

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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Phone & Fax (217) 784-4671

General Information
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Website www.ololgc.org

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

March 28, 2021—Year of Saint Joseph

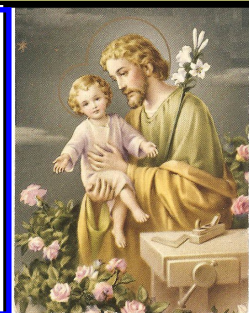
Palm Sunday



Mc 11:8-9 Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

March is the Month of St. Joseph

The Church traditionally dedicates the month of March to the special veneration of St. Joseph, whose feast day is March 19th. 'He was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, namely his divine Son and Mary, Joseph's wife,' says St. Bernadine of Siena. 'He carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him, saying 'Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord.' Due to St. Joseph's leadership of the Holy Family, he has been declared the protector and patron of the universal Catholic Church.



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THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS		
If you wish to have a Mass intention for a loved one, anniversary or other occasion,		
MON March 29 <i>(St. Eustace) Holy Week Begins</i>		No Mass
TUE March 30 <i>(St. Zosimus)</i>	8:00 AM (OLOL) 5:30 pm (STJ)	Parishioners of OLOL
WED March 31 <i>(St. Benjamin)</i>	8:00 AM (OLOL) 7:00 PM (STM)	+ LaDonna Walker (by Audrey Chapman)
THU April 1 <i>(St. Macarius the Wonder Worker)</i> Adoration until 11:00 PM (OLOL)	5:30 PM (OLOL)	+ Dennis Kollross (by Michael and Tannie Smith)
Friday April 2 <i>Good Friday</i>	7:00 PM (OLOL) 7:30PM (STM)	Parishioners of OLOL
SAT April 3 <i>(St. Irene) Holy Saturday</i>	7:30 PM (OLOL) 7:30 PM (STM)	+ Leo Chapman (by Marj Brown)
SUN April 4 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	8:00 AM (OLOL) 8:00 AM (STJ) 9:30 AM (STM) 10:00 AM (OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL Parishioners of OLOL

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL	
March 20/21	\$1235.00
Capital Imp.	\$ 5.00
CMAA 2021 (goal:\$11,300)	\$0.00
Food Pantry March Total Yr to Date FP	\$75.00 \$222.00 \$1225.00
Special Collections	
March 14 Catholic Relief Services	
\$345.00	

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry Members
SATURDAY April 3 7:30 PM	Not needed at this time	Fran Mardis	Not needed at this time	Volunteer Needed (Contact Craig Davis 815-848-5554)	Sarah Sarantakos Joyce Foster
SUNDAY April 4 8:00 AM / 10:00 AM <i>Easter Sunday</i>	Not needed at this time	Lisa Heap	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.

Triduum and Easter

Holy Thursday: OLOL 5:30 pm followed by Adoration until 11:00 pm / STM 7:30 pm

Good Friday: OLOL 7:00 pm / STM 5:30 pm

Holy Saturday Vigil Service: OLOL 7:30 pm STM 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday: OLOL 8:00 am / 10:00 am STJ 8:00 am / STM 9:30 am

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Fast and Abstinence during Lent

Abstinence is a penitential practice consisting of refraining from the consumption of meat and is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age or older. Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and the Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.

In addition to abstinence, fasting is to be observed by all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 years (inclusive). On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. Note: Those who are unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons are urged to practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition.

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 available at the back of the church.

Lost and Found:

1 pair of small pierced hoop style earrings were found in north side pew (5th open row) following last weeks Masses. Call Fran Mardis at 217-784-8515 to describe and claim.

Covid-19 Vaccine Available :

If you have not done so, please call the Ford County Public Health Department at [217-379-9281](tel:217-379-9281) to put your name on the list to be contacted to schedule your appointment to get your vaccine.

You can also register online.

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](mailto:Janet.Townsend@parish.org)

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.

Extraordinary Eucharist Ministers

will bring Holy Communion to your home if you wish. I know many of you may still not feel safe in coming to Mass or are recovering from a surgery or illness, but Jesus still wants to be in you. Our Lady of Lourdes also provides services through its **Out-Reach Ministries**. If you would like any of these Ministries, please call [Sarah Sarantakos](tel:217-781-0528) at 217-781-0528. It would our honor to serve you and Our Lord.

Prayer and Pastries 2021



When: Friday, April 16,
April 30
9AM-11 AM

Where : Home of Sarah Sarantakos
120 West 11th Street,
Gibson City
Limited to 10.

RSVP 217-781-0528
(Please wear a mask)

2020—2021 Parish Council

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



PARISH CALENDAR

For more information, check out our website, and our weekly bulletin, OLOL.org.

Sunday, March 28—Palm Sunday

See Holy Week Schedule
Thursday, April 1—Holy Thursday
Friday, April 2—Good Friday
Saturday, April 4—Holy Saturday
Sunday, April 4—Easter Sunday

Friday, April 16

- Prayer and Pastries 9-11 am

Sunday, April 11—Divine Mercy Sunday

- 1st Communion Retreat 12:00 to 2:30 PM

Friday, April 30

- Prayer and Pastries 9-11 am



Janey Jansen (3/29)
Dan Day (3/30)
Linda Schmitt (3/30)
Egan Lynch (3/30)
Austin Rosenbaum (4/1)
Kenley Andreae (4/1)
Linda Martin (4/2)
Madison Eberle (4/2)
Doris Fleming (4/3)
Greg Laughery (4/4)

Happy Anniversary

John and Susan Kollross (3/27)
Carl and Beth Hornstein (4/3)
Paul and Sarah Sarantakos (4/5)

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@ololgc.org.

Good News!

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (B)
Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7
Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

How could anyone think that the joyous cry “Hosanna!” would be viewed as empty praise? Though the word has come down to us in the Greek Gospels, it probably has Hebrew roots as a form of the verb “to save” (see Psalm 118:25). Thus, it is more than an exuberant cry; it is a plea for salvation. How could this possibly be empty praise?

The answer to that question is found in human fickleness. So often we—not simply the people of Jerusalem, but we human beings—wholeheartedly offer someone our support, only to turn our backs on that person when the going gets tough. We know from experience how this works.

This is precisely what today’s readings describe. The passage for the procession with palms describes an enthusiastic group of people showing Jesus great respect and crying out: “Hosanna!” Later, in the Gospel we hear, “Crucify him!” Were these the same people? Does it matter? Presumably these were people who were in Jerusalem to celebrate Passover, the feast of their deliverance from Egyptian bondage. Now they are caught in another oppressive political system—Roman occupation. Are these heartless people? Or are they like us: often afraid to take an unpopular stand lest we lose face or, even worse, suffer serious consequences? And so, Jesus stands alone before those who have planned to silence him. Might he have considered the earlier “Hosanna” empty praise? Probably not. Jesus does not hold our fickleness against us.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre,

I recently converted to Catholicism. Can you tell me more about the significance of the palm branches on Palm Sunday?

Welcome to our faith! And we are delighted to answer your questions. We can consider the meaning of the palm branches on two levels. On the first level, we commemorate a historical event—Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

In biblical times, people saw the palm as a kingly tree because of its height and majestic appearance. During festivals, the Jews carried palm branches in processions. Roman soldiers carried palm branches in their victory parades. In public games, the winners of contests and sports received palm branches as signs of victory. Thus, when people greeted Jesus with palm branches, they were greeting him in the spirit of joy and triumph usually reserved for victorious kings, armies, and athletes. It was the biblical equivalent of a ticker-tape parade!

That brings us to the second meaning for the palm branches. They do signify a joyful victory, but not in the worldly and military sense of the word. It is a victory that we can understand and celebrate only in the light of the other events of Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

The ultimate victory of Jesus was his Easter triumph over death and sin. But it was a victory won through suffering and dying. This is the victory we recall on Palm Sunday. Even though we must relive the sad events of Holy Thursday and Good Friday, we know the triumphant outcome of the story. Knowing that outcome enables us to make Palm Sunday the beginning of our victory celebration.

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

This celebration seems to combine stories of joy and suffering, mistakes and successes, which are part of our daily lives as disciples. It somehow expresses the contradictory feelings that we too, the men and women of today, experience: the capacity for great love...but also the ability to “wash our hands” at the right moment.

PALM SUNDAY HOMILY, MARCH 25, 2018

Calendar

Monday

MARCH 29
Monday of Holy Week
Is 42:1-7
Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday

MARCH 30
Tuesday of Holy Week
Is 49:1-6
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

MARCH 31
Wednesday of Holy Week
Is 50:4-9a
Mt 26:14-25

Thursday

APRIL 1
Holy Thursday
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14
1 Cor 11:23-26
Jn 13:1-15

Friday

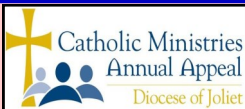
APRIL 2
Good Friday
Is 52:13-53:12
Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9
Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday

APRIL 3
Holy Saturday
Gn 1:1-2:2 or
1:1, 26-31a
Gn 22:1-18 or
22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Ex 14:15-15:1
Is 54:5-14
Is 55:1-11
Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4
Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28
Rom 6:3-11
Mk 16:1-7

Sunday

APRIL 4
Easter
Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Col 3:1-4 or
1 Cor 5:6b-8
Jn 20:1-9 or
Mk 16:1-7



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.

Divine Mercy Message (Diary of St. Faustina)

A Great Interior Calm

(St Faustina) I heard these words in my soul: (Jesus) **Do not fear anything, I am with you. These matters are in My hands and I will bring them to fruition according to my Mercy, for nothing can oppose My will.** (Diary, 573)

Do not fear anything; I am always with you. (Diary, 613)

Do not fear anything, My daughter; all the adversaries will be shattered at my feet. (St Faustina). At these words, a deep peace and a great interior calm entered my soul. (Diary, 626)



Jesus, dearest Savior, thank You for repeating over and over again what I need to hear so often: (Jesus) **Fear not; I am with you.** (St Faustina) and You add so tenderly: (Jesus) **I love you.**