

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

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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 9, 2022 Baptism of the Lord



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Names are powerful, and no name is more powerful than the Name Jesus



Mary and Joseph did not sit across from each other at the kitchen table in the evenings debating a name for their child. They didn't flip through the pages of a book of saints or bounce ideas off of their friends and family. The baby's name was chosen for them by God Himself. They were just taking orders. The Archangel Gabriel announced to Mary, "And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus" (Lk 1:31). And Joseph had a dream in which the angel told him, "You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (Mt 1:21). The Gospel of Luke further relates that "After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb" (Lk 2:21). Jesus was named eight days after Christmas, January 3. The New Testament is filled with incidents where the name of Jesus is invoked to drive out devils, cure illnesses, and perform miracles. The Holy Name is explicitly exalted by Saint Paul: "at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth, and under the earth..." (Philippians 2:10). Jesus reinforces the power of His own name in St. John's Gospel: "If you ask the Father anything in my name he will give it you" (Jn 16:23).

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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 January 10 <i>(St Gregory of Nyssa)</i>		No Mass
TUE January 11 <i>(Blessed William Carter)</i>	8:00 AM (OLOL) 5:30 PM (STJ)	Parishioners of OLOL
WED January 12 <i>(St Marguerite Bourgeoys)</i>	8:00 AM (OLOL) 7:00 PM (STM)	Heavliin Family
THU January 13 <i>(St Hilary of Poitiers)</i>	4:00 PM (OLOL) (NOTE Time Change)	Parishioners of OLOL
Friday January 14 <i>(St Gregory Naziansen)</i>	4:00 PM (OLOL) (NOTE Time change)	Hoffman Family
Sat January 15 <i>(St Paul the Hermit)</i>	5:00 PM (OLOL)	Hartford Family
SUN January 16 <i>(St Berard/ Companions)</i>	8:00 AM (STJ) 9:30 AM (STM) 11:00 AM(OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL	
January 1/2	\$2519.00
Capital Imp.	\$0.00
CMAA 2022 (goal:\$11,700)	\$0.00
Food Pantry Jan. Total	\$34.00
Yr to Date FP	\$34.00
	
Special Collections ***** Jan 1/2 Solemnity of Mother of God \$922.00	

<i>Ministry Schedules</i>					
<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u> Contact Tannie (309) 893-0073)	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u> Contact Sarah (217) 781-0528	<u>Ushers</u> Contact Craig Davis (815) 848-5554	<u>Homebound Ministry</u> Contact Sarah (217) 848-5554
SAT January 15, 2022 5:00 pm Day of Prayer for the protection of unborn children	None	Fran Mardis	Tannie Smith	Volunteers	
SUN January 16, 2022 11 am Second Sunday Ordinary Time	Victoria and Marie Davis	Jack Kollross	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

Monday, Jan 10—First Week of Ordinary Time

Wednesday, Jan 12- Mass at 8:00 am with 12 hours of Adoration continuing until Benediction at 8:00 pm (Please sign up)

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

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 (Please sign up)

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: What joy fills My Heart when you return to Me. Because you are weak, I take you in My arms and carry you to the home of My Father. My child, you have a special claim on My mercy. Let it act in your poor soul; let the rays of grace enter your soul; they bring with them light, warmth, and life (Diary, 1486).

Lord Jesus, shine Your rays of warmth and life into the darkness of souls who are despairing. Claim such souls by the grace of Your mercy. And keep me, Lord, from ever despairing of Your mercy.

Please Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet every day at 3:00pm if possible, for that is when Jesus gave his last breath, his life for us on the cross. If you don't know how to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet there are pamphlets on the table in the back of church. You can also google Divine Mercy Chaplet.

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 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.

In your charity, please pray for **William 'Bill' Hartford** who was called to eternal rest January 6, 2022. Grant unto him Eternal rest, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. May he and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.
AMEN
We will all miss Bill, a foundation of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Prayer & Pastries
When: January 21, 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**

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 20, 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 18, 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



Happy Anniversary
Daniel Kleist (1/10)
Isabel Eichelberger (1/11)
Nora McCall (1/12)

Georgia and Gerald Lynch (1/18)

Psalm of the Week (PS 104)
O Bless the Lord, My Soul

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).

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 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.



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Weeks

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

**Saturday January 22, 2022
Washington D.C.**

"Equality Begins in the Womb."

The March for Life is an annual event held in Washington D.C. and many other States. **Why?** I was really surprised how Abortion became legalized. I hope you find this interesting and just how far the United States of America has come to dehumanize LIFE. More information next week.

Row v. Wade

The legalization for women to have an Abortion.

What is an Abortion? The deliberate termination of a human pregnancy. Abortion is when a pregnancy is ended so that it doesn't result in the birth of a child. The expulsion of a fetus from a woman's uterus. The termination of a pregnancy resulting in, or closely followed by the death of the embryo or fetus

(Baby): *Pray, Pray, Pray for the killing to STOP!*

Jane Roe- In 1969, Norma McCorvey, a Texas woman in her early 20s, sought to terminate an unwanted pregnancy.

Henry Wade- In 1970, the attorneys filed a lawsuit on behalf of McCorvey and all the other women "who were or might become pregnant and want to consider all options," against Henry Wade, the district attorney of Dallas County, where McCorvey lived. On Jan 22, 1973, the Supreme Court, in a 7-2 decision, struck down the Texas law banning abortion, effectively legalizing the procedure nationwide. In a majority opinion written by Justice Harry Blackmun, the court declared that a woman's right to an abortion was implicit in the right to privacy protected by the 14th Amendment. The court divided pregnancy into three trimesters and declared that the choice to end a pregnancy in the first trimester was solely up to the woman. In the second trimester, the government could regulate abortion, although not ban it, in order to protect the mother's health.

In the third trimester, the state could prohibit abortion to protect a fetus that could survive on its own outside the womb, except when a woman's health was in danger.

Legacy of Roe v. Wade

Norma McCorvey maintained a low profile following the court's decision, but in the 1980s she was active in the abortion rights movement. However, in the mid-1990s, after becoming friends with the head of an anti-abortion group and converting to Catholicism, she turned into a vocal opponent of the procedure.

Calendar

Monday

JANUARY 10

Weekday

1 Sm 1:1-8

Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday

JANUARY 11

Weekday

1 Sm 1:9-20

Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

JANUARY 12

Weekday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20

Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

JANUARY 13

Weekday

1 Sm 4:1-11

Mk 1:40-45

Friday

JANUARY 14

Weekday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a

Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

JANUARY 15

Weekday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a

Mk 2:13-17

Sunday

JANUARY 16

Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5

1 Cor 12:4-11

Jn 2:1-11

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

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