

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
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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

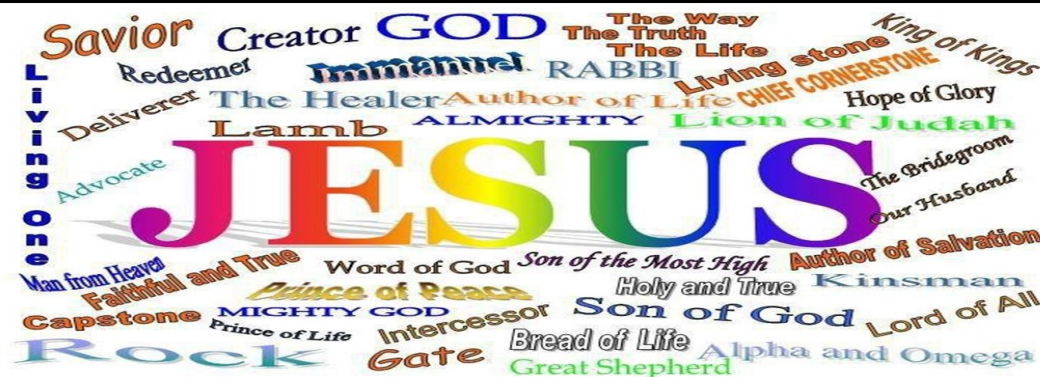
January 2, 2022 Epiphany of the Lord



Today is the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, The Manifestation of a divine being, Christ to the Gentiles by the Magi. (The Magi, The Wise Men, The Kings from the East (Persia). Their names that we know are Balthazar, Caspar, & Melchior. They were Astrologers and their religion like many peoples from the time were looking for the Messiah (the promised of a deliverer to the Jewish nation a Savior). In Matthew gospel (2:1-12) it indicates the noble pilgrims were following the Unique, and Unusual Bright Star in the northern sky. Where they paid homage to the infant Jesus as the King of the Jews.

The distance from Persia, now Iran, to Bethlehem in Judea is about 1,412.3 miles. Remember they were traveling through the desert riding camels probably with their whole entourage, so it was a very long trip. In the Old Testament in Isaiah 60:5-7 we have a sense that some wealthy nations will be coming to adore and praise the Lord, the baby Jesus and bring him gifts of Gold, Frankincense, Myrrh.

Monthly Devotions for January: "Most Holy Name of Jesus"



This Feast is celebrated on January 3, 2022 — The name Jesus was given to the Holy Child at God's command (Luke 1:31). The Holy Name of Jesus is all-powerful because of the Divine God Man person who bears it; we honor Jesus's name because of the command of Christ, that we should pray in His Name. "In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen! and because it reminds us of all the blessings we receive through our Holy Redeemer "In the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10).

Jesus' name was chosen in heaven and the Angel Gabriel announces it when he informs the Blessed Virgin of the incarnation: "Behold thou shall conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son and thou shall call his name Jesus".

It is a name that has marvelous implications, for it means "Savior." The very name affirms the magnitude of Jesus's mission, Jesus' infinite love, a love that will cause Jesus to offer Himself up for all of us.

New Message from the Diocese of Joliet:

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

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| THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS | | |
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| 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 January 3 <i>(Most Holy Name of Jesus)</i> | | No Mass |
| TUE January 4 <i>(St Elizabeth Ann Seton)</i> | 8:00 AM (OLOL) 5:30 PM (STJ) | Parishioners of OLOL |
| WED January 5 <i>(St John Neumann)</i> | 8:00 AM (OLOL) 7:00 PM (STM) | Parishioners of OLOL |
| THU January 6 <i>(St Andre Bessette)</i> | 4:00 PM (OLOL) (NOTE Time Change) | Parishioners of OLOL |
| Friday January 7 <i>(St Raymond of Penafort)</i> | 4:00 PM (OLOL) (NOTE Time change) | Parishioners of OLOL |
| Sat January 8 <i>(St Angela of Foligno)</i> | 5:00 PM (OLOL) | +Joe Hafer (by Dan Sullivan) |
| SUN January 9 <i>(St Adrian of Canterbury)</i> | 8:00 AM (STJ) 9:30 AM (STM) 11:00 AM (OLOL) | Parishioners of OLOL |

| THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL | |
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| December 25/26 | \$1507.00 |
| Capital Imp. (December) | \$50.00 |
| CMAA 2021 (goal:\$11,300) | \$13,758.00 |
| Food Pantry Dec. Total Yr to Date FP | \$93.00 \$305.00 \$4624.00 |
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| Special Collections | |
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| Christmas \$5,113.00 | |

| <i>Ministry Schedules</i> | | | | | |
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| Date | Altar Servers Contact Tannie (309) 893-0073) | Lectors | Euch. Minister Contact Sarah (217) 781-0528 | Ushers Contact Craig Davis (815) 848-5554 | Homebound Ministry Contact Sarah (217) 848-5554 |
| SAT January 8, 2022 5:00 pm | None | Michael Smith | Fran Mardis | Volunteers | |
| SUN January 9, 2022 11 am Feast of the Baptism of our Lord | None | Sarah Sarantakos | Deacon Paul Sarantakos | Volunteers | |

Baptism
 Call the Rectory at least four weeks before the baptism. Instruction for the parents and God-parents is required.

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.

January Parish Calendar

Sunday, Jan 2, 2022—Mass 11:00 am -Feast of the Epiphany (Three Kings)

Wednesday, Jan 5, 2022—Mass at 8:00 am with Adoration continuing until Benediction at 8:00 pm

Thursday, Jan 6—Dinner for One 4:30 pm—6:30 pm (Must RSVP by Jan 4th)

Friday Jan 7—Prayers & Pastries 9 am to noon (MUST RSVP by Jan 6th)

Wednesday, Jan 12- Mass at 8:00 am with 12 hours of Adoration continuing until Benediction at 8:00 pm

Wednesday, Jan 19— Mass at 8:00 am with 12 hours of Adoration continuing until Benediction at 8:00 pm

Thursday, Jan 20—Dinner for One 4:30 pm –6:30 pm (MUST RSVP by Jan 18th)

Thursday, Jan 20– All Staff Meeting 6:00 pm followed by Parish Council at 7:00 pm

Friday, Jan 21—Prayers & Pastries 9:00 am to noon (RSVP by Thursday Jan 20)

Wednesday, Jan. 26—Mass at 8:00 am with 12 hours of Adoration continuing until Benediction at 8:00 pm

Offering Envelopes

2022 Envelopes are on the table at the back of the church.
Please pick up your assigned box.
Thank you in advance for your support of Our Lady of Lourdes !!!



Part One : With a Despairing Soul

Jesus: O soul steeped in darkness,
Come and confide in your God, who is love and mercy.
But the soul, deaf even to this appeal, wraps itself in darkness.
Jesus calls out again: My child, listen to the voice of your merciful Father.
In the soul arises this reply: "For me there is no mercy," and it falls into greater darkness
Jesus calls to the soul a third time, but the soul remains deaf and blind, hardened and despairing. Then the mercy of God begins to exert itself, and, without any co-operation from the soul, God grants it final grace. . . . The soul knows that this, for her, is final grace and, should it show even a flicker of good will, the mercy of God will accomplish the rest.
My omnipotent mercy is active here. Happy the soul that takes advantage of this grace (Diary, 1486).
Lord Jesus, your all-powerful mercy is active in the despairing soul.
Continue to give it graces.

**WHEN YOU PRAY, GOD LISTENS.
WHEN YOU LISTEN, GOD TALKS.
WHEN YOU BELIEVE, GOD WORKS.**



Invitation : Dinner for One
Come and join our Dinner group for anyone who is a Widow or widower. This event is a chance to talk and meet other people and have some laughs and a delicious meal.

When: Thursday January 6, 2022
Where: "Pioletti's Spaghetti"
310 N Sangamon Ave. Gibson City
Time: 4:30pm-6:30pm
Social time: 4:30pm-5:00pm
Dinner: 5:00pm
Cost: \$10.00 includes entrée, dessert, Coffee, Tea, Water, Lemonade
Menu: Baked Chicken with Dressing covered in Swiss Cheese, Steamed Vegetable Medley, for dessert warm Fudge Brownie Ala Mode.
Please RSVP by January 4, 2022, so Nikki knows how many to cook for. Please Call, Text, Email Sarah Sarantakos (Coordinator): 217-784-0528 or email Sarah.Sarantakos1@gmail.com

Prayer & Pastries
When: January 7, 2022
Time: 9am to Noon
Where: Home of Sarah Sarantakos
120 W 11th Street
Gibson City, IL 60936
Limited of 10 RSVP: Please text or call Sarah at 217-781-0528

Psalm of the Week (Ps 72)
Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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 Office Hours
Located at the Rectory next to the church,
534 N Wood, Gibson City
Monday: 8am to Noon
Thursday: 8am to Noon
Lori Gale, Church Secretary
Phone: 217-784-4671
Note- the office will be closed on Federal Holidays

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, (No. 1457), that all Catholics should go to confession at least once a year. Don't miss out on this incredible grace. Fr. Dong hears Confessions every Wednesday 8:30am to 9:00am., every Saturday at 4:30pm, and the second Saturday of the month from 10:00am to 11:00am., or Call Fr. Dong for a convenient time.



Mark Andrae (1/1)
Steve Killian (1/1)
Tannie Smith (1/1)
Roger Reum (1/3)
Kristine Kutemeier (1/4)
Brooks Schmitt (1/5)
Haven Hathaway (1/6)
Jack Eichelberger (1/6)
Nick Roesch (1/7)

Happy Anniversary
Brett and Jodi Beyers (1/8)

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 Alyce Hafer at (217) 745-2411 or joenalyceh@cawi.org (your specific prayer need does NOT need to be disclosed to activate the prayer chain).

Thank you to all those who decorated the church so beautifully during Christmas and to the choir for the inspirational songs and music to celebrate the birth of our Lord.

Rosary Prayer Schedule for January
The Holy Name of Jesus
Tuesday / Wednesday 7:30 am
Thursday / Friday 3:30 pm
Saturdays before Mass 4:15pm
Sundays before Mass 10:30am

2022 Altar Flowers are now being billed directly to the church at **\$35.00 per week**. Please mark your check memo line 'Altar Flowers' for your donation when it is your turn. **Thank you.**

January Altar Flowers provided by :
Jan 1—Fran Mardis
Jan 8/9—Jack and Susan Kollross
Jan 14/16—Paul and Sarah Sarantakos
Jan 22/23—Mark and Becky Doran
Jan 29/30—Wanda Swearingen
Thank you !!!

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@olcgc.org.



Good News!

January 2, 2022

The Epiphany of the Lord (C)

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Many traditional religions have in some way ascribed divinity to light—either they claim that light emanates from a god or that light itself is divine. This is probably because light is a primal necessity, essential for life. We find such thinking in today's readings.

"Your light has come" (Isaiah 60:1) says today's Old Testament reading. This is Isaiah's glorious message for the people of Jerusalem. The city had been destroyed; the people scattered; the future looked bleak. This message must have filled the people with hope. Not only does light bring them hope, but the light actually streams from their God. It is the Lord who shines, bestowing his radiance upon them. This light is filled with promise.

The story of the Magi is not meant primarily for children who delight in moving figurines of the three kings a bit closer to the stable every day. This is an adult story about inner darkness and enlightenment. The strangers, ignorant of ancient Israel's traditions, were able to read the signs of the times. Because of their openness, they found the Light of the World. The learned men of Jerusalem were well-schooled in the ancient promises, for they knew where to send the strangers. However, they felt threatened by these signs. They closed their minds and hearts to any omens that might imperil their positions of privilege. They had a chance to benefit from this new light, but they turned their backs on it.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Our Lady of Lourdes is starting 12 hours of Adoration every Wednesday beginning Wednesday January 5, 2022- with Mass at 8:00am, Adoration continuing until Benediction at 8:00pm

What is Adoration?

When Catholics say they are "going to Adoration," they are typically referring to Eucharistic Adoration. Adoring, Loving, respecting, worshipping with reverence and honor the Eucharist Body of Jesus Christ. Which is the worship of the Eucharistic Body of Jesus outside of the Mass. The Eucharistic Body of Jesus is in the form of a host and is displayed in a monstrance on the altar so that all can see and pray in the presence of Christ. Adoration exalts the greatness of the Lord who made us and the almighty power of the Savior who sets us free from sin. Adoration is the love of the spirit to the "King of Glory," respectful silence in the presence of the "ever greater" God. We can show our adoration to God in many ways, but in Eucharistic Adoration, we spend time adoring the true presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

What Do I Do During Eucharistic Adoration?

Adoration at Our Lady of Lourdes is in the Church. As a form of respect, you should always genuflect when you see our Eucharistic Lord in monstrance on the altar. Maintain an attitude of respect, and that of others present. There may be music playing to help foster a spirit of prayer (talking with Jesus), worship, and adoration. Always keep in mind that you are in the presence of God! Kneeling, sitting, standing, and even laying on the floor before the Blessed Sacrament are all appropriate forms of prayer. Let your posture reflect your worship of the King and do what is comfortable for you. You really don't have to "do" anything during Adoration. You can just sit there and look at Jesus. Take the time to be with Him. If you are the only person in the church, don't be afraid to pray or sing aloud. This is your personal time with Christ.

Let us all try to start off 2022 spending time with Our Lord, getting to know him. I know you can't come all the time but when you can Jesus will be waiting for you. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of Church on the table. It would be very helpful if I knew when people will be there, as Jesus is never left alone during Adoration. Someone must always be with Jesus. If you don't know when you can come on Wednesday's, no worries just come. Adoration is for all ages, Children & Adults. Sarah Sarantakos 217-781-0528.

Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 3

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 3:22—4:6

Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday

JANUARY 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,

Religious

1 Jn 4:7-10

Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday

JANUARY 5

St. John Neumann,

Bishop

1 Jn 4:11-18

Mk 6:45-52

Thursday

JANUARY 6

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:19—5:4

Lk 4:14-22a

Friday

JANUARY 7

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5-13

Lk 5:12-16

Saturday

JANUARY 8

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:14-21

Jn 3:22-30

Sunday

JANUARY 9

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7

or Is 40:1-5, 9-11

Acts 10:34-38

or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22