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OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Catholic Church

Virtue

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

"CHRIST MADE MY
SOUL BEAUTIFUL
WITH THE JEWELS
OF GRACE AND
VIRTUE."

ST. AGNES OF ROME

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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Happy Palm Sunday! I hope this season of Lent has been going well for you, and that you have been drawn closer to God through it.

One of the defining characteristics of God throughout the bible, both in

the Old Testament and the New, is his extreme mercy. We see the Lord relent in his punishment toward the Israelite people time and time again because of the few prayers of his faithful leaders like Moses and the prophets. After the people of Israel are found to be worshiping idols rather than the Lord, God cries out through the prophet Hosea,

“My heart recoils within me,
my compassion grows warm and tender.
I will not execute my fierce anger,
I will not again destroy [Israel];
for I am God and not man,
the Holy One in your midst,
and I will not come to destroy” (11:8-9).

The Lord is saddened by his people's unfaithfulness, but that only makes his compassion for them grow. Even when His wrath flares up, it is generally in order that the people may be converted and turn to him. We read in Ezekiel, “I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but [I desire] that the wicked turn from his way and live” (33:11).

God's mercy baffles the world's logic. In so many places - online, in movies, on social media - I see an attitude of “an eye for an eye,” i.e. an attitude of vengeance. Even in my own life, I sometimes find myself thinking about what so-

and-so deserves for this evil thing that he did.

What we all need to be reminded of is that this attitude toward others is not the attitude of God. A vengeful person rightly desires that the evil person would stop acting in an evil way. He shares this desire with God. God absolutely does not desire that a sinner remains a sinner; God does not want an evil person to simply remain evil. What is different, however, is the means by which evil is stopped.

God desires the conversion of the heart. As Jesus says in the Gospel of Luke, “There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance” (15:7).

This repentance can take many forms. It could be as dramatic as the conversion of St. Paul, or as simple as the daily defeat of a vice. One of the most beautiful and well-known conversions in the bible takes place in the Gospel reading we have today. The heart of the thief crucified next to Jesus is filled with compassion for Jesus. This thief began in that moment to trust in God, and Jesus assured him that he would be in heaven that very day.

The mercy of God is astounding, almost unnerving, and it is a central message during the season of Lent. This time of turning back to God is a time of receiving more and more of his mercy. I would encourage you to reflect on the depth of God's mercy, shown both through the death and resurrection of Jesus, and in his patience with our daily weaknesses, as we enter into this Holy Week. God bless you!

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, APRIL 11

6:30am | Living & Deceased
Members of the Deborah Wall Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

6:30am | Loraine Kehoe

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

6:30am | Charles Michael Frey

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

7:00pm | Joe Knott

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

3:00pm | No Intention

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

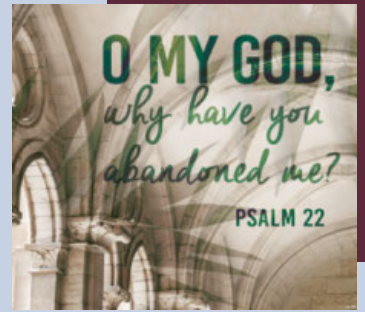
8:00pm | Betty Ann L'Esperance

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

7:30am | Illumunado Pronto

9:30am | Tony Samuelson

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



FIRST READING

I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. (Is 50:6)

PSALM

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

SECOND READING

He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him. (Phil 2:8-9)

Gospel

Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last. (Lk 23:46)

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

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

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 totals for the week of April 3rd will be posted within the next bulletin.

We're grateful to those who continue to financially support our parish.

God bless you!

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"He suffered death and was buried"

I want to spend one more week on this line. Last time I wrote about a worldview called Nihilism. This week, I want to touch upon cynicism, another harmful attitude that comes from a lack of faith in the power and goodness of God, and a disbelief in the goodness of others.

"Cynicism" is doubting that goodness could truly be present in the world. This might only be present in a person's life in small ways, e.g. skepticism, mistrust of God or others, etc. It may also be present in more visible ways, e.g. Biting sarcasm, rejection of God, alienation from others, etc. Regardless of how deeply rooted it is in our life, it is harmful, and needs an antidote.

A cure for cynicism can be found in growth in virtue, specifically in Faith, Hope, and Love. These virtues are so important, and are gifts from God. Faith strengthens a Christian's belief in who God is - that God is truly good, powerful, and all-loving. Hope offers a Christian the trust that God really does desire good for the human person - eternal life with Him. Love re-orientes the heart of a Christian from self-love to other-focused love - it makes a truly selfless action possible.

I think that if there is any proof that a person can truly be selfless, it is Jesus' selfless act of giving himself up to death on the cross. A true cynic would see the death of Jesus and say, "he couldn't possibly have been doing this for an unselfish motive." Someone who is growing in Faith, Hope, and Love, however, would believe that Jesus is who he says he is, that God has a plan for the human race that involves the unselfish death of Jesus, and that love could compel someone to live radically for others, like Jesus did.

It was only in his perfect love that Jesus, while he was being killed, could pray, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). We see Jesus rejecting any form of cynicism, and so we as Christians must do the same. In order to do this, let us pray daily for greater Faith, Hope, and Love.

Dear Friends in Christ,

We look forward to the liturgical celebrations of Holy Week, through which the Lord draws us more fully into the mystery of His death and resurrection.

I am writing to ask your financial support of two collections to be taken in all our parishes during these coming days. I know that I can count on you to be generous.

Each year, the Holy Father asks each Catholic parish around the world to take up a Good Friday Collection to keep Christians in the Holy Land. The Collection supports the work of the Franciscans in the sacred shrines, minister to the parishes, provide formation and education in the communities and schools, and care for the basic needs of the people in the Holy Land. During such a difficult season, your support is essential to their ministry.

At the Easter Vigil Liturgy and the Easter Sunday Masses, another special collection, the Seminarian Collection, will help our diocese to educate and form future priests. Our diocese has been blessed with an increasing number of young men who have generously said yes to God's call. We now have fourteen seminarians, two of whom at this time will be ordained priests for our diocese in June. You can take a personal role in their formation by a generous gift in the special Easter collection.

With best wishes and prayers for a blessed Holy Week and Easter, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois



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Your donations to our parish are still needed!



This Easter Season, Fr. Trummer is hosting a Life in the Spirit Seminar, which focuses on deepening our relationship with the Holy Spirit. The seminar will talk about the essential truths of God’s love, discipleship, and charisms and gifts of the Holy Spirit. If you want your faith reignited, and to experience the more God has to offer, then come to the Life in the Spirit Seminar.

It will take place in the Enrichment Center at Our Lady of Lourdes from 7-8pm. There will be optional time for continued socializing and discussion after 8pm. The seminar will be hosted on the following **Thursdays: 4/21, 4/28, 5/5, (no meeting on 5/12), 5/19, 5/26, and 6/2**. The last session for praying for a deeper outpouring of the Holy Spirit will take place on Friday 6/3 at 7pm. Any questions can be emailed to Fr. Trummer– mtrummer@dio.org

OLOL Book Club - A new book club is being formed. We will start with the book “Imitation of Mary” by Kempis. Please bring it to our first meeting. In the future, we may do a fiction book. Please bring a list of any Catholic books you really enjoy.

Our first meeting will be **May 5th, 2022, at 1:00pm** at Laura Birschbach’s house at 1281 Woodridge Ct, Decatur, IL 62526.

Any questions, call Laura at 217-521-7948.

Our first meeting will last for one hour (we’ll try). First meeting will just be a get acquainted meeting with refreshments.



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

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



Lord, please grant eternal rest to the soul of DONALD L'ESPERANCE, brother-in-law to Sister JoAn Schullian

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE NEWS

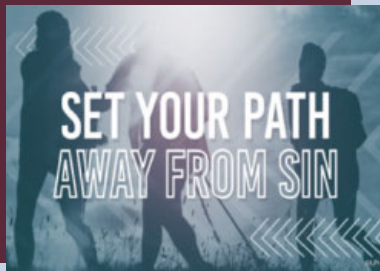
Flowing from the teaching of the Catholic Church

Last week I wrote about Melissa Lucio of Texas who is scheduled to be executed on April 27, 2022 for a crime she did not commit. She was convicted and sentenced to be executed for killing her two year old daughter who accidentally fell down steps in her home and died. That means that all who are working to stop her execution have only 30 days to share Melissa's story, take action, and push Gov. Greg Abbott and the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles to stop her execution. The Death Penalty Action members have been in Texas for weeks protesting the execution and promoting Melissa Lucio's innocence.

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. 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. After hours of maintaining her innocence in the face of aggressive and leading questioning, she finally acquiesced and said, "I'm responsible for it." Her statement was said to have been made under duress. The state prosecutors provided no physical evidence, eyewitnesses or prior history of violence. The Child Protective Services records show that Melissa was not violent, but struggling to provide for her children.

What can we do? Pray for justice for Melissa that her execution be withdrawn; watch the documentary - "The State of Texas vs. Melissa" on Hulu or go to the "Death Penalty Action" website to view it and sign the petition there to stop Melissa Lucio's execution. Thank you for taking action.

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



April 10th, 2022

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Pope St. John Paul II rightly taught, "To believe in Jesus is to accept what he says, even when it runs contrary to what others are saying. It means rejecting the lure of sin, however attractive it may be, in order to set out on a difficult path of Gospel virtues." Acceptance, rejection, suffering, betrayal, fear, reluctance, persecution, and painful, undeserved and unjust death are all played out in dramatic fashion today. Jesus spoke of God's unconditional love, mercy, and forgiveness. Who doesn't like hearing about love, especially God's? Jesus did not have backs turned on him, face intense suffering, and succumb to a horrific death because he spoke of God's love. All of those things occurred because of the implications of actually believing in God's love.

God's love comes with an intimate and equal bond with love of neighbor. This moves the believer outward to truly see their brothers and sisters as equals and compels them to work for a world that mirrors God's kingdom: a world based on justice, peace, mercy, and forgiveness. Sometimes, people want to keep God's love to themselves and use it solely for their own benefit. When they only want to use God's love to justify their own intentions and for their own projects, problems occur.

Sin makes something hurtful, destructive, and self-serving look very attractive and justifiable. The lure of sin creates friends who begin to believe the lie that the sin expounds. This is what happened on Calvary. When you begin actually doing what Jesus is saying and translate love into action, it inevitably will upset popular and longstanding conventions and structures. Many of these serve to protect status, foster personal gain and success, and further divide those who have from those who do not. Most people who hear the Gospel are attracted to what they hear, at first. When they realize that it means standing apart from popular opinion, even if that opinion is against the Gospel and sinful, they cower back in fear and join the throngs shouting, "Crucify him!" There is an ambivalence found in many believers as they struggle with whether their belief is strong enough "to set out on the difficult path of Gospel virtues."

It takes a lot of courage to admit that the system is broken. It takes even more courage to point out the sin. And it takes an unbreakable love of God to then accept the consequences of doing so.



Scholarship applications, for in-coming freshmen (2022/23 school year), to St. Teresa High School are available. These \$1,500 scholarships are provided by the 4th Degree KC of Decatur. Applications can be picked up in the office areas at each of the Catholic elementary schools during the month of April. Deadline for applying is **April 29th, 2022**.



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

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.



Join us in celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday on **April 24, 2022** at St. Patrick Church.

The event starts at 2:00pm with confession and adoration. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 3:00pm, with Benediction following the chaplet.



Save the date! August 14th will be our Parish Picnic! Keep an eye out in the future for more information about how you can help make this year a success!



Please check MSP for the full Holy Week Schedule.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered!

Sunday, April 17th 7:30am

Sacristan - Mary Ann Fawcett
Lector - Pat McBride
Eucharistic Minister - Frank Moore, Mary Ann Fawcett
Gift Bearer Family - Moore Family
Greeter - Jack McCoy, Ceil Frankovich
Usher - Bill Busbey, Jack McCoy, Steve Halicki

Sunday, April 17th 9:30am

Sacristan - John Reidy
Lector - Kathleen Arnold
Eucharistic Minister - JoAnn Holtzscher, Mary Ann Riley, Robin Bridges
Gift Bearer Family - Wayne Family
Servers - Terry Henkle, Kennedy Handyside
Greeter - Dale Holtzscher, JoAnn Holtzscher
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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY | APRIL 11

St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

Sewing Our Faith - 1:00pm

TUESDAY | APRIL 12

Prayer Group - 6:45pm

WEDNESDAY | APRIL 13

St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr

Women's Group - 1:00pm

THURSDAY | APRIL 14

Holy Thursday

Adoration - 9:00am
Confession - 12:00pm
Holy Thursday Mass - 7:00pm

FRIDAY | APRIL 15

Good Friday

Good Friday Liturgy - 3:00pm
Stations of the Cross - 5:30pm

SATURDAY | APRIL 16

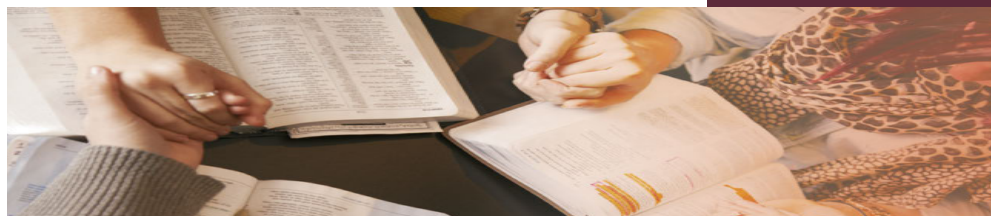
Holy Saturday

Confession - 11:00am
Holy Saturday Mass - 8:00pm

SUNDAY | APRIL 17

Easter Sunday

Easter Masses - 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am (Spanish)



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

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



Troop 134 is once again holding their rummage sale in the OLOL Gymnasium on **April 30, from 8:00am-1:00pm**. Please come and support the scouts! If you have any items you wish to donate, you may drop them off on **Friday, April 29th, from 5:30pm-7:00pm** at the gym. There will be scouts to help you. If you have any questions, please call scoutmaster Tom Miller at (309)825-6118 or email him at thomasthetuba@gmail.com.

The parish office will be closed on Friday, April 15th and on Monday, April 18th as we celebrate this most holy time. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 19th.





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Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School is currently accepting applicants for the Pre-K3 through 8th grade principal position.

Applicants must be a practicing Roman Catholic with a desire to lead in and promote the Catholic identity of our school. Candidates should possess excellent communication skills, administrative acumen, and experience managing a staff. A Master's Degree in Administration (or working towards it) with proper certification is required.



Inspiration of the Week

Hailed one moment and rejected the next. This seems to be the pattern that repeats itself not only throughout history but in our own lives as well. Jesus wants to be triumphantly welcomed into our hearts with joy! And welcome him we do! Then come the times when we do exactly the opposite and we reject the teachings of the Gospel and turn our backs on God's friendship. The one who at one time is a friend now becomes an enemy. Jesus understands our ambivalence. He lived it on the way to the cross. Understanding the full array of human emotion, God accepts us where we are. There is a great deal of drama on the road to Calvary. Our lives can be dramatic as well. In all of those whirlwind moments it can be difficult to find God's presence and understand his will. We walk with Jesus this week seeking inspiration and hope, the essential keys needed to unlock the door to God's presence in our lives.

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 26**, 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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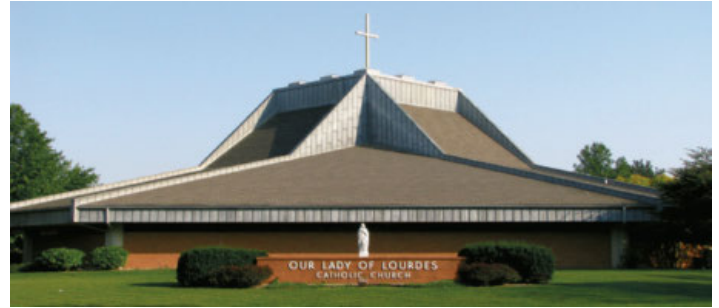
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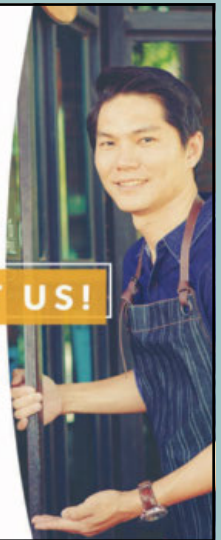


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