

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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Mass Schedule

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 11:00 am

Wednesday 8:00 am

Thursday 5:30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday following Mass

Confession

During Wednesday Adoration

4:30 pm before Saturday Mass

Any time by Appointment

❖ FOR YOUR INFORMATION ❖

St. Mary

407 W. Pells Street
Paxton, IL 60957

Phone—217-379-4033

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

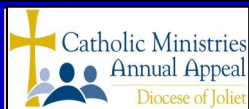
Sunday 7:30am

February 7, 2021—Year of Saint Joseph

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mc 1:29-39 On leaving the synagogue he entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them. When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.



PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR SUPPORT OF THE 2021 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

It is time for the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Your gift is especially important this year, during the pandemic, as our diocese continues to explore new and innovative ways to serve those in need.

The 2021 theme is *Shining the Light of Christ*. The 30 ministries the CMAA supports allow parishes to join together to shine Christ's light to the benefit of many, from the poor and vulnerable to seminarians and schoolchildren. No parish could provide all of these ministries on its own. Our parish goal for the 2021 CMAA is **\$11,300**. 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 form the diocese about the CMAA, please contact the parish office. Envelopes are also available in every pew.

Pope Francis Announces Year of Saint Joseph for 2021(See inside)

On December 8, 2020, the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as patron saint of the universal Church, Pope Francis issued the Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde* as an extended reflection of the holy foster father of Jesus and spouse of Mary. According to the Holy Father, Saint Joseph was a father in varied ways: beloved, tender and loving, obedient, accepting, creatively courageous, working, and 'in the shadows.' He concluded his letter with a short prayer to Saint Joseph as a synthesis of his teachings. ***Saint Joseph, Pray for us!***

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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.		
MON February 8 <i>(Sts Jerome Emilliani and Josephine Bakhita)</i>		No Mass
TUE February 9	8:00 AM (OLOL) 5:30 pm (STJ)	Parishioners of OLOL
WED February 10 <i>(St Scholastica)</i>	8:00 AM (OLOL) 7:00 PM (STM)	+Mary Wurmnest (by Carla Moxley)
THU February 11 <i>(Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes)</i>	5:30 PM (OLOL)	+Josephine Chase (by Jean Donovan)
Friday February 12	5:30 PM (OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL
SAT February 13	5:00 PM (OLOL)	+ Mike Freehill (by Freehill family)
SUN February 14 <i>(6th Sunday in Ordinary Time)</i>	8:00 AM(STJ) 9:30 AM (STM) 11:00 AM (OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL	
Jan. 30/31	\$960.00
Capital Imp.	\$ 5.00
CMAA 2021 (goal:\$ 11,300)	\$0.00
Food Pantry January Total	\$53.00 \$327.00
Yr to Date FP	\$327.00
Special Collections	
January 24 Church in Latin America \$410.00	
February 17 Church in Central and Eastern Europe	

MINISTRY SCHEDULES					
Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry Members
SATURDAY February 13 5:00PM	Not needed at this time	Marj Brown	Not needed at this time	Volunteer Needed (Contact Craig Davis 815-848-5554)	Sarah Sarantakos Joyce Foster
SUNDAY February 14 11:00 AM 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Not needed at this time	Sarah Sarantakos	Not needed at this time	Volunteer Needed (Contact Craig Davis 815-848-5554)	Jerry/Marg Brown Jean Wilhelmi

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

Confession
 Contact Fr. Dong at 217-784-4671

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.

We are taking a poll to see if there is any interest in having a **Support Group for Widows/Widowers**. It can be a hard time for many people, especially during the Holidays or actually anytime in your daily lives. If you are interested, please call Doris Freehill at 217-552-4149

****From Sarah Sarantakos:**

Many of you may still not feel safe coming to Mass. If you would like to receive **Holy Communion** or other **Out-reach Ministries**, please call Sarah at (217)781-0528.

Beginners Bible Study

Starts Monday **February 8, 2021**
 (9am to noon)
 Where— home of Joyce Foster
 1410 Railside Drive, Gibson City
 Please RSVP 217-680-1280
 (Mask must be worn)
 Bibles/supplies will be provided for \$20.00
 Refreshments will be served



Plenary Indulgences Available for the Year of Saint Joseph

Special opportunities to receive a plenary indulgence were also included, subject to the usual conditions: sacramental confession, reception of Holy Communion, prayers for the intentions of the Pope, and total detachment to all sin, including venial sin.

The following prayers and activities have been enriched with a plenary indulgence.

- 1.) Meditate for at least 30 minutes on the Lord's Prayer ('Our Father') or participate in a spiritual retreat of at least one day that includes meditation on Saint Joseph.
- 2.) Perform a corporal or spiritual work of mercy, inspired by the life and example of Saint Joseph.
- 3.) Pray the Rosary together as a family or a couple, modeling the virtues of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.
- 4.) Dedicate with confidence their daily work to the protection of Saint Joseph the Worker, including the efforts of those who are unemployed, underemployed, or seeking more dignified work.
- 5.) Devoutly recite the Litany of Saint Joseph (available at USCCP.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/litanies/litany-of-saint-joseph)
- 6.) Devoutly recite another approved prayer to Saint Joseph, for example 'To you, O blessed Joseph' (available at USCCB.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/prayer-to-st-joseph-after-rosary), especially on various feasts of Saint Joseph that will be posted in this bulletin. A copy of this prayer is included as an insert in this bulletin and also available at the back of the church.

Due to the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Holy See made provision in its decree that persons who are currently unable to go to Mass or confession because of public health restrictions may defer reception of those two sacraments until they are able to do so. Those who are sick, suffering, or are homebound may also receive the plenary indulgence by fulfilling as much as they are able and by offering their sorrows and sufferings to God through Saint Joseph, condoler of the sick and patron saint for receiving a good death.

LENT

*Friday's during Lent at OLL
Mass 6:00 pm
Stations of the Cross 6:30*

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). This 'Prayer Chain' has been very successful in offering up our prayers to those in need.

From the conclusion of the Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
In you Mary placed her trust;
With you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
Show yourself a father and
guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and
courage, and defend us from every evil.
Amen.

2020—2021 Parish Council

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Please contact these dedicated people if you have any concerns or suggestions about church related issues.

FEBRUARY

PARISH/ Diocese Events

Check out our website (calendar) for important dates, and our weekly bulletin. ololg.org

- ◇ February 7—Celebration of Our Lady Of Lourdes Feast Day 5:30 pm
- ◇ February 7 - Sunderland Scholarship Collection (via your envelope)
- ◇ February 8 - Beginners Bible Study 9am
- ◇ February 11—Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes
- ◇ February 11-Staff Meeting 6:15 pm followed by Parish Council 7:15 pm
- ◇ February 14 - Valentine's Day
- ◇ February 17—Ash Wednesday—OLL 8 am Mass with distribution of ashes followed by confessions 8:30 to 9:30 am
- ◇ February 17—Ash Wednesday - OLL 5:30 pm Communion Service and distribution of ashes
- ◇ February 19—OLL Mass 6:00 pm followed by Stations of the Cross
- ◇ February 20—Confessions 4:30 to 5:00 pm
- ◇ February 21—OLL Confessions 12-12:30
- ◇ February 24—OLL Confessions 8:30-9:30 am

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jim Ruddy (2/7)
Kingston Jennings (2/9)
Mary Laughery (2/13)
Alex Bane (2/14)
Zophia McGuire (2/14)

Happy Anniversary

Robert and Cheryl Bode (2/14)

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Brian Sullivan
Emma Davis
Terry Hutchcraft
Joyce Pearson
Fran Mardis
Rosanne Miller
Connie Cimino
Ken Freehill



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@ololg.org.

Dear Padre,

Does the Church promote adoption as a response to infertility? If so, why?

The Church indeed promotes adoption, but not solely as a response to infertility. Church teaching presents adoption as an alternative way that a couple might direct their generosity and desire to be life-giving through children. While recognizing the suffering of infertility, the Church also sees the great need of children throughout the world who, for one reason or another, haven't been able to live with their biological parents.

The call to adopt and care for children in need, however, is addressed to all believers who are able to help. The theological foundation for reaching out to adopt children is linked to our being brothers and sisters in Christ, and that we are called to be stewards of the lives of one another. In some instances, people feel called to care for needy children of the world by adopting them and bringing them into a new family to develop and grow.

In other situations, perhaps Christians could show extraordinary love by "adopting" a child or a family of children by supporting them in their own country through assistance to relatives who could not otherwise look after the child. This is obviously not like raising a child in your own home, but think of what it might do for a child in his own home country. A key principle that should underlie the care of orphans is "what is best for the child."

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The goal we must set ourselves...is that no mother be in a position to leave her child. But we must also ensure that in the face of any event, even tragic, that may detach a child from his or her parents, there are structures and processes...in which childhood is always protected and cared for.

ADDRESS TO HOSPITAL OF THE INNOCENTS INSTITUTE,
MAY 24, 2019

Calendar

Monday

FEBRUARY 8
Weekday
Gn 1:1-19
Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday

FEBRUARY 9
Weekday
Gn 1:20-2:4a
Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday

FEBRUARY 10
St. Scholastica, Virgin
Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday

FEBRUARY 11
Weekday
Gn 2:18-25
Mk 7:24-30

Friday

FEBRUARY 12
Weekday
Gn 3:1-8
Mk 7:31-37

Saturday

FEBRUARY 13
Weekday
Gn 3:9-24
Mk 8:1-10

Sunday

FEBRUARY 14
Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Lv 13:1-2, 44-46
1 Cor 10:31-11:1
Mk 1:40-45

Good News!

February 7, 2021

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

This harsh bit of advice is more military than religious. However, it does carry some truth. There are times when there is no way to avoid hardship, so all we can do is find some way of dealing with it. This is the situation in today's reading from Job. He experiences life as burdensome. To make matters worse, life is too short to be able to get beyond the difficulty. So what does he do? What might most of us do in similar situations? Complain.

There is really nothing wrong with complaining. The problem is to whom and for how long. A large number of the psalms are complaints or, to use the theological term, *laments*. To complain to God can be a profound prayer, for it admits our human inability to fix everything. And, it presumes that God can and just might fix the problem. The psalm response continues this train of thought with a prayer of confidence that God will fix it. The Gospel reading then provides examples of how Jesus did just that.

These are not merely stories of past events. Rather, they trace a profound yet difficult-to-accept religious belief: when we are overwhelmed by hardship, we should turn to God and place our need in God's care, believing that God wants what is best for us. Perhaps the rest is out of our hands, but we must believe that we are in God's hands and, therefore, safe.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA