

## 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](mailto: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**  
**Monday and Thursday –**  
**4:00 pm**

**Phone & Fax (217) 784-4671**  
General Information  
[office@ololgc.org](mailto:office@ololgc.org)

**Website** [www.ololgc.org](http://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

## September 3, 2023 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Mt 16:21-27** Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, “God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you.” He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.” Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father’s glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct.”

### 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)**



O COME, LET US ADORE HIM,  
CHRIST THE LORD.

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 fr.nestor@stmarypaxton.org

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 Carla Moxley 217-552-9013  
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**Religious Education**  
 \*\*\*\*\*Director Needed\*\*\*\*\*

**Youth Ministry**  
 Maggie Davis

**Music Director**  
 Margy Shambrook  
 217-781-0089

**Parish Council President**  
 Marj Brown  
 217-377-3132

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.	
<b>MON</b> September 4 <i>(Saint Rose of Viterbo)</i>	No Mass
<b>TUE</b> September 5 <i>(Saint Teresa of Calcutta)</i>	NO Mass 5:30 PM (STJ) Mass
<b>WED</b> September 6 <i>(Blessed Claudio Granzotto)</i>	Adoration 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Mass 7:00 pm (STM)
<b>THURS</b> Sept. 7 <i>(Blessed Frederic Ozanam)</i>	8:00 AM (OLOL) +Linda Martin (by Margy Shambrook)
<b>FRIDAY</b> September 8 <i>(Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary)</i>	8:00 am (STM) NO Mass
<b>Saturday</b> Sept. 9 <i>(Saint Peter Claver)</i>	5:00 PM (OLOL) +Joseph Stallone (by Thomas Stallone)
<b>SUNDAY</b> Sept. 10 <i>(Twenty-Third Sunday Ordinary Time)</i>	8:00 am (STJ) 9:30 am (STM) 11:00 am (OLOL) +Florence Davis (by Jerry and Marj Brown)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL	
Aug. 26/27	\$1,747.00
Capital Imp. August 2023	\$ 981.00
CMAA 2023 As of August 27 (goal:\$12,900)	\$14,515.00
Food Pantry August Total Yr to Date FP	\$50.00 \$232.00 \$2,175.00
<b>Special Collections</b> *****	
<b>Assumption Aug. 15 \$328.00</b>	
<b>Capital Sept. 2/3</b>	

**Ministry Schedules**

Date	Ministry Volunteers Contact	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister / Sacriston	Ushers/Greeters	Homebound Ministry
SATURDAY Sept. 9, 2023 5:00 pm	Patti Huppert (217-778-4574)		Fran Mardis	Carla Moxley	Chuck Aubry	Deacon Paul Sarantakos
SUNDAY Sept. 10, 2023 11:00 am <b>Twenty-rd Sunday Ordinary Time</b>		Kliest family	Lisa Heap	Rob Kollross	Dan Kliest	

**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. Nestor at fr.nestor@stmarypaxton.org

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

Mass Attendance Aug 26/27 Total attendance: 114 *Saturday 5pm (65) Sunday 11 am (49)*  
 3rd Commandment: Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.

**Parish Calendar and MORE (Subject to change)**

**Every Wednesday - Choir practice.....** September 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th  
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Monday, September 4—Labor Day—(Parish office is closed)  
 Thursday, September 7— K of C council meeting, St. Mary's, Paxton, after 7 pm Mass  
 Friday, Sept. 8—Set up Food Pantry—need 10 people at 6:15 pm  
 Saturday, Sept. 9—Food Pantry—8 am to noon—20 people needed including 3 drivers  
 Sunday, Sept. 10—Late registration for RE program -  
 RE Classes begin 9:45 to 11:00 am followed by Mass  
**10:45 am—Mandatory Parent / Student/ Catechist meeting with Father Nestor**  
 Tuesday, Sept. 12— noon to 5:30 pm Blood Drive, Presbyterian Fellowship Hall  
 Sunday, September 24—11:00 am Bishop Hicks celebrating Father Nestor Sanchez installation. Please join us after Mass to celebrate Fr. Nestor's Installation.



### ***Food Pantry Volunteers***

Friday September 8th at 6:15 pm 10 people needed to setup area

Saturday September 9th—8 am to noon 20 people needed including 3 drivers as there will be home-bound deliveries. ***Our Lady of Lourdes will be the only servers this weekend.***

Please consider volunteering. Questions ??? Contact Deacon Paul Sarantakos at (217) 781-1440.



### **Message from Fr. Nestor Sanchez**

### **Sunday XXII in Ordinary time**

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today in the Sunday readings, we find a contrast to the previous Sunday in which Jesus rewards Peter's faith by choosing him as his vicar. Now we see how Jesus rejects him for his petty and short-sighted ideas. Peter wants to dissuade the Lord from accepting the Passion. He does not do it because he does not love Christ, on the contrary: he does not want Him to suffer and does not understand His words.

Sometimes we find ourselves in this same situation. It is always natural to reject suffering in our lives, especially if we see our beloved ones struggling physically or spiritually.

Matthew, in this part of the gospel, is trying to tell us that the cross is beloved by God. Furthermore, he wants to tell us that Jesus not only had awareness of this, but he willingly went to meet death because he understood that it was part of God's plan, and he embraced it precisely in the light of the divine plan, as a service.

When Jesus spoke of the need to carry one's cross every day, what did he mean? "His cross" should not be understood as the barbaric instrument of torture or just resignation to our sufferings as if there were no hope in them. The cross of Jesus simply means every effort that makes us faithful fulfillers of the Father's will and that is assumed and carried out out of love. Without that perspective and motivation, there can be no cross in the sense expressed by Jesus. Understood according to him, it is something transformed and transformative of all human realities.

Teilhard-de-Chardin, a philosopher and theologian, wrote to someone who complained about the weight of the crosses in their life dedicated to God: "Perhaps you are looking at the cross in the wrong way and only see two crossed sticks. Turn the cross around, and you will see Jesus nailed to it out of love. Then everything will change in meaning, and you will understand it all."

May the Lord grant us the strength to take up our cross and embrace with love whatever He permits to enter our lives.



### **Director of Religious Education / Teachers/ Students**

Our Lady of Lourdes is in need of selecting a new **Director of Religious Education.**

We also need a pre-school/Kindergarten teacher. We have a student, signed up, but no teacher.. Please contact Tannie, Fr. Nestor or the Office if you are available and interested.

2023 RE classes will begin Sunday, September 10 — 9:45 am to 11:00 am with Mass to follow. **Special NOTE — *On the 1st day of class (September 10th), Father Nestor will be meeting with all students, parents, and teachers at 10:45 am in the hall.***

### **Celebration of Fr. Nestor Sanchez's Installation Mass— Sunday September 24 !**

Mass is at 11:00am with Bishop Hicks presiding. After Mass, about Noon the super fun activities start. We will have Hamburgers & Hots Dogs, Adult beverages, Live music from the Zack Avery Band, Face painting, Balloon Twisting, games for the kids, Stone Cold Flavored Shaved Ice, a religious items tent and everything is FREE! So come with the family and let's give Fr. Nestor Sanchez a great big congratulations and welcome to the parishes of Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Mary's and St. Joseph's. There will be seating inside Fr. Kirk Hall as well as under the big top tent. Please contact Lori at the parish office to reserve your spot. (217-784-4671). If you have questions about the event, contact Sarah Sarantakos 217-781-0528. See you all there.

**NOTE \*\*\*\* Bulletin submissions should be received by WEDNESDAY at 5:00 pm.  
Call the parish at 217-784-4671 or email to [office@ololg.org](mailto:office@ololg.org).**

**2023—2024 Parish Council**

Marj Brown (217-377-3132)  
Jody Goodin (217-377-5208)  
Dr. Dritan Dragu (586-604-3266)  
Roy Acree (217-649-2263)  
Fran Mardis (217-784-8515)  
Jodi Beyers (815-848-3371)

Please contact these dedicated people if you have any concerns or suggestions about church related issues.

**September Altar Flowers**

provided by :  
Sept. 2/3—Rob and Sandy Kollross  
Sept. 9/10—Gene and Lisa Heap  
Sept. 16-17—Robb and Terry Fields  
Sept. 23/24—Margy Shambrook  
**The flowers are now \$35.00 a bouquet.**  
***You will be billed by the florist***  
***Rural Rose of Fisher***, not the church.  
Thank you !!!

**MONDAY**

September 4  
*Weekday*  
1 Thes 4:13-18  
Lk 4:16-30

**TUESDAY**

September 5  
*Weekday*  
1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11  
Lk 4:31-37

**WEDNESDAY**

September 6  
*Weekday*  
Col 1:1-8  
Lk 4:38-44

**THURSDAY**

September 7  
*Weekday*  
Col 1:9-14  
Lk 5:1-11

**FRIDAY**

September 8  
*The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Mi 5:1-4a or  
Rom 8:28-30  
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23  
or 1:18-23

**SATURDAY**

September 9  
*St. Peter Claver, Priest*  
Col 1:21-23  
Lk 6:1-5

**SUNDAY**

September 10  
*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Ez 33:7-9  
Rom 13:8-10  
Mt 18:15-20

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Will Baillie (9/3)  
Paul Baillie (9/3)  
Kinley Beyers (9/4)  
Austin Hornstein (9/7)  
Joe Nunnick, Jr. (9/7)  
Cherry Fisher (9/7)  
Erin Lynch (9/8)  
Natalie Davis (9/10)

*Happy Anniversary*

Angelo and Monique Cullotta (9/1)  
Justin and Jessica DeYoung (9/6)  
Dallas and Courtney Glaszik (9/8)

God Bless all of our Families !!

**Pray for the Sick & Homebound**

Brian Sullivan / Emma Davis  
Terry Hutchcraft / Joyce Pearson  
Fran Mardis / Rosanne Miller  
Ken Freehill / Pat Huth / Gary Gale  
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@ololg.org](mailto:office@ololg.org).

**Our Lady of Lourdes Social Media Sites**

Please check them out for an abundance of information.

**Facebook:**

[www.facebook.com/ololg.org](http://www.facebook.com/ololg.org)

Website: [www.ololg.org](http://www.ololg.org)

Office Email: [office@ololg.org](mailto:office@ololg.org)

(Lori Gale & Carla Moxley)

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**Dinner for One**

Please come and join our Dinner for One Group. This group is for anyone who is a Widow or Widower. These events are a chance to talk and meet other people. Have some laughs and a delicious meal. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. (Dinner 4:30pm to 6:30pm) at the Country Kettle. You order off the menu. The next Dinner for One are Sept. 7th and 21st Please RSVP by Sept. 5th and 20th. (Sarah Sarantakos Coordinator/Our Lady of Lourdes) 217-781-0582 email [sarah.sarantakos1@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.sarantakos1@gmail.com)

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRAYER THREADS**

This PRAYER THREAD is for those in need of prayer support.

If you would like to be a 'Prayer Warrior' in the prayer threads OR if you

have a need for prayers, contact Alyce Hafer at (217) 745-2411 or [joenalyceh@cawi.org](mailto:joenalyceh@cawi.org).

(Your specific prayer need does NOT need to be disclosed to activate the prayer thread).



**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.

