

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

Wednesday 8:00 am

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Wednesday
following Mass

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

Tuesday 5:30 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

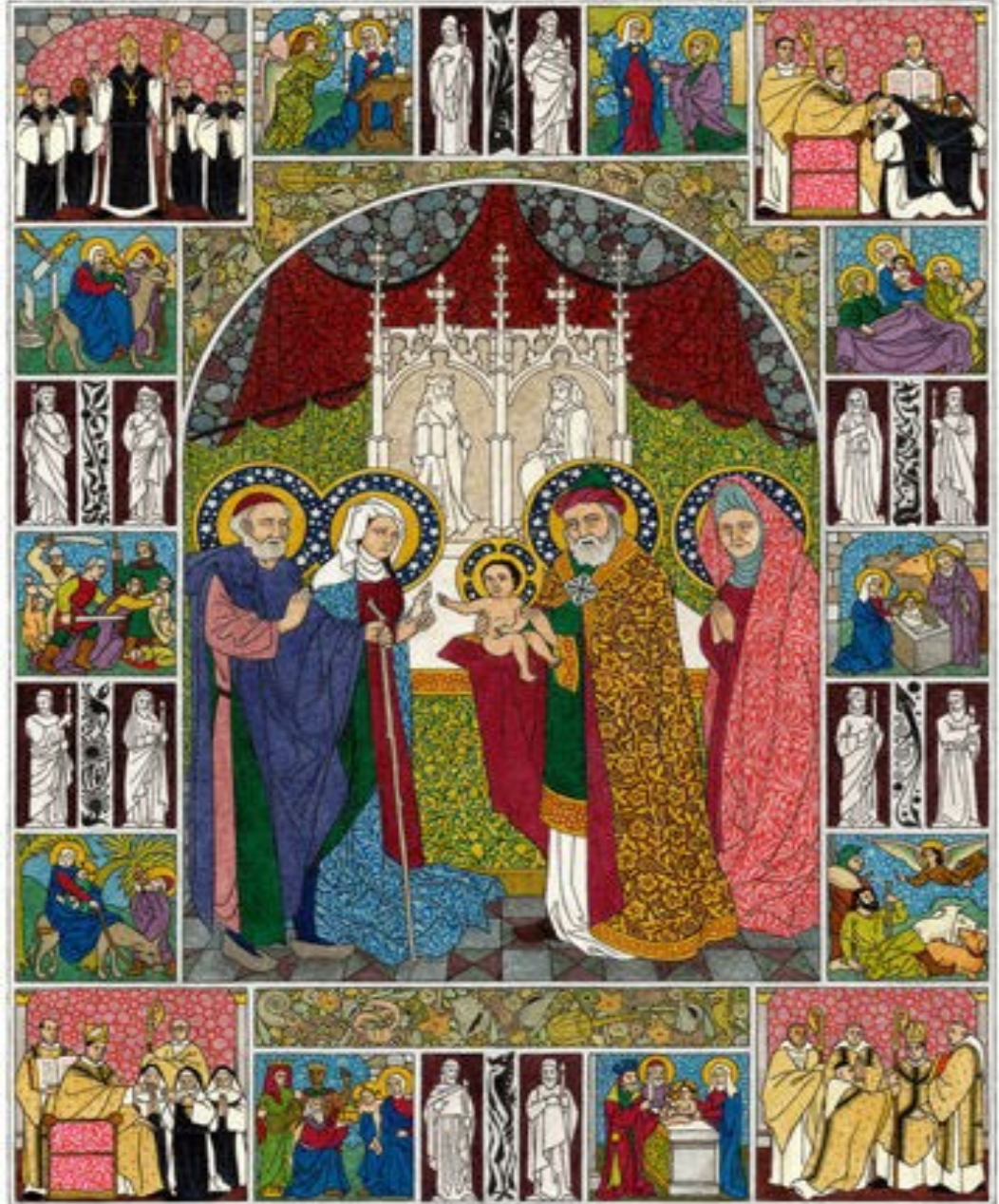
Sunday 8:00 am

Thursday 7:00 pm

Confession - Sunday 7:30am

December 31, 2023

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



Lc 2:22

According to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.



Eucharistic Adoration

Beginning January 3, 2024 Mass—8:00 am
Followed by the Rosary, Adoration, Confession

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.

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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 January 1	8:00 am (OLOL)	+Bob Mardis (by Fran Mardis)
TUE January 2	(OLOL) 5:30 PM (STJ)	NO Mass Mass
WED January 3	8:00 am (OLOL) 7:00 pm (STM)	Mass Adoration 8:30 am Mass
THURS January 4	(OLOL)	No Mass
FRIDAY Jan.5	8:00 am (STM) (OLOL)	Mass No Mass
Saturday Jan.6	5:00 PM (OLOL)	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
SUNDAY Jan.7	8:00 am (SMJ) 9:30 am (STM) 11:00 am (OLOL)	Mass Mass Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL	
Dec. 24/29	\$ 3,271.00
Capital Imp. Dec. 2023	\$ 2,347.00
CMAA 2023 As of Dec.24 (goal:\$12,900)	\$15,725.00
Food Pantry Dec Total	\$ 140.00
Yr to Date FP	\$ 324.00
	\$3,235.22

Special Collections

 Dec. 24/25
 Christmas Vigil
 Christmas Day
 \$ 5,726.00

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 January 6, 2024 5:00 pm		Patti Huppert	Carla Moxley	Needed	Deacon Paul Sarantakos
SUNDAY January 7 11:00 am Epiphany of the Lord	Needed	Lisa Heap	Marj Brown	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. 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.24/25 Sunday 11am (81) Christmas Vigil 4pm (100)Christmas (44)
 3rd Commandment: Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.

Parish Calendar and MORE (Subject to change)

Every Wednesday (4 pm) Choir practice... Jan. 3rd, 10th, 17, 24th, 31st

Sunday, December 31—Holy Family— Mass at OLOL 11:00 am
Monday, January 1—(New Years) Holy Family—Mass at OLOL 8:00 am
 (Fran Mardis—Lector)

Sunday, January 7—RE classes 9:30 am / Youth Group 7:00 pm
Sat., Jan. 13—Melinda Wilson from Life Scan Registration –after 5 pm Mass
Sun, Jan. 14—Melinda Wilson from Life Scan Registration—after 11 am Mass
 Sunday, January 14—RE Classes 9:30 am / Youth Group 7:00 pm
 Sunday, January 21— RE Classes 9:30 am / Youth Group 7:00 pm
 Friday, Jan. 26-Sunday, Jan. 28—Men’s Crusillo Weekend—see next page for info

Best Wishes for a Happy and Blessed New Year !!!



THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS , MARY AND JOSEPH

Despite the fact that stores are now selling candy for Valentine's Day, Christmas is not actually over. Christmas does not last only one day, and Christmas is not only a celebration of Christ's birth. Christmas is a season which begins on December 25 and lasts through early January. This Christmas season celebrates several mysteries, the first of which is Jesus' birth. Today we celebrate the second mystery of Christmas, the Holy Family of Nazareth.

The Church calls us to meditate on the Holy Family of Nazareth. In doing so, we realize that, just as celebrating Jesus' birth helps us reverence how human life is created in the Image of God, so our celebration of the Holy Family helps us reverence the human family as an image of the Church.

For many of us, the past week has presented opportunities to be with members of our families. And no matter what difficulties might exist within our families, time spent together helps us realize one of the facts that is rejected by the world in which we live, but preached as Truth by the Church: the fact that the family is the basis of all social life. The family teaches us "how to be with others", which in turn disposes us to carry out Jesus' second great command: to love our neighbor as oneself.

Those of us who are middle-aged often fall prey to thinking that what we do for others or give to others is what matters most. But those who have many years of life under their belts are like those who have very few years of life: they recognize that time spent with others is of much greater value than things given to others.

Spending time together on a regular basis may not seem to amount to much, but when that foundation is there, the love and care fostered supports them when they end up in a crisis, as all families occasionally do. The Holy Family, still weary from their journey to Bethlehem, and weary from searching through Bethlehem to find suitable lodging, were forced after Christ's birth to flee their country to the foreign land of Egypt out of fear for Jesus' life. This was only the first of many sorrows for the Holy Family that was predicted by Simeon in today's Gospel passage.

The habits of the Holy Family must be the habits of our own families. If we truly care for the members of our family, we are willing to both pray for each other's well-being, and willing to make whatever sacrifices are necessary to keep each other safe from the dangers of the world.

After the great sacrifices made during his infancy, Jesus grew up in the town of Nazareth under the care of his foster father, Saint Joseph, and his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. This life was not spectacular. From the time he was a baby to the time he was thirty years old, we know of only one thing that happened to Jesus: Mary and Joseph finding him in the temple. By and large, the first thirty years of Jesus' life were simple ones in which his mother and foster father made ordinary sacrifices for Jesus' well-being, day after day. The Holy Family prayed together as a devout Jewish family, and they took the steps necessary to care for one another. When Saint Joseph died, Mary and her son carried on alone. Yet no matter what God the Father asked of them, they prayed and acted together according to the Father's Will.

Today God presents the Holy Family as a treasure. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph were not only holy themselves: they help us to be holy. We all know that our world is troubled, and that our country is troubled. We don't have to dwell on that. But the cure is right here before us: to strengthen the family, to build up the family, and to improve family life through God, which in turn will build up the life of our community, country, and world.

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

January

Rosary Schedule

Wednesday 8:30 am (after Mass)

Saturday 4:15pm

Sunday 10:30am

Please try to pray, the Rosary, every day with your family.

Mary Queen of Peace Pray for Us.



2024 Altar Flowers Sign-Up

The clipboard is on the wall inside the back of the church. Please take a minute to look at the dates that are available. If you wish to be on the permanent list for particular weekend (s), please designate by putting a star (*) next to your name.

You will be billed by the florist for \$35.00.

The church doesn't bill any more.

Thank you in advance for helping to beautify our church.



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

January Altar Flowers

provided by :
January 1—Fran Mardis
Jan 6/7 —Jack and Susan Kollross
Jan. 13/14—Paul and Sarah Sarantakos
Jan. 20/21— Robert Bode
Jan. 27/28—Wanda Sweringen
The flowers are \$35.00 a bouquet.
You will be billed by the florist
Rural Rose of Fisher (217-897-1604)

Monday

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

Tuesday

January 2
Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
1 Jn 2:22-28
Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday

January 3
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 2:29-3:6
Jn 1:29-34

Thursday

January 4
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
1 Jn 3:7-10
Jn 1:35-42

Friday

January 5
St. John Neumann, Bishop
1 Jn 3:11-21
Jn 1:43-51

Saturday

January 6
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:5-13
Mk 1:7-11 or
Lk 3:23-38 or
3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Sunday

January 7
Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

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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(Lori Gale & Carla Moxley)

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mark Andreae (1/1)
Steve Killian (1/1)
Sophie Hafer (1/1)
Roger Reum (1/3)
Kristine Kutemeier (1/4)
Joyce Freehill (1/4)
Brooks Schmitt (1/5)
Haven Hathaway (1/6)
Jack Eichelberger (1/6)
Nick Roesch (1/7)

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.

