

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 4, 2021—Year of Saint Joseph

Easter Sunday



Jn 20:1-4 On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first.

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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 5 <i>(Saint Vincent Ferrer)</i>		No Mass
TUE April 6 <i>(Saint Celestine)</i>	8:00 AM (OLOL) 5:30 pm (STJ)	Parishioners of OLOL
WED April 7 <i>(Saint John the Baptist)</i>	8:00 AM (OLOL) 7:00 PM (STM)	+Patrick Lynch (by Margy Shambrook)
THU April 8 <i>(Saint Julie Billiart)</i>	5:30 PM (OLOL)	+Mary Wurmnest (by Pat Fields)
Friday April 9 <i>(Saint Casilda)</i>	5:30 PM (OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL
SAT April 10 <i>(Saint Magdalene of Canossa)</i>	5:00 PM (OLOL)	+ Leo Chapman (by Audrey Champman)
SUN April 11 Divine Mercy Sunday	8:00 AM (STJ) 9:30 AM (STM) 11:00 AM(OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL Parishioners of OLOL

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL	
March 27/28	\$3840.00
Capital Imp.	\$ 50.00
CMAA 2021 (goal:\$11,300)	\$0.00
Food Pantry March Total Yr to Date FP	\$74.00 \$296.00 \$1299.00

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 April 10 5:00 PM	Not needed at this time	Jim Meyers	Not needed at this time	Volunteer Needed (Contact Craig Davis 815-848-5554)	Sarah Sarantakos Joyce Foster
SUNDAY April 11 11:00 AM Divine Mercy Sunday	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.

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

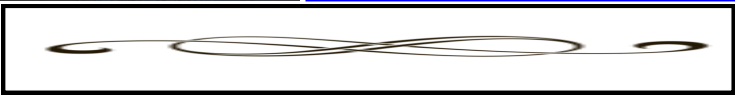
Marriage/RCIA
 Call the Rectory at least six months before. A six month preparation time is required.



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)
- 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.

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.

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, 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.

April

PARISH CALENDAR

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

Friday, April 16

- Prayer and Pastries 9-11 am

Sunday, April 11—Divine Mercy Sunday

- 1st Communion Retreat 12:00 to 2:30 PM
- Divine Mercy Mass 3:00 PM Paxton (RSVP to St Mary's) at 217-389-4033 by Thursday April 8th)

Sunday, April 25—1st Communion

Friday, April 30

- Prayer and Pastries 9-11 am

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jason Eberle (4/5)
Sandy Kollross (4/5)
Theodore Smith (4/6)
Mary Giroux (4/8)
Jean Wilhelmi (4/9)
John Cole (4/10)
Patricia Fields (4/10)
Susan Kollross (4/11)
Joyce Foster (4/11)

Happy Anniversary

Paul and Sarah Sarantakos (4/5)
Basilio and Bernadette (4/8)
Jim and Jennifer Freehill (4/9)

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.

Good News!

April 4, 2021
Easter (B)

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or
1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

Seeing Is Believing. Clever phrase. But is it accurate? Believing means that we sometimes accept as true something for which we have no positive proof. We might base our belief on the word of someone we consider reliable, but we ourselves have no undeniable evidence. We may use this phrase in everyday conversation and know what we really mean, but when it comes to the resurrection of Jesus, the phrase "seeing is believing" really doesn't fit well.

In today's first reading, Peter states that Jesus was visible to some of his followers. What does this mean? It's clear from most of the Easter narratives that many people had a profound, life-transforming experience of the risen Jesus. They may not have realized this at first, but they were convinced of it when he allowed them to recognize him. Was it a visual experience? Was it auditory as Paul describes (Acts 9:4)? Or was it touch as Thomas demanded (John 20:25)? Every mystic describes a revelation of Christ as an experience of one or more senses. For example, St. Bernadette saw our Lady, while St. Francis heard a voice. This isn't to say that the revelations weren't real. It is to say that our senses are our only way of experiencing it or talking about it. We are, after all, only human.

Maybe when referring to the resurrection we should modify this phrase: believing is seeing or hearing or feeling or being somehow convinced that he is really here. And this can be true for all of us.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre,

Why do some churches use bells during the consecration and others do not?

We ring bells because they make a beautiful sound for the Lord and for our ears. They signal something important; they bring us comfort in sorrow, and they double our joy. The official name for the bell ringing is *tintinnabulation*. As with many practices, tintinnabulation is present in many traditions worldwide. It's a beautiful way to focus the mind and heart, lifting the soul to God. I'll never forget the stirring sunrise tintinnabulation at Assisi on Easter Sunday.



ANDREJ KOPRIVNIK/ISTOCK

Catholics ring bells at the Eucharist, during the singing of the Gloria on Holy Thursday and at the Easter Vigil, at the showing of the consecrated bread and wine and, in some places, at the beginning of the preparation of the gifts and the Communion procession. We also ring bells to mark the morning, noon, and evening hours, at which times devotion recalls the Incarnation of Christ and the praying of the Angelus. Bells are rung to assemble the community for prayer and festivities. At weddings and funerals, bells declare that something important is happening—an event to be surrounded by beautiful sound.

But why do some churches use bells during the consecration and others do not? The books of the revised liturgy give an option, so some parish leaders choose to ring bells and others do not. However, in the Latin Mass, there is no option—the bells must be rung at set times.

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

You cannot give [courage] to yourself, but you can receive it as a gift. All you have to do is open your heart in prayer and roll away, however slightly, that stone placed at the entrance to your heart so that Jesus' light can enter... With you, Lord, we will be tested but not shaken.

EASTER VIGIL HOMILY, APRIL 11, 2020

Calendar

Monday

APRIL 5
Octave of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22-33
Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday

APRIL 6
Octave of Easter
Acts 2:36-41
Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday

APRIL 7
Octave of Easter
Acts 3:1-10
Lk 24:13-35

Thursday

APRIL 8
Octave of Easter
Acts 3:11-26
Lk 24:35-48

Friday

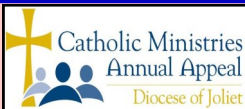
APRIL 9
Octave of Easter
Acts 4:1-12
Jn 21:1-14

Saturday

APRIL 10
Octave of Easter
Acts 4:13-21
Mk 16:9-15

Sunday

APRIL 11
Second Sunday of Easter
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)
Acts 4:32-35
1 Jn 5:1-6
Jn 20:19-31



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.**