

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@lolgc.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@lolgc.org

Website www.lolgc.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

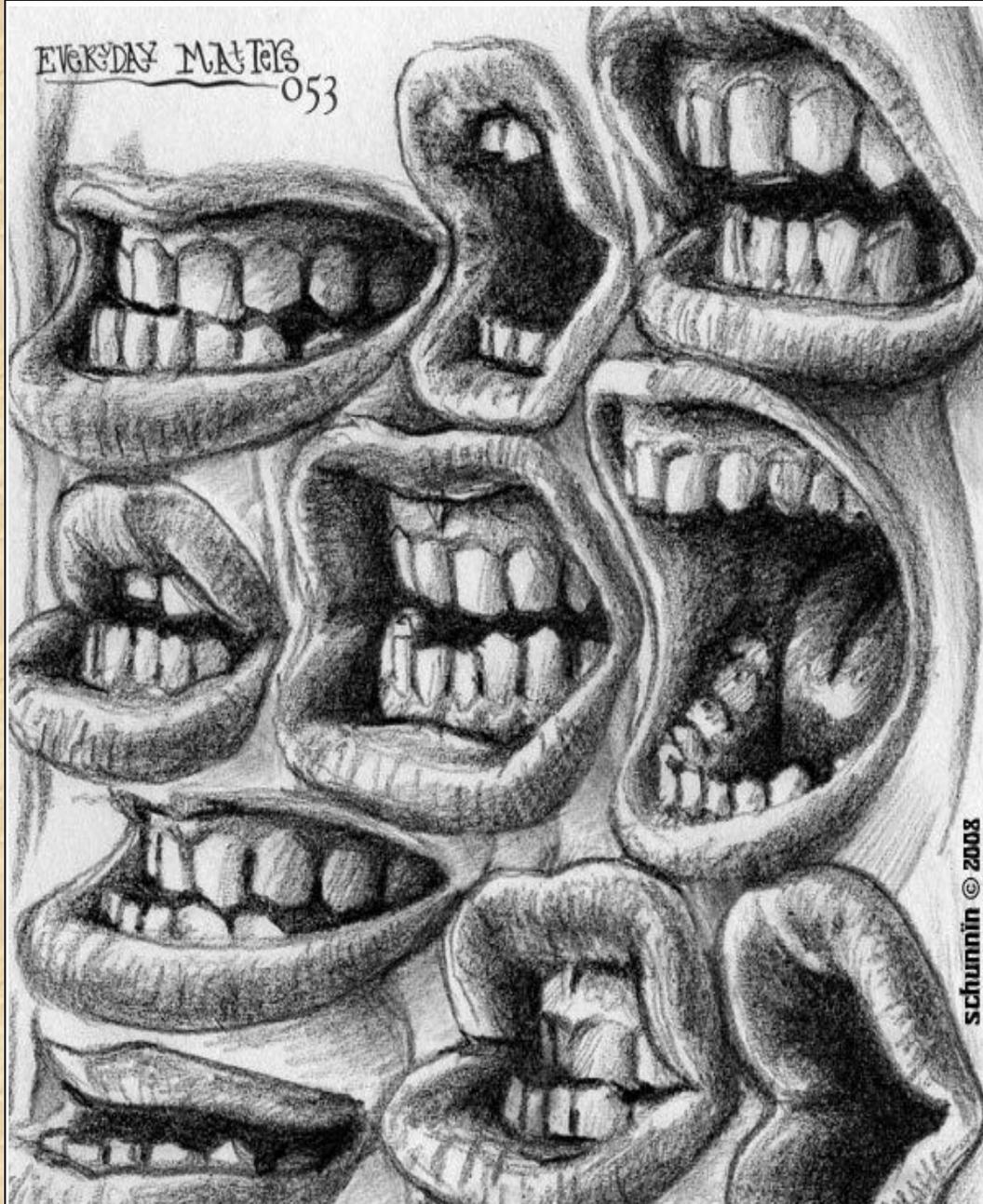
Tuesday 5:30 pm

Confession

Sunday 7:30am

August 29, 2021—Year of Saint Joseph 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mc 7:14-15 He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile."



God Hears Prayer



New Message from the Diocese of Joliet:

In accordance with CDC guidelines, masks are recommended regardless of vaccination status.

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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 30 (St Jeanne Jugan)		No Mass
TUE August 31 (St Raymond Nonnatus)	8:00 AM (OLOL) 5:30 PM (STJ)	+Cletus Geurts (by Vivian Geurts) 7:30 am—(Before Mass) Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
WED September 1 (St Giles)	8:00 AM (OLOL) 7:00 PM (STM)	+ Aldo Celeschi (by Celeschi family) Divine Chaplet of Mercy during Adoration after Mass
THU September 2 (Blessed John Francis Burte)	5:30 PM (OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL 5:00 pm Rosary and Divine Chaplet
Friday September 3 (St Gregory)	5:30 PM (OLOL)	+Mary Wurmnest (by Roger and Edna Huppert) 5:00 pm Rosary and Divine Chaplet
SAT September 4 (St Rose of Viterbo)	5:00 PM (OLOL)	+ Chuck Kollross (by Mike and Tannie Smith) 4:30 pm—Rosary and Divine Chaplet
SUN September 5 (23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time) (St Teresa of Calcutta)	8:00 AM (STJ) 9:30 AM(STM) 11:00 AM (OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL	
August 21/22	\$1893.00
Capital Imp. (August)	\$257.00
CMAA 2021 (goal:\$11,300)	\$11,618.00
Food Pantry August Total	\$49.00
Yr to Date FP	\$256.00
	\$3093.00

Special Collections August 15 Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary	
	\$35.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers Contact Craig Davis (815)-848-5554	Homebound Ministry Members
SATURDAY September 4 5:00 PM	Contact Tannie (309) 893-0073	Needed	Jean Wilhelmi	Robert Bode Frank Titus	Sarah Sarantakos Joyce Foster
SUNDAY September 5 11:00 AM 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Contact Tannie (309) 893-0073	Needed	Deacon Paul Sarantakos	Craig Davis Craig Davis daughter	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.




Pray for our Country ! God Bless and keep our Servicemen/Servicewomen and American Citizens safe during these troubling and dangerous times overseas !! Grant them a safe return home !

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.



PARISH NOTES:
Please be patient as there is parking lot work being done. Watch for the orange cones.
 Although there was damage to the Hall because of the August 12th flood, the carpets were saved and the furnaces do not need replaced. Thank you to all who helped in the cleanup and are making the necessary preparations for the beginning of RE classes on September 12th.



Medjugorje Monthly Message
 August 25, 2021
 "It is time, little children"
 Dear children! This is a time of grace. I am with you and anew, am calling you, little children: return to God and to prayer until prayer will be a joy for you. Little children, you do not have a future or peace until your life begins with a personal conversion and a change to the good. Evil will cease and peace will begin to reign in your hearts and in the world. Therefore, little children, pray, pray, pray. I am with you and intercede before my Son Jesus for each of you. 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.

September

Altar Flowers are provided by :
 Aug 28/29—Stanley and Terri Davis
 September 4/5—Rob and Sandy Kollross
 September 11/12—Lisa Heap
 September 18/19— Pat Fields
 September 25/26—Margy and Bob Shambrook

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—
 Do Not Put off Confession**
 I feel much better today. I was glad I would be able to meditate more during the Holy Hour. Then I heard a voice: You will not be in good health. Do not put off the Sacrament of Penance, because this displeases Me. Pay little attention to the murmurs of those around you. This surprised me, because I am feeling better today, but I gave it no more thought. When the sister switched off the light, I began the Holy Hour. But after a while something went wrong with my heart. I suffered in silence until eleven o'clock, but then I began to feel so bad that I woke up Sister N. [probably Sister Fabiola], who is my roommate, and she gave me some drops, which brought me a little relief so that I could lie down. I now understand the Lord's warning. I decided to call any priest at all, the next day, and to open the secrets of my soul to him (Diary, 1464).
 Lord, when You warn me not to put off the Sacrament of Penance, help me to search out a priest to hear my confession soon.

Prayer and Pastries
 When: **Sept . 3/ Sept 17**
 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)
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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 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
- **Friday, September 17—**Prayers and Pastries
- **Sunday, September 19—**RE teachers meeting after 11 am Mass
- **Sunday, September 26—** after 11:00 Mass —Parish Picnic (details to follow)

Please sign up for Meet and Greet at breakfast for our RE students.



Delbert Tjarks (8/31)
 Monique Cullotta (8/31)
 Will Baillie (9/3)
 Paul Baillie (9/3)
 Kinley Beyers (9/4)



Angelo and Monique Cullotta (9/1)

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 29, 2021

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Law versus values. That is a very difficult choice to place before people. Why can't we choose both? Actually, that is the ideal.

Law is a legislated way that a group lives out a value. We value safe highways, and so we legislate traffic regulations, speed limits, and so forth. We value communal prayer, and so we devise liturgical calendars and worship ceremonies. Usually, the way we live out a value changes more frequently than the value itself. However, it often happens that people become so attached to a custom or law, though unfamiliar with the underlying value it embodies, that a change of custom becomes very disruptive. This certainly happened in the Church after the Second Vatican Council, which took place in the 1960s.

This seems to be the source of tension in today's Gospel scene. Washing hands before eating was a ritual custom here, not just a hygienic one. It probably originated with priests who bloodied their hands while sacrificing animals. Eventually, ritual washing became one of the 613 customs that Pharisees expected every Jewish man to observe. Referred to as "a hedge around the law," such customs served to ensure the law itself was protected and would not be broken. Jesus' disciples did not observe this ritual, and so they were criticized.

Jesus immediately came to their defense. He did not disparage the value of appropriate ritual behavior. Rather, he accused his opponents of clinging to out-of-date practices while disregarding underlying values. Practices are external; values are internal. Laws and customs can change; fundamental principles and standards endure.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre,

I recently had a spirited discussion with a Protestant friend regarding Romans 8:26. He believes his "perfected prayer of being filled with the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues" is addressed in that verse. What does the Church say about this verse?

Romans 8:26 says, "In the same way, the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit itself intercedes with inexpressible groanings."

I'd be careful not to interpret this passage too narrowly and limit its application only to the gift of speaking in tongues. In fact, its application is much broader and actually can be applied to all Christian prayer.

When it comes to praying effectively, all of us can use some extra help. We get that help from the Holy Spirit. Scripture scholar Joseph A. Fitzmayer, SJ, maintains that the Holy Spirit actually plays an active and dynamic role in helping Christians pray effectively by interceding on his or her behalf. In effect, the Holy Spirit expresses for us the inaudible prayers and groaning of our hearts, for which we have no words. So, when we pray, the Holy Spirit is actually present to us and makes up for what we are lacking in our prayer due to our own human weakness.

Fr. Scott Katzenberger, CSSR | Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Let us try asking ourselves: Am I open to the action of the Holy Spirit?...This is a prayer we must pray every day: "Holy Spirit, make my heart open to the word of God, make my heart open to goodness, make my heart open to the beauty of God every day."

GENERAL AUDIENCE, MAY 15, 2013

Calendar

Monday

AUGUST 30

Weekday

1 Thes 4:13-18

Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday

AUGUST 31

Weekday

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11

Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 1

Weekday

Col 1:1-8

Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 2

Weekday

Col 1:9-14

Lk 5:1-11

Friday

SEPTEMBER 3

St. Gregory the Great,
Pope and Doctor
of the Church

Col 1:15-20

Lk 5:33-39

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 4

Weekday

Col 1:21-23

Lk 6:1-5

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 5

Twenty-third Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Is 35:4-7a

Jas 2:1-5

Mk 7:31-37

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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)
- 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.