

## 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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#### 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

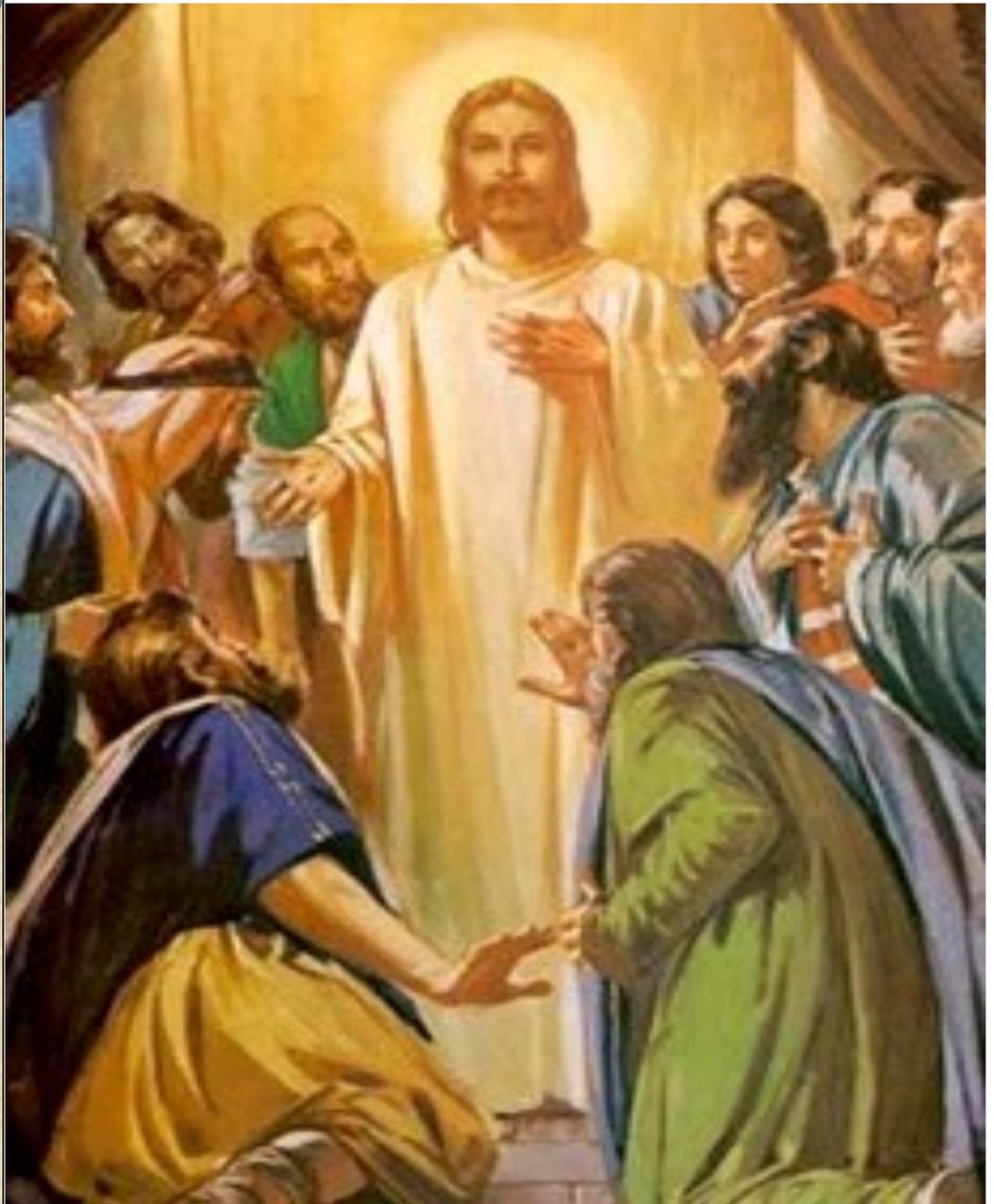
Sunday 8:00 am

Tuesday 5:30 pm

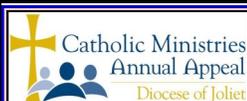
#### Confession

Sunday 7:30am

## May 23, 2021—Year of Saint Joseph Pentecost 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."



### **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.

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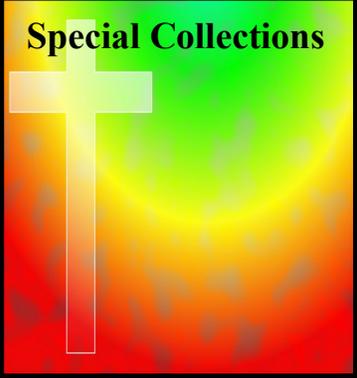
**Parish Council President**  
 Dan Kleist (309) 824-7301

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.		
<b>MON</b> May 24 (The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church)		No Mass
<b>TUE</b> May 25 (St Bede, St Gregory, St Mary Magdalene)	8:00 AM (OLOL) 5:30 PM (STJ)	OLOL Parishioners
<b>WED</b> May 26 (St Philip Neri, Priest)	8:00 AM (OLOL) 7:00 PM (STM)	+ Fr. Dennis Kollross (by )Michael and Tannie Smith
<b>THU</b> May 27 (St Augustine of Canterbury)	5:30 PM (OLOL)	+ Tom Froleich (by Marilyn Weidner)
<b>Friday</b> May 28	5:30 PM (OLOL)	OLOL Parishioners
<b>SAT</b> May 29 (St Paul VI, Pope)	5:00 PM (OLOL)	+ Carol Obert (by Richard / Rebecca Young)
<b>SUN</b> May 30 (Most Holy Trinity)	8:00 AM (STJ) 9:30 AM (STM) 11:00 AM (OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS**  
**OLOL**

May 8/9	\$1632.00
Capital Imp.	\$0.00
CMAA 2021 (goal:\$11,300)	\$9,709.00
Food Pantry May Total Yr to Date FP	\$79.00 \$252.00 \$2088.00

**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 May 29 5:00 PM	Not needed at this time	Fran Mardis	Not needed at this time	Volunteer Needed (Contact Craig Davis 815-848-5554)	Sarah Sarantakos Joyce Foster
SUNDAY May 30 11:00 AM Most Holy Trinity	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 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.

### Congratulations to New Parish Council Members: **Marj Brown and Jody Goodin**

Thank you for 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 website, and our weekly bulletin, **LOLGC.org.**

Sunday, May 23— Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, May 30—Most Holy Trinity

Monday, May 31—Memorial Day



More June dates to be announced

**Sunday, June 13 —(Date change)**

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



- Ellen Hanks (5/21)
- Janice Allen (5/21)
- Joseph Goodin (5/21)
- Peter Hartford (5/22)
- Margy Shambrook (5/24)
- Frank Titus (5/24)
- Judy Tjarks (5/25)
- Mike Medernach (5/26)
- Nicole Miller (5/27)
- Hannah Kollross (5/28)
- Owen Stroh (5/29)
- Joseph Smith (5/30)

*Happy Anniversary*

- Michael and Tannie Smith (5/22)
- Thomas and Jill Rock (29)
- Chris and Mary Giroux (5/29)



### **Congratulations to our graduating Seniors !!!**

We all wish you a bright future with God helping you achieve your goals.

- Isabel Eichelberger
- Jessica Freehill
- Haven Hathaway
- Alex Killian
- Aidan Laughery
- Braden Roesch



- Kennedy Fanson
- Ethan Garard
- Isabella Helmig
- Liam Killian
- Ian Miller
- Hannah Schwarz

### **Joe Hafer Benefit Concert**

**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.



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**



### **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](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.

### **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@lolgc.org](mailto:office@lolgc.org).

# Good News!

May 23, 2021

Pentecost Sunday (B)

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

When I was a child, I thought the flames I saw atop the heads of the apostles in the pictures depicting Pentecost turned them into living candles. That certainly is what the pictures suggested. Only many years later did I come to realize that was exactly what had happened: the Spirit of God set them on fire.

In both the Old and New Testaments, the phrase "Spirit of God" refers to the dynamic power of God at work in the world. To be filled with the Spirit is to operate with this dynamic power. Today's first reading tells us that those in the house "filled with the holy Spirit" began fearlessly to tell of "the mighty acts of God" (Acts 2:4, 11). They were indeed set on fire.

This Spirit might be dynamic, even forceful, but it is not violent or destructive. The sequence for the feast lists some of the ways we experience the Spirit of God: the Spirit enlightens and comforts us; it refreshes us and lets us rest; it heals our wounds and washes away our guilt; it softens hearts that are stubborn and melts hearts that are cold; it grants us gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. This is a Spirit of gentle and loving power. It is a Spirit that transforms us so that we, in turn, might transform our world. In other words, it sets us on fire so that we too might fearlessly tell of "the mighty acts of God."

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

# Dear Padre,

## Why is there now a Mass honoring Mary after Pentecost?

**T**he eleven apostles and some women, including Mary the Mother of Jesus, were praying in the upper room when they were filled with the Holy Spirit, which descended upon them as a strong wind and as tongues of fire (see Acts 1:13-14; 2:1-13). This is the final time Mary's name appears in the New Testament. In Luke's Acts of the Apostles, the same Holy Spirit that overshadowed Mary at the annunciation in Luke 1:38 now comes upon her during Pentecost. "Just as the Incarnation of the Spirit had formed the physical body of Christ in her virginal womb, now in the upper room the same Spirit comes down to give life to the Mystical Body" (St. John Paul II, general audience, May 28, 1997).

Thus, the Virgin Mary, full of grace and filled with the Holy Spirit, is both the Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church. "Mary is the mother of the members of Christ, because with charity she cooperated in the rebirth of the faithful into the Church," wrote St. Augustine (354-430).

In 1975, *The Roman Missal* included a votive Mass honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary under her ancient title, Mother of the Church. However, in 2018, Pope Francis elevated this votive Mass to an annual obligatory memorial in the General Roman Calendar, observed on the Monday following Pentecost (also called Whit Monday).

Mary is a model for the gifts of the Holy Spirit, exemplifying "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR  
[Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)



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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*The Holy Spirit...reminds us that first of all we are God's beloved children; all equal, in this respect, and all different. The Spirit comes to us, in our differences and difficulties, to tell us that we have one Lord—Jesus—and one Father, and that for this reason we are brothers and sisters!*

PENTECOST HOMILY, MAY 31, 2020

## Calendar

**Monday**  
MAY 24

Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of the Church  
Gn 3:9-15, 20  
or Acts 1:12-14  
Jn 19:25-34

**Tuesday**  
MAY 25

Weekday  
Sir 35:1-12  
Mk 10:28-31

**Wednesday**  
MAY 26

St. Phillip Neri, Priest  
Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17  
Mk 10:32-45

**Thursday**  
MAY 27

Weekday  
Sir 42:15-25  
Mk 10:46-52

**Friday**  
MAY 28

Weekday  
Sir 44:1, 9-13  
Mk 11:11-26

**Saturday**  
MAY 29

Weekday  
Sir 51:12cd-20  
Mk 11:27-33

**Sunday**  
MAY 30

The Most Holy Trinity  
Dt 4:32-34, 39-40  
Rom 8:14-17  
Mt 28:16-20

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## 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, under-employed, 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.