

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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Gibson City, IL 60936

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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

March 14, 2021—Year of Saint Joseph

Fourth Sunday of Lent

As we gather to celebrate *Saint Joseph's Day*, also called the *Feast of Saint Joseph* or the *Solemnity of Saint Joseph*. St. Joseph is honored as the husband of the Virgin Mary, the foster-father of Jesus and protector of Mary and the child Jesus, a risk-taker and a deep listener. St. Joseph is also the patronage of the Catholic Church, unborn children, fathers, immigrants, workers, employment, explorer, pilgrims, traveler, carpenters, engineers, realtors, against doubt and hesitation, and of a happy death. Let us give thanks for the giftedness of St. Joseph who was a just man who followed the stirrings of the Holy Spirit, listened to his dreams, and put love above the law and into action.

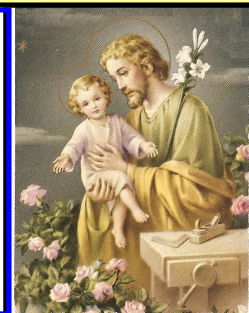
(We will be distributing St. Joseph holy cards after 6:00 pm Mass on Friday, March 19.)



Jn 3:17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

March is the Month of St. Joseph

The Church traditionally dedicates the month of March to the special veneration of St. Joseph, whose feast day is March 19th. 'He was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, namely his divine Son and Mary, Joseph's wife,' says St. Bernadine of Siena. 'He carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him, saying 'Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord.' Due to St. Joseph's leadership of the Holy Family, he has been declared the protector and patron of the universal Catholic Church.



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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 15 <i>(St Meningitis)</i>		No Mass
TUE March 16 <i>(St Hilary)</i>	8:00 AM (OLOL) 5:30 pm (STJ)	Parishioners of OLOL
WED March 17 <i>(St. Joseph of Arimathea)</i>	8:00 AM (OLOL) 7:00 PM (STM)	+Josephine Chase (by family)
THU March 18 <i>(St Cyril of Jerusalem)</i>	5:30 PM (OLOL)	*Mary Wurmnest (by Eva Acree)
Friday March 19 <i>(St. Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary)</i>	6:00 PM (OLOL) 6:30 PM (OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL Stations of the Cross (OLOL)
SAT March 20 <i>(St Urbitius)</i>	5:00 PM (OLOL)	+ Carol Obert (by Margy Shambrook)
SUN March 21 5th Sunday of Lent <i>(Bl. Maria Candida of the Eucharist)</i>	8:00 AM (STJ) 9:30 AM (STM) 11:00 AM (OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS
OLOL

March 6/7	\$2182.00
Capital Imp.	\$ 25.00
CMAA 2021 (goal:\$ 11,300)	\$0.00
Food Pantry	\$82.00
March Total	\$82.00
Yr to Date FP	\$1085.00

Special Collections



MINISTRY SCHEDULES					
<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry Members</u>
SATURDAY March 20 5:00PM	Not needed at this time	Patti Huppert	Not needed at this time	Volunteer Needed (Contact Craig Davis 815-848-5554)	Sarah Sarantakos Joyce Foster
SUNDAY March 21 11:00 AM Fifth 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.
 Contact Fr. Dong at 217-784-4671

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



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

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)
- 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.

Lost and Found:

1 pair of small pierced hoop style earrings were found in north side pew (5th open row) following last weeks Masses. Call Fran Mardis at 217-784-8515 to describe and claim.

Covid-19 Vaccine Available :

If you have not done so, please call the Ford County Public Health Department at [217-379-9281](tel:217-379-9281) to put your name on the list to be contacted to schedule your appointment to get your vaccine.

You can also register online.

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@fordcounty.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](tel:217-781-0528) at 217-781-0528. It would our honor to serve you and Our Lord.

Prayer and Pastries 2021



When: Friday, March 19,
April 16, April 30
9AM-11 AM

Where : Home of Sarah
Sarantakos
120 West 11th Street,
Gibson City
Limited to 10.

RSVP 217-781-0528
(Please wear a mask)

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.

Sunday, March 14—Daylight Savings Time
Friday, March 19 (OLOL)

- **Feast of St. Joseph**
- Prayer and Pastries 9—11 am
- 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

See Holy Week Schedule
Thursday, April 1—Holy Thursday
Friday, April 2—Good Friday
Saturday, April 3—Holy Saturday
Sunday, April 4—Easter Sunday

Friday, April 16

- Prayer and Pastries 9-11 am
Sunday, April 11—Divine Mercy Sunday
- 1st Communion Retreat 12:00 to 2:30 PM
Friday, April 30
- Prayer and Pastries 9-11 am



Josie Kleist (3/16)
Brian Helmig (3/17)
Willard Pearson (3/17)
Aiden Killian (3/18)
Gary Wilhelmi (3/19)
Fran Mardis (3/19)
Lily Giroux (3/19)
Bernadette Campos (3/20)
Liam Killian (3/21)
Gary Gale (3/21)

Happy Anniversary

Rich and Beth Baillie (3/15)

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.

Good News!

March 14, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)
2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

We normally take great pride in making our own decisions. When we did this as children, it was a sign that we were growing up; as adolescents, it was a proclamation of independence. Now as adults, when making decisions we demonstrate that we are self-directed. The problem doesn't seem to lie in decision-making itself but in the options given to us that require a decision. And there is the rub. Often these are options not of our choosing. This can make decision-making very difficult.

Today's Gospel is all about making decisions. Options are placed before us. We either choose Jesus and the extraordinary way of life that he has outlined for us, or we go along with the movements of society. This could include making money at any cost, denying hospitality to those who knock on our door, harboring an attitude of superiority over others. We either choose to live in the light with the insights that our faith provides, or we simply accept the values that bombard us each day through the media, namely: Me first. What's mine is mine. What's in it for me? Not in my back yard.

If we look carefully, we will realize that the way of life Jesus promotes is based on the dignity of each person, who is made in the image and likeness of God. Actions that dismiss, demean, damage, or destroy human life are contrary to the teaching, life, and example of Jesus. Accepting his way brings forth a new society called "the reign of God." Rejecting it will undermine the foundations of the society we have. Which will it be? You decide.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre,

My friend's parish is having a St. Joseph's Day Altar. What is that?

According to tradition, the altar to St. Joseph originated in the Middle Ages by Sicilians who invoked their patron saint during an extended drought and famine. When rain finally brought relief, the people expressed their gratitude in two ways: by displaying a table with the foods they harvested and by distributing their plenitude to those most in need.

Over time, the custom of an altar around the March 19 feast day of St. Joseph gained popularity and is now embraced by the faithful of any nationality wishing to share their good fortune with those who have less. The meatless feast usually includes baked items, beans, nuts, fruits, and seafood presented in ways that symbolize elements of the faith. Prayerful rituals and children portraying the Holy Family add to the celebration and heritage.

Whether the altar is modest or elaborate, at home or in church, it's a labor of love meant to strengthen the bonds of family and friends in its preparation and to strengthen one's faith and charity in its execution.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Saint Joseph appears as a strong and courageous man, a working man, yet in his heart we see great tenderness, which is not the virtue of the weak but rather a sign of strength of spirit and a capacity for concern, for compassion, for genuine openness to others, for love. We must not be afraid of goodness, of tenderness!

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH, MARCH 19, 2013

Calendar

Monday
MARCH 15
Lenten Weekday
Is 65:17-21
Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday
MARCH 16
Lenten Weekday
Ez 47:1-9, 12
Jn 5:1-16

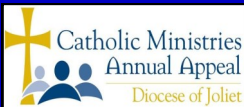
Wednesday
MARCH 17
Lenten Weekday
Is 49:8-15
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday
MARCH 18
Lenten Weekday
Ex 32:7-14
Jn 5:31-47

Friday
MARCH 19
St. Joseph,
Spouse of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Sm 7:4-5a,
12-14a, 16
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
or Lk 2:41-51a

Saturday
MARCH 20
Lenten Weekday
Jer 11:18-20
Jn 7:40-53

Sunday
MARCH 21
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Jer 31:31-34
Heb 5:7-9
Jn 12:20-33



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.

Divine Mercy Message (Diary of St. Faustina)

A Great Interior Calm

(St Faustina) I heard these words in my soul: (Jesus) **Do not fear anything, I am with you. These matters are in My hands and I will bring them to fruition according to my Mercy, for nothing can oppose My will.** (Diary, 573)

Do not fear anything; I am always with you. (Diary, 613)

Do not fear anything, My daughter; all the adversaries will be shattered at my feet. (St Faustina). At these words, a deep peace and a great interior calm entered my soul. (Diary, 626)



Jesus, dearest Savior, thank You for repeating over and over again what I need to hear so often: (Jesus) **Fear not; I am with you.** (St Faustina) and You add so tenderly: (Jesus) **I love you.**