

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 pastor@ololgc.org or stop by any time on Monday or after Masses.

Our Lady of Lourdes

Established - 1875

534 N. Wood Street
Gibson City, IL 60936

Parish Office

Phone & Fax:
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General Information
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Website

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. Palls 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

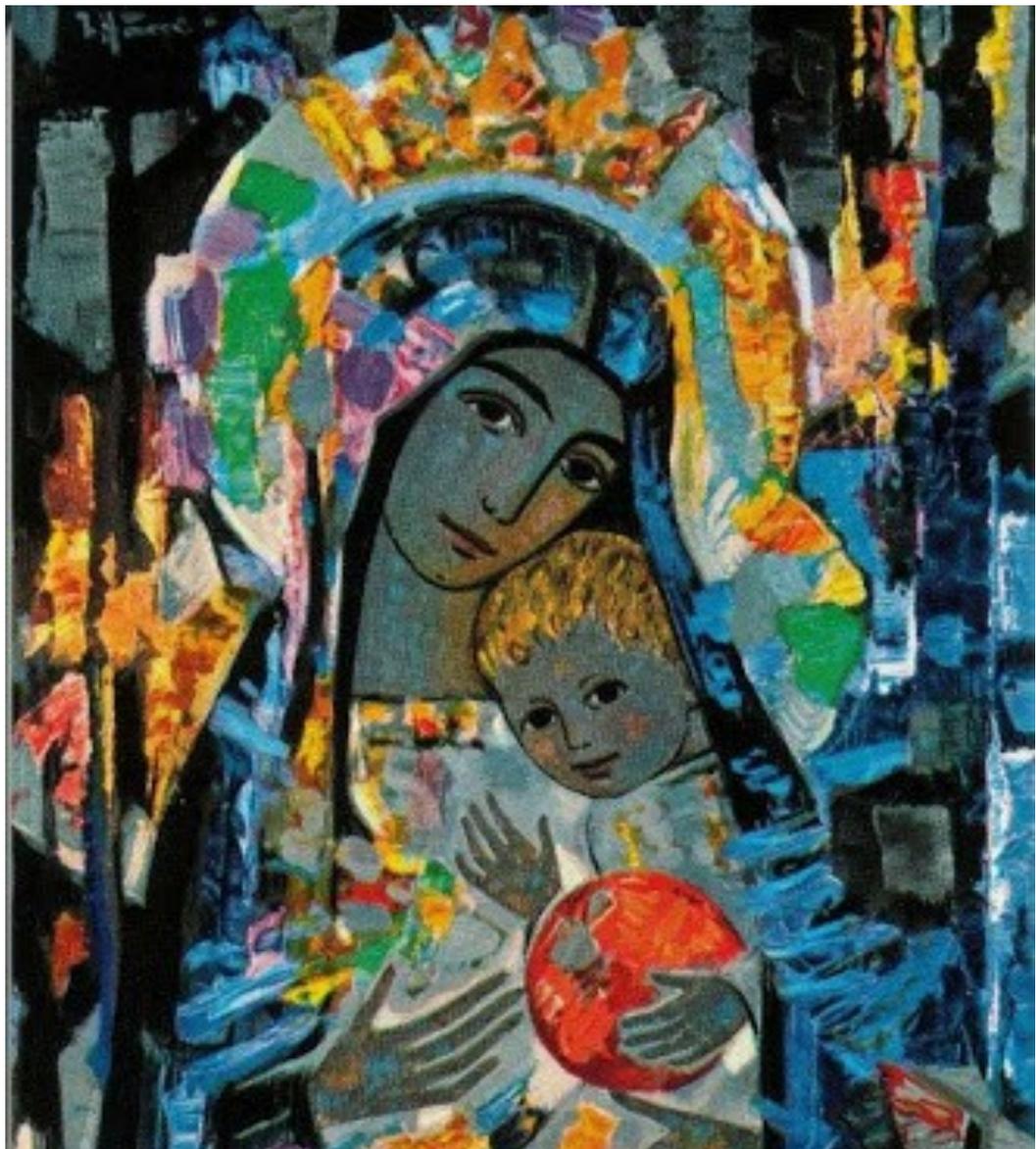
Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 am
Tuesday 5:30 pm

Confession

Sunday 7:30am

DECEMBER 9, 2018 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever: Wrapped in the cloak of justice from God, bear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of the eternal name. For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship.

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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.

MON December 10		NO MASS
TUE December 11	5:30PM (STJ)	
St. John Damasus I		
WED December 12	8:00AM (OLL)	Aubry Family Moxley Family
Our Lady of Guadalupe		
	7:00PM (STM)	
THU December 13	5:30PM (OLL)	Meyer Family Mardis Family
St. Lucy		
FRI December 14	8:00AM (STM)	
St. John of the Cross		
Sat December 15	5:00PM (OLL)	+Anita Meyer
SUN December 16	8:00AM (STJ)	
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9:30AM (STM)	
	11:30AM (OLL)	+Roman Falter

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR GIFTS****LOL**

Sunday Total	\$2283.00
Capital Imp.	\$67.00
CMAA (goal: \$12,200)	\$13,856
Food Pantry December Total	\$73.00
Yr to Date FP	\$3007.78

**MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
Sat, December 15 5:00PM	Alex Killian	Andi Killian	Jack Kollross Sarah Sarantakos Rosanne Miller	Michael Smith Bruce Killian	Paul & Sarah Sarantakos
Sun, December 16 11:30AM	Seth Kollross Aidan Laughery	YOUTH MASS		YOUTH MASS	

Volunteers are always needed for our parish ministries. For more information on how to join, contact the parish office.

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.

**2019 COLLECTION ENVELOPES**

Please pick up your envelopes at the back of the church. If you have not registered with the parish, or if there are not envelopes in your name and you would like them, please contact the office at (217)784-4671.

Also, please let us know of address, additional children or other contact information changes, by emailing pastor@ololgc.org

2019 FLOWERS

Please sign up for altar flowers for 2019. The sign up sheet is on the table at the back of the church. Flowers are provided by County Market and are \$30. You may have already signed up for a permanent date--if you wish to make any changes, please note them on the sheet. Christmas and Easter signups are on the back two pages. Many thanks in advance for contributing to keeping our church beautiful week to week!

**2019 PARISH CALENDARS**

Our Parish Calendars are available for 2019. Thank you Day Drainage for providing them for our Parish. Feel free to pick some up after Masses over the next few weekends.



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

- December 7:** Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)
Vigil Mass 5:30PM
- December 8:** Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)
Mass 5:00PM
- December 24:** Christmas Eve Mass 4:00PM
- December 25:** Christmas Day Mass 8:00AM
- January 1:** New Years Day Solemnity of Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) Mass 9:00A

We will also offer the Bambino Blessing at all Masses on December 15/16. Bring your labeled baby Jesus from your nativity and place him in the manger in front of the altar before Mass for this special blessing. Don't forget to grab him at the end of the Mass.

PRAYER FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
PREPARE HIS WAY
Second Sunday of Advent—Luke 3:4



O God, help us to be aware of the rough ways in our relationships with family, friends and strangers, with co-workers, co-learners and with those in authority. Help us smooth out the bumps, and with your grace may we become less, so that you can be more present in us. May we carve out a space in ourselves where the Prince of Peace, the Wonder Counselor, can be born. By all these Advent works may we prepare a roadway for a truly holy Christmas.



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHRISTMAS PARTY
Hosted by: Religious Education Classes

Come JOIN us at 12:30 after Mass THIS WEEKEND, **Sunday, December 9** for a day of celebration. We will be serving **CHILI** and **CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP** and a **BAKED POTATO BAR!**

The **RE classes** have **something special** in store for **everyone!**

There will also be boxes available for food donations to the Shepherd's Closet Emergency Food Bank. (see above right for items needed).

HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THERE!



A Gift For You
CASH AND GIFT CARD DONATIONS IN \$10 INCREMENTS ARE BEING WELCOMED IN THE BOX AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS AND HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES REMINDING THAT WE ARE HERE AND PRAYING FOR THEM DURING FINALS WEEK, CHRISTMAS AND ALWAYS. MANY THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

SHEPHERDS CLOSET
EMERGENCY FOOD BANK

- Cereal
- Canned Meat (tuna, chicken, spam)
- Peanut Butter
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Canned Fruit Canned Veggies
- Snack Items
- Cleaning Supplies
- Hygiene Products

PARISH CALENDAR
DECEMBER



Wednesday, December 12

- K of C Meeting 7PM

Thursday, December 13

- Parish Council Meeting 7:15PM

Weekend December 15/16

- Bambino Blessing all Masses
- 16th YOUTH Mass

Saturday, December 22

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon

JESUS is
the Reason
for the
Season.



- Lisa Chaddock (12/10)
- Jody Goodin (12/11)
- Ian Miller (12/12)
- Lucy Shilts (12/12)
- John Martin (12/13)
- Chuck Aubry (12/15)



Paul & Mary Geurts (12/13)

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

- Linda Ellington
- Greg Delost
- Dale Enghausen
- Brian Sullivan
- Emma Davis
- Terry Hutchcraft
- Norma Thompson
- Leo Chapman
- Adam Reed
- Sharon Cottington
- Rich Meunier



If you wish to add the name of a loved one who is sick, please contact the parish office at 217-784-4671 or pastor@ololg.org.

Calendar

Monday

DECEMBER 10

Advent Weekday

Is 35:1-10

Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday

DECEMBER 11

Advent Weekday

Is 40:1-11

Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday

DECEMBER 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a;

12:1-6a, 10ab

Lk 1:26-38 or

Lk 1:39-47

Thursday

DECEMBER 13

St. Lucy,

Virgin and Martyr

Is 41:13-20

Mt 11:11-15

Friday

DECEMBER 14

St. John of the Cross,

Priest and Doctor

of the Church

Is 48:17-19

Mt 11:16-19

Saturday

DECEMBER 15

Advent Weekday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11

Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday

DECEMBER 16

Third Sunday

of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a

Phil 4:4-7

Lk 3:10-18

Dear Padre,

Why doesn't the word *immaculate* also refer to Jesus' birth?

According to Webster's Dictionary, *immaculate* comes from the Latin *immaculatus*, which breaks down further into *in* (meaning "not") and *maculatus* (meaning "spotted"). It means "without stain or blemish" and is commonly associated with the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, which was solemnly defined as a dogma of the Catholic faith in 1854 by Pope Pius IX. The dogma states that Mary was conceived in the womb of her mother without the stain of original sin.

Catholics sometimes mistakenly think that this doctrine refers to Jesus' birth and not to the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother. In a way, it refers to both. Everything about Mary ultimately leads to her Son—including the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception. How so? The Church argues both from Scripture and tradition that God deemed it proper and

fitting that humanity's Redeemer should enter the world through a womb totally unblemished by sin. Mary, in other words, was free of the effects of original sin so she could be a proper dwelling place for the birth of the Son of God.

That is not to say, however, that Mary herself was not in need of redemption. On the contrary, the dogma clearly states that she was conceived without the stain of original sin *in anticipation* of the fruits of Christ's redemptive action manifested in his passion, death, and resurrection.

—Fr. Dennis J. Billy, CSSR
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THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. BARTOLOME ESTEBAN MURILLO. / WIKI COMMONS



A Word From Pope Francis

The Immaculate Conception leads us to contemplate Our Lady who, by unique privilege, was preserved from original sin from the very moment of her conception. Even living in a world marked by sin, she was not touched by it: Mary is our sister in suffering, but not in evil or in sin.

—Angelus, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 2015

Good News!

December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent (C)

Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Saint Luke loves to be precise in his Gospel, so he documents the exact time and place of the appearance of John the Baptist, the precursor to Jesus. Tiberius was the second emperor of Rome, and the fifteenth year of his reign corresponds to AD 27. Pontius Pilate was prefect from the years 26 to 36. Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, ruled in Galilee until his death in the year 39 and is the Herod who had John the Baptist beheaded. On the Jewish side, Caiaphas was high priest, and his influential father-in-law Annas was considered a leader of Jewish religious life.

These historical dates align with Luke's explanation, as well as other events described in his Gospel. Ours is a faith based on real people and events. No doubt there is a great appreciation for the supernatural in our faith, but it is never *against* nature, just *beyond* it.

Jesus praised John the Baptist (see Matthew 11:2-9) for his strong will and dedication. Humility, austerity, courage, and a spirit of prayer are also a large part of the testimony John left us. So dedicated and heroic was he in his fulfillment of the mission entrusted to him, Jesus acclaimed "among those born of women there has been none greater" (Matthew 11:11). "He was a burning and shining lamp" (John 5:35) to illuminate the path toward the true light who was coming into the world. Once that divine light arrived, John the Baptist receded into the shadows.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC