

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

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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

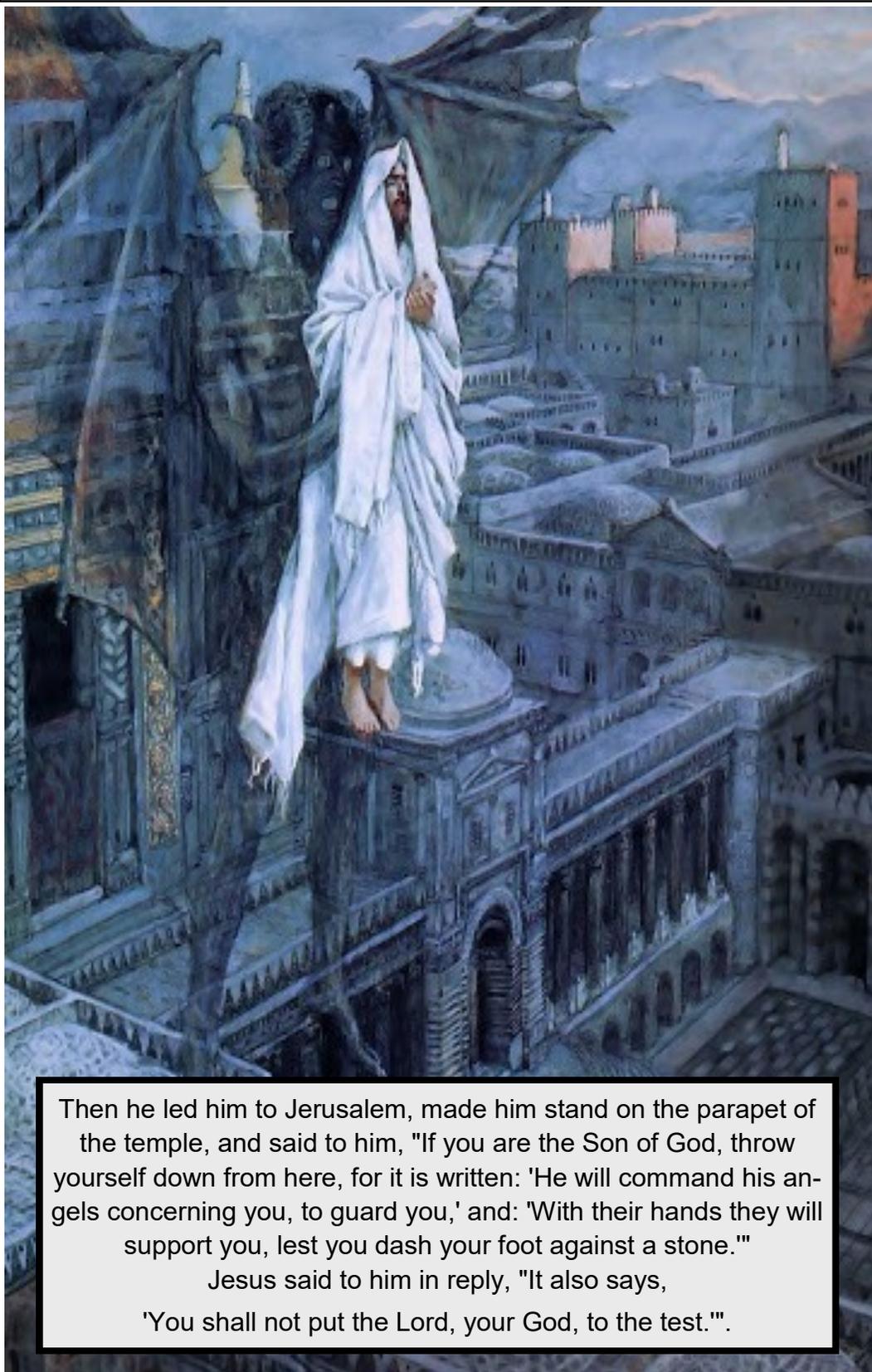
Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 am
Tuesday 5:30 pm

Confession

Sunday 7:30am

March 10, 2019 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: 'He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,' and: 'With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him in reply, "It also says,

'You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.'"

DYNAMIC CATHOIC BEST LENT EVER!

Sign up FREE with the below link for daily Lenten emails beginning this Wednesday, March 6 (Ash Wednesday). bestlentever.com/invites

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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 March 11		NO MASS
TUE March 12	8:00AM (OLL) 5:30PM (STJ)	Parish Family
WED March 13	8:00 AM (OLL) 7:00PM (STM)	Nuss Family Giroux Family
THU March 14 St. Peter Damian	5:30PM (OLL)	Martin Family Fackler Family
FRI March 15	8:00AM (STM) 5:30PM (OLL)	Parish Family
SAT March 16	5:00PM (OLL)	+Anita Meyer
SUN March 17 Second Sunday of Lent	8:00AM (STJ) 9:30AM (STM) 11:30AM (OLL)	Benoit Family Gonzalez Family

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR GIFTS
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Sunday Total	\$2876.00
Capital Imp.	\$ 145.00
CMAA 2019 (goal: \$12,300)	\$12,300
Food Pantry	\$59.00
March Total	\$59.00
Yr to Date FP	\$571.00



<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
SAT March 16 5:00PM	Alex Kilian	Jack Kollross	Lisa Heap Denis Fisher Cherry Fisher	Bob Bode Fred Sarantakos	Helen Haynes
SUN March 17 11:30AM	Sophia & Isabella Helmig	Jodi Beyers		Jerry Lynch, Sr. Jerry Lynch, Jr.	

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.

**PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR SUPPORT OF THE
2019 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL**

Pledge your gift to the CMAA! This is Commitment Weekend, when we are all asked to pledge our support for the 2019 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA).

God calls all of us to be *Signs of Hope* for those in need in the Diocese of Joliet. The CMAA supports 30 ministries that benefit so many and allow us to do God's work here on earth. Our parish could not possibly accomplish all that the diocese is able to when we all work together.

Our parish goal for the 2019 CMAA is \$12,300. If we raise more than this goal, 70 percent of the amount over goal will be returned to the parish.

Please prayerfully reflect on how much you can best support this year's CMAA. You may make your gift using one of the pledge envelopes available in the church, by returning the pledge card you received in the mail, visiting jolietdioceseappeal.org, or texting "Donate" to (815)205-1949 to link to a donation form from your mobile phone.



MARY'S WAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAY, MARCH 15
6:30PM FOLLOWING 5:30PM MASS

Mary's Way Stations of the Cross will be said on Friday, March 15 at 6:30PM following 5:30PM Mass. These stations enkindle within each of us a sense of both prayerful repentance and grateful redemption as we walk Jesus' last steps with his Mother, Mary. To feel with her the "sword of sorrow," the confusion, the feelings of helplessness, as well as her ever present faith. We hope that Mary's Way will lead you to a personal experience of redemption,

which we pray will bring about a conversion where it is needed in your life. The second part of each station is designed to point out practical ways of rooting out one's life in those areas which have not yet allowed redemption to touch.

Mary stood by her Son throughout His passion and, in her faith, experienced the joy of His resurrection. We hope that with Mary's assistance, you will deepen your faith and allow Jesus to rise once more in your life. Join us for this beautiful Stations of the Cross as we walk the journey through Mary's eyes.

BE HEALED-CATHOLIC WOMEN'S TWO NIGHT RETREAT
With Fr. Burke Masters and Fr. Dennis Spies
NOVEMBER 1 at 6:30pm-NOVEMBER 3 at 3PM
Carmelite Spiritual Center 8419 Bailey Road, Darien, IL

Join other women for this dynamic retreat with Fr. Burke Masters, Fr. Dennis Spies, Fr. Steve Borello and other leaders in the DOJ. "Be Healed" Retreat will be an engaging weekend based on the book by author Dr. Bob Schuchts. The weekend includes spirit filled talks, small group discussions, and opportunities for faith filled reflection, mass and confessions. The Carmelite Spiritual Center features a meditation garden for prayer and contemplation, as well as home cooked meals. This will be a weekend to assist you in taking the next step in your faith journey. Register early as spots are limited and already filling up. The cost is \$175-\$265 and more information can be obtained by emailing retreats@gamechangersfts.org or by calling 800-431-8720.

PARISH COUNCIL/FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED



We are looking for anyone that feels called to serve on the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Council (meets monthly-2nd Thursday) or the Finance Council (meets quarterly). If you are interested or would like more Information, contact the office at pastor@ololgc.org. We have several positions opening this spring that need to be filled. We ask for your prayerful consideration.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY
MARCH 15
MARCH 29
APRIL 12



Dinner will be served from 4:30PM-6:30PM. The cost will be \$8 with children under 12 free. Carryout's are available.



During the Lenten season we will offer
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
on Friday evenings at 6:30PM following 5:30PM Mass

Sunderland Scholarship

The Sunderland Scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating senior from Our Lady of Lourdes. To make a donation toward this year's scholarship award, please use the red offertory envelope marked for this purpose and drop it in the collection basket. Your generosity toward helping our parish youth is greatly appreciated.



PARISH CALENDAR



LENTEN SCHEDULE

posted at back of church & extra copies on bookcase.

Wednesday, March 13

- K of C Meeting 7PM

Thursday, March 14

- Staff Meeting 6:15PM
- Parish Council Meeting 7:15PM

Sunday, March 17

- YOUTH MASS

Saturday, March 23

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon



- Michael Smith (3/11)
- Joe McGuire (3/11)
- Caine Jost (3/13)
- Allison Kleist (3/14)
- Doug Parsons (3/14)
- Terry Hutchcraft (3/14)
- Josie Kleist (3/16)
- Brian Helmig (3/17)
- Willard Pearson (3/17)



Rich & Beth Baillie (3/15)

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

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

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.

Calendar

Monday

MARCH 11

Lenten Weekday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18

Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday

MARCH 12

Lenten Weekday

Is 55:10-11

Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

MARCH 13

Lenten Weekday

Jon 3:1-10

Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

MARCH 14

Lenten Weekday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25

Mt 7:7-12

Friday

MARCH 15

Lenten Weekday

Ez 18:21-28

Mt 5:20-26

Saturday

MARCH 16

Lenten Weekday

Dt 26:16-19

Mt 5:43-48

Sunday

MARCH 17

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18

Phil 3:17-4:1

or Phil 3:20-4:1

Lk 9:28b-36

Dear Padre,

In some books and movies, the devil is depicted as an all-powerful, unconquerable force. Is this the true image of Satan? What should be the Christian response toward the devil?

In years of priesthood, I have infrequently encountered situations in which the presence of evil was palpable. Typically, they involved the abuse of someone innocent and vulnerable. These incidents remind me of my need for a deeper trust in God, and the strength of someone spiritually wiser than I, if such evil is to be repelled.

However, the usual way Satan operates is by subtly seducing us into confusion, complacency, and self-will. Indeed, isn't that the case in today's Gospel of Jesus' temptations in the desert?

Jesus experienced not only a frontal assault by the devil, but also the hunger, fear, and isolation that make all of us vulnerable to false gods of greed, security, or power. When the devil addressed him in his privation and



vulnerability, Jesus found ways to call upon God's word and power. Satan's attack was vanquished in the desert.

Likewise, our encounters with this real, fallen angel will persist. We will always be vulnerable, with the devil always watching for an opportune time. "One day at a time" can summarize our approach to evil.

We need to rely on God's power daily to lead us through a maze of choices. The next day we must again seek the same God-bestowed grace of wisdom and courage, calling on God to lead us in God's ways. In other words, God's grace is sufficient and available if we call upon it daily.

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A Word from Pope Francis

The devil wants you to quarrel among yourselves, because in this way he divides you, he defeats you, and he robs you of faith. Therefore, solidarity among brothers and sisters to defend the faith!...Go forward and don't let the devil divide you!

—Visit to Bañado Norte, Paraguay, February 19, 2017

Good News!

March 10, 2019

First Sunday of Lent (C)

Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Every Lent, priests, nuns, monks, and many laypeople pray the following: "Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for [someone] to devour" (1 Peter 5:8). Jesus encountered this truth in his temptations in the desert, another place in his ministry where he experienced the struggle of humanity.

The temptations begin, "If you are the Son of God..." All our temptations begin by doubting and challenging Jesus to prove himself. Although Jesus is all-powerful and all-good, we struggle to make sense of suffering and tragedies.

The temptations continue as Jesus is invited to satisfy himself, impress others, and skip suffering. But Jesus responds repeatedly in humility. In the desert he doesn't turn stones into bread. Later, he does something far greater; he turns bread and wine into himself. When tempted, we cry out to him to soften the hard realities of our lives. And Jesus does just that. He suffers in his passion, dies, and rises again to become life-giving bread for us. He becomes manna in our desert.

When we wish for power, Jesus promises we will reign with him if we also let him suffer for us and we with him. The devil would have us take matters into our own hands, doubt God, and make him prove himself by our measures. Yet if we listen to Jesus, look at his answers, and learn from his life, then true power will be ours.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC