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Catholic Church



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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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Happy Lent!

Happy first Sunday of Lent! I hope you have been enjoying some of the more Spring-like weather we've been having over the last week. Despite the fact

that it is still Winter, with the sun shining and birds singing, you'd think it was already Easter. Thank God for the natural beauty around us as we enter into the desert with Jesus this Lent!

There is a line in Psalm 90 that always sticks out to me when I pray it. We pray, "Give us joy to balance our affliction." I think that this petition not only reflects our expectant attitude during the season of Lent, but also reflects the sentiment in the hearts of people all around the world right now.

Lent is a time of entering into planned, personal "affliction" that we call penance. This penance leads us to recognize our dependence on God both by the deprivation of common pleasures through fasting and by deepening our discipleship through prayer and almsgiving.

We see how Jesus deprives himself of earthly food: "He ate nothing during those days [in the desert]." And we see how he is propelled by the Holy Spirit from fasting to proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom of God for the salvation of our souls. He later dies on the cross, and in his resurrection, he is given joy to balance his affliction.

Our world, particularly Ukraine, has been experiencing a deep amount of affliction during the last two weeks. My heart, and the hearts of many people I have talked to, have been saddened, upon hearing reports of escalating violence and aggression, and the real affliction of many thousands of people in eastern Europe. In this experience of evil, we hear the echo of the petition of the Psalm, "Give us joy to balance our affliction!"

Christ suffers in his people. When Saul was persecuting the early church, Jesus called out to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me!" Paul later writes, "if one member [of the body] suffers, all suffer together" (1 Cor. 12:26). Jesus is not distant to or uninterested in the sufferings of his people. Nor are we unaffected; as members of the body of Christ, we suffer as one. As we enter into Lent, we can spiritually unite ourselves to our suffering brothers and sisters in Europe, begging God to bring them peace, and offering our penance for them.

May we, through our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, be ever more deeply united to the afflicted and suffering heart of Christ this lent, so that upon our entry into the Easter season after these forty days, we may be given abundant joy to balance our affliction.

God bless,

Daniel McGrath, seminarian.

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, MARCH 7

6:30am | Beth Marie Frey

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

6:30am | Tom & Tommy Kraemer

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

6:30am | Noelle Daghe

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

2:00pm | Larry DeSutter

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

6:30am | Charles Michael Frey

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

4:30pm | Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Thomas Parishes

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

7:30am | Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Thomas Parishes

9:30am | Shirley Chew

11:30am | Sanctity of Life



FIRST READING

'We cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and he heard our cry.' (Dt 26:7)

PSALM

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble. (Ps 91)

SECOND READING

For, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (Rom 10:9)

Gospel

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. (Lk 4:1-2)

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

Roger Hess	Gloria Leonard	
Carol Hess	Joyce Nalefski	
Christina Mooney	Michael Brown	
Jack Frankovich	Sharon Nolte	
Mary Benson	Janet Schollmeier	Jenny Brummer
Adrienne Moore	Joan Forbes	Molly Ellis
Mary Blazier	Kathy Sheary	
Linda Randles	Stefani Heinz	
Fr. Tony Wach, SJ	Toni Skelley	
Alison Stevens	Jean Casselman	

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

February 27, 2022

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 15,427
Loose Cash	\$ 637
Children Donations	\$ 0
Total Collected	\$ 16,064
Year-to-date Goal	\$ 725,000
Year-to-date Collected	\$ 654,209
Difference	\$ -70,791
Diocesan Collections	\$ 175

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

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Retreat

Retreat for Inner Healing - March 11-13th

During this retreat, we will look at what in our souls and stories prevent us from experiencing the full peace, freedom, joy, and happiness that Jesus offers us. We may have been Catholic Christians our entire lives, but not experience the abundant life that Jesus promises us. This retreat will facilitate an encounter with God's transformative and healing love.

If possible, bring a Bible for the retreat. Non-Catholics are welcome, although there will be Catholic elements such as Mass, Adoration, and Confession. One is not required to attend the entire retreat, although one may miss important information/meditations, as each part of the retreat is part of an integrated whole. Minimum age to be part of the retreat is 18. We plan on using the church building and the school gym (at Lourdes) for our retreat space. Please try to show up ~10min before the start of each day. We will start each day in the gym.

The retreat will span the weekend although it is not an overnight retreat. This schedule gives you a rough idea of how time will be spent. Light breakfast and snacks will be served Saturday and Sunday. Dinner will be provided on Saturday. To sign up you can call 217-877-4404 or email communications@ololchurch.com. Signups will also be in the back of OLOL and St. Thomas Church. It will be led by Fr. Trummer.

Friday | 6:30pm-8:30pm - Church
 Saturday | 9:00am Start - School
 12:00-2:00pm Lunch Break
 4:30pm Mass
 7:30pm End of Day
 Sunday | 9:00am Start - School
 12:00-2:00pm Lunch Break
 5:00pm Retreat Ends

"...through him all things were made."



One of my favorite scenes from the live-action series on the lives of the followers of Jesus, *The Chosen*, is in the first episode of the second season. Jesus is asking John the apostle to help him choose a scripture passage to read in the synagogue. John suggests the very beginning of the book of Genesis, when God creates the heavens and the earth. Jesus is pleased with the recommendation and replies, "It is a favorite memory." I really enjoyed watching that scene.

Now, this is an imaginative portrayal of Jesus, for this scene is nowhere in the Gospels. What it displays for us, however, is very true. We believe that all things were created through the Word of God, who Jesus is. As we read in the first verses of John's Gospel, "All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made."

While we generally attribute the creation of the world to God the Father, it would be a mistake to think that the Son and Spirit had nothing to do with it. The Persons of the Trinity do not act alone. Thus, we see in Genesis "the Spirit of God... hovering over the face of the waters." And we read in Psalm 33, also referenced in the scene in *The Chosen*, "By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host." So we see that even in the scriptures of the Old Testament, there are signs of the work of all three persons of the Trinity in creation.

All things were made through The Word: the sun and stars, the sky, air, and wind, the dry land, the oceans, all plants and animals, and even all human beings. In a very personal way, even you and I were created by Him. I don't think we often think about it, but he made you. You were made by Him and you are held in being by him.

The same God who made you and holds you in existence is the one who you receive into yourself whenever you receive Holy Communion. He sees you, knows you, and loves you. "Through him all things were made."

PLEASE CONSIDER INCREASING YOUR TITHE

Your donations to our parish are still needed!

Passion Narratives in the Gospel of Luke
Thursdays March 24, 31st and April 7th from
7-8:00pm
Enrichment Center at
Our Lady of Lourdes



As we journey into Lent, join Fr. Friedel for a three-part presentation and discussion on St. Luke's account of Jesus' Passion and Death. It will be a wonderful opportunity to aid your prayer as we enter into the Church's celebration of Passiontide and Holy Week!
All are welcome -- bring your Bible and a friend.

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@lolchurch.com

Youth Group

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.

Junior High
March 6th
March 20th
April 10th
April 24th
May 1st
May 22nd

High School
March 26th

The High Schoolers will have
Mass at OLOL on 3/26
followed by pizza and games

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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@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.



The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world. Our local council Darrell W. Beck 577 will be holding a membership drive at all Masses at Our Lady of Lourdes the weekend of **March 19-20**. Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. To find out more information about our Council and how you can become a member, visit decaturnights.org or contact Grand Knight Kevin Martin at (217) 620-7141.

ROSARY

Please join us before Mass to pray the Rosary

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



March 6, 2022

1st Sunday of Lent

One of the greatest temptations human beings face is leaving the truth of who they are, where they came from and who created them in pursuit of more personal satisfactions. When we consider all that desires our attention in a given day, there are many lures that attract us to illusions about ourselves. We can easily find ourselves distracted or tired, preoccupied with preserving our status in life, social relationships, current trends, and corporate demands, and intrigued by pursuing what we perceive to be the “path of least resistance.” The daily concerns of life can quickly take our eyes off of our truth, making the empty promises of worldly accomplishments and ideologies seem so attractive. What is at risk in giving into this temptation?

We cease giving thanks to and worshipping our Creator as we pursue our own self-sufficiency, power, and prestige. We replace the true God with a “pet” one. While many do not totally dismiss the idea of God and pretend to remain at least remotely connected, they do not invest themselves heart, mind, and soul in the relationship either. That is why we are so easily swayed. If something attractive comes along, we lunge for it. After all, having a position above and over everyone else is a good thing, isn't it? In more honest moments, many have to admit that they believe this to be true. The Evil One is very convincing. But he can only gain control if we allow him to.

About temptation, St. Basil remarks, “As the pilot of a vessel is tried in the storm, as the wrestler is tried in the ring, the soldier in the battle and the hero in adversity, so is the Christian tried in temptation.” And here is found the reason for Lent. It is a wonderful opportunity to get a handle on the attractive lures of illusion that easily captivate us and bring us off track. It is also a time for some honest reflection rooted in prayer, fasting, and selfless giving that can bring us to temptation's remedy: love. Love of his Father gave Jesus resistance. It can do the same for us.



Lord, please grant eternal rest to the soul of **MARILYN MARIE DEHORITY**, Mother to Doug (Carla) Dehority.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE NEWS

Flowing from the teaching of the Catholic Church

In many parts of the world today and in our country's cities, there is a need for paths of peace to stop violence, to stop wars, (to stop hatred - I added..) and to heal open wounds. There is also a great need for peacemakers, men and women prepared to work boldly and creatively to initiate processes of healing, of bringing truth and justice to situations, and to renewed encounter. Pope Francis has emphasized these points in Chapter Seven of “Fratelli Tutti.” He also states that every “peace process requires enduring commitment. It is a patient effort to seek truth and justice, to honor the memory of victims, and to open the way, step by step, to a shared hope stronger than the desire for vengeance.” We must start at home- Decatur, Forsyth, Macon County, our neighborhoods, our homes, etc.

Again, I invite you to attend the Decatur Peace Summit on May 4, 2022 at the Salvation Army. Mark your calendar now. OLOL/St.Thomas Social Justice Committee invites you to join us as we learn, work, and pray for justice and peace. Our committee hopes to have a meeting in the near future. Contact Walt Wessel at 217-433-8015 or Sr. JoAn at 217-877-4404 for more info. or e-mail Sr. JoAn at Sr.Joan@ololchurch.com and she will send you information

Submitted by Sr. JoAn, Co - chair of OLOL/St. Thomas Social Justice committee

On **Saturday, April 9th at 6:30pm**, we are hosting another healing service. Such an important part of Jesus' ministry was healing the sick. We often pray for healing privately or at a distance for someone, but there is a power when we gather together and pray for healing.

The Night of Healing is a healing service that provides a much more powerful and intentional way to pray for healing. Prayer for healing will be prayed for in a large group, and there will also be an opportunity for prayer teams to pray over anyone wanting prayer for healing. If you or anyone needs prayers for healing, please feel free to come. There is no official end time, as prayer teams will stay as long as needed for individuals to receive prayer.

Any questions can be emailed to Fr. Michael Trummer: mtrummer@dio.org

Dear Friends in Christ,

Catholic Charities in our diocese has a rich history of providing vital services and hope to God's people in need. Throughout this long pandemic, Catholic Charities remained open as staff and volunteers served on the front lines to bring relief and advocate for the poor, sick, hungry, and weary every day.

Because of your continued prayers and generosity, thousands of people received food, assistance with medicine, rent and utilities, counseling services, legal assistance, Thanksgiving and Christmas assistance, social work services, and basic needs assistance to adequately provide for their families. They felt relief as they were told Catholic Charities could help during one of the most difficult periods in recent history.

Catholic Charities is able to continue these services through the ongoing generosity of people like you - donors, staff, volunteers, board members, and organizations coming together to fulfill the mission.

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic Charities, especially throughout the pandemic, to ensure God's love and mercy is extended to all of his children.

During the weekend of **March 12/13, 2022**, the annual collection for Catholic Charities will again be held in our deaneries. This year, I challenge you to continue to support Catholic Charities as they continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus to our neighbors in need.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend
Thomas J. Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in
Illinois



Saturday, March 12th 4:30pm

Sacristan - Janet Pezzelle
Lector - Jim Hammann
Eucharistic Minister - Dennis Reinhart, Sue Reinhart, David Martin
Gift Bearer Family - Reinhart Family
Servers - Sophie Fruit, Emery Krieger
Greeter - Mike Jordan, Gloria Walcher
Usher - Kent Cassell, Bob Cassell, Roger Wall

Sunday, March 13th 7:30am

Lector - Karen Becker
Eucharistic Minister - Frank Moore, Suzanne Moore
Gift Bearer Family - Moore Family
Greeter - Ceil Frankovich, Barbara McCoy
Usher - Bill Busbey, Jack McCoy, Steve Halicki

Sunday, March 13th 9:30am

Sacristan - John Reidy
Lector - John Michael Strader
Eucharistic Minister - Kathleen Arnold, Terri Haskins, Vincent Dominick
Gift Bearer Family - Rayhill Family
Servers - Julianne Brummer, Sophie Fruit
Greeter - Colleen Keyes, Jim Keyes
Usher - John Alley, Mike Gagnon, Matt Walters

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 | MARCH 7

Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

No Events Scheduled

TUESDAY | MARCH 8

St. John of God, Religious

6:30pm - Family Faith

Formation Meeting

6:45pm - Prayer Group

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 9

St. Frances of Rome, Religious

Women's Group - 1:00pm

THURSDAY | MARCH 10

Fr. Trummer's Birthday

Adoration - 9:00am

Confession - 12:00pm

FRIDAY | MARCH 11

Fish Fry - 5:00pm

Stations of the Cross -

5:30pm

Spanish Mass - 6:00pm

Healing Retreat - 6:00pm

SATURDAY | MARCH 12

Confession - 11:00am

Healing Retreat - 9:00am

SUNDAY | MARCH 13

2nd Sunday of Lent; Daylight
Saving Time begins

Healing Retreat - 9:00am



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.

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

Our next session will be held on **Tuesday, March 8.**

For any questions, please reach out to Fr. Trummer at mtrummer@dio.org (preferred) or call the parish office (217-877-4404).

Lenten Schedule

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 5:30pm at OLOL, 3:00pm at St. Thomas

Penance

Thursdays at 12:00pm, Saturdays at 11:00am

Fish Frys

March 11th, 18th, 25th from 5-7:00pm

Passion Narratives - March 24, 31, April 7
at 7:00pm

Candlelight Adoration

March 9th, 27th at 7:00pm

Decatur Wide Penance Service

March 20th at 2:00pm at Holy Family



Join us as we Welcome Keynote Speaker Father Burke Masters
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11th Annual Dinner
Tuesday, March 22nd
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Inspiration of the Week

Human beings did not come to believe in God just because of someone's private testimony about him. Rather, belief in God became real when human beings understood that all of human history is being guided and lead, kept and sustained by a God who is incredibly in love with all that he has made. It is this realization that leads us to thanksgiving and gratitude for the one who gives us "this land flowing with milk and honey." It also leads us to adoration and worship as we continue to see the creative power of God's presence in all of the events of our lives. The Church stands as a living witness to all of these things and calls us this Lent to reflect and remember. There is a great temptation for human beings to leave the truth of who they are, where they came from and who created them. Falling into this temptation we cease giving thanks to and worshipping our Creator as we pursue our own self-sufficiency, power, and prestige. While having more may seem better, the only thing we really need more of is love. This fortifies us and keeps us from falling.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES FISH FRY

OUR FISH IS OFF THE HOOK

MARCH 4, 11, 18, 25
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BAKED COD DINNER	\$ 10.00
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CATFISH FILLET DINNER	\$ 10.00
FRIED SHRIMP DINNER	\$ 10.00

(DINNER INCLUDES FRENCH FRIES OR BAKED POTATO, COLESLAW, BREAD AND 1 SOFT DRINK)

KID'S MENU

WALLEYE MEAL	\$ 5.00
HOT DOG MEAL	\$ 5.00

(KID'S MEAL INCLUDES FRIES AND 1 SOFT DRINK)



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