

## 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

534 N. Wood Street  
Gibson City, IL 60936

#### Parish Office Secretary

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General Information  
[office@ololgc.org](mailto:office@ololgc.org)

#### Website

[www.ololgc.org](http://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. 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

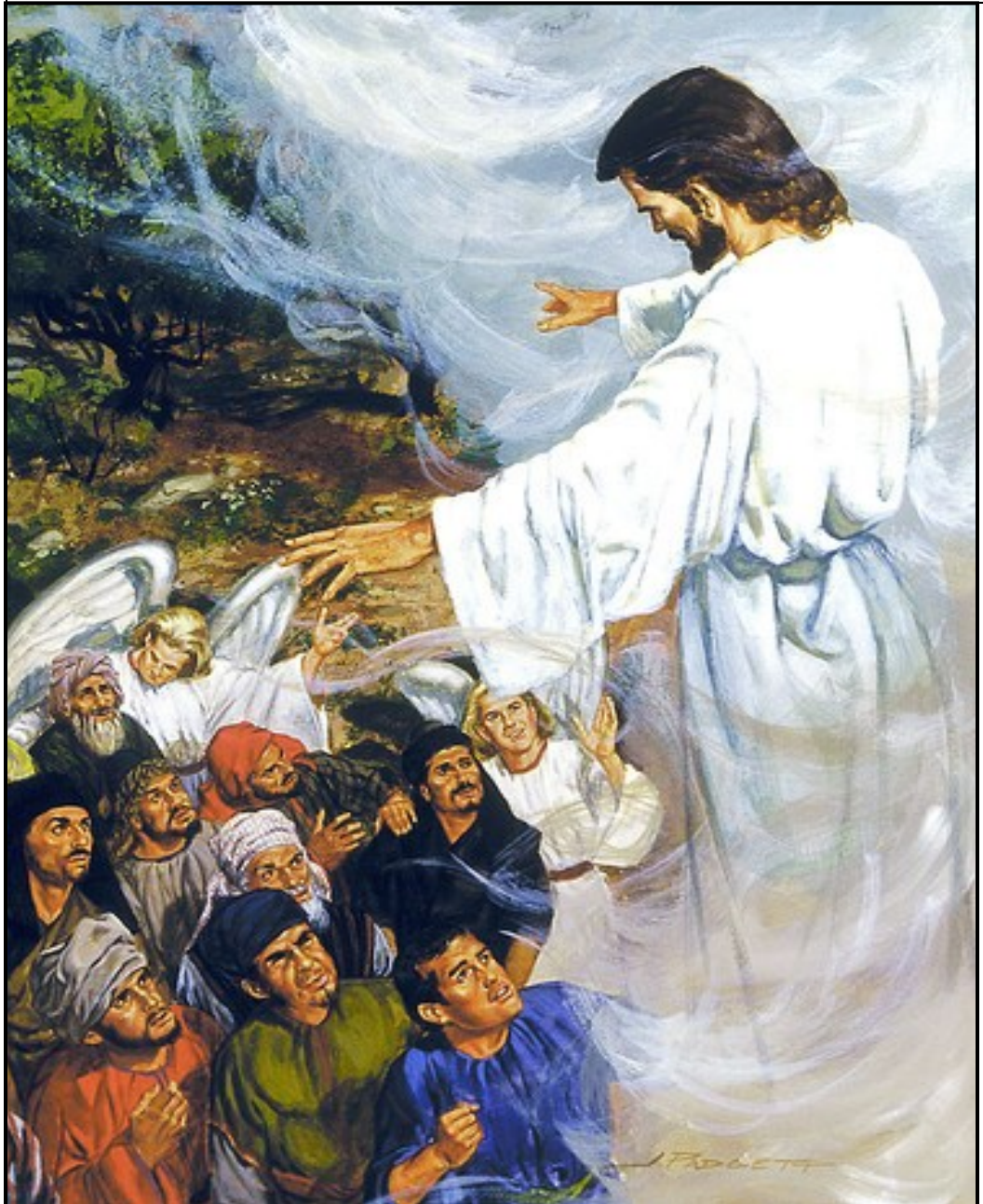
Sunday 8:00 am

Tuesday 5:30 pm

#### Confession

Sunday 7:30am

## May 24, 2020 Seventh Sunday of Easter The Ascension of our Lord



"But you will receive power when the holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him

**Pastor**

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**President**

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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> May 25	<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	No Mass
<b>TUE</b> May 26	Father Bui ONLY St Philip Neri , priest	+Dennis Kollross No attendance
<b>WED</b> May 27	Father Bui ONLY St Augustine of Canterbury	+ Lucy Shilts No attend-
<b>THU</b> May 28	Father Bui ONLY No Attendance	*Mike Freehill
<b>Friday</b> May 29 St Paul VI, Pope	Father Bui ONLY No attendance	For the Parishioners of OLL, St Mary and St Joseph
<b>SAT</b> May 30	Father Bui ONLY No attendance	For the Parishioners of OLL, St Mary and St Joseph
<b>SUN</b> May 31 Pentecost Sunday	Father Bui ONLY <b>Live Stream</b> 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)	\$7,466.00
Food Pantry May Total	\$0.00
Yr to Date FP	\$551.10

**You may mail your donations to:**

**Our Lady of Lourdes  
 534 N Wood St,  
 Gibson City, IL 60936**

**Thank you !**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
SAT May 30					
SUN May 31 Pentecost Sunday					

**Baptism**

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

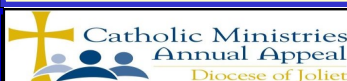
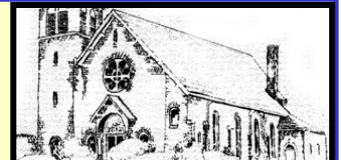
**Sick??**

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.

**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 !  
 Our Lady of Lourdes, 534 N Wood Street, Gibson City, IL 60936**



**PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR SUPPORT OF THE 2020 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL**

**Please be Kind and Merciful to those in need.** A mailing has been sent to all parishioners who have not yet made a gift to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Please prayerfully consider supporting the CMAA, if your means allow. The CMAA helps our parish and the Diocese of Joliet to provide vital ministries, programs and services to support our friends and neighbors in need, especially during these unprecedented times. **Our parish goal is \$11,900.00 and to date we have received \$7466.00. Thank you for your support !**

### News from the Diocese of Joliet concerning a Phased Re-Opening.

In recent correspondence, the Diocese is working diligently to work on **THE PLAN**, for reopening churches and resuming public participation in the sacramental life of the Church. The Plan has been developed by the bishops in consultation with and the approval of state and local public health officials and civil authorities. More information will be forthcoming !!!



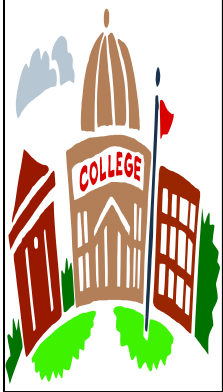
### **PARISH CALENDAR**

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 !



### ***Congratulations !!!***

To our graduating Seniors:

***Brooke Beyers, Caine Jost, Nathan Giroux,  
Keegan Kutemeier, and Hannah Hathaway.***

We are PROUD of you and wish you many blessings as you begin your next adventure !!! God bless you !!!

### ***Congratulations !!!***

***Hannah Hathaway***

Recipient of the Linda Sunderland Scholarship.

Join us during the Month of May to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. The month of May is traditionally devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary. So to honor her this month, we would like us as a parish to say the Rosary—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](mailto:tomandjanettownsend@yahoo.com) (your specific prayer need does NOT need to be disclosed to activate the prayer chain).



Frank Titus (5/24)  
Margo Shambrook (5/24)  
Judy Tjarks (5/25)  
Mike Medernach (5/26)  
Nicole Miller (5/27)  
Hannah Kollross (5/28)  
Owen Stroh (5/29)



Thomas and Jill Rock (5/29)  
Chris and Mary Giroux (5/29)

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

The Diocese of Joliet will hold its Forty-second Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, August 23, 2020 at 2:00PM at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. If you are celebrating either your 25th or 50th anniversary this year, please contact the parish office so that we may submit your name to the Diocese for a formal invitation. Those celebrating over 50 year anniversaries do not receive a formal invitation, but will be able to register to attend at a later date.



### **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](mailto:pastor@ololgc.org). We have several positions opening this spring that need to be filled. We ask for your prayerful consideration.

### **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](mailto:humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org)

### **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



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,

**I want to deepen the spiritual sense of Christ in my life. How can I create a strong spiritual connection to Jesus?**

**Y**our answer may be within your own parish. I suggest you begin your spiritual journey by connecting with a parish outreach group. When I worked as a missionary in Brazil, I marveled at how the youth groups that I worked with brought a deeper spirituality to my own life.

It was common in Brazil to have a three-day retreat leading up to Lent. Although this was a youth retreat, it also energized the adults who worked

with them. The highlight was on Ash Wednesday evening, when the teens would give public testimony at Mass to the Lord working in their lives. Their testimony inspired parishioners to rededicate themselves to educating the smaller children throughout the year. A youth group never lacks in spirit, which is usually contagious!

It's difficult to seek spiritual enlightenment alone. There's spiritual strength in numbers (even Jesus kept twelve disciples near him!), and even greater spiritual power within the graced walls of your parish. When you serve others, your spiritual path is deepened and expanded. Working with youths is just one

way to enhance your spiritual connection. Remember the words of St. Paul: "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit" (1 Corinthians 12:4-7).

—Fr. John Gouger, CSsR  
[Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)



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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*The Church holds out a mission, and I would like to entrust you with this mission. It is to go back and talk to your grandparents. Today more than ever we need this bridge, this dialogue, between grandparents and grandchildren, between the young and the elderly.*

—WORLD YOUTH DAY PRAYER VIGIL, APRIL 8, 2017

## Calendar

### Monday

MAY 25

Easter Weekday

Acts 19:1-8

Jn 16:29-33

### Tuesday

MAY 26

St. Philip Neri,

Priest

Acts 20:17-27

Jn 17:1-11a

### Wednesday

MAY 27

Easter Weekday

Acts 20:28-38

Jn 17:11b-19

### Thursday

MAY 28

Easter Weekday

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11

Jn 17:20-26

### Friday

MAY 29

Easter Weekday

Acts 25:13b-21

Jn 21:15-19

### Saturday

MAY 30

Easter Weekday

Acts 28:16-20,

30-31

Jn 21:20-25

### Sunday

MAY 31

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

Jn 20:19-23

# Good News!

May 24, 2020

*The Ascension of the Lord (A)*

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

Are we, like the disciples, looking in the wrong direction? As they looked up to heaven, they probably realized what they had lost. Jesus was no longer in their midst. But then, the Easter stories all tell us that they never really understood his risen presence with them. And so they were asked: "Why are you standing here looking at the sky?" (Acts 1:11).

Are we also looking up to heaven when we should be looking out to the world? Of course, it is right that we reflect on Jesus' ascension. However, today's understanding of the universe helps us realize that the biblical account of Jesus' ascension into heaven may be a way of saying that he is glorified with God. As Paul says, he has been granted the place of honor at God's right hand, "far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion" with "all things beneath his feet" (Ephesians 1:21-22). Jesus, now with God, radiates the full splendor of his resurrection.

We must turn to the Gospel passage to get the fullness of the story of the ascension. Jesus did not say: "Watch what is going to happen." Instead he told them to go out: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). We might know these words so well that we miss their forcefulness. In effect, Jesus is telling them: go out to the whole world and tell them what you have seen and heard. I did what it was for me to do; now it is up to you to do the rest. Don't worry, "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20). Look where you're going, not where I went.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA