

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

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Gibson City, IL 60936

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General Information
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Website

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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. Pells 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

February 3, 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong.

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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 February 4		NO MASS
TUE February 5	8:00AM (OLL) 5:30PM (STJ)	Parish Family St. Agatha
WED February 6	8:00AM (OLL) 7:00PM (STM)	Fisher Family Fischer Family
THU February 7	5:30PM (OLL)	+Anita Meyer St. John Basco
FRI February 8	8:00AM (STM) 5:30PM (OLL)	Parish Family
SAT February 9	5:00PM (OLL)	Mae Gardner
SUN February 10	8:00AM (STJ) 9:30AM (STM) 11:30AM (OLL)	+Bob Shambrook Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**THANK YOU FOR
 YOUR GIFTS
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Sunday Total	\$2182.00
Capital Imp.	\$0
CMAA (goal: \$12,200)	\$14,306
Food Pantry January Total	\$74.00
Yr to Date FP	\$251.00



<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
SAT February 9 5:00PM	Walter Smith	Patti Huppert	Helen Haynes Tannie Smith Jean Wilhelmi	Steve Killian Bruce Killian	Denis & Cherry Fisher
SUN February 10 11:30AM	Isabella & Sophia Helmig	Denis Fisher		Craig Davis Brett Beyers	

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.

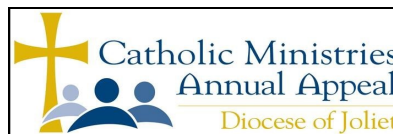
Sick??

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.

**PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR SUPPORT OF THE
 2019 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL**



The Diocese of Joliet is mailing information about the 2019 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) to all registered parishioners this month. As you know, the CMAA supports 30 ministries that benefit every parish in the diocese, including ours, and are **Signs of Hope** (also this year's theme) to our brothers and sisters most in need.

Our parish goal for the 2019 CMAA is \$12,300. Please remember that 70 percent of any amount we raise over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is a great opportunity for our parish! Please review the material you receive and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

If you do not receive a mailing from the diocese about the CMAA, please contact the parish office.

WEEKEND FEBRUARY 9/10

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Join us for cake and ice cream at Fr. Kirk Hall following all OLL Masses this weekend to celebrate.

Food Pantry Volunteers

Saturday, February 9 will be an OLL Food Pantry Weekend

THIS WILL BE A DELIVERY WEEKEND

6-8 Volunteers are needed for set up on Friday, February 8 at 6:00PM. Please park on the East side of the parking lot.

This is a delivery weekend so we will need some extra help and drivers on Saturday morning. Please arrive by no later than 8:30AM Saturday, February 9 and park at County Market. Parking is very limited at the Pantry. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

If you are available to help or have any questions, please contact Paul Sarantakos at 217-781-1440 or by email at psarantakos@parkland.edu.



PLEASE PRAY

FOR THE CHILDREN MAKING THEIR FIRST RECONCILIATION THIS WEEKEND

Kinley Beyers Anthony Maloney
Jude Killian Anthony Gonzalez
Jody Goodin Enrique Gonzalez
Erin McCall

THE GIFT AND RESPONSIBILITY OF RECONCILIATION

As parents, we have both the responsibility and the blessing of helping our children understand and appreciate this sacrament. What we do with it can greatly affect our child's spiritual welfare.

The first thing we need to do in the role of parent/educator is to look at our own understanding of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Just what do we personally believe about confession? Do we see it as an intimate interaction with Jesus Christ himself, or do we see it as an embarrassing talk with a man behind a grill? Do we search our hearts and make a contrite confession of sins with a deep desire to change our lives, or do we rattle off the same old litany of offenses? Do we go to reconciliation out of love or obligation? Do we even go? Our attitudes and actions regarding confession are important indicators as to how our children will perceive this sacrament. It can be helpful to seek out materials that teach about reconciliation and study them from an adult perspective. Then, we need to return to the sacrament ourselves and discover how healthy and freeing it can be.

Many parents mistakenly prepare their child for first reconciliation as if it were a one-time event. This is the wrong approach. Just as we anticipate our children receiving Eucharist regularly once they've made their first Communion, we should have the same expectation with confession. It should be an ongoing part of our spiritual development, an important source of grace, nourishment, and growth as we face the inevitable trials and temptations of life.

Let's look honestly at the subject of forgiveness, which is what reconciliation is all about – receiving God's freely given mercy and compassion. What have our children learned about forgiveness in our own families? When children are raised with an awareness that everyone, including Mom and Dad, make bad choices, when they are made accountable for their actions with calm, firm and consistent discipline, and when they experience genuine forgiveness and healing between family members, they will be more apt to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation with confidence, courage, and even longing. For these children, it's a natural transition.

When we exhibit the same energy and enthusiasm about first reconciliation that we do for first communion, we are doubly blessed. If we learned that Our Lord and Savior were coming to our home for a visit this afternoon, wouldn't we first of all want to be there? Wouldn't we give some thought as to how we are dressed? Perhaps straighten up the house a bit and even prepare a little snack in welcome? After all, we would do at least this much if we knew a friend or relative was dropping by. In a similar way, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is the perfect preparation to cleanse and heal us spiritually, making our hearts and souls all the more ready to welcome the most special guest of all: Jesus Christ.

PARISH CALENDAR



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- OLL Food Pantry Weekend
See details at left

WEEKEND FEBRUARY 9/10

- Celebrate Feast of OLL
See details at left

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- Staff Meeting 6:15PM
- Parish Council Meeting 7:15PM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- K of C Meeting 7PM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- Finance Council Meeting 7PM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- Food Pantry 8AM—12 Noon

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- YOUTH MASS



Jim Ruddy (2/7)



Mike & Joyce Freehill (2/4)

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

FEBRUARY 4

Weekday

Heb 11:32-40

Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 5

St. Agatha,

Virgin and Martyr

Heb 12:1-4

Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 6

St. Paul Miki and

Companions, Martyrs

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15

Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

FEBRUARY 7

Weekday

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24

Mk 6:7-13

Friday

FEBRUARY 8

Weekday

Heb 13:1-8

Mk 6:14-29

Saturday

FEBRUARY 9

Weekday

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21

Mk 6:30-34

Sunday

FEBRUARY 10

*Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8

1 Cor 15:1-11 or

1 Cor 15:3-8, 11

Lk 5:1-11

Dear Padre,

My son and his wife attend a Christian church because they like the minister and the upbeat service. My son was raised Catholic and still claims he is Catholic, even though he doesn't go to a Catholic church. I feel frustrated by the whole affair!

Your frustration is certainly shared by many parents and grandparents today. They raised their children Catholic, even sent them to Catholic schools, but their adult children are less disciplined about their faith practices.

Recent surveys on religion showed that 80 percent of Americans say they believe in God, and 75 percent consider spirituality important in their lives.

But this doesn't mean they commit to religious practices. About 60 percent of Catholics questioned attend religious services only once or twice a month, or never. Many are interested in exploring

different teachings and attending different churches. The loyalty to the Church and its disciplines that was evident in our own lives, or in our parents' and grandparents' lives, is often lacking in today's under-fifty-five crowd.

What can one do about this? The traditional method is to pray for your children while continuing to set an example through your own loyalty to the Catholic Church—including attendance at Sunday Mass and observance of other Church disciplines. It would be good to invite your son and his wife to attend church with you when they are visiting. As we age, we often become more religious and traditional. We may become more interested in our family's history, photos, and traditions. The religion of our childhood may begin to appear very attractive again. Be patient and continue to pray that your children will return to the Church of their roots.



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Good News!

February 3, 2019

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13

or 1 Cor 13:4-13; Lk 4:21-30

The consoling words from the prophet Jeremiah give comfort to all of us. God told him that he, like each of us, was known even in his mother's womb. It was this knowledge of being known and loved that gave Jeremiah the strength to stand before his people and prophesy some very strong and harsh words. He was set as a strong pillar, a wall of brass, a fortified city. He was rooted in love, because he needed to be so as not to be crushed by the anger and resentment stirred up by his prophetic words.

Jesus faces the same ire when visiting his hometown. At first the Nazarenes praise him, but soon, as if they had some entitlement, they presumptuously demand that he perform miracles to satisfy their vanity—not to change their hearts. When Jesus challenges them, their response is to want to throw him off a cliff!

As Christians, we all have a prophetic mission. We're called to preach the truths of the gospel, and at times this isn't popular. In the public square, the Church and Christians are often praised for their charitable work but asked to silence their religious voice when morality is discussed. We need the strength and conviction of prophets as well as the love that drives them.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC