

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

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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

May 10, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

Happy Mothers' Day



But you are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

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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

MON May 11		No Mass
TUE May 12	Father Bui ONLY No attendance	For the Parishioners of OLL, St Mary and St Joseph
WED May 13	Father Bui ONLY No attendance	For the Parishioners of OLL, St Mary and St Joseph
THU May 14	Father Bui ONLY No Attendance	*Lucy Shilts
Friday May 15	Father Bui ONLY No attendance	*Mike Freehill
SAT May 16	Father Bui ONLY No attendance	For the Parishioners of OLL, St Mary and St Joseph
SUN May 17 6th Sunday of Easter	Father Bui ONLY Live Stream No attendance	For the Parishioners of St Mary, OLL and St Joseph

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS

March Total	\$1950.00
April Total	\$4167.72
Capital Imp.	\$0.00
CMAA 2020 (goal: \$11,900)	\$7,308.00
Food Pantry May Total	\$0.00
Yr to Date FP	\$551.10

You may mail your donations to:

**Our Lady of Lourdes
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Thank you !

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
SAT May 16					
SUN May 17 6th Sunday of Easter					

Baptism

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

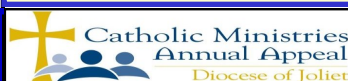
Sick??

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.

**If you would like to make your weekly or monthly contribution to OLOL, even with the current situation, 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.

SAINTS OF THE EASTER SEASON

The Easter season, which is actually not just one day but forty days long, is the time when we are encouraged to proclaim the Good News of Christ's resurrection to new life with God. But even more than just proclaiming it, we are invited to be transformed by our contact with the risen Christ and live resurrection lives. The saints whom we remember and celebrate during this season exemplify what we are also trying to do. As Vatican Council II reminded us: "The saints have been traditionally honored in the Church and their authentic relics and images held in veneration. For the feasts of the saints proclaim the wonderful works of Christ in his servants, and display to the faithful fitting examples for their imitation." So may these holy men and women, clergy and laity, rich and poor, popes and peasants encourage and embolden us to live our resurrection lives to the fullest.

St. Matthias —May 14

The Acts of the Apostles (1:15-26) tells us that Matthias was chosen after the resurrection to replace Judas. Peter, quoting a psalm, told the 120 people gathered that they must choose a new apostle: someone who had been with them from the time of the baptism of the Lord until the resurrection, someone who could join them in bearing witness to these events. Two names were put forward and the assembly cast lots, the lot falling to Matthias. Nothing more is known of his life or apostolic work.

How might I be ready when God calls me to witness to the resurrection?

St. Isidore—May 15

Isidore "the farmer" was born in Madrid, Spain, to a family of poor farm laborers. He and his wife, St. Maria (Torribia) de la Cabeza, spent their lives working on the estate of Juan de Vergas and were renowned for their piety, love of animals and generosity to the poor. After his death, his remains were transferred to a beautiful shrine (1170) and his fame spread. Many miracles were attributed to him, including the cure of King Philip III (1615) who saw to it that Isidore was formally canonized (1622). He is a patron of farmers and rural communities and of the city of Madrid. May we thank God for all the farmers, men and women, who work so hard that we may eat.

How might I support the good work of those trying to protect our food sources and environment?

Position needs to be filled: Food Service Coordinator St John Vianney Villa—Naperville

The Diocese of Joliet is seeking to hire a Food Service Coordinator at the St John Vianney Villa in Naperville. The Food Service Coordinator will design/develop the weekday menus and prepare healthy hot meals for lunch and dinner Monday through Friday for the priests residing at St John Vianney Villa. He/she will watch over the Villa and report any issues to the Facilities Manager, order supplies, shop for food, etc. Must have excellent culinary skills and the ability to relate well with others. Must be dependable. This is a full-time benefited non-exempt position. Normal work week Monday through Friday 10:30 am to 6:30 pm. Requires flexibility of schedule if needed.

To view a full job description, visit: <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/listjobs.php>.

Applicants meeting the necessary qualifications, please email a cover letter, resume and salary requirement to: humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org

**Join us
during the Month of May
To honor the Blessed Virgin
Mary
The month of May is tradi-
tionally devoted to the Blessed
Virgin Mary. So to honor her
this month, we would like us
as a parish to say the Ro-
sary—together— every evening
at 9:00 pm. through the month
of May.**

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 Janet Townsend at (217)621-4812 or tomandjanettownsend@yahoo.com (your specific prayer need does NOT need to be disclosed to activate the prayer chain).

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 please mail to the rectory.

Your generosity toward helping our parish youth is greatly appreciated.



PARISH CALENDAR

Also Check out our website (calendar) for important dates in May, and our weekly bulletin. ololgc.org

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

The month of May is Mary's month. Very rarely has our Blessed Mother's intercession been needed as much as it is today in seeking the cessation of the coronavirus.

Pray for our Parishes and our Country at this trying time.

God Bless Us and keep us safe !



Aidan Helmig (5/11)
Theresa Volker (5/12)
Joe Baillie (5/13)
Elizabeth Goodin (5/15)

Happy Anniversary

Daniel and Jane Lange (5/13)
Jerry and Amy Stoltz (5/15)
John and Amy Venetto (5/17)

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.

Dear Padre,

Are there models I can use to help me better understand what a mother is to do or be?

A great model for mothers is the **Blessed Virgin Mary**. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* uses the titles of Advocate, Helper, Benefactress, and Mediatrix when speaking of Mary (CCC 969). These titles are important in explaining Mary's special relationship to us, her children. We can also use these titles to show how mothers today can relate to their children and spouses.

Mary encourages us in our efforts to follow Christ. So it is the duty of all mothers to be a guiding presence to their children as they begin to pray and learn to follow the Lord.

As Advocate and Helper, Mary assists us by her own prayer and example. Mary prays for us, and we only have to read Scripture to understand Mary's example of listening to God. Today's mothers share the task of praying for their children and spouses. A mother's example of listening for God can teach her children the importance of seeking God's will.

As Benefactress, Mary is a patron and invites us to receive the graces that only her Son can bestow. In today's family, a mother offers a constant stream of love and encouragement to her spouse and children. She is the patron of love, a refuge from the harshness that life can bring.

As Mediatrix, Mary brings people together to be coworkers with Christ in the work of salvation. Also, a mother is a mediator, a coworker with Christ, helping her children and spouse on their journeys toward salvation. Her family is a little church where heaven and salvation are proclaimed. Happy Mother's Day!



VIRGIN AND CHILD (1649) BY CARLO MARATTA/AGROSC/SHUTTERSTOCK

—Fr. Paul J. Cury, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Be my ambassador, [Mary] says to us, giving food to the hungry, drink to those who thirst, a refuge to those in need, clothe the naked and visit the sick. Come to the aid of your neighbor, forgive whoever has offended you, console the grieving, be patient with others, and above all beseech and pray to God.

—HOMILY, FEBRUARY 13, 2016

Calendar

Monday
MAY 11
Easter Weekday
Acts 14:5–18
Jn 14:21–26

Tuesday
MAY 12
Easter Weekday
Acts 14:19–28
Jn 14:27–31a

Wednesday
MAY 13
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:1–6
Jn 15:1–8

Thursday
MAY 14
St. Matthias,
Apostle
Acts 1:15–17, 20–26
Jn 15:9–17

Friday
MAY 15
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:22–31
Jn 15:12–17

Saturday
MAY 16
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:1–10
Jn 15:18–21

Sunday
MAY 17
Sixth Sunday
of Easter
Acts 8:5–8, 14–17
1 Pt 3:15–18
Jn 14:15–21

Good News!

May 10, 2020
Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)
Acts 6:1–7; 1 Pt 2:4–9; Jn 14:1–12

That is a very profound question, asked by children and adults alike. Answers range from the image of an old man in a white robe with a beard; the all-seeing eye on the back of the dollar bill; “the big guy” up there. Such answers seem frivolous when we think about the dynamic force behind the Big Bang from which evolved everything in the billions of galaxies that we know exist. What is such a God really like?

The disciples were probably not thinking of astrophysics when they asked Jesus about God. Their questions flowed from Jesus' constant reference to God as Father. That title in itself tells us something about God. It tells us that God, like a father, is the source of Jesus' being and existence.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples that he is about to return to his Father. He also assures them that they also will have a place with the Father. However, like us, they still are not sure what this Father is like. Jesus responds to their lack of understanding and suggests: “Look at me!” His life is lived for others. He is one who cares for those in need rather than walks past them, who forgives rather than condemns, who endures misunderstanding without retaliating, who tolerates the pettiness of others without being snide. Why is it so hard for us to realize that *this* is what God is really like?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

