

## 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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#### 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 21, 2021—Year of Saint Joseph

### Fifth Sunday of Lent



jn 11:38-44 So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

#### 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,		
<b>MON</b> March 22 <i>(St Octavian)</i>		No Mass
<b>TUE</b> March 23 <i>(St Turibus of Mogrovejo)</i>	8:00 AM (OLOL) 5:30 pm (STJ)	Parishioners of OLOL
<b>WED</b> March 24 <i>(St Aldemar)</i>	8:00 AM (OLOL) 7:00 PM (STM)	+ Carol Obert (by Joyce Freehill)
<b>THU</b> March 25 <i>(The Annunciation of the Lord)</i>	5:30 PM (OLOL)	+ Mary Wurmnest (by the Heap family)
<b>Friday</b> March 26 <i>(St Harold)</i>	6:00 PM (OLOL) 6:30 PM (OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL Stations of the Cross (OLOL)
<b>SAT</b> March 27 <i>(St Theodore)</i>	5:00 PM (OLOL)	+ Paul Huth (by Pat Huth)
<b>SUN</b> March 28 Palm Sunday <i>(St Priscus)</i>	8:00 AM (STJ) 9:30 AM (STM) 11:00 AM (OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS	
OLOL	
March 13/14	\$1240.00
Capital Imp.	\$ 330.00
CMAA 2021 (goal:\$ 11,300)	\$0.00
Food Pantry March Total Yr to Date FP	\$65.00 \$147.00 \$1150.00

**Special Collections**

March 14  
Catholic Relief Services

**\$330.00**

## MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry Members
SATURDAY March 27 5:00PM	Not needed at this time	Marj Brown	Not needed at this time	Volunteer Needed (Contact Craig Davis 815-848-5554)	Sarah Sarantakos Joyce Foster
SUNDAY March 28 11:00 AM Palm Sunday	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**  
 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](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.

## 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@parish.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@parish.org) at 217-781-0528. It would our honor to serve you and Our Lord.

## Prayer and Pastries 2021



When: Friday, 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)

Secretary-Alyce Hafer (217-745-2411)

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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).

**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 4—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



Remi Astronomo (3/24)  
Stanley Vetter (3/27)  
Basilio Campos (3/28)  
Carolina Gonzalez (3/28)  
Janey Jansen (3/29)  
Dan Day (3/30)  
Linda Schmitt (3/30)  
Egan Lynch (3/30)

*Happy Anniversary*

Tim and Jody Bane (3/25)  
John and Susan Kollross (3/28)

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

# Good News!

March 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)

Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Do I have to die? Who has not asked this question, at least to oneself? It's a valid question, because at the core of every living being is the drive to live. Jesus also must have asked this question. Today's Gospel account implies this in John 12:27. ("I am troubled now.") Despite his passion for living, Jesus was more passionate about the transformation that would take place later. The example of the grain that must die if a harvest of wheat is to be produced is a perfect metaphor to make this point. Just as the grain is insignificant compared with the possible harvest, so—our faith assures us—there is no comparison between this life and the wondrous transformation that awaits us. And yes, in order to move from this life to that splendid future, we will have to die.

Our Lenten meditations will soon focus on the suffering and death of Jesus. However, to concentrate solely on suffering and death is like examining the death of the grain without any thought of its transformation and the bountiful harvest that will come. We must not minimize Jesus' suffering. However, it was precisely by means of his having been lifted up on the cross in suffering and death that he was lifted up in glory and exaltation. This is why we claim that death is not the end of life but the gateway to new life. So, as difficult as it might be to leave the life we love, like Jesus we have to die in order to enter that new life.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

# Dear Padre,

## I'm a non-Catholic church secretary who receives questions about a Purgatorial Society. What is it?

**T**hose who die in God's grace and friendship imperfectly purified, although they are assured of their eternal salvation, undergo a purification after death, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of God" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1054). This process of purification is known as purgatory. Saint Gregory the Great (540–604) wrote "certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come" (see *Dialogues* 4, 39). This forgiveness of sins granted after death is also suggested in Matthew 12:32 and 2 Timothy 1:18.

Because Catholics believe we're in communion with one another through an active relationship that transcends death, our prayers and sacrifices benefit the deceased (see 2 Maccabees 12:38–46). Thus, a Purgatorial Society is a formal association of Catholics who offer prayers, Masses, and other works of charity to benefit the souls in purgatory. Souls that get to heaven, in turn, offer their prayers to benefit the living. This mutual assistance affirms our belief in an earthly and heavenly Church forming one body in Christ.

Purgatorial societies were especially prevalent from the Middle Ages through the previous century, but they're currently seeing a revival in some church parishes and religious communities. Societies generally maintain a

registry to enroll names of the deceased so that Masses are regularly offered for the holy souls in purgatory—especially during the month of November.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR  
[Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)



### A WORD FROM Pope Francis

By visiting the tombs of our loved ones we remember that we have a multitude of saints who before God intercede for our needs. Let us not forget, however, that so many deceased also await our spiritual support. Let us remember them in our prayers...asking that they be welcomed into the ranks of the elect in heaven.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, OCTOBER 31, 2018



## Calendar

### Monday

MARCH 22  
Lenten Weekday  
Dn 13:1–9, 15–17,  
19–30, 33–62  
or 13:41c–62  
Jn 8:1–11

### Tuesday

MARCH 23  
Lenten Weekday  
Nm 21:4–9  
Jn 8:21–30

### Wednesday

MARCH 24  
Lenten Weekday  
Dn 3:14–20, 91–92, 95  
Jn 8:31–42

### Thursday

MARCH 25  
The Annunciation  
of the Lord  
Is 7:10–14, 8:10  
Heb 10:4–10  
Lk 1:26–38

### Friday

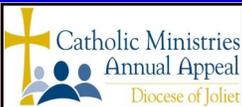
MARCH 26  
Lenten Weekday  
Jer 20:10–13  
Jn 10:31–42

### Saturday

MARCH 27  
Lenten Weekday  
Ez 37:21–28  
Jn 11:45–56

### Sunday

MARCH 28  
Palm Sunday of the  
Passion of the Lord  
Mk 11:1–10 or  
Jn 12:12–16  
Is 50:4–7  
Phil 2:6–11  
Mk 14:1–15:47  
or 15:1–39



## 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 from 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.**