

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

534 N. Wood Street
Gibson City, IL 60936

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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

April 18, 2021—Year of Saint Joseph

Third Sunday of Easter



Lc 24:44-48 He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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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 April 19 <i>(St. Elphege)</i>		No Mass
TUE April 20 <i>(St. Marcellinus)</i>	8:00 AM (OLOL) 5:30 pm (STJ)	Parishioners of OLOL
WED April 21 <i>(St. Anslem Bishop)</i> <i>(St. Louis de Monfort)</i>	8:00 AM (OLOL) 7:00 PM (STM)	+Aldo Celeschi (by Margy Shambrook)
THU April 22 <i>(St. Leonides)</i>	5:30 PM (OLOL)	+ Mary Wurmnest (by Jerry and Marj Brown)
Friday April 23 <i>(St. George)</i>	5:30 PM (OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL
SAT April 24 <i>(St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen)</i>	5:00 PM (OLOL)	+ Carol Obert (By Dan and Joy Boyce)
SUN April 25 4th Sunday of Easter	8:00 AM (STJ) 9:30 AM (STM) 11:00 AM(OLOL)	Parishioners of OLOL

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL	
April 10/11	\$2282.00
Capital Imp.	\$40.00
CMAA 2021 (goal:\$11,300)	\$6,435.00
Food Pantry	\$95.00
April Total	\$389.00
Yr to Date FP	\$1688.00

Special Collections	
April 2 Holy Land	\$290.00
April 3/4 Easter Sunday	\$2510.00
April 24/25 Catholic Home Missions	

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry Members
SATURDAY April 24 5:00 PM	Not needed at this time	Michael Smith	Not needed at this time	Volunteer Needed (Contact Craig Davis 815-848-5554)	Sarah Sarantakos Joyce Foster
SUNDAY April 25 11:00 AM 4th Sunday of Easter	Not needed at this time	Alice Hafer	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.



Devotion of the Month of APRIL
Month of the Holy Eucharist
 The month of April is traditionally dedicated to devotion to Jesus in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. The Catholic Church teaches that the Blessed Sacrament is the real and living presence of Christ — His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity — received into our souls with every reception of Holy Communion. Our Eucharistic Lord is the source and summit of our Christian life, the ultimate proof of His infinite love for us.



Bringing Humankind Closer to Me

While I was saying the chaplet, I heard a voice which said ‘Oh, what great graces I will grant to souls who say this chaplet; the very depths of My tender mercy are stirred for the sake of those who say the chaplet.

Jesus listened to these outpourings of my heart with gravity and interest, as if He had known nothing about them, and this seemed to make it easier for me to talk. And the Lord said to me, ‘My daughter, those words of your heart are pleasing to Me, and by saying the chaplet you are bringing humankind closer to Me.’ After these words, I found myself alone, but the presence of God is always in my soul. (Diary, 929).

Lord Jesus, increase my trust in You and in Your promises of great graces for saying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. May my prayer be pleasing to You and bring souls closer to You.

April

PARISH CALENDAR

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

Sunday, April 25—1st Communion
Nora McCall and Cam Nuss.

Friday, April 30

- Prayer and Pastries 9-11 am
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Friday, May 7

- Prayers and pastries 9 am to noon

Friday, May 21

- Prayers and Pastries 9 am to noon

Divine Mercy

Consolation for Souls

Say, My daughter, that the Feast of My Mercy has issued forth from My very depths for the consolation of the whole world (Diary, 1517)

Thank you, Lord Jesus, that the Feast of Mercy is now available. May the feast be celebrated, so souls in need would receive consolation. Lord Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us and the whole world.



Easter Flowers—Thank you to those parishioners who purchased the Easter Altar flowers following last week’s Mass.

From Daniel Kliest: We are in the process of nominating new candidates to the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Council. An email is being sent to allow everyone the opportunity to nominate a candidate or volunteer. If you are interested in volunteering to serve or wish to nominate someone to serve, please respond to the email. Thank you in advance for your desire and willingness to serve the Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes. On behalf of the out Parish Council.

Chris Giroux (4/18)
Tim Bane (4/19)
Terry Fields (4/20)
Sam Baillie (4/21)
Caden Miller (4/21)
Rosanne Miller (4/23)

Congratulations to Nora McCall and Cam Nuss as you prepare to receive your First Communion on Sunday April 25. We hold you in our prayers on this very special and blessed day.



Eric and Michelle Rosenbaum (4/23)
Harry and Dorri Groom (4/25)

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.



Prayer and Pastries 2021

When: Friday, April 30
9AM-11 AM

Where : Home of Sarah Sarantakos
120 West 11th Street,
Gibson City
Limited to 10.
RSVP 217-781-0528

2020—2021 Parish Council

President-Dan Kleist (309-824-7301)
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Parker Hathaway (217-784-8193)
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Please contact these dedicated people if you have any concerns or suggestions about church related issues.

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@lolgc.org.

Good News!

April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

What will it take for the early followers of Jesus to recognize him in their midst? Today's Gospel recounts yet another episode of confusion and unbelief. They had an extraordinary experience that startled and terrified them. Even though other disciples reported having come upon the risen Lord, they didn't realize that it was also he they were encountering. Such an unusual experience might have left them doubtful about the Lord's presence, but the reports of others should have thrown light on the reality of their own experiences. Are they like Thomas, who was unwilling to take the word of others but demanded his own tangible experience of the risen Lord?

However, every account of the risen Lord's appearance reports that his identity is initially hidden. They only knew that it was him when he revealed himself. Mary recognized him when he called her name (John 20:16); the couple in Emmaus knew him in the breaking of the bread (Luke 24:31); even Paul on the road to Damascus only understood who the Lord was when he revealed his name (Acts 9:3).

And what about us? What will it take for us to recognize the risen Lord in our midst? Do we also need concrete evidence? Will it only happen if we have a meal with him? But isn't that exactly what the Eucharist is—a meal with the risen Lord?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre,

I thought detraction was a sin only if what you're saying about someone isn't true, but my priest says it's a sin even if it is true. What do you say?

We commit the sin of *detraction* when we, "without objectively valid reason, disclose another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2477).

Part of respecting human dignity is to recognize that others have a right to their good name and reputation. We ought not to damage those goods carelessly, which is what happens when we engage in detraction.

We *slander* or commit *calumny* when we speak or spread negative falsehoods about someone (see CCC 2479). But detraction can happen even when we speak the truth.

Sometimes it's objectively necessary to speak harsh truths about another person. For example, when we observe an adult engaged in inappropriate behavior with a child, we report it to the authorities because protection of vulnerable children outweighs concern over any adult's reputation.

So truth-telling when clear communication of the truth is necessary is not detraction, even if it does damage another's reputation. However, carelessly sharing a true story or detail that doesn't need telling is detraction, and it's sinful.

Fr. Matthew Allman, CSSR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We know that slander always kills. This "diabolical cancer" that arises from the desire to destroy the reputation of a person also attacks the ecclesial body and seriously damages it when, as a result of malicious interests or to cover up one's own inadequacies, people unite to denigrate someone.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, SEPTEMBER 25, 2019



Calendar

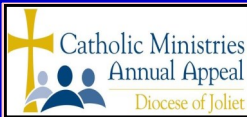
Monday
APRIL 19
Easter Weekday
Acts 6:8-15
Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday
APRIL 20
Easter Weekday
Acts 7:51-8:1a
Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday
APRIL 21
Easter Weekday
Acts 8:1b-8
Jn 6:35-40
Thursday
APRIL 22
Easter Weekday
Acts 8:26-40
Jn 6:44-51
Friday
APRIL 23
Easter Weekday
Acts 9:1-20
Jn 6:52-59
Saturday
APRIL 24
Easter Weekday
Acts 9:31-42
Jn 6:60-69
Sunday
APRIL 25
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:8-12
1 Jn 3:1-2
Jn 10:11-18

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.



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.