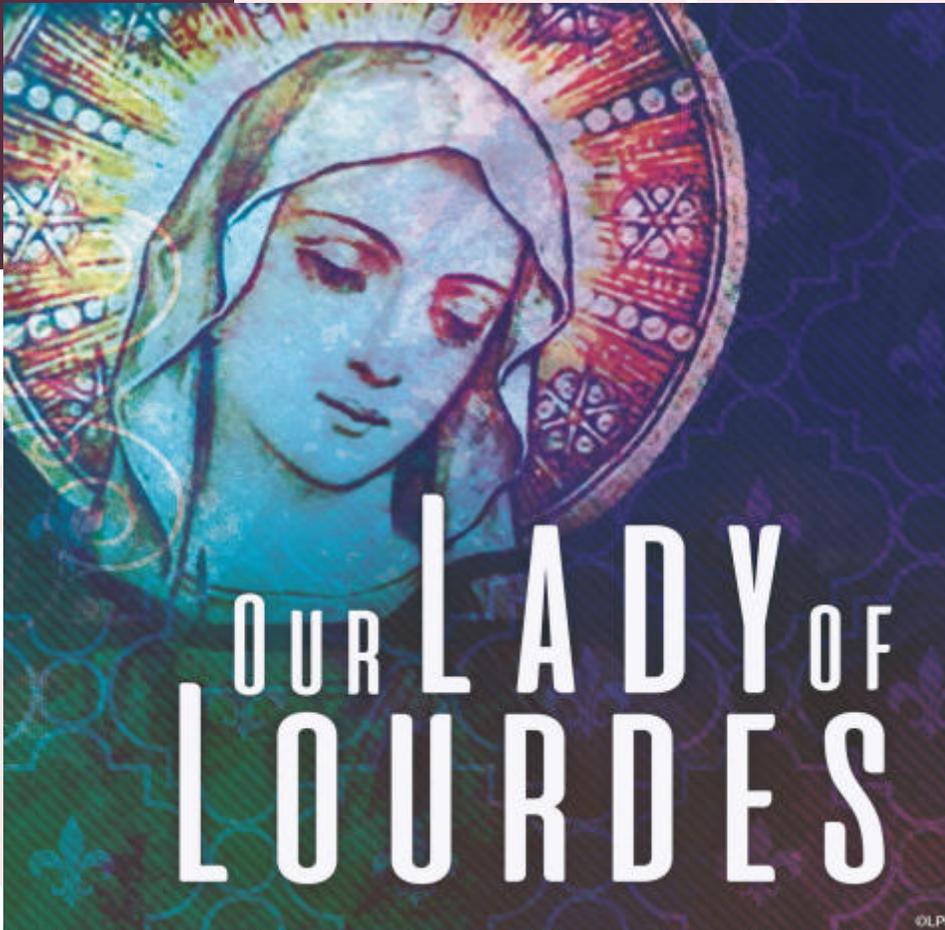


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OUR MISSION

We are a Catholic Community whom God has called together through Baptism. As part of Christ's Living Church, we welcome all to:

Worship with us through our Liturgical Celebrations; Learn with us the teachings of Jesus as we expand our discipleship; Serve with us God's people inside and outside Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in a spirit of stewardship; and Gather with us to celebrate Christ's two great commandments of love.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Monday-Friday 6:30am
Thursday 2:00pm
(when school is in session)

Weekend Mass

Saturday - Vigil 4:30pm
Sunday - 7:30, 9:30,
11:30am
Spanish Mass 1:00pm

Confessions

Tuesday - 12:00pm
Thursday - 5:00pm
Saturday - 11:00am



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Weekly Readings

Sunday, Feb 7

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Monday, Feb 8

Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday, Feb 9

Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday, Feb 10

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday, Feb 11

Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30

Friday, Feb 12

Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday, Feb 13

Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday, Feb 14

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45



STANDING AND SITTING DURING THE LITURGY

Last week I shared with you some of the reflections of the great Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger (known to us as Pope Emeritus

Benedict XVI) regarding why Catholics kneel during the Mass, borrowed from his book *The Spirit of the Liturgy*. I thought I'd share this week a few more of his thoughts about our different postures during the celebration of Mass.

Standing has long been one of the primary postures of prayer, especially throughout the Old Testament, but in our Christian tradition as well. In fact, for many centuries in the Church, people stood throughout the entirety of Mass (pews are a much more recent—but welcome!—addition to our churches). The faithful would then kneel during the Eucharistic Prayer, as we do today. The practice developed in the first few centuries that Christians would remain standing during the Eucharistic Prayer for the duration of the season of Easter, as a way to commemorate the victory of Christ over death—a practice we've since gotten away from.

Cardinal Ratzinger highlights that standing, simply put, “is the posture of the victor.” When we stand at Mass, he states, “we know that we are united to the victory of Christ, and when we stand to listen to the Gospel, it is an expression of reverence. When this Word is heard, we cannot remain sitting; it pulls us up” (p. 195). To stand during the liturgy is to unite ourselves to the victorious Christ, and to remind ourselves of the reverence due Him.

Our “default,” then, at Mass is standing—because it is a posture of prayer, a posture of attentiveness and reverence, the way that we ready ourselves for whatever God's will entails.

When we move ourselves to deeper adoration/worship (as during the Eucharistic prayer), we kneel. And more recently, the liturgy permits us to sit during the readings and the homily. As uncontroversial as sitting may be, the idea isn't that we sit just to make ourselves more comfortable—rather, “sitting should be at the service of recollection. Our bodies should be relaxed, so that our hearing and understanding are unimpeded” (p. 196). We sit during the readings and during the preparation of the gifts so that we may reflect appropriately on what is being read and offered.

Those of us who are converts to the Catholic faith probably know that one of the most nerve-inducing things about attending Catholic liturgies for the first time is knowing when to sit, stand, and kneel. It can be off-putting to a new person in our pews to know when to do what, what to say, and why there's so much going on during the Mass. Assuredly, our Mass is a bit other-worldly, and I would argue that's a good thing. It reminds us that what we come together to celebrate is beyond us, and that we are participating in a heavenly liturgy, not something of our own creation or done by us alone.

Our particularities in worship should never keep us from inviting people to Mass—or inviting them back to Mass, if they've been away for a while. As a practicing Catholic, don't be afraid to take someone under your wing and show them the ropes, never in a pedantic way, but out of Christian charity. If they ask questions you don't know how to answer, take the opportunity to learn why it is that we do the things we do or believe the things we believe—and don't ever hesitate to ask me or Fr. Trummer. My hope is that these explanations help give us the tools to explain well what we do during the Mass and why, so that we can be inviting and welcoming to all who desire to share in our celebrations of faith!

Keep spreading joy!

Fr. Friedel

ALL ARE WELCOME!

If you would like to join the parish or if you are not Catholic and would like to learn about the Catholic faith, please call the Parish Office or visit our website.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY FEB 8

6:30am | Alan Hoffman

TUESDAY, FEB 9

6:30am | John Paul Hubbard

WEDNESDAY, FEB 10

6:30am | Mary "Kay" Layton

THURSDAY, FEB 11

2:00 pm | John Pat Lents

FRIDAY, FEB 12

6:30am | James Cavanaugh

SATURDAY, FEB 13

4:30pm | Emily & Bill Kirkman

SUNDAY, FEB 14

7:30am | Betty Warmker

9:30am | Delphine Perkowski

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1:00pm | Pro Popolo

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Call the Parish Office to submit a name to the prayer list

STEWARDSHIP

January 31, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 17,492
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Year-to-date Goal	\$ 551,000
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We're grateful to those who continue to financially support our parish. God bless you!



FIRST READING

I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. (Jb 7:4)

PSALM

Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted. (Ps 147)

SECOND READING

I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it. (1 Cor 9:22-23)

Gospel

He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. (Mk 1:34)

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Our assessment for the 2020-2021 fiscal year is **\$109,385**. This number reflects the fruits of your generous donations prior to COVID-19, and though this pandemic has affected all of us in different ways, I am confident that together we can conquer this goal. In the future, the hope is that our tithing goal will be an assessment in real time, allowing us to budget this assessment monthly. For now, though, I pray that each of you will prayerfully consider a donation to help us make our goal!



Please feel free to reach out to me if you have questions regarding the Season of Stewardship program or our assessment. Let us all respond to God and to our local Church with a spirit of generosity, grateful for our call to be God's stewards!

Please participate in a Season of Stewardship initiative that all the parishes in our diocese are conducting. We are to be reminded of our call from God to be generous in giving back to Him with our Time, Talent, and Treasure. Each of us is being asked to consider our commitment to our parish and how we can continue to "make a return to the Lord" with heartfelt gratitude. There is a commitment card to be filled out by you and returned to the parish office, either by mail or by dropping it into the collection baskets.

To date, \$36,749.29 has been pledged, with only 79 pledges out of about 944 OLOL families. Our total balance owed to ACSA is now \$72,635.71

Thank you to all of you who have responded so quickly. It is such a blessing for me (and I hope for all of you too!) to see your enthusiasm for your Catholic faith and your generous support of our parish family. You are a valued member of our Church and together we will ensure our parish continues to be a vibrant community of faith!

Contributions can be made by placing a check in the collection baskets with "Parish Tithe" or "ACSA" in the memo, or send directly to the "Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, Office of Parish Vitality and Mission Advancement, 1615 West Washington Street, Springfield, IL 62702" or online at dio.org/give.

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DRIVE-UP TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

Each Wednesday morning at 10am, St. Thomas Church will offer Drive-Up Communion for Parishioners who have chosen not to come to Mass during the pandemic. Remember, our Bishop has excused all the faithful from the obligation of attending Mass. If you would like to receive Holy Communion, come to the church on Wednesday morning and form a car line at the church entrance nearest Angela Hall. Look for the orange traffic cones.

Please remain in your car and wear a face covering.

The Deacon will approach your car to offer you the Body of Christ.

You must receive Communion in your hand; receiving on the tongue is not permitted in this situation.

After receiving Communion, please say a silent prayer in your car for a few moments before driving off.

If you have any questions, please call Deacon Kevin 877-4146 (office) or 620-2032 (cell).

St. Patrick Church on Eldorado street also offers Drive-Up Communion. Sundays beginning at 11:30am. Please enter off of North drive to the west side of St. Patrick Church.

SUNDAY MARRIAGE QUOTE:

St. John Bosco is the patron saint of young people. If you are raising adolescents and teens, ask this kindly saint for wisdom...and a healthy sense of humor!

PARISH CONTACT UPDATE

If you would like to receive parish emails communicating meetings/ classes/events/general information please email your name and email address to: dorothy@lolchurch.com

WEAR YOUR MASKS

When you attend Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes, we ask that you wear your masks when you arrive and enter the building. If you leave your pew to use the restroom or take your child to the restroom, PLEASE remember to wear your mask and help protect those attending Mass.

PRE-PLANNING YOUR FUNERAL

Preplanning your funeral assures you and reassures family members that arrangements will be made according to your wishes. An electronic version is available to guide you through the scripture and hymn selections, offering excellent suggestions to make your funeral liturgy personalized. Email Jami Snow at jami@lolchurch.com for more information.

Preplanning really can make a difficult situation easier for surviving family members by having your choices in place and eliminating time-pressed or uncertain decisions.

ROSARY

Saturdays | 4:00pm
Sunday | 7:00am, 9:00am in Church

February 7, 2021

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and

the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be..©LP



Lord, please grant eternal rest to the soul of,

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

Flowing from the teaching of the Catholic Church | Last week the Illinois Legislature passed the Predatory Loan Prevention Act (SB 1792) that caps All consumer loans at or below 36% APR. This bill finally takes care of predatory car title and payday loans in Illinois that for so many years had interest rates above 250%. Payday and car title "loans" victimized tens of thousands of working families with high coast, long term debt every year. The bill was part of the Illinois Black Caucus omnibus economic package. One Springfield resident had a car title "loan" which was over 300% APR on a \$500 loan that resulted in a payback of over \$3,000. Over 60,000 working families every year fell victim to car title loans and over 200,000 to payday loans.

Using "People Power," the Illinois Peoples Action organization has fought against predatory lending since the year, 2000, with countless direct actions on loan shark storefronts in Peoria, Springfield, Decatur, Bloomington and Champaign. The Decatur Chapter of Illinois Peoples Action includes several OLOL/St. Thomas Social Justice Committee members who were active in lobbying their legislators in Springfield to pass the 36% Cap on all loans. They also protested at several payday lending and car title loan stores in Decatur; helped pass restrictive zoning laws and city council resolutions to limit the number of loan stores. It took 20 yrs. of work by Illinois Peoples Action and other organizations to get this accomplished. The results: Justice for many in the future.

Submitted by Sister JoAn, Co-Chairperson of OLOL/St. Thomas Social Justice Committee

Called by Christ to continue his work on Earth, our mission is to speak for those in need, to advocate for justice, and to call one another to action.

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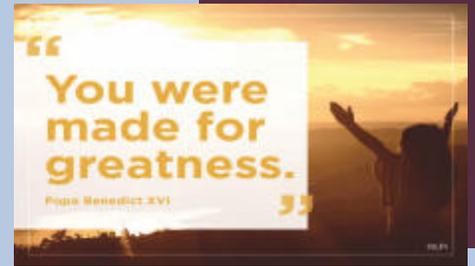
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Parish and School are interviewing for several positions. If you are interested in applying please visit the Parish website, then click on 'Announcements'.

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Question: Is it ever Ok to leave Mass before it ends?

Answer:

This is an interesting question because beneath the surface there seems to be an assumption that if it's okay, then why do we have to stay after we receive communion? The short answer is "no," but we definitely want to go a bit deeper as we consider why.

First, when we think about questions like this, we must consider this in adult terms. If there is something gravely important that we need to do, then we must attend to that. However, if it is a matter of convenience or preference, then we really have to stop and think again. First, while we always want to recognize the importance of sacramental communion in the Mass, we also need to understand how important the time of thanksgiving and prayer after communion is. This is summarized in the Prayer After Communion offered by the celebrant and then we are also commissioned to "Go forth" during the Dismissal of the Mass, reminding us that we have been entrusted with a gift — the Word of God and the Presence of Christ in the sacrament — and that we are to share that gift with others.

If we simply leave after we receive communion, we risk two things. First, there is the possibility that we will turn our reception of communion into a purely personal, individual experience that is separated from our common experience of worship — and communion in the fullest sense — and, second, we lose an opportunity for gratitude and serious reflection if we simply leave after communion. This time of thanksgiving, reflection, and, ultimately, missioning, are important and, in the end, an essential part of the celebration of the Mass. ©LP

FEBRUARY 9 | 12:00PM

Confessions in St. Anne's Chapel

FEBRUARY 10 | 6:00PM

PSR classes in the School

FEBRUARY 11 | 3:00 PM

Adoration & Confessions

FEBRUARY 12 | 6:30AM

Mass in the Church, Come and Spend some Time before the Presence of Jesus



WEEKLY EVENTS

WOMENS GROUP

Wednesday | 1:00pm
St. Therese Intercessory Prayer Group for women meetings will be **POSTPONED** until COVID-19 restrictions subside.
Questions: Linda Clark 875-4215.

ADORATION

Thursday | 3:00pm to 7:00pm
Eucharistic Adoration in the Church,
Confessions in the Chapel
Confessionals 5:00pm
Holy Hour in the Church.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

Wednesday | 6:00pm
Religious Education is offered to our parish children in preparation of the sacraments.

RCIA - ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Thursday | 6:30pm
Deacon Kevin Richardson instructs the Rites of the Catholic Church to those who want to join the faith.

St. Teresa Scholarship Dinner

The KC 211 4th Degree Italian Dinner in support of St. Teresa Scholarships has been cancelled this year due to the Corona virus and concerns for the health of patrons and workers. This cancellation will NOT stop our support of in-coming freshmen at St. Teresa. We will be honoring our ongoing commitment by awarding our four scholarships. This is possible because of the tremendous community and sponsor support we have received over the twelve years of this event. We thank all who have supported this event, and we look forward to seeing you next year. Information on applying for the 2021-2022 scholarships will be made available in the April.

PSR TEACHER NEEDED

Our Lady of Lourdes PSR is in need of a teacher for the second grade class. There is also a need for substitutes if you do not want to commit to a weekly schedule. Please contact Barbara Hertel at 217-791-3015 if you are interested in sharing your talents by volunteering to teach religion at our Parish grade school.
WEDNESDAY EVENING 6:00 - 7:15PM





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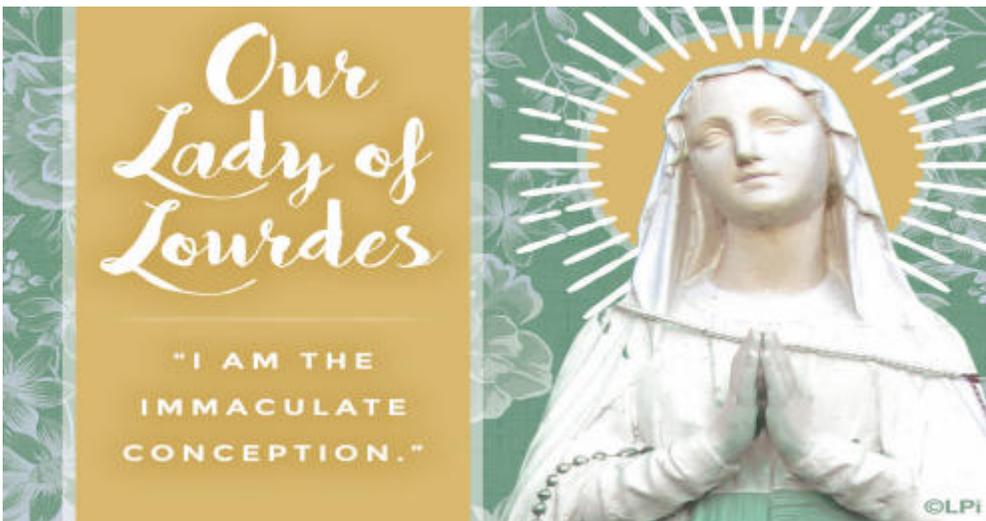
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Inspiration of the Week

Have you ever wondered what life would be like if you could see the future and know how things turn out? While it's intriguing to ponder what life would be like if we possessed this knowledge, actually knowing could easily rob us of the thrill, adventure, and soul-searching graces of our journey. Like Job, life does not always leave us on a happy note. Life experience can bring us face-to-face with our mortality and leave us with a profound sense of helplessness. We do not see the wholeness and fulfillment that will one day come and cannot grasp the certainty that a resolution to our plight will come our way. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet. Living a life of faith means realizing that we are not here to figure out life on our own. In order to drink deeply of what life presents us, we have to wrestle in the depths of our souls, agonize and search, possibly reach the lowest point of desperation, and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. It is no wonder that those who are touched by God's healing power want to then serve others and show them the deeper waters that can be explored. Knowing too much can rob us of joyful surprises.©LP

FEBRUARY 11

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