

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
Thursday 8:00 am

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Wednesday
8:00 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

May 21, 2023 The Ascension of the Lord



Jn 17:1-5 When Jesus had said this, he raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that he may give eternal life to all you gave him. Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ. I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began.



We will be welcoming
Father Nestor Sanchez
on July 1 st,

as he begins as Pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Mary and St. Joseph.

Please keep Father Sanchez in your prayers as he settles into his new assignment and gets to know all of us and our community.

Pastor
 Rev. Dong van Bui
 217-784-4671 (OLOL)
 217-379-4033 (STM)
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Music Director
 Margy Shambrook
 217-781-0089

Parish Council President
 Marj Brown
 217-377-3132

| THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS | | |
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| 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 May 22 <i>(Saint Rita of Cascia)</i> | No Mass | |
| TUE May 23 <i>(Saint Gregory VII)</i> | NO Mass 5:30 PM (STJ) | (OLOL) |
| WED May 24 <i>(St Mary Magdalene)</i> | NO Mass Mass | Adoration 8:00am - 4:00 pm 7:00 pm (STM) |
| THURS May 25 <i>(Saint Bede the Venerable)</i> | +Fr. Dennis Kollross (by Michael / Tannie Smith) | 8:00 AM (OLOL) |
| FRIDAY May 26 <i>(Saint Philip Neri)</i> | NO Mass Mass | (OLOL) 8:00 am (STM) |
| Saturday May 27 <i>(Saint Augustine of Canterbury)</i> | +Mae Gardner (by Carol /Michael Gilmore) | 5:00 PM (OLOL) |
| SUNDAY May 28 <i>(Pentecost Sunday)</i> | +Souls in Purgatory (by Lloyd Power) | 8:00 am (STJ) 9:30 am (STM) 11:00 am (OLOL) |

| THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL | |
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| May 13/14 | \$2,822.00 |
| Capital Imp. May 2023 | \$497.00 |
| CMAA 2023 As May 14 (goal:\$12,900) | \$10,135.00 |
| Food Pantry May Total Yr to Date FP | \$85.00 \$123.00 \$1,323.00 |
| Special Collections ***** | |
| May 13/14 Mother's Day \$385.00 | |

Ministry Schedules

| Date | Altar Servers | Lectors | Euch. Minister / Sacriston | Ushers/Greeters | Homebound Ministry |
|---|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Ministry Volunteers Contact Patti Huppert (217-778-4574) | | | | | Deacon Paul (217) 781-1440 |
| SATURDAY May 27, 2023 5:00 pm | Smith family | Michael Smith | Tannie Smith | Chuck Aubry | Deacon Paul Sarantakos |
| SUNDAY May 28, 2023 11:00 am Pentecost Sunday | Davis family | Lisa Heap | Deacon Paul | Dan Kleist | |

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.

Mass Attendance May 13/14 Total attendance. 95 Are you among this faithful group ? Pray with us !
 Saturday 5pm (43) Sunday 11 am (52)

Parish Calendar

Every Wednesday Adoration (see next page for details)
Every Wednesday - Choir practice.. **May** 24th, 31st, **June** 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

Sunday, May 28 Pentecost Sunday
 Monday, May 29—Memorial Day
 Sunday, June 4—Father Dong's Retirement Luncheon (see next page)
 Friday/Saturday, June 9/10—Food Pantry—Our Lady of Lourdes to assist
 Saturday, July 1—Father Nestor Sanchez starts as our new Pastor
 Tuesday, July 4—Celebrate Independence Day
 Sunday, September 24 - Our Lady of Lourdes Homecoming Picnic



Father Dong's RETIREMENT LUNCHEON

Father Dong has served our parish for the last 5 years. Please keep Father in your prayers as he prepares to leave our parish late June and embark on a new retired life !

We are planning a catered Retirement Luncheon at Father Kirk Hall in his honor on

Sunday, June 4, following the 11 am Mass.

Note: Please **RSVP** to the office email office@ololgc.org by May 19th (**no later than May 22nd**) with your expected attendance.

Any monetary donations would be greatly appreciated. You may send donations for the dinner to the *secured mail box* at the rectory or put in the collection basket in a separate envelope marked 'Dinner'. Thank you.

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: 4:30 pm

Thursday: 4:30 pm

Lori Gale, Church Secretary

Phone: 217-784-4671

Note— the office will be closed on Federal Holidays



Eucharistic Adoration—Every Wednesday

8:00 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. (Please return the reading materials when you are finished) Loretta Power—Coordinator (309-530-7121)

WELCOME



Please welcome **Karen Plucinski** as our newest member of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. Karen is anxious to meet everyone and help in any way she can.

We also welcome back **Doug and Tammy Fanson** and family. God bless you all !

PARISH COUNCIL STILL ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS

Now accepting Nominations to the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Council. Would YOU or someone you know like to be a member of our Parish Council ? Please fill out a nomination form located in the pews and put it in the collection basket by **May 28th**. Contact any member of the Council listed to the right of this page or the parish office if you have any questions. Thank you.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Homecoming Picnic

Sunday September 24, 2023
After the 11:00am Mass
More information to follow.
Contact Sarah at 217-781-0528
sarah.sarantakos1@gmail.com



Ps 27

“I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.”



May Rosary Schedule (Devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Wednesday 8:00 am
Thursday 7:30 am Before Mass
Saturdays 4:15 pm Before Mass
Sundays 10:30 am Before Mass
(Please try to pray the rosary every day this month)
Mary, Queen of Peace, Pray for us.

May Altar Flowers provided by :

May 20/21—Michael and Tannie Smith
May 27/28—Denis and Cherry Fisher
June 3/4 —Gene and Lisa Heap
June 10/11—Alyce Hafer
June 17-18—Rosanne Miller
The flowers are now \$35.00 a bouquet.
You will be billed by the florist Rural Rose of Fisher, not the church. Thank you !!!



Peter Hartford (5/22)
Margy Shambrook (5/24)
Frank Titus (5/24)
Judy Tjarks (5/25)
Mike Medernach (5/26)
Nicole Miller (5/27)
Hannah Kollross (5/28)
Owen Stroh (5/29)
Joseph Smith (5/30)

Happy Anniversary

Michael and Tannie Smith (5/22)
Chris and Mary Giroux (5/29)

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Brian Sullivan / Emma Davis
Terry Hutchcraft / Joyce Pearson
Fran Mardis / Rosanne Miller
Connie Cimino / Ken Freehill
Pat Huth / Linda Martin
Peg Bane / Peter Hartford
Gary Gale



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.

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.**



Dear St Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes and St Joseph parishioners, It is with great pleasure that I write to you today as your new Pastor and spiritual father beginning July 1st, I am grateful to God for the opportunity to serve in your parishes and I am excited to get to know each and every one of you.

Allow me to introduce myself. I was born in Mexico on June 3, 1985, and spent my childhood in a rural area in a little town in the north of the state of Mexico. My parents were devout Catholics and instilled in me the Christian values that have guided me throughout my life. My vocation began in a religious community in Mexico where I served as a missionary in different places

for ten years. In 2015, I came to the diocese of Joliet and completed my Theological studies at the Pontifical College Josephinum in 2019, earning a Master's Degree in Divinity. That same year, I was ordained and began my ministry at Holy Family Parish in Shorewood, where I served for three years. In the last year, I was serving in Naperville at St Peter and Paul Parish, which was a large city parish.

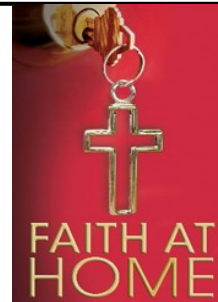
As I take on my new role as a pastor, I am counting on your help and support. I am excited to get to know all of you and to serve you in any way that I can. I am aware that could be challenging for all of us during the transition and my first days in the parish, but I am confident that with faith and perseverance, we will overcome any obstacles that come our way. I am committed to working with you to build a strong and vibrant community that reflects the love of Christ. In the coming months I will be reaching out to different groups and ministries in the parishes to learn more about your needs and aspirations. I am open to suggestions and ideas that will help us grow in faith and service. I am also looking forward to celebrating Mass with you and getting to know you personally. I believe that the Eucharist is the source and summit of our Christian life, and I am committed to making our liturgies meaningful and inspiring.

As I prepare to join your community on July 1st, I ask that you keep me in your prayers, as I will be praying for all of you. I am honored to be your new Pastor and I look forward to serving you in the years to come. Sincerely, Fr. Nestor Sanchez

Learning your Catholic Faith at Home !

There will be a new podcast every week. For the next several weeks we will have podcast on the **Blessed Virgin Mary. I do this because the month of May is the Month of Mary.** I pray you will enjoy the podcasts.

- 1.) "Our Lady of Guadalupe" (Mexico City 1531) 21.20 Minutes
<https://youtu.be/KEhJwCsDDsc>
- 2.) "Our Lady of Akita" (Japan 1973) 17.45 Minutes
<https://youtu.be/B6qzwM4VXU0>
- 3.) "Our Lady of Mount Carmel/ Our Lady of Garabandal (Garabandal Spain June 18, 1961) 23.03 Minutes
<https://youtu.be/mkhhh85hiew>



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 **Deacon Paul Sarantakos (217-781-1440)** to have a Eucharistic Minister bring Holy Communion to you.



Dinner for One

We normally meet the 1st & 3rd Thursday's at The Country Kettle (4:30 pm to 6:30 pm).

The next Dinners are **Thursday June 1, June 22**

Please RSVP by May 31st, June 21st
Sarah Sarantakos
Coordinator/Our Lady of Lourdes
Text 217-781-0528 or

email Sarah.Sarantakos1@gmail.com

Monday

May 22
Easter Weekday
Acts 19:1-8
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday

May 23
Easter Weekday
Acts 20:17-27
Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday

May 24
Easter Weekday
Acts 20:28-38
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday

May 25
Easter Weekday
Acts 22:30;
23:6-11
Jn 17:20-26

Friday

May 26
St. Philip Neri, Priest
Acts 25:13b-21
Jn 21:15-19

Saturday

May 27
Easter Weekday
Acts 28:16-20,
30-31
Jn 21:20-25

Sunday

May 28
Pentecost
Acts 2:1-11
1 Cor 12:3b-7,
12-13
Jn 20:19-23