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OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Catholic Church



WELCOME!

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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Upcoming Events

There are a couple of things that I'd like to make you aware of as they unfold in the world around us. I usually leave Church news to the Church news websites, but as these "touch home" a little, I

think it's good for us all to be informed.

Firstly, you may have heard that the global Church has undertaken, under the leadership of Pope Francis, a global "synod"—as a matter of fact, it's a "synod on synodality." Essentially, what the Pope is asking is that people throughout the world would take part in a process of "synodality" (which comes from the Greek word for "gathering" or "assembly"), which includes dialogue, accompaniment, and collaboration among the diocesan leadership, ordained clergy, religious, and lay faithful. I would like to officially invite anyone who desires to participate in the synod to a listening session to be conducted at Holy Family Parish in Decatur at 2:00 pm this Sunday, March 27.

At this listening session, the Bishop will address all present (virtually, as there are various locations throughout the diocese where these sessions are being held), before those present break out into groups to discuss three key questions, as outlined by the Bishop.

1. We will reflect on the progress we have made in the five years that have passed since we held our Fourth Diocesan Synod in 2017: In what ways are we seeing the fruits of discipleship unfold in our local communities? What essential work remains to be done? What are the challenges and opportunities we see to evangelize and form missionary disciples of Christ?

2. We will reflect on synodality and evangelization: A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, 'journeys together.' How is this 'journeying together' happening today in your particular Church? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our 'journeying together'? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

3. We will also reflect on challenges to authentic discipleship: Given our negative experience with the loss of Catholic Charities foster care and adoption services 10 years ago due to government mandates contrary to our Catholic faith, how do we prepare for such mandates possibly being imposed on our Catholic schools?

The session will conclude with a group discussion and presentation to the Bishop on the nature of the conversation among those present.

Finally, on a different note, please keep up your prayers for the people of Ukraine! As some of you may have heard, Pope Francis consecrated Russia and the Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the afternoon of Friday, March 25—the Solemnity of the Annunciation. The Pope has encouraged bishops, priests, and laity to join their prayers to his, and although the consecration has already taken place—it's never too late to add our prayers to the Holy Father's!

In addition to your prayers (which are extremely necessary!), for those of you who desire to support the people of Ukraine financially, please see the infographic ("How to Support Ukraine") contained in the bulletin for approved Catholic organizations who are supporting the humanitarian and refugee situation as it unfolds in Ukraine.

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, MARCH 28

6:30am | Greg Centers

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

6:30am | Cathy Comerford

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

6:30am | Beth Marie Frey

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

2:00pm | Earl Rudolph

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

6:30am | Mr. & Mrs. Sonny & Terri Lanahan

6:00pm | Deceased members of the Schoen Family

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

4:30pm | Jeff Glosser

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

7:30am | Timothy Moore

9:30am | Robin Reynolds Binder

11:30am | Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Thomas Parishes



FIRST READING

While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover. (Jos 5:10)

PSALM

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

SECOND READING

And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation. (2 Cor 5:18)

Gospel

“But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.” (Lk 15:32)

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Jack Frankovich
Mary Benson
Adrienne Moore
Mary Blazier
Linda Randles
Fr. Tony Wach, SJ
Alison Stevens

Gloria Leonard
Joyce Nalefski
Michael Brown
Sharon Nolte
Janet Schollmeier
Joan Forbes
Kathy Sheary
Stefani Heinz
Toni Skelley
Jean Casselman

Jenny Brummer
Molly Ellis

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

March 20, 2022

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 11, 997
Loose Cash	\$ 565
Children Donations	\$ 150

Total Collected	\$ 12, 712
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Year-to-date Goal	\$ 782, 000
Year-to-date Collected	\$ 706, 464
Difference	\$ - 75, 536

Diocesan Collections	\$ 175
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We're grateful to those who continue to financially support our parish. God bless you!



“My concept of Jesus was no different than my concept of a cartoon character.”

A friend of mine once described growing up knowing Jesus like this. When he said it, I thought it was well-put. I thought, for example, of a character like Batman. I can know so many things about Batman: his real name, how big the Bat-cave is, what kind of car he drives, the names of his different gadgets, and the people he fights. In the end, however, none of this really affects me because I’ll never really meet Batman. He is real, in a way, insofar as he is a character with true things about him and false things about him, that someone created. But he never really existed, except on paper, though a child might believe he existed in the real world.

Our experience of Jesus can be much the same. We can know about him: where he came from, that he is the son of God, that he rose from the dead, the names of his friends on earth, what happened to those people, and all the many facts that can be gleaned from the bible. Even so, what makes this different than knowing a list of facts about a cartoon character like Batman? In short, Jesus actually exists - he lived on earth and still lives in heaven, in our hearts, and in every tabernacle on earth.

The Fathers of the Church who wrote the creed did not want Christians to simply know facts about a man named Jesus; they wanted to make sure they knew that he really existed in a particular moment in time. He isn’t just the main character in a cool story – he is the main character in world history. For those who wrote the gospels, it was the same. Jesus was not just a character in a fictional story; he was their friend and master who they heard, saw, and touched (1 John 1:1).

Thus, it makes sense that the name of Pontius Pilate is inserted into the creed. The mention of this non-religious, governmental figure concretizes the incarnation into a moment of time. Jesus existed, and not only did he exist, but we can point to other historical figures who were around at the same time. The story of Jesus is not fiction, but reality. He was truly crucified under Pontius Pilate, the governor of Judea.

HOW TO SUPPORT UKRAINE

Caritas Ukraine

www.caritas.org/ukraine

Catholic Relief Services

www.crs.org

The Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy
of Philadelphia

<https://ukrarcheparchy.us/donate>

Catholic Near East Welfare Association

www.cnewa.org/campaigns/ukraine/

Aid to the Church in Need

www.churchinneed.org

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Solidarity Fund

<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/charity/ukraine.html>

Mary, queen of peace, pray for all the victims of this tragic and unjust war.

PLEASE CONSIDER INCREASING YOUR TITHE

Your donations to our parish are still needed!

Passion Narratives in the Gospel of Luke
Thursdays March 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.



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

April 10th
April 24th
May 1st
May 22nd

High School

2022 Annual St. Teresa Mega Raffle is coming! Your chance to win \$100,000. Tickets are \$100. Buy a ticket now online at STTMEGA.com. Or email St. Teresa at: Advancement@stteressa.org. Increase your chances of winning by purchasing one of our ticket packages: Buy 2 tickets (\$200) and get ONE FREE; Buy 3 tickets (\$300) get two FREE; or buy 5 tickets (\$500) get FIVE FREE. Buy your ticket early to be a part of the SUPER EARLYBIRD drawing and you could win \$10,000, April 6th. This year's final drawing will be on Friday, May 20th.



Visit www.sttmega.com for more information or to purchase your tickets now! You can also buy your tickets in the school or parish offices.

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



Illinois Right to Life cordially invites you to its 53rd Annual Leaders for Life Banquet which will be held on **Friday, April 29th, 6:00 pm**, at The Carlisle in Lombard. Dan Proft, radio talk show host for AM 560, will serve as master of ceremonies and Dennis Prager will be featured

as keynote speaker. Dennis Prager is a best-selling author, nationally syndicated radio talk show host in the USA and co-founder of the Internet phenomenon, PragerU. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to <https://illinoisrighttolife.org/Banquet> or call (312)-422-9300.

THE WAYWARD JOURNEY



March 27, 2022

4th Sunday of Lent

God's love story reveals itself in our stories, experiences, and aspirations. We are all prodigal sons and daughters. There are many times in our lives when we would "sell our souls" in order to pursue our passions. We pursued what we wanted without regard for others or God. We have sowed our oats, thrown ourselves into careless pleasures, spent what we know we ought to have saved, turned our backs on those we love and abused gifts we have been given. We even hit bottom and realized the silliness and self-destruction of it all. We needed to come home. We knew we erred and needed a gentle presence to show us God's unconditional love. This wayward journey home changed us.

As much as we need to be welcomed, we are also the one who needs to do the welcoming and mercy giving. Those we love need our guidance, but they don't always take it. We know that what they are doing is off the mark, self-destructive and wrong. We have to let them go and let it happen, even though they might get hurt. As we wait and hope, they choose to make their way back to us. They don't need us to judge them. They have done enough of that to themselves. We immediately embrace them and are just happy they're home. God uses us to help heal them. Knowing how much we craved understanding and forgiveness ourselves, we can now freely give it away. God uses what he has taught us to teach others.

We are also the entitled ones. At least we "think" we are entitled. After all, we work hard for what we have. We cannot get our heads around the idea that someone can get something that I really deserve! If I do what I'm supposed to do, I ought to be rewarded for that, right? If I do something wrong, I ought to pay the consequences. This is justice, isn't it? This is not God's justice. God is all about love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. God's justice is love freely given without merit. We carry the stories of the prodigal son, the unconditional forgiving father, and the entitled angry brother with us. When we make friends with all three, humbly telling those stories to others makes us Christ's ambassadors.



Lord, please grant eternal rest to the soul of **GERONIMO MAGLAYA**, father to Mireille Luces.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE NEWS

Flowing from the teaching of the Catholic Church

"Texas is Set to Execute Melissa Lucio Despite Credible Claims of Innocence" - This is a recent headline in Texas sent via email by the Death Penalty Action organization whose members are in Texas protesting the execution and promoting Melissa Lucio's innocence.

Melissa Lucio is set to be executed on April 27, 2022. Melissa's defense team is fighting to have her execution withdrawn -but had Texas's social service system done its job, this tragic story might have had a different ending.

Melissa Lucio was convicted of murder in 2008 for the death of her 2-yr-old daughter, Mariah, which she and her family claim was instead a tragic accident. The child fell down some stairs at home and died. Her defense team has filed motions to withdraw Melissa's execution date based on claims of innocence as well as other grounds, including the prosecution's use of a false confession made the night her daughter died. Her attorneys claim this could have been a tragic accident and not a crime. Instead, investigators brought Lucio in for questioning just hours after her daughter's death, despite the already traumatizing events of the day. After hours of maintaining her innocence in the face of aggressive and leading questioning, she finally acquiesced and said, among other ambiguous statements, "I'm responsible for it." Her statement was said to have been made under duress and was the result of her extensive prior history of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) having been sexually abused by family members and two husbands. Her case is the subject of a 2020 Hulu documentary, "The State of Texas vs. Melissa." The state prosecutors provided no physical evidence, eyewitnesses or prior history of violence. The Child Protective Services records show that Lucio was not violent but struggling to provide for her children. Let's do our part to bring justice for Melissa.

We can pray for justice for Melissa Lucio that her execution be withdrawn, we can watch the documentary - "The State of Texas vs. Melissa" on Hulu to learn more about her case and we can sign the petition to stop Melissa Lucio's execution by going to "Death Penalty Action" website.

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



Saturday, April 2nd 4:30pm

Sacristan - Bob & Judy Galka
Lector - Jim Hammann
Eucharistic Minister - Bill Lehmann, Mary Kate Lehmann, Beckie Otto
Gift Bearer Family - Lehmann Family
Servers - Morgan Schollenebruch
Greeter - Mike Jordan, Gloria Walcher
Usher - Bob Kuhlmann, Karl Pezzelle, Roger Wall

Sunday, April 3rd 7:30am

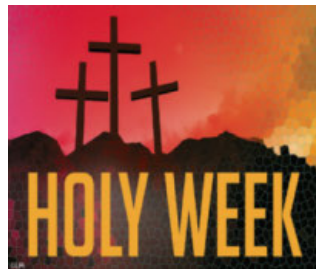
Lector - Annemarie Mudd-Duncan
Eucharistic Minister - Suzanne Moore, Frank Moore
Gift Bearer Family - Casselman Family
Greeter - John Dent, Ceil Frankovich
Usher - Bill Busbey, Jack McCoy, Steve Halicki

Sunday, April 3rd 9:30am

Sacristan - Cecilia Kehoe
Lector - Kathleen Arnold
Eucharistic Minister - Cecilia Kehoe, Mary Handley, Ken Handley
Gift Bearer Family - Scherer Family
Servers - Julianne Brummer, Lucy Smith
Greeter - Joe Kerns, Jim Keyes, Colleen Keyes
Usher - Dennis Heinz, Jim Keyes, Tom Michel

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.



We are looking for Sacristans, Lectors and Ushers for our Holy Week services.

Please contact the parish office or utilize the Ministry Scheduler Pro to sign up for these positions.

Holy Week Schedule:

Holy Thursday: 7:00pm

Good Friday: 3:00pm

Holy Saturday: 8:00pm



This year at OLOL we have a number of people who are joining the Catholic Church from a different Christian denomination or those who will be receiving Baptism, with some also receiving Confirmation, and 1st Communion. Please prayer for those who will receive the sacraments this upcoming Easter Vigil.

Richard Duong, Nathaniel Danneberger, Rozilynn Danneberger, Zoe Danneberger, Boone Ellis, Piper Kowa, Layton Kowa, Kennedy Kowa, Hudson Moreno, Gabby Sheehan, Courtney Sheehan, Clover Wilen, Colby Wilen, and Charlotte Wilen

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY | MARCH 28

Mood Tides - 7:00pm

TUESDAY | MARCH 29

No Events Scheduled

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 30

Women's Group - 1:00pm

THURSDAY | MARCH 31

Adoration - 9:00am
Confession - 12:00pm
Passion Narratives - 7:00pm

FRIDAY | APRIL 1

Stations of the Cross - 5:30pm

SATURDAY | APRIL 2

St. Francis of Paola, Hermit
Confession - 11:00am

SUNDAY | APRIL 3

5th Sunday of Lent
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.

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, April 12th.**

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

Passion Narratives

March 31, April 7 at 7:00pm

Holy Week Schedule

April 14th - Holy Thursday - 7:00pm at OLOL, 6:00pm at St. Thomas

April 15th - Good Friday - 3:00pm at OLOL, 6:00pm at St. Thomas

April 16th - Holy Saturday - 8:00pm at OLOL and at St. Thomas



PreCana class will be held on **April 23, 2022** at Our Lady of Lourdes Church from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Registration fees are \$50.00.

Please call the church office to register for this event at 217-877-4404.

St. Mary's Chapel is looking for adorers for their **10:00am for the 1st and 3rd Wednesday** and **2:00pm for the 2nd and 4th Wednesday** Adoration time slots.

Please call Jim Keyes at 217-433-4409 or Colleen Keyes at 217-972-4930 to sign up.



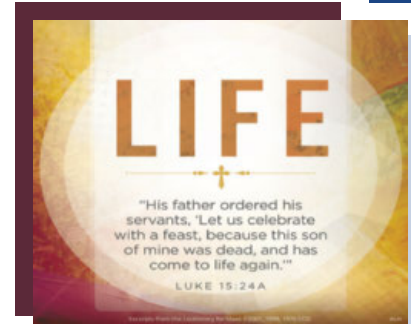


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Inspiration of the Week

Have you ever given thought to the fact that you are an "ambassador for Christ?" An ambassador is an accredited diplomat and official representative. We are asked to be ambassadors for Christ and his message of reconciliation. Within each one of us is a prodigal son who realizes the need to return home, an elder brother who struggles with entitlement and self-pity, and a forgiving father who simply wants to celebrate love. Realizing that all of these things are operative in our hearts, we can bring credibility to God's ministry of reconciliation. Genuine witnesses are those who not only recognize their need for wholeness, mercy, and forgiveness but also their tendency to be over self-focused and stubborn. Then, discovering freedom from all that binds them, they can then extend the love they have received to others. These ambassadors embody unity, mercy, and reconciliation and can look on others with deep compassion because they know what it is to walk in their shoes. Can God count on you to deliver this message?

Interested parties should send a cover letter and resume with the application to Fr. Michael Friedel at mfriedel@dio.org.

Scan the QR Code, go to our website, or call us at 217-877-4404 for more information regarding this position.

Saints James and Patrick Parish is looking to hire a Parish Life Administrator, who is a practicing Catholic, in good standing, with a bachelor's degree in theology or a related field with equivalent experience.



The Parish Life Administrator functions as an integral member of the parish staff, sharing in the responsibility of the decision-making, planning and implementation of parish ministries and operations. The person in this position has knowledge of Liturgy, works at the direction of the Pastor in responding to spiritual, pastoral, educational, and administrative needs of the parish.

To learn more and apply, scan the QR code or click the link on the homepage of their website: ssjpparish.com



COMMUNITY - 55 NEWS: Please save the Tuesday after Easter, **April 19**, for the next Community - 55 gathering.

Mass at 11:30 AM followed by Pot Luck Lunch with meat prepared and served by Gigi Langhauser and Margaret Gall. Please bring a dish or items to share.

The speaker will be announced at a later date. Spread the word re: this gathering. Thank you. - Sr. JoAn

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The mission of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School is to develop strong values in our students and educate them spiritually, intellectually, culturally, and physically.

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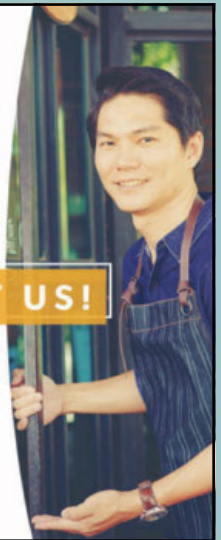


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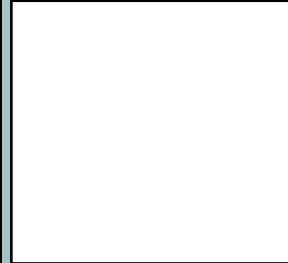
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