

## 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

534 N. Wood Street  
Gibson City, IL 60936

**Parish Office Secretary**  
**Phone & Fax (217) 784-4671**

General Information  
[office@ololgc.org](mailto:office@ololgc.org)

**Website** [www.ololgc.org](http://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

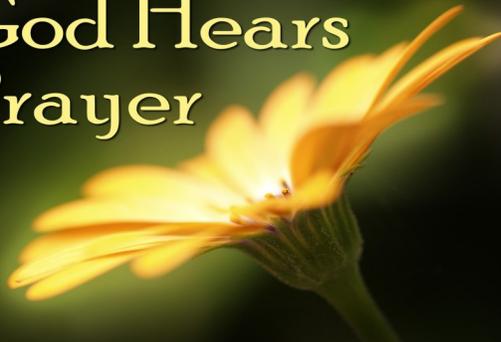
## September 5, 2021—Year of Saint Joseph 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Mc 7:32-35**

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!" (that is, "Be opened!") And (immediately) the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly.



## God Hears Prayer



### New Message from the Diocese of Joliet:

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

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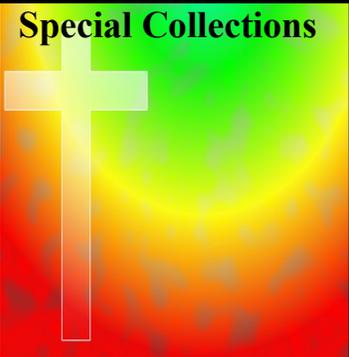
**Parish Council President**  
 Fred Sarantakos  
 (217) 781-1813

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.		
<b>MON</b> September 6 (Blessed Claudio Granzotto)		No Mass
<b>TUE</b> September 7 (Blessed Frederic Ozanam)	8:00 AM (OLOL) 5:30 PM (STJ)	Parishioners of OLOL 7:30 am—(Before Mass) Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
<b>WED</b> September 8 (Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)	8:00 AM (OLOL) 7:00 PM (STM)	+ Leo Chapman (by Aubrey Chapman) Divine Chaplet of Mercy during Adoration after Mass
<b>THU</b> September 9 (St Peter Claver, Priest)	5:30 PM (OLOL)	+Albert Bode (by Marj and Jerry Brown)
<b>Friday</b> September 10 (St Thomas of Villanova)	5:30 PM (OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL 5:00 pm Rosary and Divine Chaplet
<b>SAT</b> September 11 (St. Cyprian, Priest, Bishop, Martyr)	5:00 PM (OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL 4:30 pm—Rosary and Divine Chaplet
<b>SUN</b> September 12 (24th Sunday in Ordinary Time)	8:00 AM (STJ) 9:30 AM(STM) 11:00 AM (OLOL)	+Joe Hafer (by family)

**THANK YOU FOR  
 YOUR GIFTS  
 OLOL**

August 28/29	\$1975.00
Capital Imp. (August)	\$257.00
CMAA 2021 (goal:\$11,300)	\$11,618.00
Food Pantry August Total Yr to Date FP	\$69.00 \$276.00 \$3113.00

**Special Collections**



**MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers Contact Craig Davis (815)-848-5554	Homebound Ministry Members
SATURDAY September 11 5:00 PM	Contact Tannie (309) 893-0073	Fran Mardis	Jerry Brown	Robert Bode Frank Titus	Sarah Sarantakos Joyce Foster
SUNDAY September 12 11:00 AM 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Contact Tannie (309) 893-0073	Lisa Heap	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.



**MONTH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS  
 (MATER DOLOROSA)**

The Church dedicates the month of September to Our Lady of Sorrows, also known as Mater Dolorosa (Mother of Sorrows). This devotion recalls the Blessed Virgin Mary's spiritual martyrdom in virtue of her perfect union with the Passion of Christ. This was her role in salvation history, and what merited her place as the spiritual Mother of all Christians. This is symbolized by a single sword, or seven swords, piercing Mary's suffering heart, as foretold in Simeon's prophecy. Traditionally the Church meditates on the "Seven Sorrows" of our Blessed Mother: the prophecy of Simeon; the Holy Family's flight into Egypt; the loss of the Child Jesus for three days; the meeting of Mary and Jesus as he carried his cross; Jesus' crucifixion and death; Jesus' sacred body taken down from the cross; and Jesus' burial. *The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows is September 15th.*



**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.



### "Dinner for One"

We are starting a new dinner group for anyone who is a Widow or Widower. This can be a difficult time for many to deal with at any stage of life. You will be able to talk to others who are going through the same things you feel. This group will have an agenda, just a chance to have a good meal with other in the same boat.

"Dinner for One" will meet twice a month for dinner at **"Pioletti's Spaghetti" located at 310 N Sangamon Ave. Gibson City.** The first "Dinner for One" will be held on **Thursday September 16th, 2021 from 4:30pm-6:30pm.** Social time from 4:30-5:00. Dinner at 5:00pm with salad and entree and desert all for only \$10.00. If you want to have a spirited beverage that's fine as it is a BYOB. Tea, Coffee, Lemonade and Water will be provided. Don't be afraid to come. Make your reservation today.

**You must RSVP by September 13, 2021 so we know how many to cook for. Call or Text or Email Sarah Sarantakos: 217-784-0528 or email [Sarah.Sarantakos1@gmail.com](mailto:Sarah.Sarantakos1@gmail.com).**



### 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 :  
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.**



### My Misery Meets Your Mercy

Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy. Tell souls that from this fount of mercy souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity. The torrents of grace inundate humble souls. The proud remain always in poverty and misery, because My grace turns away from them to humble souls (Diary, 1602).  
Thank You, Lord, for Confession, where my misery meets Your mercy. Help me to draw mercy from this fount of mercy with the greatest trust:  
"Jesus, I trust in You!"



**Congratulation on the Marriage of Kyle & Bianca Aubry Who were Married on Saturday 9/4/2021**

### Prayer and Pastries

When: **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)  
Secretary-Alyce Hafer (217-745-2411)  
Craig Davis (815-848-5554)  
Parker Hathaway (217-784-8193)  
Jody Goodin (217-377-5208)  
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**.  
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- **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
- **September 14—Blood Drive** noon to 5:30 pm (Make appointments by Wed Sept 8, 2021)
- **Friday, September 17—Prayers and Pastries**
- **Sunday, September 19—RE teachers meeting** after 11 am Mass
- **September 22 to October 31—** 40 Days for Life
- **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.**



Austin Hornstein (9/7)  
Joachim Nunnink (9/7)  
Cherry Fisher (9/7)  
Erin Lynch (9/8)  
Natalie Davis (9/10)  
Stacy Helmig (9/44)  
Claire Schmitt (9/11)  
Patricia Harper (9/12)



God Bless all of our Families

### 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](mailto:office@ololgc.org).

# Good News!

September 5, 2021

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)  
Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

Deep in the heart of each of us is a desire for a perfect world—a world of peace and harmony, where life flourishes and people care for one another. From beginning to end, our religious tradition promises that such a world is just ahead of us. Today's readings assure us that physical obstacles will not prevent its accomplishment, because the graciousness of God is stronger than any other power.

Today's reading from Isaiah instructs us: "Be strong, do not fear!" (35:4). It encourages us to believe in this promise of ultimate fulfillment and to trust that God will see it through. Our focus changes slightly in the Gospel passage. What was a promise of the future for Isaiah bursts forth as a reality in the Gospel, where the healing of broken bodies and troubled lives is realized by the warm words and gentle touch of Jesus.

Do such miracles really happen? Or are these fanciful stories that provide hope for people with little scientific understanding? Are miracles real? Of course they are. However, their true meaning might be much more profound than we realize. A miracle is a manifestation of divine power far beyond human control or comprehension. It is an experience of being made whole again, an occurrence in which peace and harmony are reestablished. Sometimes a miracle is spectacular; at other times it is far too deep to be seen. But always it is God working in our lives to create us anew.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## Feast Day September 15<sup>th</sup>

### Our Lady of Sorrows

The Mother of God revealed to St. Bridget "I look around upon all who are in the world, to see if there may be any who will pity me, and meditate upon my sorrows, and truly, I find very few. Therefore, my daughter, though I am forgotten by many, at least do not you forget me; behold my anguish, and imitate, as far as you can, my grief."

Let us not then, ever forget her sighs and groans - her bitter pains and sorrows. Let us fix them deeply in our mind that, day by day we may recall them, meditate on them, and in this manner, we will imitate her virtues, share in her merits, and obtain her special protection. Of this we can be certain, to the extent that we have compassion for Our Lady in her sufferings and meditate on her great sorrows, while thus our love for her grows daily "more and more," so also will our love for Jesus crucified still more continually increase.

"The grief of Mary was so great that, were it divided among all men, it would suffice to cause their immediate death." (St. Bernardine of Sienna)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, Himself, revealed to Blessed Veronica of Binasco "My daughter, tears shed for My Passion are dear to Me; but as I loved My Mother Mary with an immense love, the meditation on the torments which She endured at My death is even more pleasing to Me."

Mary will show us a grateful love, and, with her own most marvelous blessing, will bless those who, by compassion of her Sorrows, show themselves the most truly to be her children, and give the sweetest consolation

## Calendar

**Monday**  
SEPTEMBER 6

*Weekday*  
Col 1:24—2:3  
Lk 6:6—11

**Tuesday**  
SEPTEMBER 7

*Weekday*  
Col 2:6—15  
Lk 6:12—19

**Wednesday**  
SEPTEMBER 8

*The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Mi 5:1—4a or  
Rom 8:28—30  
Mt 1:1—16, 18—23, or  
1:18—23

**Thursday**  
SEPTEMBER 9

*St. Peter Claver, Priest*  
Col 3:12—17  
Lk 6:27—38

**Friday**  
SEPTEMBER 10

*Weekday*  
1 Tm 1:1—2, 12—14  
Lk 6:39—42

**Saturday**  
SEPTEMBER 11

*Weekday*  
1 Tm 1:15—17  
Lk 6:43—49

**Sunday**  
SEPTEMBER 12

*Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Is 50:4c—9a  
Jas 2:14—18  
Mk 8:27—35

Those who meditate on my Seven Sorrows will be protected by me at every instant of their life.

ThePowerofTheRosary.com Our Lady to St. Bridget

- 1) The Prophecy of Simeon - (Luke 2: 22-35)
- 2) The Flight Into Egypt - (Matthew 2:12-23)
- 3) The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:41-52)
- 4) Mary Meets Jesus on the Way to Calvary (23:27) The meeting between Jesus and his mother on the way of the cross is

not recorded in any of the Gospels, but we know that there were women who followed him on the way and we know that Mary was at the foot of the cross with St John, so it isn't unreasonable that she and Jesus should have met as he was carrying the cross. It is also a strong tradition of the Church, commemorated both in the devotion of the Seven Sorrows of Mary and in the Stations of the Cross.

5) Jesus Dies on the Cross - John 19:25-37)

6) Mary Receives Jesus (Matthew 27:55-56) Only in the 13 station of the Cross do we hear specifically Of Jesus being placed in this Mothers arms.

7) Jesus is Placed in the Tomb (Luke 23:50-56)