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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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What is a Paschal Candle?

What is a Paschal Candle? Happy Easter! Our joyful celebration of the Resurrection continues! [Fr. Don Wolford, who many of you know, is the pastor of my home parish in Wood River; he used to start—and

probably still does—every morning Mass by greeting everyone with the same “Happy Easter!”]

One of the great symbols of Easter is our paschal candle. “Paschal,” of course, comes from the Hebrew word which means “Passover,” the event whose significance becomes the basis for our understanding of the Resurrection; thus, “paschal” in the Church tends to refer to the Easter mysteries: the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Paschal Candle is thus a symbol for us of Christ, and more specifically, of the light of Christ which comes to us in this glorious moment of the Resurrection. You’ll notice that throughout the Easter season, the candle is lit (to remind us of the Resurrection) and placed near the ambo, where the Word of God is read. It’s the Church’s way of drawing attention to the way the Gospel calls special attention to Christ and, in the Easter season, (you guessed it!) to His Resurrection. Interestingly, the other option for the Paschal Candle’s placement, which I’ve never been gutsy enough to pull off, is to place it directly in the center of the sanctuary. That’s right, smack dab in the middle of everything, where it’s light reminds us of the centrality of the Easter event.

Besides Easter, of course, the Paschal Candle is lit at two very significant moments of the Christian life: on the day of our Baptism and on the day of our Christian funeral (which more and more people, sadly, are opting not to have). These two moments form a sort of inclusion of the Christian life—the bookend moments, wherein God called us His own and then called us to Himself, we pray, for eternity. Thus, the Paschal Candle very strongly suggests the “Passover” event to us, as Baptism and death are both a sort of passing over from one way of life to another.

The Paschal Candle, as you probably know, is blessed at the very beginning of the Easter Vigil, before it is lit and processed into a completely dark Church as the minister cries out “The light of Christ!” and the people cry back “Thanks be to God!” There are a few symbols which, properly speaking, one should always find on the Easter candle (besides the “decorative stuff” that varies from candle to candle); probably, unless you’ve taken a moment to look close, you’ve never noticed these symbols!

First, there is always a cross, obviously symbolizing the glorious instrument by which Christ chose to destroy our death forever. As well, there is the Alpha and Omega (usually above and below the cross), representing Christ, who is the beginning and the end. You’ll also find, usually in the corners of the cross, the year of our Lord in which the candle is blessed. These symbols are traced by the priest before he blesses the candle, as he says the following words: “Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to Him and all the ages, to him be glory and power through every age for ever.”

Lastly, you’ll notice that the candle always has five “nails” stuck in it in five significant places on the cross: one at each point and one in the center. Each of these wax nails contains a grain of incense, and they represent the five wounds of Christ: the crown of thorns upon Christ’s head, the nails in His hands and feet, and the spear thrust into His heart. The priest inserts these grains of incense with the prayer, “By His holy land glorious wounds, may Christ our Lord guard us and keep us. Amen.”

As I’ve always said, there’s a reason for everything the Church does! These things might seem like “small potatoes,” but I love these little traditions that make our Church Catholic and which, if we know them and let them, speak to us the depth of the mysteries we live in these holy days!

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, MAY 16

6:30am | Father Martin Whalen

TUESDAY, MAY 17

6:30am | William Smith

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

6:30am | Brannan Maloney

THURSDAY, MAY 19

6:30am | Keith Albaugh

FRIDAY, MAY 20

8:30am | William F Boehm

SATURDAY, MAY 21

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

SUNDAY, MAY 22

7:30am | Toni Skelley

9:30am | Don & Betty Warmker

11:30am | Nancy Shultz



FIRST READING

They called the church together and reported what God had done with them. (Acts 14:27)

PSALM

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (Ps 146)

SECOND READING

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away.” (Rev 21:4)

Gospel

I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. (Jn 13:34)

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

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

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		<i>May 8, 2022</i>
Sunday Envelopes	\$ 24,581	
Loose Cash	\$ 678	
Children Donations	\$ 0	
Total Collected	\$ 25,259	
Year-to-date Goal	\$ 915,000	
Year-to-date Collected	\$ 846,588	
Difference	\$ - 68,412	
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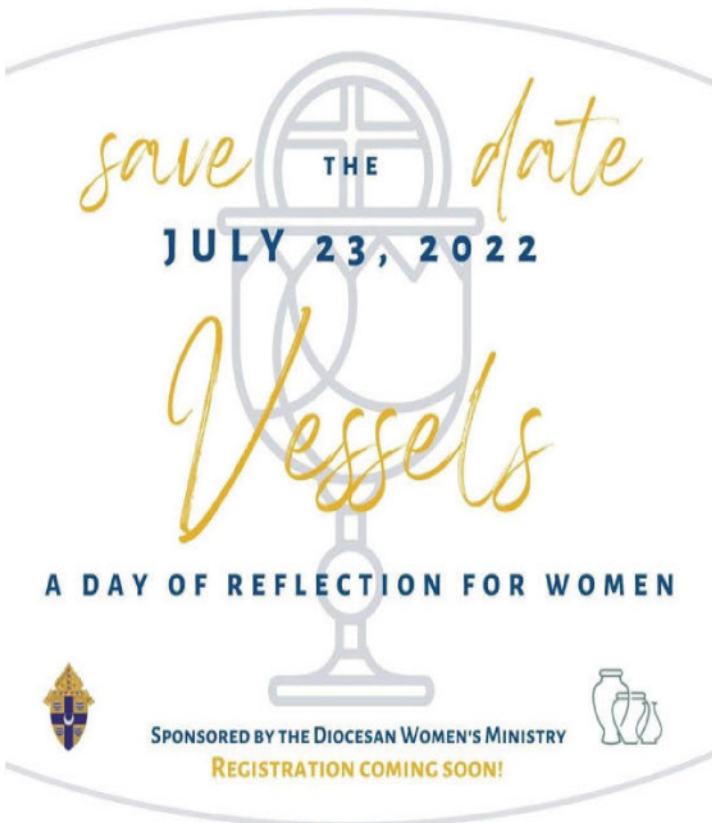
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

In Scripture, St. Paul uses the image of the Body of Christ to describe how interconnected, unified, important, and unique we are. Just because someone is not a priest or sister, that does not mean he/she does not have an important role and place in the Church.

Priests are leaders, but they cannot be in all places at all times; they are limited. One of the ways one can help serve in the Church, particularly our community, is by visiting those who are homebound, in assisted living, in nursing homes, and even those who are in the hospital. Residents can be brought communion, but even the gift of your presence is immensely valuable, more valuable than you may think. One can volunteer as frequently or infrequently as they would like. For anyone interested in volunteering, please email Jami Snow at jami@lol.com, or call her at the parish office.



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of Philadelphia

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Catholic Near East Welfare Association

www.cnewa.org/campaigns/ukraine/

Aid to the Church in Need

www.churchinneed.org

Knights of Columbus Ukraine

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!



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: 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

Resurrection Narratives
Tuesday May 17 and 24
7 pm - OLOL Enrichment Center



Looking for a way to dive a little deeper into the joy of the Resurrection? Come

and join Fr. Friedel for a three-part presentation and discussion on some of the Resurrection stories we hear in the Gospels. Discover in a deeper way how the Resurrection changed the course of history and how we as Christians are called to be marked by these beautiful Paschal realities!

All are welcome--as always, bring your Bible and a friend (or three!).

2022 Annual St. Teresa Mega Raffle is here! 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. 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.

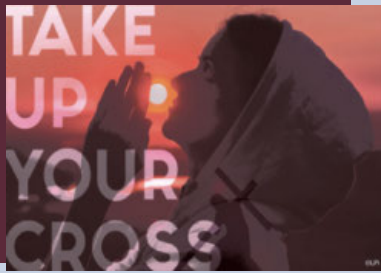
Preplanning really can make a difficult situation easier for surviving family members by having your choices in place and eliminating time-pressed or uncertain decisions.

ROSARY

Please join us before Mass to pray the Rosary

Saturdays | 4:00pm

Sunday | 7:00am & 9:00am



May 15th, 2022

5th Sunday of Easter

“It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God.” Many folks really work very hard to circumvent difficult

situations. We prefer the easier way around something, rather than risk inconvenience, hurt or prolonged suffering. It’s no wonder euthanasia is rapidly becoming acceptable around the world. Through purely human eyes, there is no issue bypassing the inevitable, taking control and bringing things more swiftly to a place of peace. If this is the way God sees things, then why does Jesus make such a big deal helping us understand the experience of suffering and embrace it? God’s wisdom clearly takes us in another direction.

Imagine if we were able to eradicate ALL hardship and suffering. Where would we be? As we look at our own journeys, many of our solid more growth producing life lessons have been born of suffering, disappointment, inconvenience, darkness, and despair. There is something sacred about all of these experiences as God uses them to create something new. Envisioning a life without hardship and suffering brings us to a vision where everything is flat-lined and dull. As much as hardship and suffering are difficult crosses to bear, not taking them up runs the risk of us becoming shallow, empty, and lifeless. Helen Keller remarks that, “a happy life consists not in the absence but in the mastery of hardships.” What an incredibly wise insight! Many really successful people and saints were brought to their station in life because they suffered. Suffering teaches us about what’s important and propels us to search the depths of our souls for resources and strength we never would have known before.

This is especially true when we love as Jesus asks us to love. Love, perhaps above any other experience, can cause us great hardship, pain, and suffering especially when it’s authentic and unconditional. While it can thrust us into an incredible experience of God and life on one hand, it can bruise and wound us deeply on the other. Mastering the art of love is the secret to living life well, walking in the presence of God and investing in the joy of the Gospel. Love and suffering walk hand in hand. Compromising one will compromise the other. Maybe that’s why Jesus spent so much time convincing us to accept both.



Lord, please grant eternal rest to the soul of **DEBRA OLEKSY**, mother of Amy Dent and **TONI SKELLEY**, sister of Martha McNamara.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE NEWS

Flowing from the teaching of the Catholic Church

We wish you Easter Blessings! “Just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” (Romans 6: 4). Let us rejoice and be glad, Jesus is alive and with us! Let’s pray Pope Francis’s “A Prayer for Our Earth” during this Easter season and include the People and Nation of the Ukraine:

All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as sisters and brothers, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives that we may protect the world and not prey on it that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each person and thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature.

As we journey toward your infinite light, we thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for JUSTICE, LOVE AND PEACE.

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



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
May 22nd

High School



If you signed up to be a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Greeter or Usher, please check your email for information regarding Ministry Scheduler Pro.

The next scheduling period will be from **Saturday, June 4th through Sunday, August 28th**. Please remember to inform us of any dates you will not be available to serve in this period before **Monday, May 23rd**.

This new schedule will be set during summer vacation, so please keep in mind when you may be away on the weekends due to summer plans.

This email will have been sent from Communications at communications@lolchurch.com. Please check your junk email if you do not see it in your inbox.

If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 217-877-4404.

Thank you to everyone that has volunteered! We really appreciate all that you do for the Church!



Help support New Life Pregnancy Center with their Change for Life Baby Bottle Campaign.

This campaign goes until Father's Day, **June 19th**.

Make sure to pick up your baby bottle to help make a difference with your small change.



Saturday, May 21st 4:30pm

Sacristan -
Lector - Jim Hammann
Eucharistic Minister - Mary Ann Riley, Beckie Otto, David Martin
Gift Bearer Family - Etchason Family
Servers - Tanerrianaha Thomas, Anna Reidy
Greeter - Mike Jordan, John Dent
Usher - John Smith, Cathy Smith, Barney Luckenbill, Guerin Cassell

Sunday, May 22nd 7:30am

Lector - Kaylee Kleist
Eucharistic Minister - Suzanne Moore, Steve Halicki
Gift Bearer Family - Casselman Family
Greeter - Ceil Frankovich, Jack McCoy
Usher - Bill Busbey, Jack McCoy, Steve Halicki

Sunday, May 22nd 9:30am

Sacristan - Cecilia Kehoe
Lector - Scott Fawley
Eucharistic Minister - John Michael Strader, Kevin Chierrek, Robin Bridges
Gift Bearer Family - Clark Family
Servers - Mounira Savane, Brodie Keyes
Greeter - Larry Clark, Mary Lou Clark
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 | MAY 16

No Events Scheduled

TUESDAY | MAY 17

Ressurrection Narratives - 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY | MAY 18

St. John I, Pope and Martyr

Women's Group - 1:00pm

THURSDAY | MAY 19

Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr

Adoration - 9:00am
Confession - 12:00pm
Life in the Spirit - 7:00pm

FRIDAY | MAY 20

St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

No Events Scheduled

SATURDAY | MAY 21

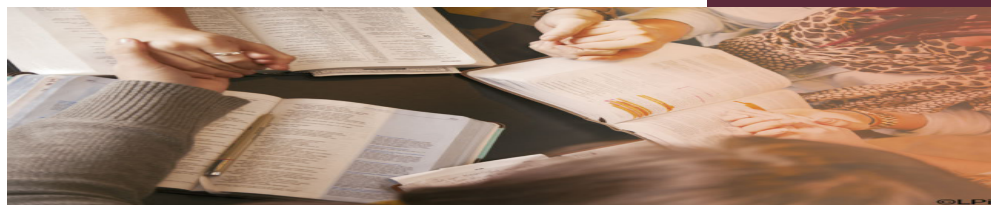
St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs; Armed Forces Day

Confession - 11:00am

SUNDAY | MAY 22

6th Sunday of Easter; St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

No Events Scheduled



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, May 24th.**

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

SUMMER SCHEDULE ©LPi

Thursday, May 19th, we will have a 6:30am Mass, and our last school Mass will be on **Friday, May 20th** at 8:30am.

A reminder now that our Thursday weekday Mass time will be moving from **2:00pm to 6:30am** until school resumes in the fall.

Saturday, May 28th, there will be no Confessions at 11:00am.

Zach Sample's priestly ordination will be that morning in Springfield, and all of the priests will be in attendance.

Mark your calendars for Totus Tuus, being held this year at Our Lady of Lourdes!

More information and registration forms will be coming at a later date about this week long summer camp, being held from **June 12-17th.**

Grades 1-6 will meet Monday - Friday from 9:00am - 2:30pm

Grades 7-12 will meet Sunday - Thursday 7:00pm - 9:00pm

To learn more, go to dio.org/youthministry/tt

This event is sponsored by the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois and the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry





Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School

Educating Children...for life!

Our Lady of Lourdes School is accepting applications for the following positions:

Middle School Teachers and Support Staff

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School is seeking qualified Middle School teachers and support staff. Several positions are available and will be determined based on candidates' areas of certification.

Applicants should hold a current Illinois Professional Educator's License. The ideal candidate will be a faithful individual who is supportive of the mission and philosophy of Catholic Schools and is committed to excellence in Catholic education.

Physical Education Teacher

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School is seeking a qualified physical education teacher. The teacher will instruct K-8 PE classes, incorporate health lessons into the junior high curriculum, and hold supervisory responsibilities as needed.

All applicants should send a resume and completed certified school staff application (found on our website) to Mrs. Jennifer Brummer, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School, 3950 Lourdes Dr., Decatur, IL 62526 or email JBrummer@ololschool.com.

Please join us on **Thursday, May 26th at 4:00pm** for a prayer service for Amber Johnson's recovery.

Miss Johnson is a beloved St. Teresa High School teacher and coach who was severely injured in a car accident. She is in the hospital in Springfield and will have a long recovery.



We are looking for a weekly housekeeper for the rectory!

An eligible candidate would be available for about 4 hours a week to clean, vacuum, mop and dust the living areas.

Please contact the parish office at 217-877-4404 for more information.



Inspiration of the Week

The resurrected Christ gives us the strength to do things we can never have imagined. Life will often give us mountains to climb, and we wonder how we will find the energy, ability, and determination to forge ahead. But, with a good dosage of faith and a fervent life of prayer we find ourselves succeeding and ascending to heights that once frightened us. What we realize after we have reached the other side is that this hardship we once saw as an obstacle has become a vehicle for something better and greater. We are stronger. The same is true with the Gospel. The prospect of loving one another may seem idealistic or unobtainable. Yet, when we risk moving beyond just looking out for or helping each other to actually **LOVING** each other, miracles happen. There is something wonderful that occurs with love. We see people in ways we never saw before, understanding and appreciating each other's journey. Love leads to reverence. Faith is strengthened and we move on to try again.

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES
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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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Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Dioceses of Springfield in Illinois Allison Smith asmith@dio.org or 217-698-8500.

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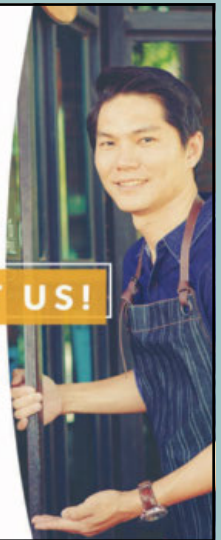


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