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: (217) 784-4671 General Information pastor@ololgc.org

Website

www.ololgc.org

Mass Schedule

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

Cucharistic AdorationWednesday 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

Cucharistic 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

March 17, 2019 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



About eight days after he said this, he took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.

Pastor

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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

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MON March 18		NO MASS		
TUE March 19	8:00AM (OLL) 5:30PM (STJ)	Parish Family		
WED March 20	8:00 AM (OLL) 7:00PM (STM)	Maria de Jesus Gonzalez		
THU March 21 St. Peter Damian	5:30PM (OLL)	Helmig Family Hoffman Family		
FRI March 22	8:00AM (STM) 5:30PM (OLL)	Parish Family		
SAT March 23	5:00PM (OLL)	+Anita MEyer		
SUN March 24 Third Sunday of Lent		Characa Family		
	11:30AM (OLL)	Chapman Family		

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL

 Sunday
 \$1528.50

 Total
 \$10.00

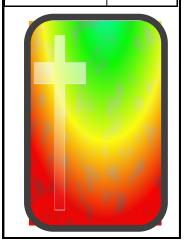
 Capital Imp.
 \$10.00

 CMAA 2019
 \$12,300

 (goal: \$12,300)
 \$26.00

 Food Pantry
 \$85.00

 Yr to Date FP
 \$597.00



<u>Date</u>	Altar Servers	<u>Lectors</u>	Euch. Minister	<u>Ushers</u>	Homebound Ministry
SAT March 23 5:00PM	Walter Smith	Patti Huppert	Lisa Heap Denis Fisher Cherry Fisher	Bob Bode Fred Sarantakos	Frank Titus
SUN March 24 11:30AM	Seth Kollross Will Baillie	Dennis Fisher		Jerry Lynch, Sr. Jerry Lynch, Jr.	

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



Bane Family

Thank you to everyone who has pledged a gift to the 2019 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Your support will help provide *Signs of Hope* to so many through the 30 ministries our annual appeal benefits.

Our parish's goal for the 2019 CMAA is \$12,300. Every gift — large and small — makes a difference! If we raise more than our goal, 70 percent of the amount over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish.

Please prayerfully reflect on your pledge to this year's CMAA and make your gift today. Pledge envelopes are available in the church. You can also return the pledge card you received in the mail, make a gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org, or text "Donate" to (815) 205-1949 to link to a donation form from your mobile phone.



LENTEN MISSION SPEAKER ...FR. PHAM WHAT & HOW: THE CATHOLIC CHURCH'S DILEMMAS April 4 and 5 following 5:30PM Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Fr. Pham was born in the city of Da-Nang, Vietnam. When the whole country of Vietnam fell under Communism, Fr. Pham escaped by boat to Hong Kong and migrated from there to Port Arthur, TX as a political refugee. At age 16 he left the hot climate of the South and entered the St. Joseph High School Seminary of the Diocese of Grand Rapids, MI and was ordained a priest in 1991. Spurred by a

profound desire to serve the poor and in particular those of his native land, Fr. Pham was later incardinated to the Diocese of Thanh-Hoa.

Fr. Pham now resides in Lakeview, a little town of Michigan and serves as the Episcopal Vicar of the Diocese of Thanh-Hoa and General Coordinator of the people of Thanh-Hoa living in North America.

In 2006 Cross Catholic Outreach welcomed Fr. Pham to carry on his passionate commitment to God and to the poor which is exhibited most clearly in his simple life and, in particular, his preaching.

Day 1: Contemporary Issues Facing Our Church

Day 2: What Can We Do?



PARISH COUNCIL/FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED

We are looking for anyone that feels called to serve on the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Council (meets monthly-2nd Thursday) or the Finance Council (meets quarterly). If you are interested or would like more Information, contact the office at pastor@ololgc.org. We have several positions opening this spring that need to be filled. We ask for your prayerful consideration.

BE HEALED-CATHOLIC WOMEN'S TWO NIGHT RETREAT

With Fr. Burke Masters and Fr. Dennis Spies NOVEMBER 1 at 6:30pm-NOVEMBER 3 at 3PM Carmelite Spiritual Center 8419 Bailey Road, Darien, IL

Join other women for this dynamic retreat with Fr. Burke Masters, Fr. Dennis Spies, Fr. Steve Borello and other leaders in the DOJ. "Be Healed" Retreat will be an engaging weekend based on the book by author Dr. Bob Schuchts. The weekend includes spirit filled talks, small group discussions, and opportunities for faith filled reflection, mass and confessions. The Carmelite Spiritual Center features a meditation garden for prayer and contemplation, as well as home cooked meals. This will be a weekend to assist you in taking the next step in your faith journey. Register early as spots are limited and already filling up. The cost is \$175-\$265 and more information can be obtained by emailing retreats@gamechangersfts,org or by calling 800-431-8720.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY MARCH 29 APRIL 12

Dinner will be served from 4:30PM-6:30PM. The cost will be \$8 with children under 12 free. Carryout's are available.



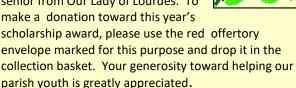


During the Lenten season we will offer STATIONS OF THE CROSS

on Friday evenings at 6:00PM following 5:30PM Mass

Sunderland Scholarship

The Sunderland Scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating senior from Our Lady of Lourdes. To make a donation toward this year's



PARISH CALENDAR



LENTEN SCHEDULE

posted at back of church & extra copies on bookcase.

Saturday, March 23

Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon

LENTEN PRAYER

From Pope Francis

Jesus, in you I am never alone, even at difficult moments, even when my life's journey comes up against problems and obstacles that seem insurmountable, and there are so many of them! I accompany you, I follow you, but above all I know that you accompany me and carry me on your shoulders.

This is my joy, this is the hope that I must bring to this world.



Aiden Killian (3/18) Lily Giroux (3/19) Fran Mardes (3/19) Gary Wilhelmi (3/19) Bernadette Campos (3/20) Gary Gale (3/21) Liam Kiillian (3/21) Remi Astronomo (3/24) Patti Meunier (3/24)

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Linda Ellington Greg Delost Dale Enghausen **Brian Sullivan Emma Davis Terry Hutchcraft Norma Thompson** Leo Chapman **Adam Reed** Joyce Pearson

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

MARCH 18 Lenten Weekday Dn 9:4b–10

Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

MARCH 19 St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Sm 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16 Rom 4:13, 16–18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18–21, 24a or Lk 2:41–51a

Wednesday

MARCH 20 Lenten Weekday Jer 18:18–20 Mt 20:17–28

Thursday

MARCH 21 Lenten Weekday Jer 17:5–10 Lk 16:19–31

Friday

MARCH 22 Lenten Weekday Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

MARCH 23 Lenten Weekday Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday

MARCH 24

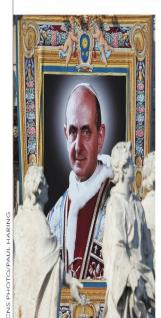
Third Sunday of Lent
Ex 3:1–8a, 13–15
1 Cor 10:1–6, 10–12

Lk 13:1-9

Dear Padre,

With the recent canonization of Pope Paul VI, is the trend now for popes to canonize their last few predecessors?

Of the 266 popes in history, more than eighty are saints, including the early martyrs and later luminaries like Leo the Great (440-461) and Gregory the Great (590-604). However, only a handful of this number have been canonized in the last thousand years: Celestine V (1294), who resigned



after five months in office, was canonized in 1313; Pius V (1566-1572) was canonized in 1712; and Pius X (1903-1914) was canonized in 1954. In fact, Pius X was the last pope to be declared a saint until a wave of canonizations in recent years added other twentieth-century popes to that number: John XXIII (1958-1963) and John Paul II (1978-2005) were made saints during the same ceremony in April 2014, and Paul VI (1963-1978) was canonized in October 2018. Moreover, two popes from the last century are now declared Venerable: Pope Pius XII (1939-1958) and John Paul I (1978). These

join at least a dozen other popes of earlier centuries who are at various stages in the canonization process.

Popes are not automatic candidates for sanctity. They, like the rest, must be investigated for doctrinal orthodoxy, heroic virtues, and miraculous intercession after death. In addition, Benedict XIV (1740-1758) specified that they should also be measured for their "zeal for the preservation and propagation of the Catholic faith, for the encouragement and restoration of ecclesiastical discipline, and the defense of the rights of the Apostolic See" (translated from *De Servorum Dei*).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Good News!

March 17, 2019 Second Sunday of Lent (C) Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1 or Phil 3:20-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

The same three apostles who are present in the Garden of Gethsemane are also at the transfiguration. On both occasions they fall asleep! But when they awake at the transfiguration, they see something totally different. They see Jesus radiant and resplendent like they had never seen him before. This revelation of his glory is meant to strengthen their faith and prepare them for seeing Jesus later, sweating blood in the agony of the Garden. Experiencing the joy and beauty of Jesus is essential to persevering through the inevitable passions we will have to undergo. Faith is not all about suffering, but about joy, love, and intimacy with Christ. Yes, love sometimes means we must suffer, but the fruit is greater intimacy. A diamond is made under great pressure and love must past through temptations.

All three synoptic Gospels unite the transfiguration with Peter's profession of faith. The reality of the passion and cross should not shake the apostle's faith, but they should realize that his exaltation can only be accomplished in the cross: "And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself" (John 12:32).

The sufferings we see in the world, in our own past and present, shouldn't shake our faith in Jesus, either. Overcoming sin comes from embracing suffering.

Jesus is so radiant that he awakes the apostles from their slumber. May the consuming love with which we burn for Jesus transfigure us into beautiful lights that awaken this world from its slumber of faith as well.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC