

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 9, 2021—Year of Saint Joseph

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Happy Mothers' Day



Jn 15:12-15 This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.

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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 10		No Mass
TUE May 11	8:00 AM (OLOL) 5:30 PM (STJ)	No Mass
WED May 12	8:00 AM (OLOL) 7:00 PM (STM)	No Mass
THU May 13	5:30 PM (OLOL)	No Mass
Friday May 14	5:30 PM (OLOL)	No Mass
SAT May 15	5:00 PM (OLOL) (St Isidore)	+ Leo Chapman (Marj Brown)
SUN May 16	8:00 AM (STJ) (Ascension of the Lord) 9:30 AM (STM) 11:00 AM (OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS	
OLOL	
May 1/2	\$1970.10
Capital Imp.	\$305.00
CMAA 2021 (goal:\$11,300)	\$8,679.00
Food Pantry	\$118.00
May Total	\$118.00
Yr to Date FP	\$1954.00



Special Collections

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry Members
SATURDAY May 15 5:00 PM	Not needed at this time	Michele Meyer	Not needed at this time	Volunteer Needed (Contact Craig Davis 815-848-5554)	Sarah Sarantakos Joyce Foster
SUNDAY May 16 11:00 AM Ascension of the Lord	Not needed at this time	Jack Kollross	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

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 !



PARISH CALENDAR

For more information, check out our website, and our weekly bulletin,

LOLGC.org.

Sunday, May 9—Mother's Day

Monday, May 10 to Friday, May 14
No Mass

Sunday, May 16—Ascension of the Lord

Sunday, May 16—

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

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

Joe Hafer Benefit Concert

Sunday, May 16 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.



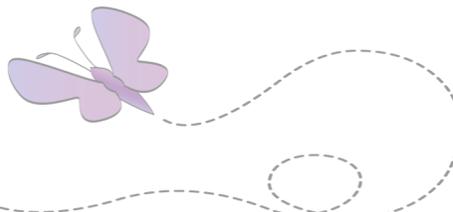
Brett Beyers (5/9)
 Aldan Helmig (5/11)
 Joe Baillie (5/13)
 Ave McGuire (5/14)
 Elizabeth Goodin (5/15)
 Angelica Culotta (5/18)
 Angela Martin (5/19)
 Andrew Miller (5/19)

Happy Anniversary

Daniel and Jane Lange (5/13)
 Jerry and Amy Stoltz (5/15)
 Stanley and Suzanne Vetter (5/19)
 Dan and Sylvia Day (5/19)



See the bulletin insert for Daily Prayers to honor Mary, our Blessed Mother, during the month of May.



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)
 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.

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 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

The story about Cornelius shows that God's call is not restricted by our likes and dislikes. Cornelius was a Roman, a citizen of the nation that was occupying Israel. More than that, he served in a military that exercised harsh control over the inhabitants of the land. A man like this would not have been loved by the Jews of the day. However, Cornelius recognized Peter as a representative of God, and his fundamental faith opened him to the gift of the Holy Spirit. All those who were listening to Peter's words were then baptized. They were then one with the community of believers.

Faith, baptism, and incorporation into the community of believers are offered to Jew and Roman alike. They are offered today to those who are members of our own religious, racial, or ethnic groups and those who are not; those who are socially or politically vulnerable, and those with power. The issue is not who does God favor, but who favors God.

The Gospel story reinforces this point. It insists that God's love for us is the foundation of everything. We are told: "Love one another as I love you" (John 15:12). God's love is all-inclusive. So should our love be all-inclusive. If God's love is for all, it follows that we are all favored by God—all chosen and cared for by him. This includes even those who might be our political adversaries, or who might exercise exacting authority over us, or who cherish different religious ideas. Imitating God's love requires that we will goodness to others—even those with whom we disagree or who have caused us harm.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre,

How does a priest keep the confession of a grievous sin by someone he knows from affecting their personal relationship?

One of a priest's most sacred responsibilities is the confidentiality of the confessional. This confidentiality encompasses everyone—even the priest and penitent outside the confessional. A priest is not allowed to discuss the confessed sin with the person outside the confessional unless permission is granted for further counseling.

The confessor is also forbidden to use any knowledge gained through the sacrament of reconciliation to restrict the penitent. For instance, if a pastor's bookkeeper confessed he was embezzling money, the pastor could not use the knowledge acquired in the confessional to fire the person.

Priests generally try to forget the specific sins parishioners confess to us, and it really isn't that difficult. Contrary to what many think, a parishioner's sins do not rush into my mind when I speak to him or her.

We have all sinned, done things we are ashamed of, things we wouldn't want anyone to know about, things we wouldn't want others to define us by. This knowledge and the grace of the sacrament help us look past the mistakes of others and recognize Christ within them.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Reconciliation itself is a benefit that the wisdom of the Church has always safeguarded with all her moral and legal might, with the sacramental seal...It is indispensable for the sanctity of the sacrament and for the freedom of conscience of the penitent...that the sacramental conversation will remain within the secrecy of the confessional.

ADDRESS TO APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, MARCH 29, 2019

Calendar

Monday

MAY 10
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:11-15
Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday

MAY 11
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:22-34
Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday

MAY 12
Easter Weekday
Acts 17:15, 22-18:1
Jn 16:12-15

Thursday

MAY 13
Easter Weekday
Acts 18:1-8
Jn 16:16-20

Friday

MAY 14
St. Matthias, Apostle
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26
Jn 15:9-17

Saturday

MAY 15
Easter Weekday
Acts 18:23-28
Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday

MAY 16
Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1-11
Eph 1:17-23
or Eph 4:1-13
or 4:1-7, 11-13
Mk 16:15-20

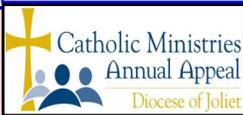
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Plenary Indulgences Available for the Year of Saint Joseph

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, 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.