

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

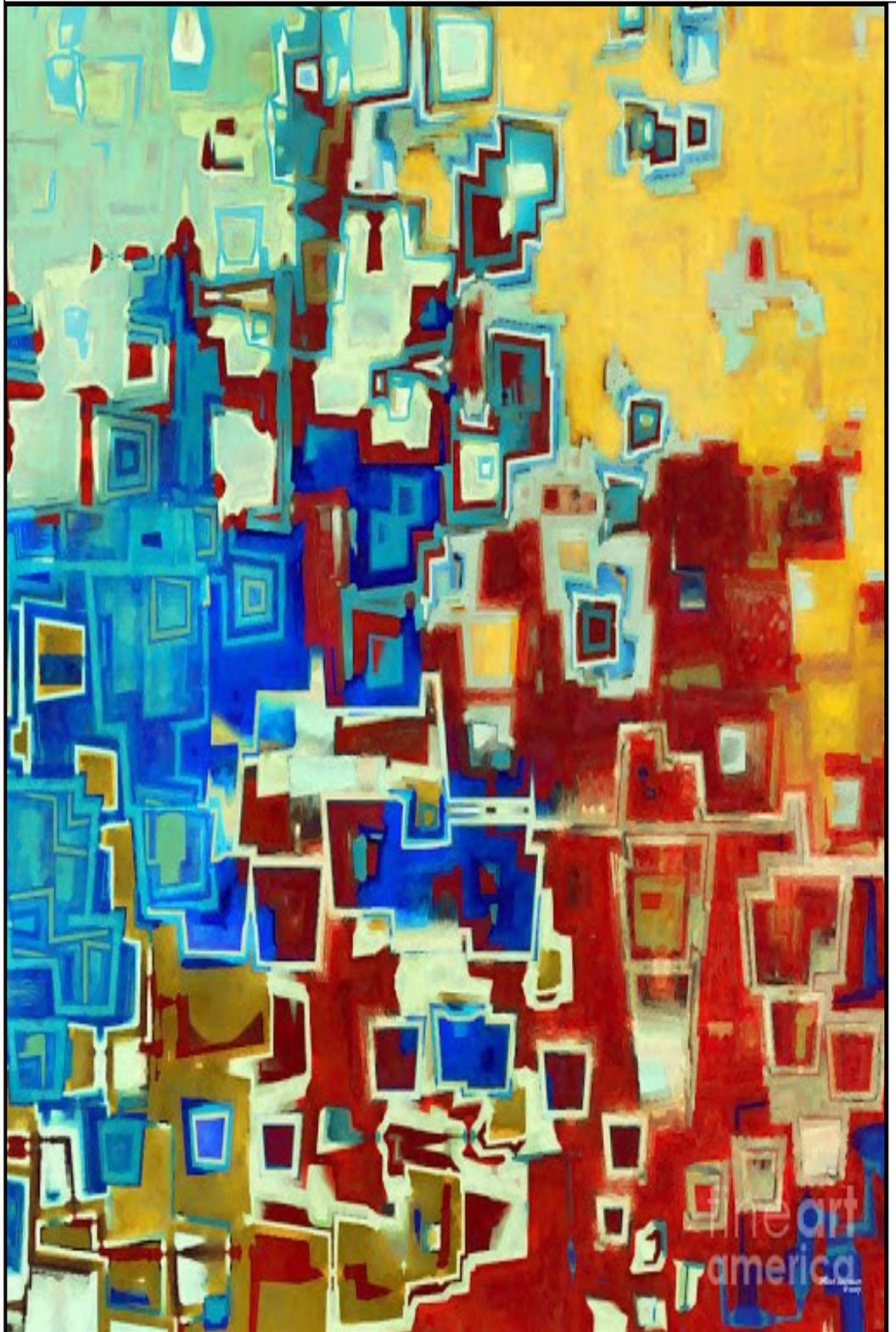
Tuesday 5:30 pm

Confession

Sunday 7:30am

May 2, 2021—Year of Saint Joseph

Fifth Sunday of Easter



Jn 15:1-3 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you.

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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 3 <i>(Sts. Philip and James, Apostles)</i>		No Mass
TUE May 4 <i>(Blessed Michael Giedroyc)</i>	8:00 AM (OLOL) 5:30 pm (STJ)	Parishioners of OLOL
WED May 5 <i>(St Hilary of Aries)</i>	8:00 AM (OLOL) 7:00 PM (STM)	+ Aldo Celeschi (by family)
THU May 6 <i>(Sts Marian and James)</i>	5:30 PM (OLOL)	+ Mary Wurmnest (by Peg Bane)
Friday May 7 <i>(St Rose Venerini)</i>	5:30 PM (OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL
SAT May 8 <i>(St Peter of Tarentaise)</i>	5:00 PM (OLOL)	+ Carol Obert (By Marty Wilson and Kathryn Shindler)
SUN May 9 6th 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 24/25	\$1831.00
Capital Imp.	\$0.00
CMAA 2021 (goal:\$11,300)	\$6,717.00
Food Pantry	\$54.00
April Total	\$537.00
Yr to Date FP	\$1836.00

Special Collections
April 24/25 Catholic Home Missions \$382.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry Members
SATURDAY May 8 5:00 PM	Not needed at this time	Marj Brown	Not needed at this time	Volunteer Needed (Contact Craig Davis 815-848-5554)	Sarah Sarantakos Joyce Foster
SUNDAY May 9 11:00 AM 6th Sunday of Easter	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 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.

May 2 Mary: The Most Perfect Creature

“She who is full of grace, the object of God’s pleasure, exalted above all the angels and the saints, lived an ordinary. life

“Mary is as much a creature as we are, with a heart like ours, made for joy and mirth as well as suffering and tears. Before Gabriel communicates to her God’s plan, our Lady does not know that she been chosen from all eternity to be the mother of the Messiah. She sees herself as a lowly creature. That is why she can acknowledge, with full humility, that ‘he who is mighty has done great things’ for her.”

Let us offer to our Mother today:

Many glances of affection and many words of love, when we see her image or picture in our home, in the church or anywhere.

May 3—Mary and the Blessed Trinity

‘Through the Incarnation of our Lord in her immaculate womb, Mary, the Daughter of God the Father, is also the Spouse of God the Holy Spirit and the Mother of God the Son.’

Let us offer to our Mother today:

A ‘Hail Mary’ each time the clock strikes another hour.

Parish Council Election Time

Ballots for electing new Parish Council members will be available soon.
Please vote for 2 new members.

Thank you to those who are stepping up to serve our Parish.
And thank you to ALL the current Parish Council ! God bless you !



PARISH CALENDAR

For more information, check out our web-site, and our weekly bulletin,
OLOLGC.org.

Sunday, May 2—May Crowning

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

Friday, May 7

- Prayers and pastries 9 am to 11 am

Sunday, May 9—Mother’s Day

Monday, May 10 to Friday, May 14 No Mass

Thursday, May 13

- Parish Council 7:15 pm

Sunday, May 16—Ascension of the Lord

Friday, May 21

- Prayers and Pastries 9 am to 11 am

Sunday, May 23— Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, May 30—Most Holy Trinity



Amy Killian (5/2)
Gina Medernach (5/2)
Beth Hornstein (5/5)
Nathan Garard (5/5)
Leslie Bane (5/6)
Tyler Killian (5/6)
Katrina Medernach (5/8)
Suzanne Vetter (5/8)
Brett Beyers (5/9)

Happy Anniversary

God’s Blessings !



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.



Prayer and Pastries 2021

When: Friday, May 7
and 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)
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.

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!

May 2, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)
Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

The little word in appears eleven times in the Greek text of today's short passage from John's Gospel (ten times in most translations), and it has the same meaning in all cases. It refers to an intimate relationship: We are in Christ; Christ is in us. This being in does not mean "inside," like being in a room or in a country. It means being an intimate aspect of something, like the relationship of a branch to the vine. Perhaps a way of understanding this intimacy is to remember that the branch cannot exist by itself, and there is no vine if there are no branches. We cannot be partially in. We are either in or out.

If we want to live and thrive, we must cherish and protect our relationship with Christ, who is our source of life and nourishment. Otherwise we risk being nothing more than dead branches, the usefulness of which is mere fodder for the fire. This sounds like a harsh punishment. However, it is not really punishment. Rather, it is the inevitable consequence of cutting ourselves off from our supply of life-giving nourishment. Furthermore, being cut off does not happen accidentally; we choose it deliberately.

Finally, this metaphor of vines and branches is an image of the Church. Though each of us, by grace, is "in Christ," our source of life, the risen life of Christ surges through members of his body. Thus, when we are united to Christ by grace, we live in him as Christ lives in all of us.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre,

Why is the Church considering a word change to the Our Father? It seems fine as it is.

Of the two versions of the Lord's Prayer in Luke 11:2-4 and Matthew 6:9-13, Luke's is more concise. The petition, "and lead us not into temptation" in Greek means both "do not allow us to enter into temptation" and "do not let us yield to temptation" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2846). The *Catechism* includes the explanation from James 1:13: "God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one," to certify that God "wants to set us free from evil. We ask him not to allow us to take the way that leads to sin." Consequently, Pope Francis reportedly approved the English wording, "do not let us fall into temptation" to replace "lead us not into temptation."

"It is not a good translation because it speaks of a God who induces temptation," the Pope said in 2017. "I am the one who falls. It's not him pushing me into temptation to then see how I have fallen." On the contrary, "a father helps you to get up immediately," he added. "It's Satan who leads us into temptation—that's his department."

However, unlike the change in the Italian Lord's Prayer that will appear in their third edition of *The Roman Missal*, no immediate plans have been made to change the wording in English-speaking countries.



THE TEMPTATION OF CHRIST BY THE DEVIL BY FELIX JOSEPH BARRAK (1850/1892/1894)

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Let us not forget that the *Our Father* is the prayer of the poor. Our asking for bread expresses our entrustment to God for our basic needs in life. Everything that Jesus taught us in this prayer expresses and brings together the cry of all who suffer from life's uncertainties.

FIRST WORLD DAY OF THE POOR, NOVEMBER 19, 2017

Calendar

Monday
MAY 3
Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
1 Cor 15:1-8
Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday
MAY 4
Easter Weekday
Acts 14:19-28
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday
MAY 5
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:1-6
Jn 15:1-8

Thursday
MAY 6
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:7-21
Jn 15:9-11

Friday
MAY 7
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:22-31
Jn 15:12-17

Saturday
MAY 8
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:1-10
Jn 15:18-21

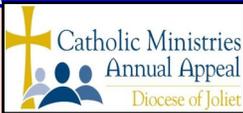
Sunday
MAY 9
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
1 Jn 4:7-10
Jn 15:9-17

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.