

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

Parish Office Secretary
Phone & Fax (217) 784-4671

General Information
office@ololgc.org

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

April 25, 2021—Year of Saint Joseph

Fourth Sunday of Easter



Jn 10:17-18 This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again.

This command I have received from my Father."

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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 26		No Mass
TUE April 27	8:00 AM (OLOL) 5:30 pm (STJ)	Parishioners of OLOL
WED April 28	8:00 AM (OLOL) (St. Catherine of Siena) 7:00 PM (STM)	+ Patrick Lynch (by Carla Moxley)
THU April 29	5:30 PM (OLOL)	+ Carol Obert (by John and Joan Cole)
Friday April 30	5:30 PM (OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL
SAT May 1	5:00 PM (OLOL)	+ Steve Heavilin (By Martha Heavilin)
SUN May 2	8:00 AM (STJ) 5th Sunday of Easter 9:30 AM (STM) 11:00 AM(OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS	
OLOL	
April 17/18	\$1724.00
Capital Imp.	\$0.00
CMAA 2021 (goal:\$11,300)	\$6,515.00
Food Pantry	\$94.00
April Total	\$483.00
Yr to Date FP	\$1782.00

Special Collections	
April 2	Holy Land \$340.00
April 3/4	Easter Sunday \$2510.00
April 24/25	Catholic Home Missions

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

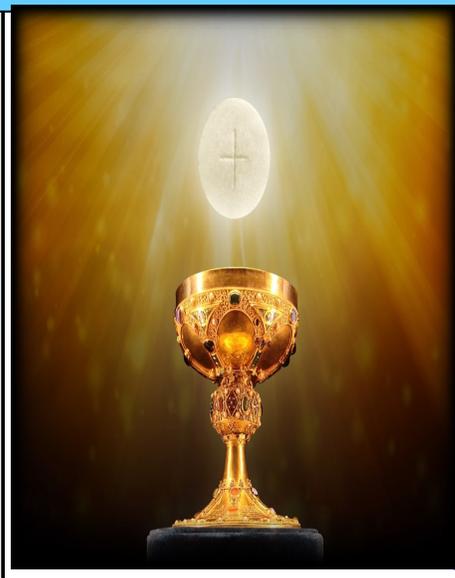
Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry Members
SATURDAY May 1 5:00 PM	Not needed at this time	Patti Huppert	Not needed at this time	Volunteer Needed (Contact Craig Davis 815-848-5554)	Sarah Sarantakos Joyce Foster
SUNDAY May 2 11:00 AM 5th Sunday of Easter	Not needed at this 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.



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.



Bringing Humankind Closer to Me

While I was saying the chaplet, I heard a voice which said 'Oh, what great graces I will grant to souls who say this chaplet; the very depths of My tender mercy are stirred for the sake of those who say the chaplet.

Jesus listened to these outpourings of my heart with gravity and interest, as if He had known nothing about them, and this seemed to make it easier for me to talk. And the Lord said to me, 'My daughter, those words of your heart are pleasing to Me, and by saying the chaplet you are bringing humankind closer to Me.' After these words, I found myself alone, but the presence of God is always in my soul. (Diary, 929).

Lord Jesus, increase my trust in You and in Your promises of great graces for saying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. May my prayer be pleasing to You and bring souls closer to You.

April

PARISH CALENDAR

For more information, check out our website, and our weekly bulletin, **OLOL.org**.

Sunday, April 25—1st Communion
Nora McCall and Cam Nuss.

Friday, April 30

- Prayer and Pastries 9-11 am



Sunday, May 2—May Crowning

- Rosary around outside Statue of Mary—10:30 am

Friday, May 7

- Prayers and pastries 9 am to noon

Friday, May 21

- Prayers and Pastries 9 am to noon

Congratulations
Nora McCall and Cam Nuss
as you receive your **First Holy Communion** on **Sunday April 25.**
We hold you in our prayers on this very special and blessed day.

Congratulations
On the baptism of

Katie Mae Davis



Daughter of
Craig and Maggie Davis

WELCOME to
Our Lady of Lourdes
Parish Family

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.

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.

From **Daniel Kliest**: We are in the process of nominating new candidates to the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Council. An email is being sent to allow everyone the opportunity to nominate a candidate or volunteer. If you are interested in volunteering to serve or wish to nominate someone to serve, please respond to the email. Thank you in advance for your desire and willingness to serve the Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes.
On behalf of our Parish Council.

Prayer and Pastries 2021



When: Friday, April 30
9AM-11 AM

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)
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.



Rosanne Miller (4/23)
Sylvia Day (4/30)
Eric Rosenbaum (5/1)
Julia McGuire (5/1)
Amy Killian (5/2)
Gina Medernach (5/2)

Happy Anniversary

Jerry and Marj Brown (4/28)
Tom and Sarah McCall (4/28)

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Brian Sullivan
Emma Davis
Terry Hutchcraft
Joyce Pearson
Fran Mardis
Rosanne Miller
Connie Cimino
Ken Freehill
Joe Hafer

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.

Good News!

April 25, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Easter (B)
Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

For many of us, our only connection with sheep is with the cuddly white creatures found on holy cards. However, that image strays from the facts. Sheep are not household animals. They live outdoors; they lie down in grass, dirt, and mud. Furthermore, unlike many other animals, sheep cannot clean themselves. I'm not denigrating sheep, just putting aside any fanciful view of their nature.

Raising sheep was an important occupation in the ancient world. In fact, the royalty's governance of people was often described as shepherding. David was told: "You shall shepherd my people Israel" (2 Samuel 5:2). Later, when the royalty were not faithful to this charge, God declared: "I myself will pasture my sheep" (Ezekiel 34:15). This startling characterization of God became a characterization of Jesus.

Grime and animal smells, the blood of births and deaths, inclement weather, and the threat of predators mark the life of a committed shepherd. Human comfort was secondary to the needs of the sheep. Sheep actually learn to recognize the voice of the one who feeds them, cares for them, protects them. The shepherd's voice seems to say: I am here for you, because you are mine. As "the good shepherd," Jesus is totally committed to us, his sheep. He attends to our needs, willing to risk his own security in order to save us. His care for us seems to say: I am here for you, because you are mine.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre,

Am I sinning when I work or shop on Sunday?

Biblical tradition states that the Sabbath is the day that God rested from the labors of creation. Sunday is also the day we commemorate Christ's resurrection from the dead and the inauguration of the new creation.

We rightly refer to Sunday, then, as the Lord's day. This being so, it's important that we do everything possible to keep the Lord's day holy and ensure that we reserve adequate time on Sunday for worship, rest, and recreation.

Today, many activities, social services, and family needs require some people to work on Sundays. In fact, many people have only the weekends to do the errands and activities that sustain their families.

Our participation in such activities and services is not a sin, nor does it mean that those who do need to work cannot find an appropriate way to sanctify the Lord's day and allow time for the worship, rest, and renewal that are proper to the day.



Even so, we must guard against treating the Lord's day as just another workday, or a continuation of our Saturday shopping spree. Remember that the primary focus on Sunday should be participating in the Mass and growing our relationship with the Lord.

For more information on this topic, see paragraphs 2184 through 2195 of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

Fr. Scott Katzenberger, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

A WORD FROM Pope Francis

True rest is not simple, because there is false rest and true rest....Man has never rested as much as today, yet man has never experienced as much emptiness as today! Opportunities to amuse oneself, to go out, cruises, travels; but many things do not give you fullness of heart. Indeed, they do not give you rest.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, SEPTEMBER 5, 2018



Calendar

Monday
APRIL 26
Easter Weekday
Acts 11:1-18
Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday
APRIL 27
Easter Weekday
Acts 11:19-26
Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday
APRIL 28
Easter Weekday
Acts 12:24-13:5a
Jn 12:44-50

Thursday
APRIL 29
St. Catherine of Siena,
Virgin and Doctor
of the Church
Acts 13:13-25
Jn 13:16-20

Friday
APRIL 30
Easter Weekday
Acts 13:26-33
Jn 14:1-6

Saturday
MAY 1
Easter Weekday
Acts 13:44-52
Jn 14:7-14

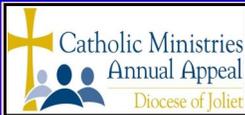
Sunday
MAY 2
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:26-31
1 Jn 3:18-24
Jn 15:1-8

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.



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.