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Catholic Church

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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"WE BECOME WHAT
WE LOVE AND WHO
WE LOVE SHAPES
WHAT WE BECOME."

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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
Spanish Mass 11:30am

Confessions

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



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Monday - Friday
8:30am to 4:30pm



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“The Creed” - Explained

There are a lot of things that we tend to “take for granted” in the Catholic Church: things we grew up knowing or saying just by virtue of being raised Catholic that maybe we haven’t given much time or attention to understanding or knowing more

about. One of those things, I would bet, is the “Creed.”

What exactly is a creed, and why do we say it every Sunday?

A “creed,” as defined by the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), is “a brief, normative summary statement or profession of Christian faith.” The word comes from the Latin *credo* [the first word of the two creeds we regularly profess in the Church], meaning “I believe.” You may also hear them called “professions of faith” or “symbols of faith,” stemming from the Greek *symbolon*, a term that meant “half of a broken object” (the idea being that, possessing one “half,” you could come together with others who possessed the other “half” and verify together the whole).

Historically speaking, creeds emerged in the early Church as a way to maintain and definitively state what the nascent Church believed (and, therefore, did not believe), especially as regarded the three persons of the Trinity. As the Church grew to encompass more and more of the globe, simultaneously there was happening this natural maturing in the understanding of the mysteries of the faith; as the years progressed and the Gospel message reached more and more cultures and peoples, our understanding of how God revealed Himself and what He had to say about Himself, the Church, and us as humans also naturally grew deeper.

But it also encountered challenges and opposition—people who believed differing things about who Jesus was, for example. Was He just another man who possessed the special favor of God? Was He just God who seemed to take on our flesh? Was God “one” or was He, in fact, “three?” All of these were conflicts and firmly-held misunderstandings (“heresies”) that the Church really encountered in Her first few centuries. Thus, there was needed some “statement of belief” or “profession of faith”

which stated explicitly what was believed to be true by the one Church founded by Jesus Christ.

The creeds, then, developed out of this desire to preserve unity in the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church (something which, sadly, we have not done well to maintain since the Great Schism, which split the East and the West, and the Protestant Reformation, after which there exists seemingly no real impetus to maintain ONE set of beliefs as a body of Christians). As a particular belief was challenged, a council of the successors to the apostles (i.e. the bishops) was called together (called an “ecumenical council” from the Greek *oikumene*, meaning the entirety of the known world) to decide what was the “true belief,” and a clarifying word or phrase was subsequently added to the creed.

Hence, we have two main creeds in use in the Church today. The Apostles’ Creed, which you might know from its use in the Rosary and other devotionals, likely developed from a 2nd-century Latin creed, which over a few centuries came to be more or less finalized in its present form around the 5th century in Gaul (modern-day France). The Nicene Creed, which we say together at Mass every Sunday, is also known as the Niceo-Constantinopolitan Creed, from its formulation primarily through the Ecumenical Councils at Nicaea and Constantinople in the 4th centuries. Believe it or not, the Nicene Creed is fairly universally recognized throughout Christianity, and is often recited by other Christian faiths as well (though, not necessarily in their services).

It’s almost mind-blowing to think how the words we say each Sunday are rooted in these very early days of the Church. We are speaking aloud words decided upon literally fifteen centuries or more ago. These words have withstood the centuries and still stand today as the pillar upon which our faith is built. Do they profess everything that we believe as Church? Certainly not—but they were never meant to encompass all of what we believe. They were meant to show us what is fundamental, deeply held, and essential to our understanding as Christians. And we say them still today as a way to express our profound unity as the Body of Christ, professing aloud the beautiful and ancient truths of our faith: “I believe in one God...”

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, OCTOBER 4

6:30am | Living & Deceased Sisters that Served at St. Mary's Hospital and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

6:30am | Beth Marie Frey

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

6:30am | Dennis & Mary "Kay" Layton

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

2:00pm | Lori Samples

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

6:30am | Sanctity of Life

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

4:30pm | James & Kathryn O'Brien

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

7:30am | Dennis & Mary "Kay" Layton

9:30am | Mary Haney

11:30am | For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Thomas Parishes

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

Gerald Like	
Roger Hess	
Carol Hess	
Christina Mooney	
Earl Rudolph	Liz Toppmer
Jack Frankovich	Linda Wall
Ruth Fear	
Mary Benson	
Frank Marmin	
Clarence "Bud" Calhoun	

Call the Parish Office to submit a name to the prayer list.
Names will be removed after 6 weeks unless called to be kept on.

STEWARDSHIP

September 26, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 13,791
Loose Cash	\$ 478
Children Donations	\$ 21
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Total Collected	\$ 14,209
Year-to-date Goal	\$ 266,000
Year-to-date Collected	\$ 219,836
Difference	\$ -46,164
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Diocesan Collections	\$ 56

We're grateful to those who continue to financially support our parish. God bless you!



FIRST READING

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh. (Gn 2:24)

PSALM

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives. (Ps 128)

SECOND READING

He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin. (Heb 2:11)

Gospel

"Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." (Mk 10:9)

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This past week, on October first, the Church celebrated the feast day of St. T r se of Lisieux, a saint who truly lived as a daughter of God. She is affectionately known as the “little flower” because she compared

herself to a little flower in a field. It was precisely in her littleness and weakness that she had an unshakable confidence that Jesus would lift her to the heights of holiness. She was happy to be a little flower, for as she wrote, “If every tiny flower wanted to be a rose, spring would lose its loveliness.” Thus, in this beautiful “little way” that Jesus planned for her, St. T r se became the patron saint not only of florists, but also foreign missions! She lived her brief adult life in a cloistered monastery, but her prayers allowed God to do great work in the wider church. She continually trusted that God would do great things with her efforts, and He did.

God desires all of his children to live fully in that identity before Him. In the gospel reading at Mass this weekend, we hear Jesus say to His disciples, “whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it” (Mark 10:15). A child receives everything from her parents. She allows her parents to care for her because she trusts in their love. St. T r se did this in a powerful and memorable way. Our challenge is to follow her example of relying more on God than on herself to become holy and to do His will. Let us always remember that God is a loving Father and we are His children.

-Daniel McGrath



Are you or anyone you know interested in becoming Catholic? This fall, Our Lady of Lourdes is hosting classes for those who are interested in becoming Catholic and who are already baptized Christians themselves. Normally, we believe that to become Catholic you have to do the full RCIA process, which is certainly valuable and informative, but it is a fairly long process, normally taking several months. **If one has been raised and baptized as a practicing Christian, they can become Catholic in a much shorter time frame.** Instead of several months, we are offering seven weekly classes for those interested in becoming Catholic. The dates of the classes are **October 7th, and October 14th**. They will be held in the Enrichment Center at Our Lady of Lourdes on Thursdays, 6:45-8:00pm. As in RCIA, those entering the Catholic Church will need a practicing Catholic to be their Confirmation sponsor. Attending the classes at Our Lady of Lourdes does not mean you have to belong to the parish; instead, you can still be confirmed and belong to another parish of your choice. The date of confirmation would be decided between you and your respective pastor.

If you or someone else you know is Catholic and baptized, but has never been confirmed, this would also be an opportunity to receive the necessary instruction to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

If you know someone who has been interested in becoming Catholic, but has not been able to complete the longer RCIA schedule, then please let them know about this great opportunity! If there are any questions, please email Fr. Trummer.

Email - mtrummer@dio.org

PLEASE CONSIDER INCREASING YOUR TITHE

Your donations to our parish are still needed!



The Catholic Churches of Decatur are collaborating in hosting RCIA. Anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic or simply interested in learning about the Catholic faith can join.

RCIA is starting on **Monday September 27th**. Sessions will be held on **Mondays from 7-8pm**. The sessions will rotate meeting at the different Catholic parishes in Decatur. The first 8 weeks will meet at Our Lady of Lourdes' Enrichment Center. The sessions will go until Easter. Priests and parishioners from the different churches will be assisting in teaching and leading discussions.

If you or anyone you know is interested, please email Fr. Michael Trummer - mtrummer@dio.org (preferred) or call the parish office (217-877-4404).



The Search is a video program focused on exploring the deep fundamental questions of life. What is the meaning of life? Why are we here? Do we have a purpose? Is religion real or important?

Although this is hosted at a Catholic church, this series is meant for anyone who wants to explore and discuss these topics, especially for those who are seeking. You do not have to be Catholic, Christian, or even be someone who believes in God or goes to church. By attending this, one is not signing up to be Catholic or Christian. Catholics are still certainly welcome and encouraged to come as well. Each night a topic will be investigated and there will be a discussion as well. Snacks and drinks will be provided as well.

The meeting location will be at the Enrichment Center at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Sessions start on **Monday Oct. 4th from 7-8pm** and continue for 7 weeks, with the last session being on Monday November 15th.

The title of each session goes as follows: "What do You Seek?", "Who Are You?", "Why a God?", "What's Our Story?", "Who is Jesus?", "Am I Saved?", "Why a Church?" No signups are required.

SUNDAY MARRIAGE QUOTE:

How do you use the "waiting" times of your life? Waiting for your spouse to get ready? Waiting at the doctor's office, red lights, or check-out lanes? Use these times to pray rather than getting impatient.

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: communications@ololchurch.com

PRE-PLANNING YOUR FUNERAL

Preplanning your funeral assures you and reassures family members that arrangements will be made according to your wishes. Our guide book is available to assist you through the scripture and hymn selections, offering excellent suggestions to make your funeral liturgy personalized. Email Jami Snow at jami@ololchurch.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

Please join us before Mass to pray the Rosary

Saturdays | 4:00pm
Sunday | 7:00am & 9:00am



October 3rd, 2021

27th Sunday in Ordinary
Time

Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God."

Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, nothing speaks better of God's incarnate love than marriage. God designed it this way. We place great value on love and rightly so. What we fail to realize, however, is that love, its very presence and place in our lives, is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God's greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes up how we see the essence of life, and purpose and sanctity of marriage.

God is love. It stands to reason then that if we follow the path of unconditional, self-emptying love we will then stumble upon God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ's love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God's unconditional incarnate love for all of his children! The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once joined, it really cannot be separated.

Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. God's perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity. God is okay with this setup as he created it this way. Our loving is never as unconditional as God's and often tainted by our own imperfections, needs, memories, hurts, sinfulness, and weakness.

All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We are love works in progress. God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on him as the source of that love.

That's why marriage is always about three and not just two.

The Divine intimacy at the heart of marriage is what can make them celebrations of great union and happiness. Couples who are still madly in love with each other after many years, still looking at each other with that timeless twinkle in their eyes, best tell the story of God's oneness with humanity. Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions who are on the same journey!



Lord, please grant eternal rest to the soul of **DAVE HASKINS**, brother-in-law to Terri Haskins, and **NANCY SHULTZ**, wife of Jeff Shultz.

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

Flowing from the teaching of the Catholic Church

CLIMATE AND EQUITABLE JOBS ACT (CEJA) recently signed BY GOV. PRITZKER - This bill is the result of Illinois citizens and the environmental community standing up to fossil fuel interest and big utilities and winning. It is the result of hundreds of listening sessions of activists and legislators throughout the state, grassroots advocacy demanding an equitable future and legislative champions holding the line on climate action. CEJA demonstrates the sheer power communities can and should have in shaping their own clean energy future.

CEJA brings the will of the people, the urgent calls of scientists to act and the need of Black and Brown communities most impacted into policy. It creates good-paying jobs for working families in every part of Illinois with an emphasis on environmental justice communities. It puts Illinois on a path to 100% clean energy and delivers carbon-free power by 2045.

It will reduce pollution at the scale science demands and holds utility companies accountable for corruption.

This is a good example of what Pope Francis speaks about in his encyclical letter - "Laudato Si : On Care for Our Common Home" parts of which we have shared in OLOL's past church bulletins. Good for Illinois! Read "Laudato Si" if you have not done so already. Great read!

Submitted by Sr. 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.



THIS IS THE LAST WEEK TO DONATE!!!

The WSOY Community Food Drive is back for its 20th year and we want to make it the best one yet!

Due to rising cases of COVID-19 in our community, the WSOY Community Food Drive wants to ensure a safe event, while also ensuring the ability to provide for our community food banks during this time of need. Because of this, The WSOY Community Food Drive is asking for monetary donations only.

Parishioners can bring in their donations to the office or drop them off in our collection baskets at Mass from now through October 7th. Please put donations in an envelope and label it WSOY Food Drive. We will then add these donations to our school's total collection when we turn in our collection on October 8th.



You can also donate by Credit Card or PayPal by using the QR Code. At the bottom of the form, remember to add Our Lady of Lourdes as your donation towards the school's total collection.

We appreciate your constant support in helping others throughout these trying times and serving our community!

Thanks to your generous support to the New Life Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Campaign, Our Lady of Lourdes was able to raise \$2,813.54!

Your partnership in this campaign is a tremendous blessing to New Life's ministry! Truly, we have seen God supply all of our needs "according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19) Thank you for being a part of God's provision for this ministry!



Saturday, October 9th 4:30pm

Lector - Kaylee Kleist
 Eucharistic Minister - Mary Ann Riley, Marge Handley, Gail Kamm
 Gift Bearer Family - Ron Otto Family
 Greeter - Mike Jordan, Gloria Walcher
 Usher - John & Cathy Smith

Sunday, October 10th 7:30am

Sacristan - Sandi Southern
 Lector - Annemarie Mudd-Duncan
 Eucharistic Minister - Martha McNamara, Ivy Handley
 Gift Bearer Family - Larry Tohill Family
 Greeter - Bill & Jane Kaelin
 Usher - Jack McCoy, Steve Halicki, Bill Busbey

Sunday, October 10th 9:30am

Sacristan - Cecilia Kehoe
 Lector - Marge Sotiroff
 Eucharistic Minister - Judy Rooney, Janie Swofford, Vincent Dominick
 Gift Bearer Family - Steve Schollmeier Family
 Greeter - Lisa Lemezis
 Usher - Jim Keyes, Tom Michel, Roger Wall

Please frequently check the app for any openings or to fill substitution's needs.

If you are unable to serve this upcoming weekend, please utilize the substitute button within Ministry Scheduler Pro or call the parish office at 217-877-4404.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY | OCTOBER 4

St. Francis of Assisi

RCIA - 7:00pm

TUESDAY | OCTOBER 5

Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

No scheduled events

WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 6St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie
Rose Durocher, Virgin

Women's Group - 1:00pm

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 7

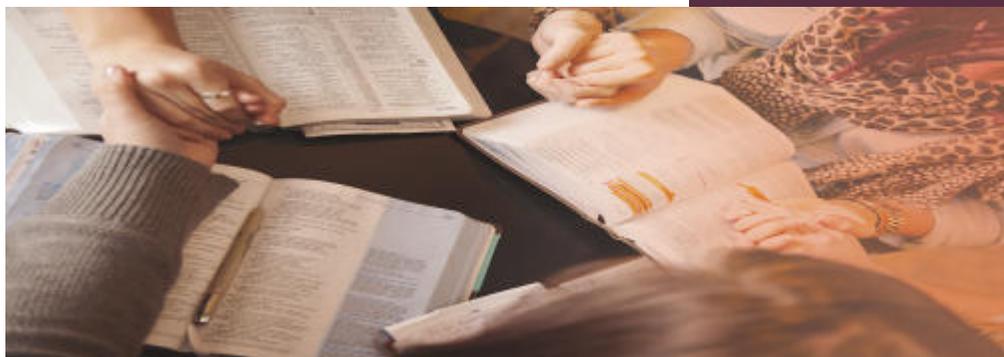
Our Lady of the Rosary

Adoration - 9:00am
Catechesis - 6:45pm**FRIDAY | OCTOBER 8**

No scheduled events

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 9St. Denis, Bishop, and
Companions, Martyrs; St. John
Leonardi, PriestConfessions - 11:00am
EPIC Cookout - 6:00pm**SUNDAY | OCTOBER 10**

No scheduled events


The Upper Cenacle Prayer Group
Tuesdays at 6:45pm

The Cenacle prayer group is a charismatic prayer group that tries to create the atmosphere of discipleship that was present in the Early Church. It is focused on cultivating a deeper relationship with God, particularly through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Our prayer group specifically tries to cultivate an atmosphere of spontaneous praise and gratitude, continued education and catechesis of one's faith, intercessory prayer that is concrete and magnanimous, more intentional and deeper community through sharing and praying together, and a radically expectant faith in God's power, love, and presence. There is also a focus on evangelization and mission that is empowered by one's charisms and spiritual gifts that one has received through the Holy Spirit.



The prayer group will meet from 6:45-7:45pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month in the church.

How Can
We Pray
FOR
You?

Do you or anyone you know need prayers for healing? We are having another Night of Healing, a healing service offered for those who need prayers. It is on **Saturday, November 6th, starting at 6:30 p.m.** in the main Church at Our Lady of Lourdes.

As Catholics, we often/only pray for one another at a distance. However, there is a particular power in prayer when we pray for someone in the presence of that person. There is a higher level of expectant faith in Jesus' ability to heal that we demonstrate when we pray over another person. In Mark 16, Jesus says that those who believe in him, "will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover." At the Night of Healing we will have prayer teams who can pray over/with those who want to receive prayer for healing. If you have not experienced it before, being prayed over is a very beautiful and powerful experience. Our prayer teams will be wearing masks as we pray for others. Anyone is welcome to come, not just Catholics!



Faith in Action has flexible volunteer opportunities that work around your schedule. Come volunteer with us and impact someone's life in a special way!

We currently need:

- Drivers – transport seniors to their medical appointments, grocery store, and/or errand running (hand sanitizer and gloves are available to help ensure safety)
- Shoppers – get groceries for a homebound senior or escort a senior to the store (hand sanitizer and gloves are available to help ensure safety)
- Friendly Phone Callers/Friendly Visitors – brighten up a homebound senior's day by calling/visiting them to remind them that they have not been forgotten and that someone cares about them (weekly, biweekly, or monthly calling/visiting options)

For more information please contact Sarah at 217-428-0013 or ssanchez_dec@cc.dio.org



Inspiration of the Week

“What God has joined together.” We are all familiar with these words. Because man and woman are essentially of the same substance, although also distinctively different, there is an innate desire to be connected and united. Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. But they can also be celebrations of great union and happiness. This is proven by couples who have been married for many years who still have that same twinkle of devotion in their eyes that was present on their wedding day. God designed it to be this way. By God's power, the two become one. This is not of human design. The true intimacy of marriage is a Divine Intimacy. It is a bond created by a power far greater than any found in the two people who are joined. Marriage is where the virtue of love is most fully expressed.



The EPIC Youth Group will be having upcoming meetings for Junior High and High School students from 6:30 - 8:00pm at Holy Family in the Parish Center.

All junior high students are invited to join us for the EPIC Junior High Youth Group campfire on **Saturday, October 9th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm** at Spittler Woods. We will have hot dogs, s'mores, games, music and lots of fun. We hope to see you there!!!

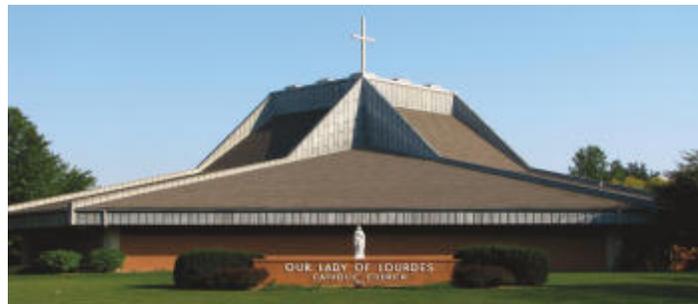


The Grief Support Group is meeting on the second Thursday of each month. This month, the Decatur Area Widows/Widowers will meet **October 14th at 11:00am** at Perkins.

Call Rosemary Horsthemke at 217-823-0302 for reservations.

Our Seminarian, Daniel McGrath, will be starting a support group for those who struggle with anxiety. The group will meet twice per month, and meetings will consist of a brief teaching, time for sharing, encouragement, and some prayer. If you are interested in joining the group, and/or for more information, please email Daniel McGrath at DMcGrath@dio.org.

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