

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

August 15, 2021—Year of Saint Joseph Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Lc 1:39-47 During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior."

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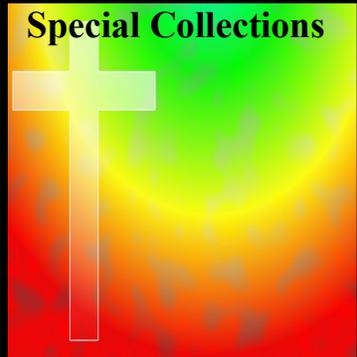
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THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS		
If you wish to have a Mass intention for a loved one, anniversary death, birthday or other occasion, please contact the parish office or Lori Gale at 309 475-9261.		
MON August 16 <i>(St Stephen of Hungary)</i>		No Mass
TUE August 17 <i>(St Hyacinth)</i>	8:00 AM (OLOL) 5:30 PM (STJ)	Parishioners of OLOL 7:30 am— (Before Mass) Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
WED August 18 <i>(St Helena)</i>	8:00 AM (OLOL) 7:00 PM (STM)	+ Patrick Lynch (by Doug and Kara Roesch) Divine Chaplet of Mercy during Adoration after Mass
THU August 19 <i>(St John Eudes)</i>	5:30 PM (OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL 5:00 pm Rosary and Divine Chaplet
Friday August 20 <i>(St Bernard)</i>	5:30 PM (OLOL)	+ Joe Hafer (by Mike and Patti Meunier) 5:00 pm Rosary and Divine Chaplet
SAT August 21 <i>(St Pius X, Pope)</i> <i>(Our Lady of Knock of Ireland)</i>	5:00 PM (OLOL)	+ Mary Wurmnest (by Wurmnest family) 4:30 pm—Rosary and Divine Chaplet
SUN August 22 <i>(21st Sunday in Ordinary Time)</i>	8:00 AM (STJ) 9:30 AM(STM) 11:00 AM (OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS	
OLOL	
August 7/8	\$1665.00
Capital Imp. (August)	\$257.00
CMAA 2021 (goal:\$11,300)	\$11,338.00
Food Pantry August Total	\$44.00
Yr to Date FP	\$144.00
	\$2981.00

Special Collections



MINISTRY SCHEDULES					
Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry Members
SATURDAY August 21 5:00 PM	Contact Tannie (309) 893-0073	Patti Huppert	Fran Mardis	Robert Bode Jerry Brown (Contact Craig Davis 815-848-5554)	Sarah Sarantakos Joyce Foster
SUNDAY August 22 11:00 AM 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Contact Tannie (309) 893-0073	Lisa Heap	Deacon Paul Sarantakos	Fred Sarantakos Dan Kliest (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.



Prayers are offered to the all the residents of Gibson City and surrounding areas who were effected by the storms and flooding on Thursday, August 12. Thank you to all the 1st responders. God will get us through this.

Month of the Immaculate Heart

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart. Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), virtue, and inner life. Such devotion is an incentive to a similar love and virtue.

On October 31, 1942, Pope Pius XII made a solemn Act of Consecration of the Church and the whole world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Let us remember this devotion year-round, but particularly through the month of August.

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.



Altar Flowers are provided by :
Aug. 7/8- Lisa Heap and family
Aug. 14/15- Chuck and Pam Aubry
Aug. 21/22 - Mark and Becky Doran
Aug 28/29—Stanley and Terri Davis
Thank you !!!

Altar Flowers are now being billed directly to the church at \$30.00 per week. Please mark your check memo line '*Altar Flowers*' for your donation when it is your turn.
Thank you.



Divine Mercy Daily

Daily Reflections from the
Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

**Divine Mercy—
Your Heart is My Heaven**



My daughter, your heart is My heaven (Diary, 238).

The words of Jesus during my perpetual vows: **My spouse, our hearts are joined forever.**

Remember to whom you have vowed ... everything cannot be put into words (Diary, 239).

Lord Jesus, make my heart Your heaven. May my heart be joined with You forever. Saint Faustina, intercede for me that I may be one heart with the Heart of Jesus.



Prayer and Pastries

When: August 20
9AM-noon

Where : Home of Sarah Sarantakos
120 West 11th Street,
Gibson City
Limited to 10.

RSVP 217-781-0528

Parish Office Hours

Located at the Rectory next to the Church, 534 N Wood, Gibson City
Monday : 8 AM to Noon
Thursday: 8 AM to Noon
Lori Gale, Church Secretary
217-784-4671

2021—2022 Parish Council

President-Fred Sarantakos (217-781-1813)
Vice President -Marj Brown (217-377-3132)
Secretary-Alyce Hafer (217-745-2411)
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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 website, and our weekly bulletin, **OLOLGC.org**.

- **Monday, August 16—Office 8-noon**
- **Thursday, Aug. 19—Office 8-noon**
Parish Council 7:25 pm
- **Friday, August 20—Prayer & Pastries**
- **Monday, August 23—Office 8-noon**
- **Thursday, Aug. 26—Office 8-noon**
- **Friday, Aug 27—Food Pantry OLL help 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm**
- **Saturday, Aug 28—Food Pantry help 8 –noon**
- **Monday, August 30– Office 8-noon**
- **Thursday, Sept.2 –Office 8-noon**
- **Friday, Sept. 3– Prayer / Pastries**
- **Monday, Sept. 6—Office closed**
- **Thursday, Sept. 9—Office 8 –noon**
- **Sunday, Sept 12—1st day of RE classes and register**
- **Sunday, September 12-**
All Churches Prayer Service -
North Park Pavilion—2:00 pm
- **Sunday, September 26–** after 11:00
Mass —Parish Picnic (details to follow)

Food Pantry
Volunteers

Saturday, August 28th will be an
OLL Food Pantry Weekend

8-10 Volunteers are needed for set up on Friday, August 27 at 6:30PM to 7:30 PM (Park on the East side of the parking lot.)

Please arrive by no later than 8:30AM Saturday, August 28.

Parking is very limited at the Pantry. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

If you are available to help or have any questions , please contact Paul Sarantakos at 217-781-1440 or by email at psarantakos@parkland.edu.

Latest Medjugorje Message from
Our Lady of Medjugorje,
July 25, 2021

Dear children! I am calling you to be prayer for all those who do not pray. Little children, witness with your lives the joy that you are mine and God will heed your prayers and give you peace in this peaceless world where pride and selfishness reign. Little children, you be generous and be the love of my love, so that pagans can feel that you are mine and convert to my Immaculate Heart. Thank you for having responded to my call.

Parish Registration



If you are not registered at Our Lady of Lourdes parish and would like to become a member our parish family

would be delighted.

In addition if your address, email address, phone number or any other contact information has changed please let us know. Starting at the Saturday night Mass on July 31, 2021 through September 30, 2021 we will have members of the Parish Council outside of Church to assist you in the registration processes.



- Edna Huppert (8/15)
- Austin Eichelberger (8/15)
- Rich Baillie (8/17)
- Craig Davis (8/18)
- Jane Skinner (8/18)
- John Koopman (8/18)
- Jill Andreae (8/19)
- Paul Obert (8/21)
- Bruce Killian (8/21)



Gene and Lisa Heap (8/15)

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!

August 15, 2021

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (B)

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Today's readings help us see why Mary should be called blessed. The first reading depicts a woman as gloriously "clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet" (Revelation 12:1). This image is captured in well-known Marian statues. However, this woman is wailing "aloud in pain as she labored to give birth" (12:2). In fact, here and in the Gospel, women are depicted as pregnant.

When a woman is in labor, she is both at her most vulnerable and her strongest. When giving birth she faces the real possibility of death. Yet, she places herself in such jeopardy to bring another to life. Her steely inner resolve is matched with remarkable physical strength when she is called upon to "Push!" The labor pains that precede birth became a striking metaphor, in both ancient Israel and the early Church, for the struggle experienced in bringing forth the reign of God (see Isaiah 21:3, Matthew 24:8, Mark 13:8, and Romans 8:22). Such suffering came to be known as "the birth pangs of the Messiah."

Certainly, Mary is blessed because of her physical birthing of the Messiah. However, the Magnificat, her revolutionary prayer in the Gospel, describes the birthing of the reign of God when the powerful are brought down and the lowly uplifted, the hungry filled and the rich "sent away empty" (Luke 1:53). This is not a feast of a plastic statue but of a woman willing to give her life for the reign of God. She certainly deserves to be "clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet."

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre,

Why do Catholics believe in Mary's assumption into heaven?

Mary's assumption to heaven is a belief shared by Eastern Christians and Roman Catholics, although the explanations of this dogma have different emphases in the two traditions. While there is no biblical or historical record of this event, the first explanation of this doctrine is found in a document from the late 300s.

Mary's assumption was considered a pious opinion until 1950, when Pius XII defined it as dogma (an official Church teaching). The Pope made the declaration after bishops and he found overwhelming consensus throughout the Church.

The definition of Mary's assumption—body and soul—to heaven reaffirmed that God had not only created humans, but also redeemed and claimed them. Mary's assumption reminded the world of the goodness of God's creation and that Christ redeems us from the evil around us (and in us) and made us a new creation.

Perhaps the best explanation can be found in St. John Paul II's 2004 homily at Lourdes. "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be," he said, quoting John 14:3. He explained that Mary's assumption is the pledge that Christ's promise will be fulfilled. The Pope's words echo the teaching of bishops at the Second Vatican Council, which described this dogma as "a sign of sure hope and solace" (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church [*Lumen Gentium*], 68).

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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY, PAVIA CATHEDRAL.
ADAM JAN FIGEL / SHUTTERSTOCK



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Mary is assumed into heaven: small and humble, she is the first to receive the highest glory. She, a human creature, one of us, attains eternity in soul and body. And there she awaits us as a mother waits for her children to come home. Indeed, the people of God invoke her as the Gate of Heaven.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION, AUGUST 15, 2019

Calendar

Monday

AUGUST 16
Weekday
Jgs 2:11-19
Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday

AUGUST 17
Weekday
Jgs 6:11-24a
Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday

AUGUST 18
Weekday
Jgs 9:6-15
Mt 20:1-16

Thursday

AUGUST 19
Weekday
Jgs 11:29-39a
Mt 22:1-14

Friday

AUGUST 20
St. Bernard, Abbot and
Doctor of the Church
Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22
Mt 22:34-40

Saturday

AUGUST 21
St. Pius X, Pope
Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17
Mt 23:1-12

Sunday

AUGUST 22
Twenty-first Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Eph 5:21-32 or
Eph 5:2a, 25-32
Jn 6:60-69

**Do you have
a question
for the Padre?**

Go to DearPadre.org
to send your question
and to learn more
about Dear Padre.

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.