

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

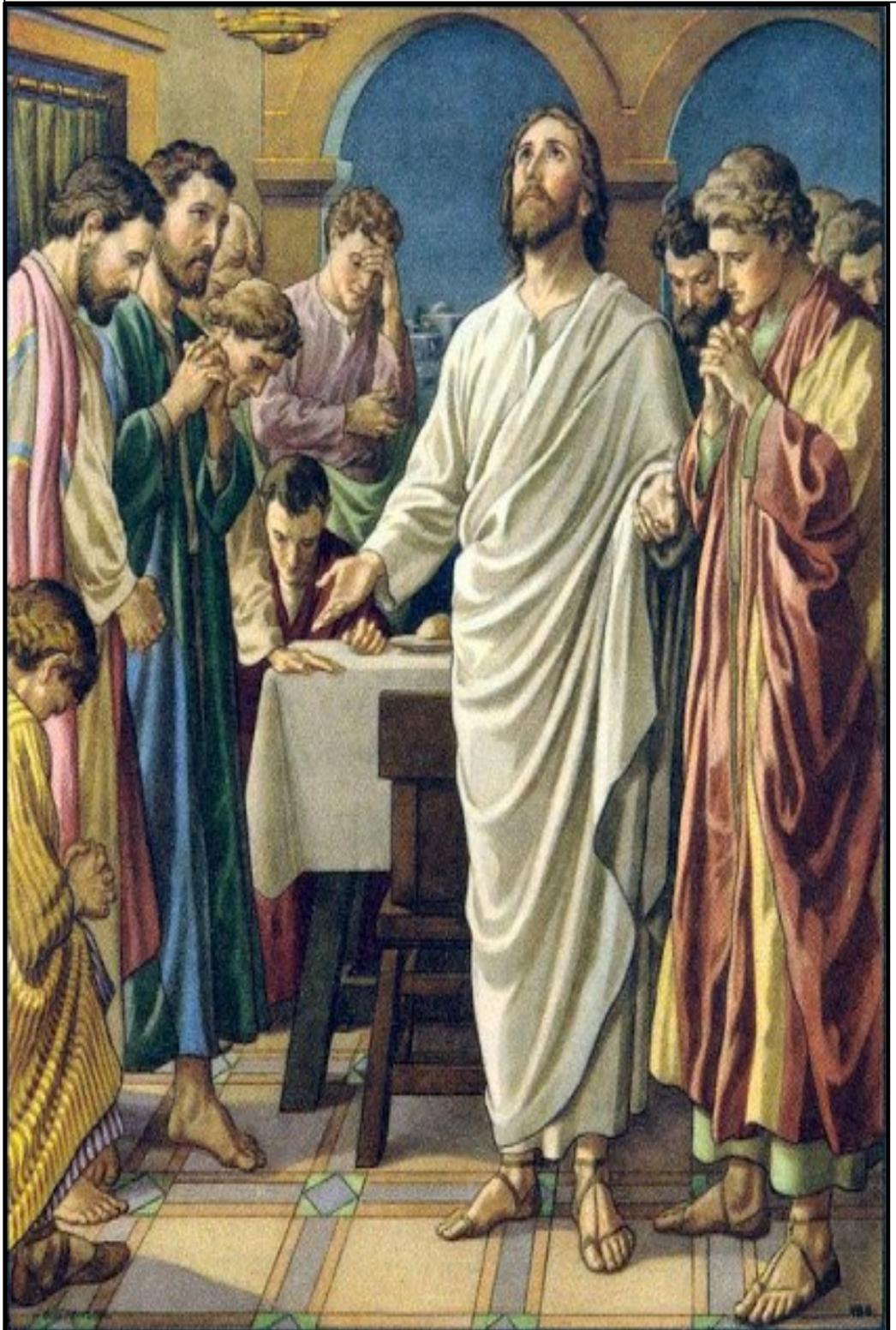
Sunday 8:00 am

Tuesday 5:30 pm

Confession

Sunday 7:30am

May 16, 2021—Year of Saint Joseph Seventh Sunday of Easter Ascension of our Lord



Jn 17:14-17 I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth.

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THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS		
If you wish to have a Mass intention for a loved one, anniversary death, birthday or other occasion, please contact the parish office or Tannie at 309-893-0073.		
MON May 17		No Mass
TUE May 18	8:00 AM (OLOL) 5:30 PM (STJ)	OLOL Parishioners
WED May 19	8:00 AM (OLOL) 7:00 PM (STM)	+ Rita Falter (by Sarah Sarantakos)
THU May 20 (St Bernadine of Siena)	5:30 PM (OLOL)	+ Tom Frolich (by Marilyn Wager)
Friday May 21 (St. Christopher of Magallanes)	5:30 PM (OLOL)	OLOL Parishioners
SAT May 22 (St Rita of Cascia)	5:00 PM (OLOL)	+ Carol Obert (David and Gayla May)
SUN May 23 (Pentecost Sunday)	8:00 AM (STJ) 9:30 AM (STM) 11:00 AM (OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL	
May 8/9	\$1206.00
Capital Imp.	\$10.00
CMAA 2021 (goal:\$11,300)	\$9,709.00
Food Pantry May Total Yr to Date FP	\$55.00 \$173.00 \$2009.00

Special Collections	
Mother's Day	
May 9	
\$735.00	

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry Members
SATURDAY May 22 5:00 PM	Not needed at this time	Volunteer needed	Not needed at this time	Volunteer Needed (Contact Craig Davis 815-848-5554)	Sarah Sarantakos Joyce Foster
SUNDAY May 23 11:00 AM Pentecost Sunday	Not needed at this time	Volunteer needed	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 for the Month of May
Month of Our Blessed Virgin Mother Mary

It was in Rome, towards the end of the 18th century, one fine evening in May. A child of the poor gathered his companions around him and led them to a statue of Mary, before which a lamp was burning, as is the custom of that holy city. There, these fresh young voices sang the Litany of our Lady. The next day, the little group, followed by other children, again gathered at the feet of the Mother of God. Next came their mothers, to join the little assembly. Soon, other groups were formed, and the devotion rapidly became popular. Holy souls, troubled by the disorderly conduct which always increases and becomes graver at the return of the pleasant springtime, saw in these growing practices the hand of God, and they cooperated with the designs of Providence by approving and prompting this new devotion, as a public and solemn act of reparation. The Month of Mary was founded.

“This is the month in which, in the churches and individual homes, the most affectionate and fervent homage of prayers and devotions from the hearts of Christians are raised to Mary. It is also the month in which from his throne descend upon us the most generous and abundant gifts of the Divine Mercy.”

In our own times, we Catholics, wanting to be close to Mother Mary, offer her special presents in May; such as visits to churches dedicated to her, (Our Lady of Lourdes), little sacrifices in her honor, in addition to a more attentive recitation of the rosary. We can also bring flowers to Our Blessed Mother Mary and place them at her feet.



Divine Mercy Special Devotion to My Mercy

The flames of mercy are burning Me. I desire to pour them out upon human souls. Oh, what pain they cause Me when they do not want to accept them !

My daughter, do whatever is within your power to spread devotion to My mercy. I will make up for what you lack. Tell aching mankind to snuggle close to My merciful Heart, and I will fill it with peace. (Diary, 1074)
Lord Jesus, help and all apostles of Divine Mercy to tell aching mankind of Your great desire to pour out Your mercy upon human souls and for them to snuggle close to Your merciful Heart.

Parish Council Election Time (Vote by Sunday May 16th)

Please vote for 2 new members.

Nominees for Parish Council include:

Marj Brown, Joan Cole, John Cole, Jody Goodin

Thank you to those who are stepping up to serve our Parish.

And thank you to ALL the current Parish Council ! God bless you !

Joe Hafer Benefit Concert (date change)

Sunday, June 13 from 3 pm to 7 pm. There will be a Benefit Concert for **Joe Hafer**, husband of Alyce and father of Sophie. This event will be held at the Sand Trap, Gibson City, and proceeds from the silent auction and raffle will go to Joe's medical expenses. Joe and Alyce's daughter Sophie and her band will be playing.

In your charity, please pray for

Richard Warren Nally

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who was called to eternal rest.

Grant unto him Eternal rest,
and let perpetual light shine
upon him.

May he rest in peace.

May he and all the
souls of the faithful

departed rest In peace.

AMEN.



Daily Prayers to honor
Mary, our Blessed
Mother, during the
month of May.

See May 9th bulletin
insert and copies are
available at the back of
the church.



Prayer and Pastries 2021

When: Friday, May 21
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)

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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 web-site, and our weekly bulletin,

LOLGC.org.

Sunday, May 16—Ascension of the Lord

Thursday, May 20—

- OLOL Staff Meeting 6:15 pm
- Parish Council 7:15 pm

Friday, May 21

- Prayers and Pastries 9 am to 11 am

Sunday, May 23— Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, May 30—Most Holy Trinity

Sunday, June 13 —(Date change)

- **Joe Hafer Benefit Concert—
Sand Trap, Gibson City 3-7 pm**



Angelica Culotta (5/18)
Angela Martin (5/19)
Andrew Miller (5/19)
Julie Roesch (5/20)
Kolbie Eichelberger (5/20)
Ellen Hankes (5/21)
Janice Allen (5/21)

Happy Anniversary

Stanley and Suzanne Vetter (5/19)
Dan and Sylvia Day (5/19)
Michael and Tannie Smith (5/22)

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.

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@lolgc.org.

Good News!

May 16, 2021

Ascension of the Lord (B)

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23

or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20

The message of this feast is that Jesus was taken up into heaven. Just what does this mean? Is heaven “up there” along with the moon and the stars? Cosmology would question that. Today’s readings also say that Jesus is seated at God’s right hand. Is this science, or is it a concrete image used to explain something more marvelous than words can describe?

Traditionally the place of honor is at the dignitary’s right hand (decided by a right-hander, no doubt). That Jesus sits at God’s right hand means he enjoys the place of highest honor. The psalm response refers to this exalted place as the throne of God. “Throne” suggests king. Thus, the readings tell us that Jesus, who is now exalted with divine honor, is above everything else. Finally, to say that heaven is above means that it is beyond earth, perhaps not in actual distance but in distinction and glory. Thus, Jesus’ ascension means that the risen Lord is no longer limited by the restrictions of earth’s space and time but now enjoys the highest honor with God everywhere and always.

This is the message the disciples were sent to preach. This is the message we also are sent to preach. But how are we to do it? By the way we live our lives. Emmanuel Célestin Cardinal Suhard of Paris (1874–1949) wrote: “To be a witness...means to live in such a way that one’s life would not make sense if God did not exist.” Do our lives show that we believe this?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre,

My neighbor, a fundamentalist Christian, said I won’t be saved unless I accept Jesus as my personal savior. Didn’t Jesus become my savior when I was baptized?

Your neighbor is probably referring to John 3:7, when Jesus said, “You must be born anew” (*Common English Bible*). Jesus is talking about a spiritual rebirth; we must have a spiritual birth in order to be saved. As you noted, Catholics believe this happens at baptism. In John 3:5, Jesus says, “Unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, it’s not possible to enter God’s kingdom.”



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We are saved by the waters of baptism. But for Catholics, it’s not merely a one-time event. We continue to accept or reject the salvation offered us by the decisions we make every day.

Your neighbor used the words “personal savior.” Catholic Christians go even deeper through the sacraments. We develop and nurture a very personal relationship with Jesus by regularly receiving the Eucharist. In the sacrament of reconciliation, we admit we have sinned and ask Jesus to forgive us. And in the sacrament of confirmation, our relationship is “sealed” with the gift of the Spirit.

Many Catholics also celebrate the sacrament of marriage. The couple’s personal relationship with Jesus is deepened through the love the couple shares.

So, tell your neighbor you are indeed saved by Jesus. And because you are saved, you deepen that relationship with Jesus by living a sacramental life.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The Ascension tells us that Jesus, although he ascended to heaven to dwell gloriously at the right hand of the Father, is still and is always among us: this is the source of our strength, our perseverance, and our joy, from the presence of Jesus among us with the strength of the Holy Spirit.

ASCENSION SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020

Calendar

Monday

MAY 17

Easter Weekday

Acts 19:1–8

Jn 16:29–33

Tuesday

MAY 18

Easter Weekday

Acts 20:17–27

Jn 17:1–11a

Wednesday

MAY 19

Easter Weekday

Acts 20:28–38

Jn 17:11b–19

Thursday

MAY 20

Easter Weekday

Acts 22:30; 23:6–11

Jn 17:20–26

Friday

MAY 21

Easter Weekday

Acts 25:13b–21

Jn 21:15–19

Saturday

MAY 22

Easter Weekday

Acts 28:16–20, 30–31

Jn 21:20–25

Sunday

MAY 23

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1–11

1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13

or Gal 5:16–25

Jn 20:19–23

or Jn 15:26–27;

16:12–15

Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?
Since 1964, the Redemptorists’ *Scrupulous Anonymous* free monthly newsletter has ministered compassionately to those struggling with scrupulosity. To subscribe, visit ScrupulousAnonymous.org.

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.