

## 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

Sunday 7:30am

## March 24, 2019

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



There an angel of the LORD appeared to him in fire flaming out of a bush. As he looked on, he was surprised to see that the bush, though on fire, was not consumed. So Moses decided, "I must go over to look at this remarkable sight, and see why the bush is not burned."

**Pastor**

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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> March 25 THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD		NO MASS
<b>TUE</b> March 26	8:00AM (OLL) 5:30PM (STJ)	Parish Family
<b>WED</b> March 27	8:00 AM (OLL) 7:00PM (STM)	Brown Family Brucker Family
<b>THU</b> March 28	5:30PM (OLL)	Campos Family Chase Family
<b>FRI</b> March 29	8:00AM (STM) 5:30PM (OLL)	Parish Family
<b>SAT</b> March 30	5:00PM (OLL)	+Anita Meyer
<b>SUN</b> March 31 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	8:00AM (STJ) 9:30AM (STM) 11:30AM (OLL)	+Father Dennis Kollross

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

Sunday Total	\$2358.50
Capital Imp.	\$10.00
CMAA 2019 (goal: \$12,300)	\$12,300
Food Pantry March Total	\$78.00
Yr to Date FP	\$163.00
	\$675.00



<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
SAT March 30 5:00PM	Alex Killian	Lisa Heap	Lisa Heap Denis Fisher Cherry Fisher	Bob Bode Fred Sarantakos	Jean Wilhelmi
SUN March 31 11:30AM	Sophia Ray	Sarah Sarantakos		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**

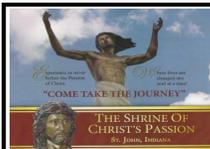
Call the Rectory at least four weeks before the baptism. Instruction for the parents and God-parents is required.

**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.



THE SHRINE OF CHRIST'S PASSION TRIP  
 Saturday, April 13, leaving Our Lady of Lourdes at 9AM

**THE DAY'S AGENDA:**

9-11AM Leave from OLL to drive to

the Shrine

Lunch before the shrine tour. (PLEASE PACK A SACK LUNCH)

11:45AM Start shrine tour

2PM Enjoy the shrine gift shop

2:30PM Drive home

4:30PM Arrive home

**Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church or email to pastor@ololgc.org .**

The Shrine of Christ's Passion is an interactive half-mile winding pathway that begins with the Last Supper and Garden of Gethsemane. When you step onto the Prayer Trail at The Shrine of Christ's Passion it is as though you have been transported back 2000 years. Enjoy the 40 life size bronze figures that are artfully placed in dramatically landscaped gardens that look and feel like the Holy Land.



**LENTEN MISSION SPEAKER ...FR. PHAM**  
**WHAT & HOW: THE CATHOLIC CHURCH'S DILEMMAS**  
**April 4 and 5 following 5:30PM Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church**

Fr. Pham was born in the city of Da-Nang, Vietnam. When the whole country of Vietnam fell under Communism, Fr. Pham escaped by boat to Hong Kong and migrated from there to Port Arthur, TX as a political refugee. At age 16 he left the hot climate of the South and entered the St. Joseph High School Seminary of the Diocese of Grand Rapids, MI and was ordained a priest in 1991. Spurred by a profound desire to serve the poor and in particular those of his native land, Fr. Pham was later incardinated to the Diocese of Thanh-Hoa.

Fr. Pham now resides in Lakeview, a little town of Michigan and serves as the Episcopal Vicar of the Diocese of Thanh-Hoa and General Coordinator of the people of Thanh-Hoa living in North America.

In 2006 Cross Catholic Outreach welcomed Fr. Pham to carry on his passionate commitment to God and to the poor which is exhibited most clearly in his simple life and, in particular, his preaching.

Day 1: Contemporary Issues Facing Our Church  
 Day 2: What Can We Do?

**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@lolgc.org](mailto:pastor@lolgc.org). We have several positions opening this spring that need to be filled. We ask for your prayerful consideration.

**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](mailto:retreats@gamechangersfts.org) or by calling 800-431-8720.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY**

**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.



**FISHERS OF MEN**

GUIDING MEN TOWARD A DYNAMIC RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST



**RISE UP!! MEN'S CONFERENCE**

JUNE 1, 2019

BENEDICTINE UNIVERSITY IN LISLE

Register today at

<https://fomconference2019.eventbrite.com>

**PARISH CALENDAR**



**LENTEN SCHEDULE**  
 posted at back of church

**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](mailto:tomandjanettownsend@yahoo.com) (your specific prayer need does NOT need to be disclosed to activate the prayer chain).



- Patti Meunier (3/24)
- Remi Astronomo (3/24)
- Brian Benoit (3/28)
- Basilio Campos (3/28)
- Cardina Gonzalez (3/28)
- Janey Hansen (3/29)
- Linda Schmitt (3/30)
- Egan Lynch (3/30)
- Dan Day (3/30)
- John Veneto (3/31)



- Tim & Jody Bane (3/25)
- Jack & Susan Kollross (3/27)

**Pray for the Sick & Homebound**

- Linda Ellington
- Greg Delost
- Dale Enghausen
- Brian Sullivan
- Emma Davis
- Terry Hutchcraft
- Norma Thompson
- Leo Chapman
- Adam Reed
- 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@lolgc.org](mailto:pastor@lolgc.org).

In your charity, please pray for  
**Richard Meunier,**  
 who was called to eternal rest.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. May he and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. *AMEN.*



## Calendar

### Monday

MARCH 25

*Annunciation of the Lord*

Is 7:10-14; 8:10

Heb 10:4-10

Lk 1:26-38

### Tuesday

MARCH 26

*Lenten Weekday*

Dn 3:25, 34-43

Mt 18:21-35

### Wednesday

MARCH 27

*Lenten Weekday*

Dt 4:1, 5-9

Mt 5:17-19

### Thursday

MARCH 28

*Lenten Weekday*

Jer 7:23-28

Lk 11:14-23

### Friday

MARCH 29

*Lenten Weekday*

Hos 14:2-10

Mk 12:28-34

### Saturday

MARCH 30

*Lenten Weekday*

Hos 6:1-6

Lk 18:9-14

### Sunday

MARCH 31

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

Jos 5:9a, 10-12

2 Cor 5:17-21

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

# Dear Padre,

## Is the sprinkling rite at Mass necessary?

Occasionally on Sundays and Saturday evenings, especially in the Easter season and on feasts including Pentecost or the Baptism of the Lord, the blessing and sprinkling of water may take the place of the customary Penitential Act as a reminder of baptism. While the Penitential Act invites us to acknowledge our sins, the sprinkling rite not only reminds us of our failings but of our conversion through baptism.

Water is blessed before the sprinkling using these or similar words: "Grant, O Lord, in your mercy, that living waters may always spring up for our salvation, and so may we approach you with a pure heart and avoid all danger of body and soul" (*The Roman Missal*). If salt—a symbol of strength—is added to the water, it's first blessed in a prayer to God "who commanded the prophet Elisha to cast salt into water, that impure water might be purified" (*RM*).

Also, the Church empties holy water fonts on the days of the Triduum to prepare for the blessing of water at the Easter Vigil, but removing holy water fonts during the season of Lent isn't permitted. To do so "is contrary to a balanced understanding of the season of Lent, which though truly being a season of penance, is also a season rich in the symbolism of water and baptism, constantly evoked in liturgical texts" (Congregation for Divine Worship). After all, every Sunday, even during Lent, is a little Easter!

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR  
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



### A Word from Pope Francis

*Gathered before Jesus crucified, we hear his words ring out also for us: "I thirst" (John 19:28)...What does the Lord thirst for?*

*Certainly for water, that element essential for life. But above all for love....He thirsts to give us the living waters of his love, but*

*also to receive our love.*

—Visit to Assisi, September 20, 2016

# Good News!

March 24, 2019

*Third Sunday of Lent (C)*

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

God is very patient, but his patience doesn't last forever.

In the Old Testament, after God spoke to Abraham and Lot's subsequent rebellion, some 500 years passed before God revealed himself again—this time to Moses. God takes the first step toward Abraham and, when his descendants turned away, he steps back. He reached out again to Moses and revealed his name so that Moses could enter into a personal relationship with him and explain his name to others. God wants to be known by his people and by you!

So here we learn that with this revelation of God comes a responsibility. He unveils his mysterious face but he also desires a loving response and for us to witness about him to others.

Saint Paul makes it clear that God eventually ran out of patience with the Chosen People in the desert. After freeing the Israelites from Egypt with signs and wonders, giving them his law, and feeding them in the desert, they complained against him. Like the fig tree in the gospel, he gave them ample time and multiple encores of his love and mercy. Yet eventually, his love took the form of tough love—forty years of desert wanderings.

Lent is another expression of God's patience toward us. He is once again sowing the seeds of conversion, hoping for the fruits of our change of heart—fruits of love, forgiveness, repentance, and renewal.

He gives time for his cultivating efforts to take effect and for fruit to appear, but our life on earth is finite, so that time isn't unlimited. —Fr. Mark Haydu, LC