

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

Monday and Thursday –

4:00 pm

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

9:00 am – noon

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

December 3, 2023 First Sunday of Advent



Mc 13:35-36

Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.

“Message from Our Lady in Medjugorje”

Let's pray for the peace of the world.

Dear children, Today I invite you to pray for peace. At this time, peace is threatened in a special way, and I ask you to renew fasting and prayer in your families and to encourage others to pray for peace. *Dear children,* I want you to understand the seriousness of the situation and that much of what will happen depends on your prayer and perseverance. *Dear children,* I am with you and I invite you to seriously start praying and fasting. Thank you for responding to my call !



Pastor Nov1 to Dec. 8

Rev. Ternan Monteiro
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 (EMERGENCY ONLY—
 LEAVE MESSAGE)

Deacon

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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 4		No Mass
TUE December 5	(OLOL) 5:30 PM (STJ)	NO Mass Mass
WED December 6	(OLOL) 7:00 pm (STM)	Adoration 9am to noon Mass
THURS Dec. 7	8:00 AM (OLOL) (Saint Ambrose)	+Peg Bane (by Margy Shambrook)
FRIDAY Dec. 8	5:30 PM (OLOL) Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8:00 am (STM)	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
Saturday Dec. 9	5:00 PM (OLOL)	+Peg Bane (by Paula Cyphert)
SUNDAY Dec.10	8:00 am (STJ) (2nd Sunday of Advent) 9:30 am (STM) 11:00 am (OLOL)	Mass Mass +Mae Gardner (by Bruce and Amy Killian)

**THANK YOU FOR
 YOUR GIFTS
 OLOL**

Nov. 25/26	\$2,616.00
Capital Imp. Nov. 2023	\$ 817.00
CMAA 2023 As of Nov. 26 (goal:\$12,900)	\$15,355.00
Food Pantry Nov. Total Yr to Date FP	\$ 54.00 \$ 258.00 \$2,891.22

Special Collections

Nov. 18/19
 Human Development
 \$523.00

 Dec. 2/3
 Capital

*Ministry
 Schedules*

Date Ministry Volunteers Contact Patti Huppert (217-778-4574)	Altar Servers	Lector	Euch. Minister / Sacriston	Ushers/Greeters	Homebound Ministry Deacon Paul (217) 781-1440
SATURDAY December 9, 2023 5:00 pm		Patti Huppert	Paul Sarantakos	Bob Bode	Deacon Paul Sarantakos
SUNDAY December 10, 2023 11:00 am 2nd Sunday of Advent	Youth Mass	RE Youth	Rob Kollross	Dan Kliest and Youth	

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.

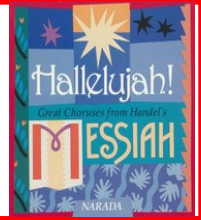
Mass Attendance Nov. 25/26 Saturday 5pm (36) Sunday 11 am (56) Total 92
 3rd Commandment: Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.

Parish Calendar and MORE (Subject to change)

Every Wednesday (4 pm) Choir practice... Dec. 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

 Friday, December 8—Mass OLOL 5:30 pm
 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Sunday, December 10—RE Classes 9:45 am / Youth Group 7-8:30 pm
 Sunday, December 10—Youth Mass—11:00 am OLOL
 Sunday, December 17—RE Classes 9:45 am / Youth Group 7-8:30 pm
 Thursday, December 21—Staff meeting 6:15 pm followed by Parish Council 7:15 pm
Saturday, December 23—NO 5:00 pm Mass at OLOL
Sunday, December 24— Regular Mass—OLOL at 11:00 am
 Christmas Eve Vigil Mass OLOL 4:00 pm
Monday, December 25—Christmas Day Mass OLOL 8:00 am

HALLELUJAH !!!! Gibson Area Music Foundation's Celebrate the Seasons !!
 Featuring selections from Handel's *Messiah* and Hopson's *Lessons and Carols*.
 Plan now to attend as we have 3 singers and 1 reader from Our Lady of Lourdes.
Performance: Sunday, December 3 at Gibson City Bible Church at 3:00 pm
 Join in continuing a Holiday Tradition that began in 1941! See (and Hear) you soon !



**Holiday Raffle Drawing
 Sunday December 3, 2023**

We thank everyone who donated some great prizes. Thank you to everyone who supported this year's raffle !!!
 You have been very generous.
 All winners will be notified.
 If you have any questions, concerning the winners, please contact Jodi Beyers at (815) 848-3371.

From Alyce Hafer, Chairman:

As you know, due to a malfunction of the refrigerators Friday night leading to food spoilage, the dinner for this year was cancelled. I want to personally thank each and everyone who assisted in any way toward this year's Annual Event. The response was overwhelming !!! WE will do our very best to prevent this from happening again, as we go forward with this special event. I will keep you updated on our progress. We will succeed next year !!! We have already been blessed with monetary donations toward the dinner. God Bless you all.



We have met our 2023 CMAA Goal!
 OLOL will get back **70%** of every dollar received above our goal. As of July 9th, we reached our goal which is a great achievement, and continuing to give is even greater!
 Thank you for your continued support.

What do Advent-wreath candles signify?

Most Advent wreaths have three purple candles and one rose candle to echo the liturgical colors of the Church's Advent celebrations.

Whether the wreath is being used at home or in a church, the lighting of the candles should follow the liturgical colors of the Sundays of Advent. The vestments at Mass are purple during the first two weeks of Advent, so we light a purple candle on the first and second Sundays of Advent.

On the third Sunday, the Church celebrates *Gaudete* Sunday or Rejoice

Sunday, named after the first word of the day's traditional entrance verse (Philippians 4:4-5). The priest wears rose vestments at Mass as a sign of our brightening hope and joy, and on the Advent wreath we light the rose candle to reflect the theme of the liturgy. The fourth Sunday of Advent sees the lighting of the last purple candle.

Some churches and families add a fifth candle to their Advent practices by placing a white candle in the center of the wreath. They light this at Christmas, again echoing the Church's liturgical color for the season and rejoicing in Christ our



Lord, whose birth brings light and life to our world.

Fr. Matthew Allman, CSsR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



Attention: Food Pantry Volunteers

Friday December 8th at 6:15 pm 10 people needed to setup area
Saturday December 9th—8 am to noon 20 people needed including 3 drivers as there will be homebound deliveries. ***Our Lady of Lourdes will be the only servers this weekend.***
 Please consider volunteering. Questions ??? Contact Deacon Paul Sarantakos at (217) 781-1440.



Psalm 80

"Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved."

**December is Devoted to
 The Immaculate Conception
 (Rosary Schedule)**

Wednesday 9:00am
 Thursday 7:30am
 Saturday 4:15pm
 Sunday 10:30am
 Please try to pray, the Rosary, every day with your family.
Mary Queen of Peace Pray for Us.



Eucharistic Adoration

**Every Wednesday 9 am to noon
 Benediction at noon**



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) If you would to volunteer, please call Sarah at 217-781-0528.

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.**

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.

December Altar Flowers

provided by :
Dec. 2/3 - Paul and Sarah Sarantakos
Dec. 9/10—Alyce Hafer
Dec. 16/17—Gene and Lisa Heap

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
December 4
Advent Weekday
Is 2:1-5
Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday
December 5
Advent Weekday
Is 11:1-10
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday
December 6
Advent Weekday
Is 25:6-10a
Mt 15:29-37

Thursday
December 7
*St. Ambrose,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church*
Is 26:1-6
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday
December 8
*Immaculate
Conception
of the Blessed
Virgin Mary*
Gn 3:9-15, 20
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Lk 1:26-38

Saturday
December 9
Advent Weekday
Is 30:19-21,
23-26

Mt 9:35-10:1,
5a, 6-8

Sunday
December 10
*Second Sunday
of Advent*
Is 40:1-5, 9-11
2 Pt 3:8-14
Mk 1:1-8

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 / Helen Haynes
Chuck Aubry / Vivian Geurts
Sarah Sarantakos



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.

Our Lady of Lourdes Social Media Sites

Please check them out for an abundance of information.

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/ololg.org

Website: www.ololg.org

Office Email: office@ololg.org

(Lori Gale & Carla Moxley)

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fr.nestor@stmarypaxton.org

Deacon Paul Sarantakos Email:

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Karla McKinney (12/4)
Sarah McCall (12/6)
Jim Freehill (12/7)
Catherine Cimono (12/7)
Sheri Bane (12/9)
Anthony Gonzalez (12/9)

Happy Anniversary

Paul and Mary Geurts (12/13)

God Bless all of our Families !!



OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRAYER THREADS

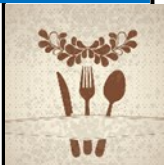
This PRAYER THREAD is for those in need of prayer support.

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.
(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.



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 is Dec. 7th and 21st. Please RSVP by Dec. 6th and Dec. 20th. (Sarah Sarantakos Coordinator/Our Lady of Lourdes) 217-781-0582 email sarah.sarantakos1@gmail.com