

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 on Monday or after Masses.

Our Lady of Lourdes

Established - 1875

534 N. Wood Street
Gibson City, IL 60936

Parish Office Secretary

Phone & Fax
(217) 784-4671

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. 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

Sunday 7:30am

DECEMBER 15, 2019

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: 'Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.' Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

PARISH SECRETARY POSITION AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY

Our Lady of Lourdes is in search of someone to IMMEDIATELY step in to the position of PARISH SECRETARY. This is a part time, paid position. Anyone interested can contact Fr. Dong at (217)379-4033.



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Michael Smith

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**Parish Council
 President**

Michael Smith
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THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS

MON December 16		No Mass
TUE December 17	8:00 AM (OLL) 5:30 PM (STJ)	Parish Family
WED December 18	8:00 AM (OLL) 7:00 PM (STM)	Hartford Family
THU December 19	5:30 PM (OLL)	+ Lucy Shiels
FRI December 20	8:00 AM (STM) 5:30 PM (OLL)	Parish Family
SAT December 21	5:00 PM (OLL)	+Richard Meunier
SUN December 22 4th Sunday of Advent	8:00 AM (STJ) 9:30 AM (STM) 11:30 AM (OLL)	+Chuck Kollross

**THANK YOU FOR
 YOUR GIFTS**

Sunday Total	\$2493.50
Capital Imp.	\$105.00
CMAA 2019 (goal: \$12,300)	\$13,368.00
Food Pantry December Total Yr to Date FP	\$46.50 \$82.50 \$2382.94



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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
SAT December 21 5:00PM	Alex Killian	Michael Smith	Jack Kollross Carla Moxley Rosanne Miller	Jerry Brown Bruce Killian	Denis & Cherry Fisher
SUN December 22 11:30AM	Will and Paul Baillie	Sarah Sarantakos		Aiden and Andrew Laughery	

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.

2020 PARISH CALENDARS

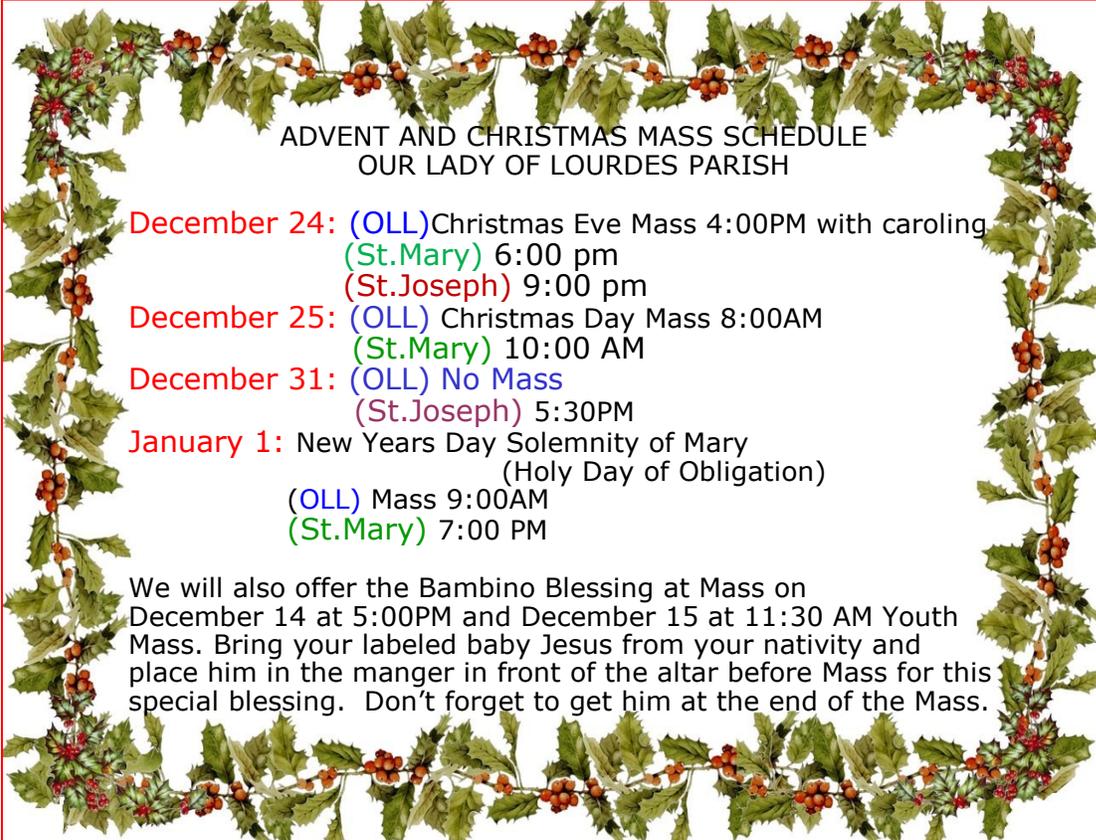
Our Parish Calendars are available for 2020. Thank you Day Drainage for providing them for our Parish. Feel free to pick some up after Masses over the next few weekends.

**(Mark your calendar)
 OPEN HOUSE—Fr. Kirk Hall
 (Open to ALL parish !)**

**Come join the RE students for a
 Pancake and Sausage Breakfast!
 Let them show you around their classrooms and see what they have been learning.**

**January 12th, 2020 at 10:00 am
 Hope to see you there !**





ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH

- December 24:** (OLL) Christmas Eve Mass 4:00PM with caroling
(St.Mary) 6:00 pm
(St.Joseph) 9:00 pm
- December 25:** (OLL) Christmas Day Mass 8:00AM
(St.Mary) 10:00 AM
- December 31:** (OLL) No Mass
(St.Joseph) 5:30PM
- January 1:** New Years Day Solemnity of Mary
(Holy Day of Obligation)
(OLL) Mass 9:00AM
(St.Mary) 7:00 PM

We will also offer the Bambino Blessing at Mass on December 14 at 5:00PM and December 15 at 11:30 AM Youth Mass. 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 get him at the end of the Mass.

PARISH CALENDAR
December



Wednesday, December 11
Knights of Columbus 7:00 PM

Saturday, December 14
Food Pantry 8:30 AM to noon
Bambino Blessing 5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, December 15
Youth Mass and Bambino Blessing

Saturday, December 28
Food Pantry 8:30 am to noon



- Mary Fairfield (12/15)
- Chuck Aubry ((12/15)
- Maggie Davis (12/17)
- Bill Hartford (12/20)
- Jane Lange (12/22)
- Therese Davis (12/22)



God Bless You All !

2020 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 office@ololgc.org

2020 FLOWERS



Please sign up for altar flowers for 2020. 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!



Pray for the Sick & Homebound

- Linda Ellington
- Greg Delost
- Dale Enghausen
- Brian Sullivan
- Emma Davis
- Terry Hutchcraft
- Leo Chapman
- Adam Reed
- Michael Gardner
- Fran Mardis
- Joyce Pearson



Designed by Carol

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.



A PRAYER FOR ADVENT

Mary, O luminous mother,
Holy healing art!
Eve brought sorrow to the soul,
But by your holy Son
By you pour balm on
Death's wounds and travail.
You have indeed conquered death!
You have established life!
Ask for us life.
Ask for us radiant joy.
Ask for us the sweet, delicious ecstasy
That is forever yours.
Amen.



Dear Padre,

The Church is steeped in symbolism, tradition, and “living metaphors,” but it sometimes forgets common sense. Why smell up the church with incense? Why gussy up the Mass with horns, flutes, and guitars, at times turning holy Mass into a pseudohootenanny?

The Mass is our high point of worship. All other sacred actions and activities of the Christian life “are bound up with it, flow from it, and are ordered to it” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 16). The dignity and importance of worshiping the Father in and through Christ at Mass is expressed in communion with fellow believers, and ideally through a full sensory experience with all our heart, mind, and soul. In short, if something is worth doing, it’s worth doing well—especially if “doing” opens us to the mystery of God’s presence through what we see, hear, smell, touch, and taste. “In the liturgy the sanctification of women and men is given expression in symbols perceptible by the senses and is carried out in ways appropriate to each of them” (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [Sacrosanctum Concilium]*, 7).

Not all Mass occasions call for “smells, bells, toots, and flutes,” but the visual beauty of the sacred surroundings, the sounds of sacred music, and the sacred words and actions that connect us to our traditions and to Christ’s memorial institution, are intended to elevate us in our collective prayer to God. At times, such a sublime experience of the transcendent may be inhibited by sheer practicality, efficiency, and mundanity!



LUDIA MURHAMADAEVA/SHUTTERSTOCK

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Calendar

Monday
DECEMBER 16
Advent Weekday
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a
Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday
DECEMBER 17
Advent Weekday
Gn 49:2, 8-10
Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday
DECEMBER 18
Advent Weekday
Jer 23:5-8
Mt 1:18-25

Thursday
DECEMBER 19
Advent Weekday
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a
Lk 1:5-25

Friday
DECEMBER 20
Advent Weekday
Is 7:10-14
Lk 1:26-38

Saturday
DECEMBER 21
Advent Weekday
Sg 2:8-14 or
Zep 3:14-18a
Lk 1:39-45

Sunday
DECEMBER 22
Fourth Sunday
of Advent
Is 7:10-14
Rom 1:1-7
Mt 1:18-24

Good News!

December 15, 2019
Third Sunday of Advent (A)
Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

“Here is your God!” Who wouldn’t run to see this marvel? Isaiah 35 tells us what to look for: nature will explode with excitement and splendor, and the hardships of life will no longer hold us captive. Is this really possible, or is it merely hopeful poetry? Jesus tells the disciples of John the Baptist that it’s possible. In fact he, Jesus, is the one who has ushered in the kingdom of heaven. Since that is true, why don’t you and I see it?

The reading from James sheds light on this. There is something truly wondrous about earth bringing forth “precious fruit” (James 5:7). Our understanding of how the development and emergence of fruits occur does not make the fact of natural growth any less wondrous. Farmers know this well. They also know that such growth will occur only when human labor cooperates with the laws of nature designed by God. In other words, the farmer provides the labor while God provides the life-giving sun and rain.

If our world does not resemble Isaiah’s astonishing portrait or the healing that Jesus was able to accomplish, might it be that we have not done what we can to remedy the hardships of life that hold so many captive? When God enters our lives, he provides us with the power we need to change our world, but we must be willing to allow that power to work through us. If we are open to God in our midst, our world will be rich with life and healing, and everyone will know that God is really here. —Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Your music and your song are a true instrument of evangelization insofar as you witness to the profoundness of the Word of God that touches the hearts of people, and allows a celebration of the sacraments, especially of the Holy Eucharist, which makes one sense the beauty of paradise.

—INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF CHOIRS, NOVEMBER 24, 2018