

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

Confession - Sunday 7:30am

December 17, 2023 Third Sunday of Advent



Jn 1:14 And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

“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 !



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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 18		No Mass
TUE December 19	(OLOL) 5:30 PM (STJ)	NO Mass Mass
WED December 20	(OLOL) 7:00 pm (STM)	Adoration 9am to noon Mass
THURS Dec.21	8:00 AM (OLOL)	+Evelyn Cook (by Michael Smith family)
FRIDAY Dec. 22	8:00 am (STM) (OLOL)	Mass No Mass
Saturday Dec. 23	5:00 PM (OLOL)	No Mass
SUNDAY Dec.24	9:30 am (STM) 11:00 am (OLOL) (4th Sunday of Advent) 4:00 pm (OLOL) 5:30 pm (STM) 9:00 pm (STJ)	+Mae Gardner Mass Christmas Vigil Mass Christmas Vigil Mass Christmas Vigil Mass

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL	
Dec. 9/10	\$2,960.00
Capital Imp. Dec. 2023	\$ 1147.00
CMAA 2023 As of Dec.10 (goal:\$12,900)	\$15,625.00
Food Pantry Dec Total	\$ 112.00
Yr to Date FP	\$ 162.00
	\$3,053.22

Special Collections	

Dec. 8	Immaculate Conception \$224.00

Dec. 9/10	Religious Retirement Fund—\$495.00

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 23, 2023 5:00 pm		No Mass	No Mass	No Mass	Deacon Paul Sarantakos
SUNDAY December 24 11:00 am	Beyers family	Fran Mardis	Jodi Beyers	Brett Beyers	
December 24 4:00 pm 4th Sunday of Advent	Kliest family	Alyce Hafer	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 Dec. 9/10 Saturday 5pm (46) Sunday 11 am (66) Total 112
 3rd Commandment: Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.

Parish Calendar and MORE (Subject to change)

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

Sunday, December 17—RE Classes 9:45 am / Youth Group 7-8:30 pm
Los Posadas / Christmas Party—5:00 pm St Mary's, Paxton RSVP by Dec. 11
 Thursday, December 21—Staff meeting 6:15 pm followed by Parish Council 7:15 pm
Christmas and New Years Mass Schedule
 Saturday, December 23—NO 5:00 pm Mass at OLOL
 Sunday, December 24—Regular Weekend Mass—OLOL at 11:00 am
 Christmas Eve Vigil Mass OLOL 4:00 pm
 Monday, December 25—Christmas Day Mass OLOL 8:00 am
 Sunday, December 31—Holy Family— Mass at OLOL 11:00 am
 Monday, January 1—(New Years) Holy Family—Mass at OLOL 8:00 am



“Reason for the Season”

Our country is becoming more secular, more Humanistic, more ‘politically correct’ and more god-less everyday. Too often crosses are NOT appropriate on military graves, public prayer is NOT

politically correct, mention of God in a speech or in many schools is NOT acceptable, Nativity sets are not allowed on public property, etc. Christmas especially reminds us of this growing trend.

Whereas, in truth, the greatest threat to the world is the absence of God.

But, we can all do our part to keep Jesus in the limelight where he belongs, especially at Christmas.

Here are a few simple things that we can do:

- 1.) Display Nativity scenes in our yours and in our home — large or small.
- 2.) Listen to Christmas carols on our CD players and radios (sing along) — Christ-centered carols like ‘Silent Night’ and ‘Joy to the World.’
- 3.) Read Nativity stories from the gospels of St. Matthew and St. Luke. Leave our Bibles open to those pages and display a small Nativity set on that open Bible.
4. Donate to charities. (The best Christmas present for Jesus is out giving to those most in need.) Jesus said, “Whatsoever you do for the least of my brethren that you do unto me” On the memo line, we can write ‘Happy Birthday, Jesus’
- 5.) Send ONY religious Christmas cards to our family and friends.
- 6.) Always greet others with ‘MERRY CHRISTMAS’, not the politically correct ‘Happy Holiday’ or ‘Season’s Greetings’. We should always answer ‘Merry Christmas’ if a store clerk or someone greets us with “Happy Holidays’.
- 7.) Have an Advent wreath in our homes and follow up, Sunday by Sunday.
- 8.) Display ‘Put Christ Back into Christmas’ magnetic stickers on our cars or doors.
- 9.) Bake a birthday cake for Jesus with at least one candle. Serve it at our main meal on Christmas and sing ‘Happy Birthday’ to Jesus.
- 10.) Hang a stocking for Jesus. Each family member can write a special note to Jesus for his birthday.
- 11.) Say our a.m. and/or p.m. prayers as a family at the Nativity.
- 12.) And lastly, make Christmas crafts with religious themes with our children and grandchildren. *These just a few of the possibilities. MERRY CHRISTMAS !!!!*

Men’s Cursillo Weekend scheduled

Dates—January 26-28, 2024

Where—St Patrick’s Catholic Church, Urbana, IL

This will be a great way to start the new year by joining other men and strengthen your faith in Christ and His Church. For more information,

contact Bruce Killian at 309-261-0168 or Jerry Brown at 217-377-5277

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.

County Market Gift Cards

We have a few Gift Cards from County Market. If you or someone you know may need a little help with groceries, please leave a message for Lori at 217-784-4671

December Altar Flowers

provided by :
Dec. 16/17—Gene and Lisa Heap
Dec. 23/24—Christmas Sign up Sheet

The flowers are \$35.00 a bouquet.
You will be billed by the florist
Rural Rose of Fisher (217-897-1604)
Thank you !!!

Monday

December 18
Advent Weekday
Jer 23:5-8
Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday

December 19
Advent Weekday
Jgs 13:2-7,
24-25a
Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday

December 20
Advent Weekday
Is 7:10-14
Lk 1:26-38

Thursday

December 21
Advent Weekday
Sg 2:8-14 or
Zep 3:14-18a
Lk 1:39-45

Friday

December 22
Advent Weekday
1 Sm 1:24-28
Lk 1:46-56

Saturday

December 23
Advent Weekday
Mal 3:1-4,
23-24
Lk 1:57-66

Sunday

December 24
Fourth Sunday of Advent
2 Sm 7:1-5,
8b-12, 14a, 16
Rom 16:25-27
Lk 1:26-38

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

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Maggie Davis (12/17)
Rucker Parsons (12/21)
Terese Davis (12/22)
Jane Lange (12/22)
Donna Ruddy (12/23)
Isidore Ortiz (12/23)
Birth of Jesus Christ (12/25)
Tom McCall (12/25)

Happy Anniversary

God Bless all of our Families !!



OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRAYER THREADS

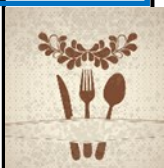
This PRAYER THREAD is for those in need of prayer support.

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 21st. Please RSVP by Dec. 20th.

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