

Welcome

We are glad you are here with us today. If you would like to join our Faith Community, please contact our parish office at office@ololgc.org or stop by any time after scheduled Masses.

Our Lady of Lourdes

Established – 1875

534 N. Wood Street
Gibson City, IL 60936

Parish Office Secretary
Phone & Fax (217) 784-4671

General Information
office@ololgc.org

Website www.ololgc.org

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 11:00 am

Wednesday 8:00 am

Thursday 4:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Wednesday
8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Confession

4:30 pm before Saturday Mass
Any time by Appointment

❖ FOR YOUR INFORMATION ❖

St. Mary

407 W. Pells Street
Paxton, IL 60957

Phone—217-379-4033

Mass Schedule

Sunday 9:30 am

Wednesday 7:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday following 8AM Mass

Confession

Friday following 8AM Mass



St. Joseph

312 N. Hickory Street
Loda, IL 60948

Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 am

Tuesday 5:30 pm

Confession - Sunday 7:30am

December 25, 2022 (Christmas Day) Nativity of our Lord



Lc 2:15-16 When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger.

*"Oh! I'm not doing anything,
I'm just keeping Our Lord company.
I am too tired to talk to Him
but I'm resting next to Him."*

Blessed Edward Poppe - Pray for us!

Eucharistic Adoration—Every Wednesday
8:00am Mass
8:30 am to 4:00 pm Adoration
8:30 am –9:00 am Confession
3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet Prayed
4:00 pm Benediction

If possible, please sign up when you can be at Adoration. The sign-up sheet is on the podium at the entrance of church. If you cannot commit to a time, please come when you can. Jesus will be waiting for you!
There are books/pamphlets at the back of the church for you to read and ponder while you adore Jesus.

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THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS	
If you wish to have a Mass intention for a loved one, anniversary death, birthday or other occasion, please contact the parish office or Lori Gale at 309 475-9261.	
MON December 26 <i>(St. Stephen, the First Martyr)</i>	No Mass
TUE December 27 <i>(St. John, Apostle)</i>	8:00 AM (OLOL) 5:30 PM (STJ) Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
WED December 28 (NOTE) Adoration 8:30 am to 4:00 pm <i>(The Holy Innocents - Children Martyrs)</i>	8:00 AM (OLOL) Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
THURS Dec. 29 <i>(St. Thomas Becket, Bishop)</i>	4:00 PM (OLOL) Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
FRIDAY Dec. 30 <i>(The Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph)</i>	4:00 PM (OLOL) Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
Saturday Dec. 31 <i>(St. Sylvester, Pope)</i>	5:00 PM (OLOL) +Carolyn Kollross (by Michael Smith family)
SUN January 1, 2023 Solemnity of Mary Holy Day of Obligation	7:00 AM ((OLOL) 8:00 AM (STJ) 9:00 AM (STM) 11:00 AM (OLOL) (Fr. Dennis Spies—presider) + Bob Mardis (by Fran Mardis)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL	
Dec. 17/18	\$ 3030.00
Capital Imp. Dec. 2022	\$ 1004.00
CMAA 2022 (thru Dec.4) (goal:\$ 11,700)	\$ 16,170.00
Food Pantry Dec.. Total Yr to Date FP	\$ 49.00 \$ 253.00 \$ 3,684.00

Special Collections

December 8
Immaculate Conception
\$505.00

Dec. 10/11
Religious Retired
\$525.00

Ministry Schedules					
Date	Altar Servers Contact Tannie Smith (309) 893-0073	Lectors Contact Tannie Smith (309) 893-0073	Euch. Minister Contact Sarah (217) 781-0528	Ushers Contact Craig Davis (815) 848-5554	Homebound Ministry Deacon Paul (217) 781-1440
SATURDAY December 31, 2022 5:00 PM	Michael Smith Family	Patti Huppert	Deacon Paul Sarantakos	Needed	Deacon Paul Sarantakos
SUNDAY Jan.1, 2023 7:00 am and 11:00 AM Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother	7:00 am None Needed 11:00 am—Needed	7:00 am Sarah Sarantakos 11:00 am - Fran Mardis	Deacon Paul Sarantakos	7:00 am—none needed 11:00 am—Needed	

Baptism
 Call the Rectory at least four weeks before the baptism.
 Instruction for the parents and God-parents is required.

Sick??
 If you or a family member is sick or admitted to the hospital or makes a trip to the Emergency Room, please contact Fr. Dong at (217)784-4671

Emergency (630)456-5406

Marriage/RCIA
 Call the Rectory at least six months before. A six month preparation time is required.

Parish Calendar

Every Wednesday—Adoration (see front page for details)
Every Wednesday - Dec. 28, Jan .4, Jan. 11, Jan 18, Jan 25
 Choir practice 4:00 pm-5:00 pm (All singers are welcome !)

Sunday, December 25—NO RE classes (Christmas break)
 Sunday, January 1, 2023—NO RE classes (Christmas break) - **7 am Mass—Fr. Dennis Spies**
 Saturday, January 7—1st Reconciliation Retreat 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm.
 Mass in honor of children's 1st Reconciliation—5:00 pm
 Sunday, January 8—**Mass 7:00 am—Fr. Dennis Spies—Presider**
 Religious Ed 9:30 and / Youth Group 9:30 am (No class for 2nd grade)

Prayer Chain



OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRAYER CHAIN

This PRAYER CHAIN for those in need of prayer support. If you would like to be a 'Prayer Warrior' in the prayer chain OR if you have a need for prayers, contact Alyce Hafer at (217) 745-2411 or joenalyceh@cawi.org
 (Your specific prayer need does NOT need to be disclosed to activate the prayer chain).



The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Incarnation of Christ our Lord is not a celebration of a single day, but of an entire season. So the next two weeks invites us to deeply experience and reflect on the mystery of “God-made-Man.” Christmas Day features three forms, plus a vigil Masses. In these Masses, we encounter the vulnerability and intimacy of Mother and Child on that cold dark night in Bethlehem (House of Bread). During the long night, the miraculous birth is announced by the song of the angels to the local community of humble shepherds, who come to do him homage (a special honor or respect shown publicly). From there, the manifestation of God -in-the-Flesh widens out, little by little, to recognize the sanctity of the family, the first community of divine “belonging” with the human family, on the **Feast of the Holy Family**. On the **Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God**, we reflect on Jesus belonging to the nation of God’s Holy People as **he is presented at the Temple** and receives the sign of Circumcision. The knowledge of Jesus is further made know to man as we celebrate Jesus being manifest to all the nations in the **Feast of the Epiphany**, exemplified by the visitation of the foreigners who were inspired to faith by the light of the star. The Christmas season is fulfilled in the **Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord**, where Christ reveals his Lordship over all peoples in all times as he establishes Baptism as the sign of membership in a universal Church that invites all men and women to receive adoption as sons and daughter of God. To consider the mystery of the Incarnation as a feast of Christmas Day alone forgets that the Incarnation is, above all, a divine plan of ever-widening revelation of God unto our own day in the mystery of the Church.

2022—2023 Parish Council
 President—Marj Brown (217-377-3132)
 Vice President—Alyce Hafer (217-745-2411)
 Secretary—Jody Goodin (217-377-5208)
 Fred Sarantakos (217-781-1813)
 Dr. Dritan Dragu
 Roy Acree (217-649-2263)
 Please contact these dedicated people if you have any concerns or suggestions about church related issues.

Parish Office Hours
 Located at the Rectory next to the church,
 534 N Wood, Gibson City
 Monday: afternoon TBA
 Thursday: afternoon TBA
Lori Gale, Church Secretary
 Phone: 217-784-4671
 Note— the office will be closed on Federal Holidays

Altar Flowers provided by :
 Dec. 24/25—2022 Christmas Sign Ups
 (Please send your \$35.00 to OLOL, marked Christmas flowers)
The flowers are now \$35.00 a bouquet.
You will be billed by the florist Rural Rose of Fisher, not the church. Thank you !!!




Tom McCall (12/25)
 Joyce Hutchcraft (12/26)
 Braden Roesch (12/26)
 Alania Maloney (12/28)
 Marron Parsons (12/28)
 Andrew Killian (12/29)
 Charley Ulrich (12/30)

Happy Anniversary

GOD Bless our families !

Pray for the Sick & Homebound
 Brian Sullivan / Emma Davis
 Terry Hutchcraft / Joyce Pearson
 Fran Mardis / Rosanne Miller
 Connie Cimino / Ken Freehill
 Mae Gardner / Pat Huth
 Linda Martin / Peg Bane
 Peter Hartford



If you wish to add the name of a loved one who is sick, please contact the parish office at 217-784-4671 or office@ololgc.org.



Thanks to all the wonderful parishioners who came to decorate the church, put up the our-door stable and decorated the rectory last Saturday, Dec. 17th. I also want to thank Helmig’s Tree Farm for the generous donations of 3 trees and 2 door hangings . They are beautiful.



(Ps 97)
 “A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.”

NOTE from Lori Gale, secretary:
 Effective **Monday, October 17th**, I will NOT be in the office at the usual times. If you need anything, please call the rectory and leave a message. I will answer your call later in the day. You can also send an email to the office, to which I will respond. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



December Rosary Schedule (Dedicated to Advent and the coming of Christ)
 Tuesday 7:30 am before Mass
 Wednesday 8:30 am
 Thursday 3:30 pm before Mass
 Friday 3:30 pm before Mass
 Saturdays 4:15 pm
 Sundays 10:30 am before Mass
 (Please try to pray the rosary every day this month)
Mary Queen of Peace, Pray for us.



NOTE **** Bulletin submissions should be received by WEDNESDAY at 5:00 pm.
Call the parish at 217-784-4671 or email to office@ololgc.org.



Divine Mercy Daily

Daily Reflections from the
Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

With a Perfect Soul

(Saint Faustina) My Lord and Master, I desire to converse with You. **(Jesus)** Speak, My beloved child, for I am always listening. I wait for you. What do you desire to say? Your words please Me, and your thanksgiving opens up new treasures of graces. But, My child, we should talk in more detail about the things that lie in your heart. Let us talk confidentially and frankly, as two hearts that love one another do (Diary, 1489).

(Prayer) My Lord Jesus, I want to love You more. I want to be faithful to Your will. I want to desire and long for You. I want to live the exhortation of St. Paul: "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in all things give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus regarding you all" (1 Thess 5:16-18).

Please try to pray the *Divine Mercy Chaplet every day at 3:00pm* for this is when Our Lord Jesus Christ gave us his life for sins. If you cannot pray at that time, take at least a moment at 3:00pm to feel the inconceivable, abundant Mercy that falls from heaven every day at 3:00pm for the whole world. **Jesus, I Trust In You!**

New series: Learning your Catholic Faith at Home

This will require you and your family to take some time to watch a podcast (You-Tube) Have a spiral notebook to take notes. That's it! There will be a new podcast every week.

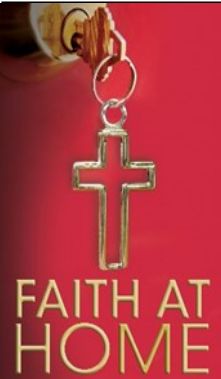
This week's podcast:

Mother Angelica Live—from Dec. 15, 1995—'Christmas'

Given by Mother Angelica

<https://youtu.be/D4EejCNut-8>

Website –<https://www.morningoffering.com/news/>



Confession/Reconciliation

Fr. Dong will hear your confession **Every Wednesday at 8:30am after Mass, Every Saturday at 4:30pm before Mass, Second Saturday of every month 10:00-11:00am**

And By Appointment 630-456-5406

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, (No.1457), that all Catholics should go to confession at least once a year. Don't miss out on this incredible grace that Our Lord wants to bestow upon you.



Homebound Ministry

is always available for Catholics who cannot come to Mass because they are in the hospital, recovering at home, sick at home, have moved to a care facility. Please contact Sarah Sarantakos at 217-781-0528 to have a Eucharistic Minister bring Holy Communion to you.

Dinner for One Invitation

When: Thursday Jan. 5 / 19 (RSVP by January 4th / January 18th)

Where: Country Kettle, Gibson City
Please come and join our group, which is for anyone who is a Widow or Widower. These events are a chance to talk and talk other people and have some laughs and a delicious meal.

Please Call or Text Sarah Sarantakos (Coordinator/Our Lady of Lourdes): 217-781-0528 or email Sarah.Sarantakos1@gmail.com



Monday

December 26
St. Stephen, First Martyr
Acts 6:8-10;
7:54-59
Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday

December 27
St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
1 Jn 1:1-4
Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday

December 28
Holy Innocents, Martyrs
1 Jn 1:5-2:2
Mt 2:13-18

Thursday

December 29
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 2:3-11
Lk 2:22-35

Friday

December 30
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or
Col 3:12-21 or
Col 3:12-17
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday

December 31
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 2:18-21
Jn 1:1-18

Sunday

January 1, 2023
Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God
Nm 6:22-27
Gal 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21