARCH 6

Lenten Weekday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

### Sunday

MARCH 7

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17 or

20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

1 Cor 1:22-25

Jn 2:13-25