

## 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](mailto:pastor@ololgc.org) or stop by any time on Monday or after Masses.

### Our Lady of Lourdes

Established - 1875

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General Information  
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#### Website

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#### 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

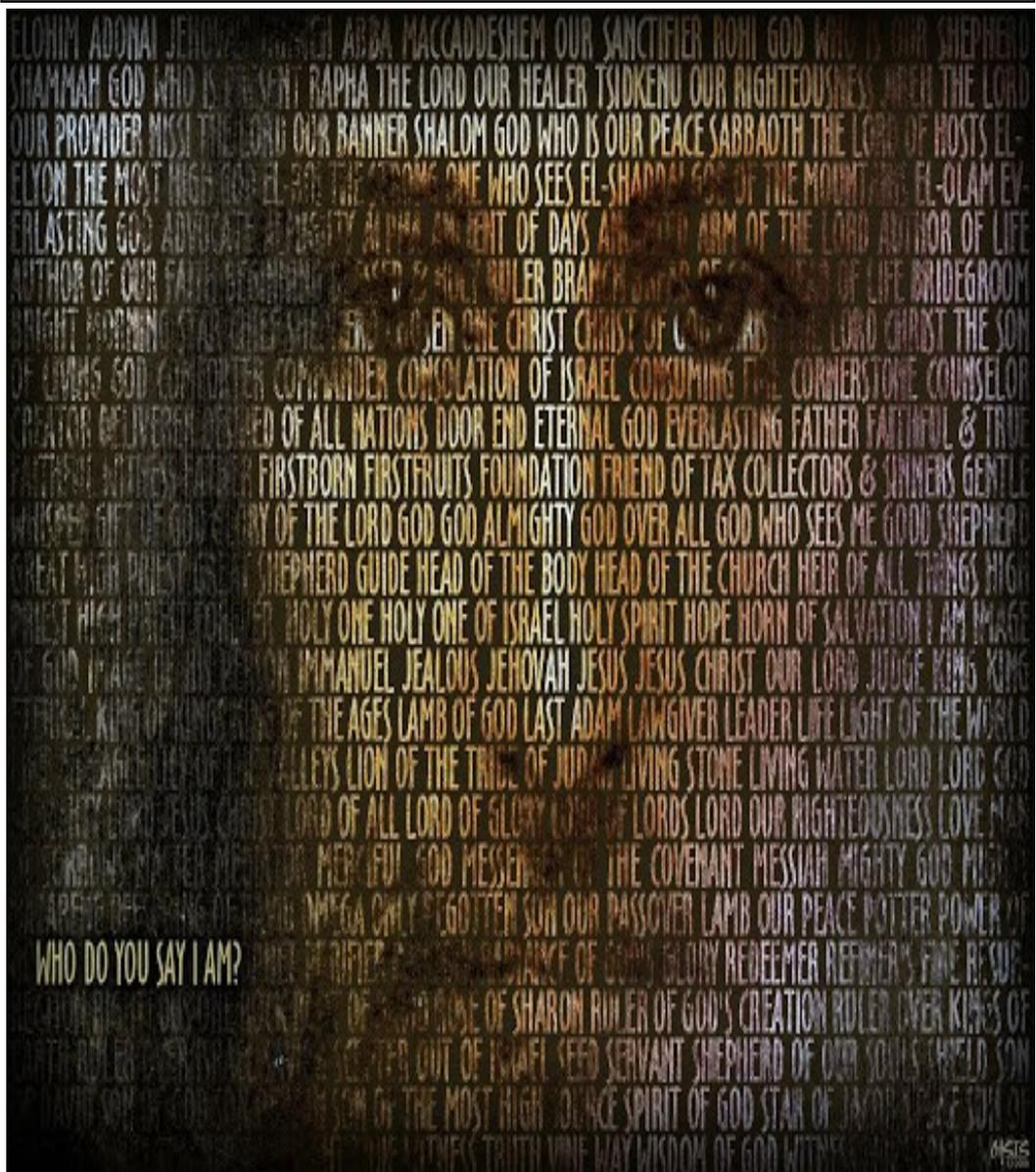
Sunday 8:00 am  
Tuesday 5:30 pm

#### Confession

7:30am

# SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Now Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Messiah." Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him. He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days.

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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.

<b>MON</b> September 17 St. Robert Bellarmine		NO MASS
<b>TUE</b> September 18	5:30PM (STJ)	
<b>WED</b> September 19 St. Januarius	8:00AM (OLL)	+Bob Mardis
<b>THU</b> September 20 St. John Chrysostom	5:30PM (OLL)	+Bob Shambrook
<b>FRI</b> September 21	8:00AM (STM)	
<b>Sat</b> September 22 Our Lady of Sorrows	5:00PM (OLL)	+John Nam Bui
<b>SUN</b> September 23 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00AM (STJ) 9:30AM (STM) 11:30AM (OLL)	+Roman Falter

**THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR GIFTS****OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$2464.60
Capital Imp.	\$260.00
CMAA (goal: \$12,200)	\$12,246
Food Pantry September Total Yr to Date FP	\$65.00 \$122.82 \$2028.78

**MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
Sat, September 22 5:00PM	Alex Killian Spencer Kleist	Patti Huppert	Denis Fisher Tannie Smith	Frank Titus Robert Bode	Helen Haynes
Sun, September 23 11:30AM	Isabella & Sophia Helmig	Jodi Beyers		Nathan Garard Ethan Garard	

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.

**Marriage/RCIA**

Call the Rectory at least six months before. A six month preparation time is required.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR DINNER AND A MOVIE AFTER MASS**

October 14th at 12:30 at Father Kirk Memorial Hall

**BUILDING OUR PARISH COMMUNITY THROUGH FELLOWSHIP**

Go to the Our Lady of Lourdes Facebook page to vote on the movie!!  
 (Spaghetti & Salad provided)

**PRE-K TEACHER AND ASSISTANT NEEDED**

Would you like to grow your own faith life while helping to bring little ones closer to Christ? As of right now we do not have a teacher OR Assistant for the Preschool children! Please pray on this and if you are willing to help fill one of these positions please call Tannie Smith at (309) 893-0073.

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRAYER CHAIN**

We are organizing a PRAYER CHAIN for those in need of prayer support. If you would like to be a "prayer" 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).

## CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

This year, we celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 16. The theme will be "Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ". Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

### **CATECHIST PRAYER**

O God, our Heavenly Father, you have given us the gift of these catechists to be heralds of the Gospel to our parish family. We lift them up to you in thanksgiving and intercede for them concerning their hopes and needs. May we be attentive to the presence of your Word in them, a Word that lifts up and affirms, calls forth and challenges, is compassionate and consoles. We pray that our parish family will always be blessed with those who have responded to the call to share in Christ's disciples, contributing our gifts to the communion of faith, the Church.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

AMEN

### **Please pray for our Catchists**

Jean Wilhelmi  
Erin Nuss  
Allison Kleist  
Sarah McCall  
Cherry Fisher  
Denis Fisher  
Marron Parsons  
Beth Baillie  
Maggie Davis  
Jodi Beyers  
Michael Smith  
Craig Davis

## **PARISH CALENDAR**



### **Sunday, September 16**

- RE Teacher Meeting

### **Saturday, September 22**

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon

### **Future Food Pantry**

- Saturday, November 24  
OLL and GCMS Interact  
Club (no delivery weekend)

### **Prayer for Peace Never Forget...**

Heavenly Father,  
we have felt the fear and  
the grief that hatred brings.  
Help us to bond together  
as Your people to heal the pain, cher-  
ish the memories, and build a bright,  
new future. Teach us to live in the  
example of Your only Son, to live in  
hope, act in Charity, and believe in the  
power of prayer. Help us to find peace  
within our hearts, in our own Nation,  
and among all Nations.  
Amen



Marie Davis (9/17)  
Leo Chapman (9/17)  
Fred Sarantakos (9/18)  
Jodi Beyers (9/18)  
Patti Huppert (9/18)  
Georgia Lynch (9/19)  
Tim Fackler (9/20)  
Amy Stoltz (9/22)  
Parker Hathaway (9/22)



## **PILGRIMAGE TO GOLDEN TRIANGLE WITH GOA AND SOUTH INDIA JANUARY 12-JANUARY 25, 2019.**

Please join Fr. Thomas Theneth for a pilgrimage to India to visit the place of the patron Saint of our diocese, St. Francis Xavier, whose body is still intact after 400 years. We will also visit the place where St. Thomas the Apostle landed in AD 52, and the places of two other Indian saints. The Taj Mahal in Agra, and many other exotic places in North and South India are also on the itinerary. Please pick up a flyer at the back of the church if you are interested in more information or contact Fr. Thomas at [ttheneth@sspeterandpaul.net](mailto:ttheneth@sspeterandpaul.net) or [theneth52@gmail.com](mailto:theneth52@gmail.com). **We would love to organize a group from Our Lady of Lourdes!**

## **ARE YOU REGISTERED ?**

All Catholics who worship at our parish or who are a part of our parish services are requested to register. In registering, you are becoming an active member of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

If you have not registered, please complete the following and drop it in the collection basket and a registration form will be mailed or emailed to you. If you have not received email reminders or calls regarding parish events, you probably are not registered!

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email Address:

City:

Zip:



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@ololgc.org](mailto:pastor@ololgc.org).

## Calendar

### Monday

September 17

Weekday

1 Cor 11:17–26, 33

Lk 7:1–10

### Tuesday

September 18

Weekday

1 Cor 12:12–14, 27–31a

Lk 7:11–17

### Wednesday

September 19

Weekday

1 Cor 12:31–13:13

Lk 7:31–35

### Thursday

September 20

*Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs*

1 Cor 15:1–11

Lk 7:36–50

### Friday

September 21

*St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*

Eph 4:1–7, 11–13

Mt 9:9–13

### Saturday

September 22

Weekday

1 Cor 15:35–37, 42–49

Lk 8:4–15

### Sunday

September 23

*Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Wis 2:12, 17–20

Jas 3:16–4:3

Mk 9:30–37

# Dear Padre,

## If, for economic reasons, a couple wants to purchase a home together before they marry, is it permissible for them to live together?

In the recent past, it would have been rare to find an unmarried man and woman living together as roommates. Today, however, it's fairly



common. Sometimes these arrangements are dictated by finances—a homeowner or renter finds he or she can't afford to live alone so the person seeks a roommate. Other times it's a result of friendship. In many ways this is a positive development—it shows we've learned to have intimate friendships that don't involve sex.

There's nothing immoral about inhabiting the same home. However, when a joint real-estate venture is more than a business deal and involves eventual marriage, there are hazards. It's important for the couple to be very clear about what they're doing. Buying a home is a huge commitment. They should remember that real estate is one commitment, marriage is another, and they aren't interchangeable. It would be easy for one partner to insist on the house for economic reasons when the joint purchase is really an attempt to seal the marriage deal in advance.

Buying a house together could create marriage pressures, making it difficult to back out due to a change of heart. Such arrangements are full of possibilities for misunderstanding, disappointment, and anger. Unless it's clear that joint home ownership is—until marriage—just a business deal (and clear legal contracts are drawn up), it's not advisable.

Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

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## A Word From Pope Francis

*[Jesus said,] "If anyone wants to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily and follow me." This is not an ornamental cross or an ideological cross, but it is the cross of life, the cross of one's duty, the cross of making sacrifices for*

*others with love.*

*—Angelus, June 19, 2016*

# Good News!

September 16, 2018

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 50:5–9a; Jas 2:14–18; Mk 8:27–35

Jesus presents a different way of seeing, hearing, and judging. It takes some getting used to!

Peter, as a good friend, wants to protect Jesus from the cross he is announcing. Yet Jesus doesn't want protection from the will of the Father—rather he wants support. He invites Peter to change his mentality.

Jesus knew what was coming; he must suffer and be rejected. Suffering and rejection are not absolute evils. Our goal in life can't be to avoid suffering and to be accepted by everyone. If we pursue good and follow Jesus, we will also experience rejection. When Jesus tells us that following him means taking up our cross, it shouldn't surprise us when a cross is planted in our path with a sign saying, "Pick me up."

In the first reading, the prophet says he opened his ear and didn't rebel. When the consequences of this faith were abuse and rejection, he didn't shield his body and face. He could do so because, like Jesus, he was rooted in love and not fear. He didn't fear their arguments, ideas, and insults. He didn't fear what they could do to his body, for they couldn't touch his soul, his heart, his freedom.

When we know we are loved, and are following what is right, we have a confidence and a strength that the world knows not. It is a different way of seeing, hearing, and judging. It is of a higher order, a deeper source, and brings total peace. And it takes some getting used to!

*—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC*