

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

534 N. Wood Street
Gibson City, IL 60936

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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 7, 2021—Year of Saint Joseph

Third Sunday of Lent



Jn 2:14-15 He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money-changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables.

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!*



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 8 <i>(St John of God)</i>		No Mass
TUE March 9 <i>(St Anthony)</i>	8:00 AM (OLOL) 5:30 pm (STJ)	Parishioners of OLOL
WED March 10 <i>(St. Simeon)</i>	8:00 AM (OLOL) 7:00 PM (STM)	+Leo Chapman (by Marj Brown)
THU March 11 <i>(St Constantine)</i>	5:30 PM (OLOL)	Mike Freehill (by Knights of Columbus)
Friday March 12 <i>(St. Maximilian)</i>	6:00 PM (OLOL) 6:30 PM (OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL Stations of the Cross (OLOL)
SAT March 13 <i>(St Theusetas)</i>	5:00 PM (OLOL)	+ Wilma Freehill (by Freehill family)
SUN March 14 4th Sunday of Lent <i>(St. Boniface Curitan)</i>	8:00 AM(STJ) 9:30 AM (STM) 11:00 AM (OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS
OLOL

Feb 27/28	\$1503.00
Capital Imp.	\$ 25.00
CMAA 2021 (goal:\$ 11,300)	\$0.00
Food Pantry February Total Yr to Date FP	\$83.00 \$686.00 \$1003.00

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 13 5:00PM	Not needed at this time	Michael Smith	Not needed at this time	Volunteer Needed (Contact Craig Davis 815-848-5554)	Sarah Sarantakos Joyce Foster
SUNDAY March 14 11:00 AM Third Sunday of Lent	Not needed at this time	Sarah Sarantakos	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

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.

The following parishioners who donated funds to purchase and install motion detector lights in the rectory garage area. THANK YOU to Fred Sarantakos, Michelle and Eric Rosenbaum, Gene and Lisa Heap, Paul and Sarah Sarantakos.

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 go online to register.
Be safe, Be protected !

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

(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.

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.

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.

Prayer and Pastries 2021

When: Friday, March 19, April 16, April 30
9AM-11 AM (Masks required)

Where : Home of Sarah Sarantakos
120 West 11th Street, Gibson City
Limited to 10. **RSVP** 217-781-0528

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

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)

- 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**

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



Axel Doran (3/8)
Seth Kollross (3/8)
Joseph McGuire (3/11)
Michael Smith (3/11)
Milagro Ortiz (3/13)
Caine Jost (3/13)
Allison Kleist (3/14)
Terry Hutchcraft (3/14)
Doug Parsons (3/14)
Victoria McGuire (3/14)

Happy Anniversary

Mark and Jill Andreae (3/8)

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 7, 2021

Third Sunday of Lent (B)

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17;

1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Eventually you're going to get caught. That's what this expression means. And that is pretty much how most people understand law—as something that hems them in and, if disregarded, will get them in the end. But that is not how Israel understood its law. The psalm verses for today insist that the law refreshes the soul, rejoices the heart, enlightens the eye, is more precious than gold, and is sweeter than syrup or honey from the comb. The people cherished the law because it outlined for them how they were to live as God's Chosen People.

People who want to run a marathon, learn to fly a plane, or join a club are eager to take on the directives that will enable them to accomplish their goal. That is how Israel viewed the law outlined in today's first reading. It's as if God said: "If you want to be my people, this is the way you should live."

Whenever the law of Israel seems to be criticized (as is often the case in St. Paul's writings), it is not really the law itself but the inappropriate attitude toward it that is censured. As important and precious as the law might be, it is only a means to an end. It is not the end itself, any more than the directives for flying a plane are what are uppermost. From the Bible's point of view, the long arm of the law is meant to direct and support us, not intimidate us.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre,

Our deacon was preaching about Lent and mentioned that the Church calls us to *metanoia*. What did he mean?

Most of us think of Lent as a time of penance. We receive our ashes and take up some traditional practice of giving up something or doing something for Lent. But there's more to Lent than just practices of piety or acts of penance and mortification. Your deacon is correct. In Lent, the Church calls us to *metanoia*, a Greek word meaning "a change of mind and heart."



We begin a new way of thinking and acting. We take a long, hard look at our lifestyle and compare it to the values Jesus offers. Then we change our lives to match the values of the Lord. This, of course, is difficult to do alone. The Church asks us to pray during Lent that the Lord's power will enter our lives and give us the wisdom to move in that direction. The Church suggests we strengthen our resolve through acts of personal mortification and sacrifice for others. This will tighten the belt of our discipline and

train us for the more sweeping changes that we must make.

The Scripture readings for the first three weeks of Lent center on *metanoia*. The readings direct us to understand what is involved with "changing our hearts" and seeking a new life direction. Listen to them well and they will lead you to *metanoia*.

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis



I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting, and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew.

LENTE MESSAGE FOR 2018, NOVEMBER 1, 2017

Calendar

Monday

MARCH 8

Lenten Weekday

2 Kgs 5:1—15ab

Lk 4:24—30

Tuesday

MARCH 9

Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:25, 34—43

Mt 18:21—35

Wednesday

MARCH 10

Lenten Weekday

Dt 4:1, 5—9

Mt 5:17—19

Thursday

MARCH 11

Lenten Weekday

Jer 7:23—28

Lk 11:14—23

Friday

MARCH 12

Lenten Weekday

Hos 14:2—10

Mk 12:28—34

Saturday

MARCH 13

Lenten Weekday

Hos 6:1—6

Lk 18:9—14

Sunday

MARCH 14

Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36:14—16,

19—23

Eph 2:4—10

Jn 3:14—21



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) Filled with a Certain Strength

Suddenly I saw the Lord interiorly, and He said to me, Fear not, My daughter, I am with you. In that single moment, all the darkness and torments vanished, my senses were inundated with unspeakable joy, (and) the faculties of my soul filled with light (Diary, 103)

Satan always takes advantage of such moments, thoughts of discouragement began to rise to the surface...for your faithfulness and sincerity—this is your reward. How can one be sincere when one is so misunderstood? Jesus, Jesus, I cannot go on any longer. Again I fell to the ground under this weight, and I broke out in a sweat, and fear began to overcome me. I had no one to lean on interiorly. Suddenly I heard a voice within my soul, Do not fear, I am with you. And an unusual light illuminated my mind, and I understood that I should not give in to such sorrows. I was filled with a certain strength and left my cell with new courage to suffer (Diary, 129)

Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me to hear Your word of encouragement when I need it; Do not fear, I am with you.