

## 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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Gibson City, IL 60936

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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

## April 11, 2021—Year of Saint Joseph

### Divine Mercy Sunday



Jn 20:19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

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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 April 12 <i>(Saint Teresa de los Andes)</i>		No Mass
TUE April 13 <i>(St Martin 1 )</i>	8:00 AM (OLOL) 5:30 pm (STJ)	Parishioners of OLOL
WED April 14	8:00 AM (OLOL) 7:00 PM (STM)	+Patrick Lynch (by Jim and Michelle Meyers)
THU April 15	5:30 PM (OLOL)	+Carol Obert (by John and Joan Cole)
Friday April 16	5:30 PM (OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL
SAT April 17	5:00 PM (OLOL)	+ Steve Heavilin (by Martha Heavilin)
SUN April 18 3rd Sunday of Easter	8:00 AM (STJ) 9:30 AM (STM) 11:00 AM(OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL	
April 3/4	\$2164.00
Capital Imp.	\$190.00
CMAA 2021 (goal:\$11,300)	\$0.00
Food Pantry	\$294.00
April Total	\$294.00
Yr to Date FP	\$1593.00

**Special Collections**

Holy Land  
Good Friday  
\$240.00

Easter Sunday  
\$2510.00

## MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry Members
SATURDAY April 17 5:00 PM	Not needed at this time	Michelle Meyers	Not needed at this time	Volunteer Needed (Contact Craig Davis 815-848-5554)	Sarah Sarantakos Joyce Foster
SUNDAY April 18 11:00 AM 3rd Sunday of Easter	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.

**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

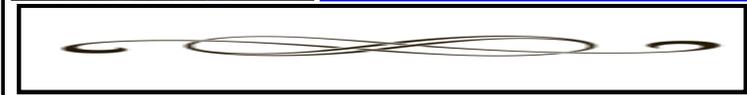
**Marriage/RCIA**  
 Call the Rectory at least six months before. A six month preparation time is required.



**Devotion of the Month of APRIL**  
**Month of the Holy Eucharist**  
 The month of April is traditionally dedicated to devotion to Jesus in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. The Catholic Church teaches that the Blessed Sacrament is the real and living presence of Christ — His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity — received into our souls with every reception of Holy Communion. Our Eucharistic Lord is the source and summit of our Christian life, the ultimate proof of His infinite love for us.

**PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

**My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**



## 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.

## Divine Mercy Consolation for Souls

Say, My daughter, that the Feast of My Mercy has issued forth from My very depths for the consolation of the whole world (Diary, 1517)  
Thank you, Lord Jesus, that the Feast of Mercy is now available. May the feast be celebrated, so souls in need would receive consolation. Lord Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us and the whole world.

**Easter Flowers**—After the 11 am Mass, on Sunday April 11, we will be accepting donations for the flowers and potted plants in front of the altar in church. Please come prepared to take 1 or 2 of these beautiful flowers or plants. Sarah will be up front to take your donations.

**Clean Up help needed. On April 17.**  
We are planning a church cleanup day on April 17 from 10 am to noon and could use some hands to assist. We will be cleaning up the yards to the church, hall and rectory, as well as scrubbing the grout in the church. Lunch will be served. Many hands make light work. Thank you so much. Contact Tannie.

## 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)  
Craig Davis (815-848-5554)  
Parker Hathaway (217-784-8193)  
Jim Meyer (217-784-8125)  
Fred Sarantakos (217-781-1813)  
Please contact these dedicated people if you have any concerns or suggestions about church related issues.

# April

## PARISH CALENDAR

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

### Sunday, April 11—Divine Mercy Sunday

- 1st Communion Retreat 12:00 to 2:30 PM
- Divine Mercy Service 1:00 PM to 3:10 PM (St Mary's, Paxton)

### Friday, April 16

- Prayers and Pastries 9 am to 11 am

### Saturday, April 17

- Cleanup OLOL 10 am to noon with lunch to follow

### Sunday, April 25—1st Communion

### Friday, April 30

- Prayer and Pastries 9-11 am

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Susan Kollross (4/11)  
Joyce Foster (4/11)  
Todd Thomas (4/12)  
Erin McCall (4/12)  
Anthony Maloney (4/16)  
Beth Baillie (4/16)  
John (Jack) Kollross (4/17)  
Evan Killian (4/17)  
Chris Giroux (4/18)

Happy Anniversary

God Bless our Married couples !

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

# Good News!

April 11, 2021

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy) (B)  
Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

I Want Proof. Who doesn't? It's not simply that we are children of the scientific age in which proof is essential. Concrete evidence gives us a sense of security; it helps us understand how things work. Even in ordinary human relationships, we want proof. A tune from *My Fair Lady* demands: "Don't talk of love... show me." It's very difficult to live without a certain degree of surety. Consequently, we should not be surprised at Thomas' insistence: "I want proof."

Thomas is often described as lacking faith. This isn't the full story. The reason the other disciples believed was because they had an experience of the risen Lord. Before that experience they were hiding behind locked doors. Thomas was absent; we are not told why. Whatever the reason, he also wanted an experience of the risen Lord. He was not content to base his believing on their word alone. In a sense, more was being asked of Thomas than the others.

Thomas is the patron of all of us whose faith in the risen Lord is based on the word of others rather than on our own unique revelatory experience. Who of us wouldn't want some mystical experience? We are called to believe without seeing. Yet, this isn't strictly true—we can see evidence of the resurrection. The best proof is evident in the lives of millions of people who commit themselves to God and who strive to live with integrity.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## Dear Padre,

I get a lot of questions from Protestant friends about the Catholic "obsession" (as they put it) with Mary. What should I say to them?



A convert to Catholicism tells the story of a dinner he had with a friend who had a very evangelical outlook. As they talked about the new Catholic's decision to convert, the friend asked hesitantly, "What do you think about Mary?" The new Catholic smiled and said, "I think she's wonderful, don't you?" The friend responded with an embarrassed "Yes, but...."

If Catholics and Protestants can begin with this premise—that Mary is wonderful—it might be possible to step back and consider why. Mary is an extraordinary human being who holds a special place in the Christian faith for two reasons: first, it was through her that God became flesh in the person of Jesus Christ; and second, she was the first to believe in Jesus' mission and ministry.

All Catholic doctrine about Mary refers to two special relationships. She has a special relationship with God because she bore the "God-man" in her womb. She also has a special relationship with us because she was the first Christian.

Fr. Scott Katzenberger, CSsR  
[Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)

### A WORD FROM Pope Francis



[The disciples] had abandoned the Lord at his passion and felt guilty. But meeting them, Jesus did not give a long sermon. To them, who were wounded within, he shows his own wounds. Thomas can now touch them and know of Jesus' love and how much Jesus had suffered for him, even though he had abandoned him.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020

## Calendar

**Monday**

APRIL 12  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 4:23-31  
Jn 3:1-8

**Tuesday**

APRIL 13  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 4:32-37  
Jn 3:7b-15

**Wednesday**

APRIL 14  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 5:17-26  
Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday**

APRIL 15  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 5:27-33  
Jn 3:31-36

**Friday**

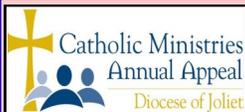
APRIL 16  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 5:34-42  
Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday**

APRIL 17  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 6:1-7  
Jn 6:16-21

**Sunday**

APRIL 18  
Third Sunday of Easter  
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19  
1 Jn 2:1-5a  
Lk 24:35-48



### **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.