

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

September 19, 2021—Year of Saint Joseph 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mc 9:35- Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the one who sent me."



New Message from the Diocese of Joliet:

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

Pastor

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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.

MON September 20 (St s. Andrew and Paul Chong)		No Mass
TUE September 21 (St Matthew)	8:00 AM (OLOL) 5:30 PM (STJ)	Parishioners of OLOL 7:30 am — (Before Mass) Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
WED September 22 (St Lorenzo Ruiz and Companions)	8:00 AM (OLOL) 7:00 PM (STM)	+ Mary Wurmnest (by Don and Janey Jansen Divine Chaplet of Mercy during Adoration after Mass
THU September 23 (St Padre Pio of Palencia)	5:30 PM (OLOL)	+ Bill Miller (by Rosann Miller)
Friday September 24 (St John Henry Newman)	5:30 PM (OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL 5:00 pm Rosary and Divine Chaplet
SAT September 25 (Sts Louis Martin and Zelig Guirin)	5:00 PM (OLOL)	+ Gene Johnson (by family)
SUN September 26 (25th Sunday in Ordinary Time) (St Pope Paul VI)	8:00 AM (STJ) 9:30 AM(STM) 11:00 AM (OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL

**THANK YOU FOR
 YOUR GIFTS
 OLOL**

September 11/12	\$2625.00
Capital Imp. (September)	\$255.00
CMAA 2021 (goal:\$11,300)	\$11,997.00
Food Pantry	\$39.00
Sept. Total	\$136.00
Yr to Date FP	\$3249.00

Special Collections

**Christ Our Hope
 Magazine**

September 25/26

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u> Contact Sarah (217) 781-0528)	<u>Ushers</u> Contact Craig Davis (815)-848-5554	<u>Homebound Ministry Members</u>
SATURDAY September 25 5:00 PM	Contact Tannie (309) 893-0073	Michelle Meyer	Frank Titus	Robert Bode Frank Titus	Sarah Sarantakos Joyce Foster
SUNDAY September 26 11:00 AM 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Contact Tannie (309) 893-0073	Youth Mass	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.*



Important NOTE

from our Parish Council :
Due to Covid restrictions, the parish council has been **cancelled** for September 26. The picnic has been rescheduled for September 2022.



"Dinner for One"

We are starting a new dinner group for anyone who is a Widow or Widower. There can be difficult times for many of you to deal with at any stage since the death of your spouse. You will be able to talk to others who are going through the same things you are feeling or trying to adjust to. This group will have no agenda, just a chance to have a good meal with others 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** to be held on **Thursday September 30th, 2021 from 4:30pm-6:30pm.** Social time from 4:30-5:00. Dinner at 5:00pm with salad, an 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 reser-

You must RSVP by September 28, 2021 so we know how many to cook for. Call, Text or Email Sarah Sarantakos: 217-784-0528 or email Sarah.Sarantakos1@gmail.com.



Parish Registration

We recommend that you register to update your information. 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.



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.

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 Shambrook



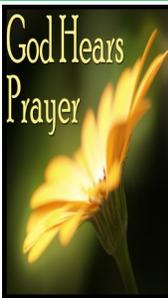
Divine Mercy Daily

Daily Reflections from the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

Love Keeps Jesus with Us

Holy Trinity, Eternal God, my spirit is drowned in Your beauty. The ages are as nothing in Your sight. You are always the same. Oh, how great is Your majesty. Jesus, why do You conceal Your majesty, why have You left Your heavenly throne and dwelt among us? The Lord answered me, My daughter, love has brought Me here, and love keeps Me here. My daughter, if you knew what great merit and reward is earned by one act of pure love for Me, you would die of joy (Diary, 576).
Lord Jesus, what great love has brought You to dwell in our earth! Teach me how to act with a pure love for You.
Thank You for loving me.

The Choir is in need of some additional voices and musicians. Please contact : Pam Aubry at (217) 781-1237.



Prayer and Pastries

When: **Oct 1**
9AM-noon
Where : Home of Sarah Sarantakos
120 West 11th Street,
Gibson City
Limited to 10.
RSVP 217-781-0528

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.**

- **Sunday, September 19**—RE teachers meeting after 11 am Mas
- **Sunday, September 19**—Catechist meeting 12 noon –2:00 pm
- **September 22 to October 31**—
- 40 Days for Life
- **Sunday, September 26**— Parish Picnic has been **cancelled**
- **Monday, Sept. 27 to Friday, Oct. 1** - **No Mass**
- **Thursday, September 30**—Dinner for One
- **Friday, October 1**—Prayer and Pastries
- **Thursday, October 7**—Dinner for One
- **Thursday, October 21**—Parish Council—7:15 pm

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



- Emma Kurtenbach (9/20)
- Amy Stoltz (9/22)
- Thomas Hathaway (9/22)
- Martha Heavilin (9/24)
- Ann Benolt (9/26)
- Denis Fisher (9/26)
- Nancy Kurtenbach (9/27)
- Greg Kurtenbach (9/30)

Happy Anniversary

Curt and Holly Miller (9/27)

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@ololg.org.**

Good News!

September 19, 2021

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37

We all know genuinely good people. Somehow they are able to live the virtues of their religious tradition. It might even appear that it is easy for them to do so. One would think that such good people would be valued. Well, yes and no. While we might truly value the goodness of others, that goodness can also shame us. And there is the rub. People are uncomfortable with the realization that they are not as good as they think—or not as good as others might view them. Today's readings underscore the price we might have to pay for such goodness.

The first reading describes a plot being devised to get rid of a righteous person whose goodness has become "annoying" (Wisdom 2:12). This is not someone who flaunts goodness; it is a genuinely good person, one who is referred to as "the righteous one" (2:18). (Here "son of God" simply means someone belonging to the people of God.) The plotters insist that God will come to the rescue if the righteous one is truly good. The petitions in the psalm response are placed on the lips of that righteous one. Like many good Bible stories, this story is open-ended. We do not know what happens. The price paid for righteousness is found in the Gospel passage as well. Here the righteous one is Jesus. Though we know how his story ends, here the disciples did not.

Today we are faced with the starkness of these stories. Are we willing to pay the price of goodness?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre,

In Bible times why did people sacrifice animals, children, and other living beings for their own sins?

The practice of human and animal sacrifice is at least as old as written history, including in our own Scripture. Few stories are more chilling than when God asks Abraham to sacrifice his son, or when Jephthah sacrifices his daughter (Genesis 22; Judges 11). In scriptural theology, one's sins merited punishment and even death, but an animal or other person could be chosen to take one's place. God, in his mercy, instituted this animal sacrificial system as a symbol, foreshadowing Jesus' sacrifice for our sins (Genesis 8:20; Hebrews 10:1-18). In the New Testament, Jesus understood his mission as sacrificing his own life as a ransom for many (Matthew 20:28). His fidelity to that mission was at the cost of death. However, to say that Jesus' death was payment for



our sins is not to say that a vengeful God was appeased by the sacrifice of his own innocent Son. Rather, Christ was willing to liberate us when he "bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that... by his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24).

Thus, "it is love 'to the end (John 13:1)' that confers on

Christ's sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 616). It is in this sense that Jesus' death was a payment—not one to be exacted—but a unique sacrifice that "completes and surpasses all other sacrifices" (CCC 614).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

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

The Catechism firmly states that human power has limits and that "it is contrary to human dignity to cause animals to suffer or die needlessly." All such use and experimentation "requires a religious respect for the integrity of creation."

ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME (LAUDATO SI'), MAY 24, 2015

Calendar

Monday

SEPTEMBER 20

Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, and Paul Chông Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

Ezr 1:1-6

Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 21

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13

Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 22

Weekday

Ezr 9:5-9

Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 23

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Hg 1:1-8

Lk 9:7-9

Friday

SEPTEMBER 24

Weekday

Hg 2:1-9

Lk 9:18-22

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 25

Weekday

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a

Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 26

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nm 11:25-29

Jas 5:1-6

Mk 9:38-43,

45, 47-48

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)