

## 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

534 N. Wood Street  
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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

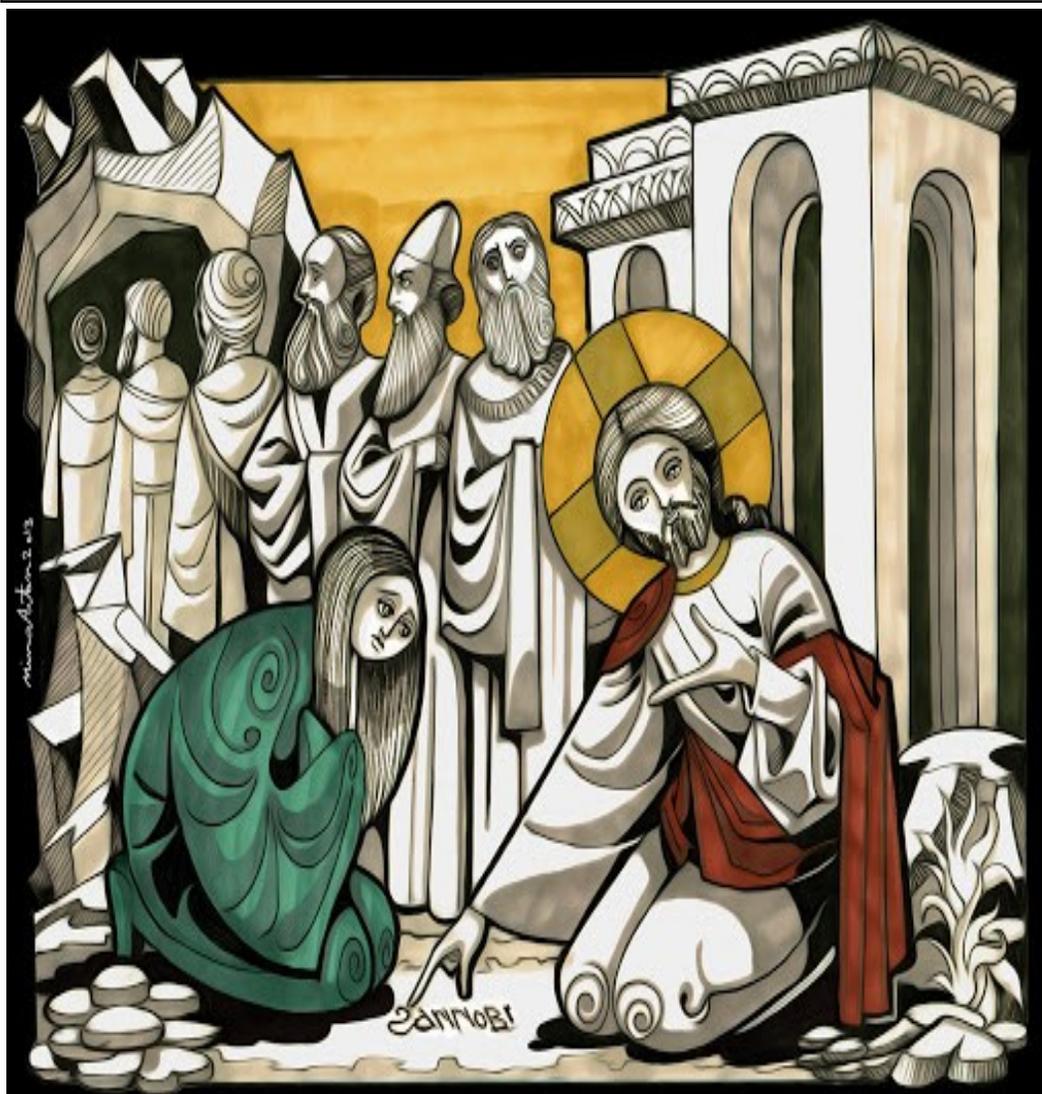
#### Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 am  
Tuesday 5:30 pm

#### Confession

Sunday 7:30am

## April 7, 2019 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, (and) from now on do not sin any more."

CHRISM MASS  
Monday, April 15 at 7PM  
St. Raymond Cathedral, Joliet, IL

Anyone interested in attending the Chrism Mass can contact the office at [pastor@ololgc.org](mailto:pastor@ololgc.org) for free tickets. This beautiful Mass includes parishioners, priests and deacons from around the Diocese. Bishop R. Daniel Conlon will bless the oil of catechumens, the oil of the sick, and the oil of chrism. The Mass also acknowledges the ministry of priests, and they will renew their commitment of service and receive prayers and support from those at the Mass.

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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> April 8		NO MASS
<b>TUE</b> April 9	8:00AM (OLL) 5:30PM (STJ)	Parish Family
<b>WED</b> April 10	8:00 AM (OLL) 7:00PM (STM)	Davis Family Day Family
<b>THU</b> April 11	5:30PM (OLL)	Delost Family Doran Family
<b>FRI</b> April 12	8:00AM (STM) <b>LENT ONLY</b> 6:00PM (OLL) Followed by Stations 6:30PM (OLL)	Parish Family
<b>SAT</b> April 13	5:00PM (OLL)	Eberle Family Eichelberger Family
<b>SUN</b> April 14	8:00AM (STJ) PALM SUNDAY 9:30AM (STM) 11:30AM (OLL)	Fackler Family Fanson Family

**THANK YOU FOR  
 YOUR GIFTS  
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Sunday Total	\$2306.50
Capital Imp.	\$25.00
CMAA 2019 (goal: \$12,300)	\$12,300
Food Pantry March Total	\$62.00
Yr to Date FP	\$261.00
	<b>\$773.00</b>



<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
SAT April 13 5:00PM	Alex Killian	Jim Meyer	Fran Mardis Marj Brown Jerry Brown	Chuck Aubry Jerry Brown	Denis & Cherry Fisher
SUN April 14 11:30AM	Hannah & Haven Hathaway	Denis Fisher		<b>YOUTH MASS</b>	

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.

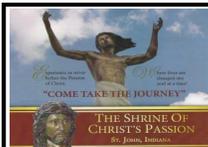
**Sick??**

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.

**THE REDEEMER, MARY AND YOU ...OUR PASSION BY Carol Monaco**

What is passion? Dictionary definitions include “ardent affection, devotion to an activity or concept , overmastering feeling or conviction,” and yes, “the sufferings of Christ between the night of the Last Supper and his death. “Truly, Christ’s was—and is—the greatest passion because it is driven by love of God and humanity.

God so loved us that he humbled himself by entering the world as the Son of Man to save us from damnation. For our salvation, Christ carried every sin, sorrow, and suffering on the road to his crucifixion. Through him, we are healed and born again so that we may enter the kingdom of heaven—all made possible through the passion of Mary.

The humble handmaid opened herself body and soul to God for the conception of Christ to take hold within her by the power of the Holy Spirit. From then on, Mary has dedicated herself to her Son’s mission of redemption. Our Lady intercedes on our behalf, bringing us and our humanity closer to her Son who leads us on the path to heaven.

From the rosary’s mysteries, we see the passion of Jesus and Mary throughout their lives, so that which was promised by God would be fulfilled.

The Joyful and Luminous Mysteries, with their lessons of faith, charity, humility, obedience acceptance of God’s will, and desire for holiness, prepare us—as Jesus and Mary were prepared—for the Sorrowful Mysteries that open the way to the Glorious Mysteries.

Passion led Jesus and Mary through the greatest pain of the crucifixion to reach the greatest glory. The resurrection of Christ is a promise kept, confirming all of Christ’s works and teachings, that opens the pathway to a new and better life. By Mary’s intercession, we are never alone on that pathway if we choose it.

What drives our passion determines which road we take in life. With Jesus to lead us and Mary by our side, we can partake in our Lord’s mission to redeem ourselves and our world. We are called to love our God with our entire being so, by the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ can live in us and through us to love one another as God loves us. In other words, with Holy Week and Easter in our midst, may the love of God an humanity be our passion that drives our daily living and keeps us on the road to heaven.

***Our Lady intercedes on our behalf,  
bringing us and our humanity closer to Christ.***

**PARISH CALENDAR**



**Wednesday, April 10**

- K of C Meeting 7PM

**Thursday, April 11**

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

**Saturday, April 13**

- Shrine of Christ Passion Trip (see p. 2)
- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon

**Thursday, April 18**

- Holy Thursday Mass 5:30PM followed by Adoration until 11PM

**Friday, April 19**

- Stations of the Cross 3PM
- Good Friday Passion Service 7PM

**Saturday, April 20**

- Easter Vigil Mass 7:30PM

**Sunday, April 21**

- Mass 9AM

**Saturday, April 27**

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon



“WHEN TEMPTED, IMITATE JESUS.”



During the Lenten season we will offer

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

on Friday evenings at 6:30PM following 6:00PM Mass

**NOTE A CHANGE IN TIME**

**HOLY THURSDAY ADORATION SIGN UPS STILL NEEDED**

We will be having Holy Thursday Adoration again this year from

**6:15pm-11pm**

We will need **AT LEAST** one person per half hour shift to remain with the exposed sacrament. The sign up sheet is on the table at the back of the church.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Mary Giroux (4/8)  
Jean Wilhelmi (4/9)  
Pat Fields (4/10)  
John Cole (4/10)  
Susan Kollross (4/11)  
Erin McCall (4/12)

**Happy Anniversary**

Basilio & Berni Campos (4/8)  
Jim & Jennifer Freehill (4/9)

**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



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY**

**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.



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@lolqc.org.

## Calendar

### Monday

APRIL 8

Lenten Weekday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17,  
19-30, 33-62 or

Dn 13:41c-62

Jn 8:12-20

### Tuesday

APRIL 9

Lenten Weekday

Nm 21:4-9

Jn 8:21-30

### Wednesday

APRIL 10

Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95

Jn 8:31-42

### Thursday

APRIL 11

Lenten Weekday

Gn 17:3-9

Jn 8:51-59

### Friday

APRIL 12

Lenten Weekday

Jer 20:10-13

Jn 10:31-42

### Saturday

APRIL 13

Lenten Weekday

Ez 37:21-28

Jn 11:45-56

### Sunday

APRIL 14

Palm Sunday

of the Lord's Passion

Lk 19:28-40

Is 50:4-7

Phil 2:6-11

Lk 22: 14-23:56

or Lk 23:1-49

# Dear Padre,

## Incense in church irritates my eyes.

### Is it really needed?

Some churches, for example, limit incensation to only the sanctuary to minimize discomfort by those with allergies in the congregation.

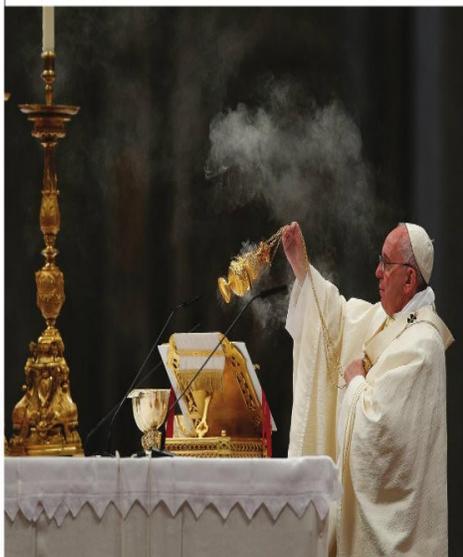
Although incense is optional at Mass (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 276), and therefore isn't "needed" per se, the question of its occasional use is more than a mere necessity issue.

The US Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy writes, "Since worship engages Christians fully, in every aspect of their being, they worship God with their bodies and feelings as well as their minds and spirits, with their hands and feet as well as their eyes and ears. The non-verbal elements of the Liturgy can express what cannot be articulated in words and, at times, can reinforce the spoken word" (*Introduction to the Order of the Mass*, 27).

Incense is a powerful, solemn expression of prayer, purification, and reverence that reinforces the spoken word in worship and praise. It "suggests both the otherness of the transcendent God and the cloud that symbolized God's glory and presence in the midst of the Israelites" (*Introduction to the*

*Order of Mass*, 58). The fragrance is intended to awaken our senses and the rising swirl of smoke represents our lifted hearts in prayer. "The smoke of the incense along with the prayers of the holy ones went up before God from the hand of the angel" (Revelation 8:4).

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### A Word from Pope Francis

*Jesus...taught that the true battlefield, where violence and peace meet, is the human heart...When he stopped her accusers from stoning the woman caught in adultery, and when, on the night before he died, he told Peter to put away his sword, Jesus marked out the path of nonviolence.*

—World Day of Peace, January 1, 2017

# Good News!

April 7, 2019

Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)

Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

Max Beckmann's drawing, *Christ and the Sinner*, places the viewer outside today's Gospel scene looking in. We're behind the darkened figures standing at a door. We see Jesus in full view, standing in the light blocking the accusers' way toward the woman. He's clearly coming to her defense as he listens, unmoved by their story.

Oftentimes we may feel that Jesus stands more as an accuser than a savior. He's there to point out what we should do in the future, didn't do in the past, or aren't doing in the present. This isn't the Jesus the Gospel presents. He stands to defend the sinner before her accusers. Even to those who so blatantly hurt him, Jesus said "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).

Sometimes it is hard to let go of an erring view of God. It can be comforting to have someone to blame or fear. Look at St. Paul: He was a zealous persecutor of Christians. Yet, having found Christ, he let go of his erroneous view of God and let Jesus come to his defense. He let go of the guilt of his sinful past and his desire to save himself through his own works. He considered it all trash to be discarded and forgotten as he held on to faith in Jesus.

We need to leave our evil deeds in his merciful heart and forget them there. The sacrament of reconciliation offers the best opportunity to do so. Let him stand at the door of your heart, defending you from those sinister accusers of your past who would haul you back into the darkness.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC