

## 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](mailto:office@ololgc.org) or stop by any time after scheduled Masses.

### Our Lady of Lourdes

Established - 1875

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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

## April 12, 2020

## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of our Lord



On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first.



When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.

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**THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS**

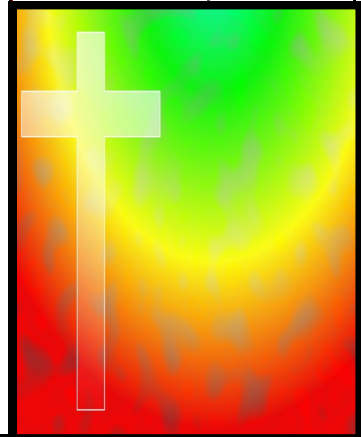
If you wish to have a Mass intention for a loved one, anniversary or other occasion, please contact the parish office.

Mass intentions are \$10.00

<b>MON</b> April 13		No Mass
<b>TUE</b> April 14	Father Bui ONLY No attendance	For the Parishioners of OLL, St Mary and St Joseph
<b>WED</b> April 15	Father Bui ONLY No attendance	For the Parishioners of OLL, St Mary and St Joseph
<b>THU</b> April 16	Father Bui ONLY No Attendance	For the Parishioners of OLL, St. Mary and St Joseph
<b>Friday</b> April 17	Father Bui ONLY No attendance	For the Parishioners of OLL, St Mary and St Joseph
<b>SAT</b> April 18	Father Bui ONLY No attendance	For the Parishioners of OLL, St Mary and St Joseph
<b>SUN</b> April 19	Father Bui ONLY No attendance	For the Parishioners of St Mary, OLL and St Joseph

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS**

Saturday/ Sunday Total	\$0.00
Capital Imp.	\$0.00
CMAA 2020 (goal: \$11,900)	\$0.00
Food Pantry April Total	\$0.00
Yr to Date FP	\$551.10



**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
SAT April 11					
SUN April 12 Easter Sunday					

**Baptism**

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

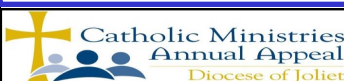
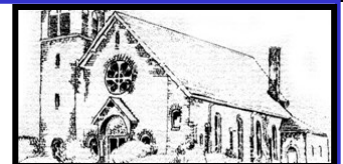
**Sick??**

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.

Some parishioners have asked about making their weekly or monthly contribution to OLOL, even with the current situation. If you wish to do so, please mail your envelope with your contribution (please checks only) Thank you !  
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**PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR SUPPORT OF THE 2020 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL**

Your gift to the CMAA makes a difference. The opening report for the 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMAA) in today's bulletin illustrates how the 30 ministries supported through our annual appeal truly exemplify this year's theme, *Be Kind and Merciful*. These ministries allow the diocese to serve our most vulnerable brothers and sisters and assist parishes, including ours. Our parish goal for the 2020 CMAA is **\$11,900**, with 70 percent of any amount we raise over goal will be returned to us for our needs. Please prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's CMAA and make a commitment next week during our CMAA Commitment/InPew Weekend. Thank you for considering the most generous pledge possible to this year's annual appeal. please contact the parish office.

## THE HEART OF THE CHRISTIAN MESSAGE

The Easter Triduum we celebrated this week reminds us that an authentic understanding of the place of morality in the life of the Christian begins and ends with faith in Jesus Christ as the incarnate Son of God and Savior of the world. Those who do not accept Jesus as Savior tend to paint him simply as a wise moral teacher, a great poet, and a communicator of beautiful ideals. They focus on the words of his teachings rather than on the meaning of his life, death, and resurrection. There is even a tendency by some within the Church to see adherence to moral teachings and compliance with ethical norms as the litmus test for what makes one authentically Catholic.

During his general audience on April 19, 2017, Pope Francis noted the resurrection as “the heart of the Christian message.” He said, “Christianity started from here. It is not an ideology; it is not a philosophical system; rather it is a path of faith which begins with an event witnessed by Jesus; first disciples.” It is the surprise of this encounter, the Pope continued, that all Christians are called to experience “even if we are sinners.”

Christian moral life flows out of this encounter with the risen Christ. We find its purpose and meaning in his cross and resurrection. The cross reminds us that moral living alone cannot and does not save. Jesus did not teach a new moral law of which the people to whom he spoke were unaware. He came to deal with humanity’s inability to live the moral law we already know, to free us from the power sin has over us, and to release us from the debt of injustice by which we are estranged from God. He did this as God incarnate in human flesh by undergoing crucifixion and death as an act of loving mercy. The resurrection reveals him as the divine Son, whom the loving Father sent into the world so that the world might be saved rather than condemned.

The crucified and risen Christ offers himself as a ransom for the many. Lifted up on the cross, he draws all people to himself with the revelation of a merciful God who loves us and forgives us. Christ, whose blood is shed so that sins may be forgiven rather than punished, calls upon those of us who truly encounter him to take up our cross and follow him by doing for others what he has done for us.

When we touch Christ’s heart and feel him touching ours, we find that Eden’s tree of the knowledge of good and evil, which poisoned humanity, is rendered nutritious by the tree of life (the cross), restoring humanity to divine intimacy and friendship. There is no sin so grave or terrible that it cannot and will not be forgiven by the love of Christ if we repent and accept his gift of mercy in faith. There is no evil so powerful that it has not already been definitively defeated by the cross and resurrection of Jesus. Faith in Christ crucified and risen gives rise to a morality of joyous hope, revealing charity rather than justice to be the essence of a Christian moral life.

~Fr. Stephen Rehrauer, CSsR

Looking for another opportunity to bring Catholicism into your day... tune your radio to Holy Family Radio, 95.7 FM, [EWTN](http://www.ewtn.com) Catholic radio programs.

### 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 scholarship award, please use the red offertory envelope marked for this purpose and drop it in the collection basket. Your generosity toward helping our parish youth is greatly appreciated.



# April

### PARISH CALENDAR

Also Check out our website (calendar) for important dates in February. [ololgc.org](http://ololgc.org)

- All Masses, Stations of the Cross, Holy Week services, Easter services and any gathering of parishioners in the church is suspended in an effort to keep safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Pray for our Parishes and our Country at this trying time. God Bless Us and keep us safe !



Kasi Schwarz (4/13)  
Beth Baillie (4/16)  
John Kollross (4/17)  
Evan Killian (4/17)  
Chris Giroux (4/18)  
Tim Bane (4/19)



God Bless all of our Families !

### Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Linda Ellington  
Greg Delost  
Dale Enghausen  
Brian Sullivan  
Emma Davis  
Terry Hutchcraft  
Leo Chapman  
Adam Reed  
Fran Mardis  
Joyce Pearson  
Caine Jost  
Rosanne Miller



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@ololgc.org](mailto:office@ololgc.org).

# Dear Padre,

## What's the origin of the word *Easter*? It's not mentioned in the Bible. Wouldn't a better name be Resurrection Sunday?

**E**xperts trace Easter back to Old-English meanings associated with **Eostre**, the goddess of spring and fertility. Others point to the German word for east, which is derived from the Latin word for dawn. Regardless, Christianity found new meaning in the ancient celebration of nature's rebirth during the spring equinox. This resurrection of new life over the dead of winter also pointed to Christ's resurrection from the dead at dawn.

Likewise, early Christians gave new meaning to ancient symbols of fertility, such as rabbits and eggs. For example, a hatching chick represented the risen Christ emerging from the shell of a tomb, and the Roman proverb *Omne vivum ex ovo* ("All life comes from an egg") symbolized the resurrection. Eggs, prohibited during the Lenten fast, were reintroduced at the Easter meal and shared as decorated gifts. In 1610, a prayer by Pope Paul V blessed the egg, "that it may become a wholesome sustenance to thy faithful servants, eating it in thankfulness to thee, on account of the resurrection of the Lord."

"Each week, on the day called the Lord's Day, [the Church] commemorates the Resurrection of the Lord, which she also celebrates once a year in the great Paschal Solemnity" (*The Roman Missal*, "Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar," 1). Thus, every Sunday—even those in Lent—is a Resurrection Sunday in celebration of Christ's triumph over death, which will include our own!



PAVEL HAVSTOV/SHUTTERSTOCK

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR  
[Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)

## Calendar

### Monday

APRIL 13

Octave of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22–33

Mt 28:8–15

### Tuesday

APRIL 14

Octave of Easter

Acts 2:36–41

Jn 20:11–18

### Wednesday

APRIL 15

Octave of Easter

Acts 3:1–10

Lk 24:13–35

### Thursday

APRIL 16

Octave of Easter

Acts 3:11–26

Lk 24:35–48

### Friday

APRIL 17

Octave of Easter

Acts 4:1–12

Jn 21:1–14

### Saturday

APRIL 18

Octave of Easter

Acts 4:13–21

Mk 16:9–15

### Sunday

APRIL 19

Second Sunday

of Easter

(Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Acts 2:42–47

1 Pt 1:3–9

Jn 20:19–31

# Good News!

April 12, 2020

Easter (A)

Acts 10:34a, 37–43; Col 3:1–4 or

1 Cor 5:6b–8; Jn 20:1–9 or Mt 28:1–10

We normally speak of "eyes wide open," an experience of seeing and understanding. However, Easter is a time of total astonishment, of standing before mystery with our mouths wide open and not understanding. Even the closest followers of Jesus were dumbfounded. Mary Magdalene didn't expect to find an empty tomb. Upon seeing it, she presumed that the body had been stolen. The Gospel says that "they did not yet understand" (John 20:9). How could they? The magnitude of the mystery was overwhelming.

When did they finally understand? Actually, it's more a question of believing than understanding. The Gospel tells us that they came to believe. They came to believe in him—not that he would conquer death by not dying, but that he would conquer it by dying and then being transformed into a new kind of life, a kind of living that isn't subject to death. They came to believe this through an experience of him.

We might envy the early followers who had Easter experiences of Jesus. But if we look carefully we will see that they experienced him in their everyday lives—in community gatherings, in the breaking of the bread. These are the very places where we can experience him in our own lives. The good news of Jesus' resurrection isn't just that we shall die and go home with him, but that he is risen and comes home with us.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



## WORD FROM Pope Francis

Today however we see that our journey is not in vain. ... Why do you think that everything is hopeless, that no one can take away your own tombstones? Why do you give in to resignation and failure? Easter is the feast of tombstones taken away, rocks rolled aside.

—EASTER VIGIL HOMILY, APRIL 20, 2019