

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 pastor@ololgc.org or stop by any time on Monday or after Masses.

Our Lady of Lourdes

Established - 1875

534 N. Wood Street
Gibson City, IL 60936

Parish Office

Phone & Fax:
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General Information
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Website

www.ololgc.org

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5 pm
Sunday 11:30 am
Wednesday 8:00 am
Thursday 5:30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday following Mass

Confession

Saturday 4:30 pm
Wednesday during Adoration
Any time by Appointment

❖ FOR YOUR INFORMATION ❖

St. Mary

407 W. Palls Street
Paxton, IL 60957

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

DECEMBER 2, 2018 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



CASH AND GIFT CARD DONATIONS IN \$10 INCREMENTS ARE BEING WELCOMED IN THE BOX AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS AND HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES REMINDING THAT WE ARE HERE AND PRAYING FOR THEM DURING FINALS WEEK, CHRISTMAS AND ALWAYS. MANY THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.



"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

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THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS

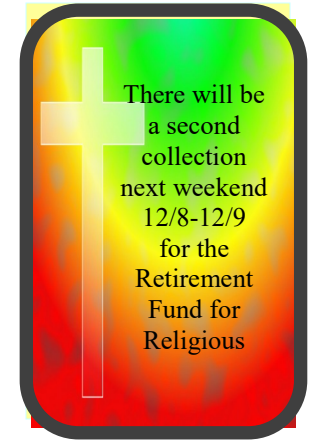
If you wish to have a Mass intention for a loved one, anniversary or other occasion, please contact the parish office.

Mass intentions are \$10.

MON December 3 St. Francis Xavier		NO MASS
TUE December 4 St. John Damascene	5:30PM (STJ)	
WED December 5	8:00AM (OLL) 7:00PM (STM)	+Bob Mardis
THU December 6 St. Nicholas	5:30PM (OLL)	+Mardelle Duffy
FRI December 7 St. Ambrose	8:00AM (STM) 5:30PM (OLL)	Holy Day of Obligation Vigil Mass 5:30PM OLL
Sat December 8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	5:00PM (OLL)	+Anita Meyer Holy Day of Obligation
SUN December 9 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8:00AM (STJ) 9:30AM (STM) 11:30AM (OLL)	+Roman Falter

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR GIFTS
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Sunday Total	\$2836.00
Capital Imp.	\$0
CMAA (goal: \$12,200)	\$13,271
Food Pantry November Total	\$36.00
Yr to Date FP	\$273.00
	\$2940.78

**MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
Sat, December 8 5:00PM	Walter Smith	Fran Mardis	Jack Kollross Sarah Sarantakos Rosanne Miller	Michael Smith Bruce Killian	Denis & Cherry Fisher
Sun, December 9 11:30AM	Sophia Ray Will Baillie	Sarah Sarantakos		Craig Davis Connor Ray	

Volunteers are always needed for our parish ministries. For more information on how to join, contact the parish office.

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.

**2019 COLLECTION ENVELOPES**

Please pick up your envelopes at the back of the church. If you have not registered with the parish, or if there are not envelopes in your name and you would like them, please contact the office at (217)784-4671.

Also, please let us know of address, additional children or other contact information changes, by emailing pastor@ololgc.org

2019 FLOWERS

Please sign up for altar flowers for 2019. The sign up sheet is on the table at the back of the church. Flowers are provided by County Market and are \$30. You may have already signed up for a permanent date--if you wish to make any changes, please note them on the sheet. Christmas and Easter signups are on the back two pages. Many thanks in advance for contributing to keeping our church beautiful week to week!

**2019 PARISH CALENDARS**

Our Parish Calendars are available for 2019. Thank you Day Drainage for providing them for our Parish. Feel free to pick some up after Masses over the next few weekends.



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

- December 7:** Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation) Vigil Mass 5:30PM
- December 8:** Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation) Mass 5:00PM
- December 24:** Christmas Eve Mass 4:00PM
- December 25:** Christmas Day Mass 8:00AM
- January 1:** New Years Day Solemnity of Mary Holy Day of obligation Mass 9:00AM

We will also offer the Bambino Blessing at all Masses on December 15/16. Bring your labeled baby Jesus from your nativity and place him in the manger in front of the altar before Mass for this special blessing. Don't forget to grab him at the end of the Mass.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Father,
you prepared the Virgin Mary
To be the worthy mother of your son.
You let her share beforehand
In the salvation Christ
Would bring by his death,
And kept her sinless
From the first moment of her conception.
Help us by her prayers
To live in your presence without sin.
We ask this through
Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns
With you and the Holy Spirit,
One God for ever and ever.
Amen

SHEPHERDS CLOSET
EMERGENCY FOOD
BANK

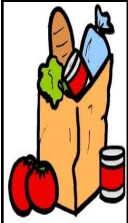
- Cereal
- Canned Meat (tuna, chicken, spam)
- Peanut Butter
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Veggies
- Snack Items
- Cleaning Supplies
- Hygiene Products



A PRAYER FOR ADVENT

Mary, O luminous mother,
Holy healing art!
Eve brought sorrow to the soul,
But by your holy Son
By you pour balm on
Death's wounds and travail.
You have indeed conquered
death!
You have established life!
Ask for us life.
Ask for us radiant joy.
Ask for us the sweet, delicious
ecstasy
That is forever yours.
Amen.

DECEMBER MEAL PREP



We will gather at Fr. Kirk Hall on Sat, Dec 15th at 1pm to make a variety of dinners including soup, casseroles & crock pot meals. Each of the ten dinners feeds 4-6 adults, cost will be about \$100 per family. Those interested can call Nikki Miller at (217) 841-0791

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHRISTMAS PARTY
Hosted by: Religious Education Classes



Come JOIN us at 12:30 after Mass on **December 9** for a day of celebration. We will be serving **CHILI** and **CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP** and a **BAKED POTATO BAR!**

The **RE classes** have **something special** in store for **everyone!**

There will also be boxes available for food donations to the Shepherd's Closet Emergency Food Bank. (see above right for items needed).

HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE!

PARISH CALENDAR
DECEMBER



Saturday, December 8

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon
- Church Christmas Decorating 9AM

Sunday, December 9

- Christmas Party-details below left

Wednesday, December 12

- K of C Meeting 7PM

Thursday, December 13

- Parish Council Meeting 7:15PM

Weekend December 15/16

- Bambino Blessing all Masses
- 16th YOUTH Mass

Saturday, December 22

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon

Join us for Church decorating on Saturday, December 8 at 9:00AM. We need some muscle to bring up the nativity and trees as well as the outdoor nativity décor. Please contact Sarah at 217-781-0528.



- Joanne Fetzner (12/5)
- Sarah McCall (12/6)
- Catherine Cimino (12/7)
- Anthony Gonzalez (12/9)

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

- Linda Ellington
- Greg Delost
- Dale Enghausen
- Brian Sullivan
- Emma Davis
- Terry Hutchcraft
- Norma Thompson
- Leo Chapman
- Adam Reed
- Sharon Cottington
- Rich Meunier



If you wish to add the name of a loved one who is sick, please contact the parish office at 217-784-4671 or pastor@ololgc.org.

Calendar

Monday

DECEMBER 3

St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 2:1-5

Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

DECEMBER 4

Advent Weekday

Is 11:1-10

Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

DECEMBER 5

Advent Weekday

Is 25:6-10a

Mt 15:29-37

Thursday

DECEMBER 6

Advent Weekday

Is 26:1-6

Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday

DECEMBER 7

St. Ambrose, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church

Is 29:17-24

Mt 9:27-31

Saturday

DECEMBER 8

Immaculate Conception of
the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20

Eph 1:3-6, 11-12

Lk 1:26-38

Sunday

DECEMBER 9

Second Sunday
of Advent

Bar 5:1-9

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Lk 3:1-6

Dear Padre,

I noticed in our Sunday bulletin that our parish is setting up a Jesse tree and a giving tree for Advent. What are these trees?

Parishes and families use the Jesse tree and the giving tree as two distinct ways to prepare for the coming of Jesus, the child king.

We use the Jesse tree to remember Jesus' own royal family tree. The Gospel of Matthew traces Jesus' genealogy back to Abraham (1:1-17), while Luke lists his ancestors back to Adam (3:23-28). The purpose is to connect Jesus to Abraham and Adam, and convey the historical longing of the Chosen People for a messiah. Throughout

Advent, names of significant figures in Israelite history and quotations from the Hebrew Testament are hung on the branches. Usually, the Jesse tree is placed in a prominent position, in church or at home, so all can see the history of Jesus unfold as we get ever closer to Christmas.

The giving tree challenges each parish family or member to buy a gift for someone in need. The parish sets up a tree that is decorated with tags suggesting gifts for those in need. Clothing sizes and children's ages are connected with the requests on the tree, so that the givers can easily get the needed items and take their gifts to the church by a designated date. The gifts are then distributed before Christmas. The giving tree unites us to the great message Jesus continues to give us at Christmas: Whatever you do to the least of these, you do to me (see Matthew 25:40).



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Good News!

December 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent (C)

Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28,34-36

If anyone can keep a promise, it's God. His very nature is to be faithful to his promises and to fulfill all he has foretold. His promise after the fall of Adam and Eve was to send us a Redeemer, to bring peace to Jerusalem, and to reestablish his reign on earth. The prophets continually reminded the chosen race of God's fidelity and, although things looked far from their fulfillment, they insisted that God is faithful and would deliver.

Jesus, the ultimate fulfillment of God's promise, comes in two phases. First, by coming as a baby in Bethlehem. This Incarnation and his arrival as Savior is what we're preparing to receive this Advent. Extra prayers, generous giving of your time, and special sacrifices are the best way to ready your soul for his coming.

Jesus' Second Coming will bring to completion what he started on the cross. His glorious return, which all of creation will foretell in those last days, is when the full effects of Christ's victory on the cross will be seen at the judgment of all living creatures.

The advice for all Christians in this period of waiting and preparation is to keep watch; to not allow the delay to lead us to drowsiness. Don't let the vanities of this world dazzle us, for in time, they will become dust.

God promises real treasures that will endure forever, and as we know, God keeps his promises.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC