

## 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



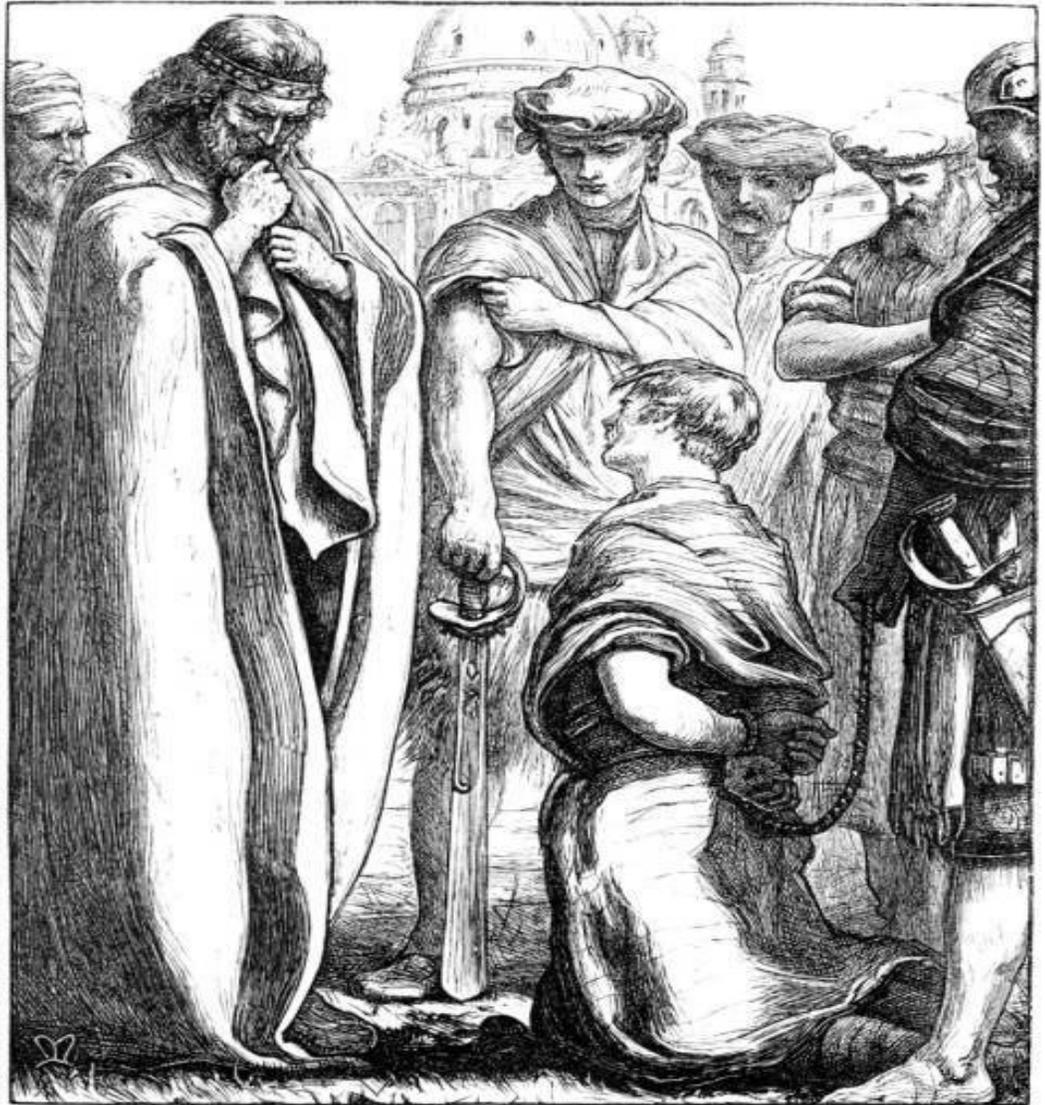
#### St. Joseph

312 N. Hickory Street  
Loda, IL 60948

#### Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 am  
Tuesday 5:30 pm

## September 17, 2023 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Mt 18:23-27** That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan.



### 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)**

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 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 18 <i>(Saint Joseph of Cupertino)</i>	No Mass
<b>TUE</b> September 19 <i>(Saint Januarius)</i>	NO Mass  5:30 PM (STJ) Mass
<b>WED</b> September 20 <i>(Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang)</i>	<i>Adoration</i> 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Mass 7:00 pm (STM)
<b>THURS</b> Sept. 21 <i>(Saint Matthew, Apostle of Jesus Christ)</i>	+Patrick Duffy (by Virginia Celeschi)
<b>FRIDAY</b> September 22 <i>(Saint Lorenzo)</i>	NO Mass 8:00 am (STM)
<b>Saturday</b> Sept. 23 <i>(Saint Pius of Pietrelcina)</i>	+Linda Martin (by Joan Cole)
<b>SUNDAY</b> Sept. 24 <i>(Twenty-Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time)</i>	8:00 am (STJ) 9:30 am (STM) 11:00 am (OLOL)  Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Mary's, and St Joseph

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL	
Sept. 9/10	\$2,091.00
Capital Imp. Sept. 2023	\$ 609.00
CMAA 2023 As of Sept. 10 (goal:\$12,900)	\$14,615.00
Food Pantry Sept. Total Yr to Date FP	\$55.00 \$ 140.00 \$2,315.00
<b>Special Collections</b> *****	
	

*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 Sept. 23, 2023 5:00 pm		Michelle Meyer	Carla Moxley	Chuck Aubry	Deacon Paul Sarantakos
SUNDAY Sept. 24, 2023 11:00 am <b>Twenty-Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time</b>	Beyers and Davis family	Sarah Sarantakos	Paul Sarantakos	Brett Beyers Craig Davis	

**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 Sept.9/10 Total attendance: 127 *Saturday 5pm (45) Sunday 11 am (82)*  
 3rd Commandment: Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.

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

**Every Wednesday** - Choir practice..... September 20th, 27th  
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Thursday, September 21—Dinner for One 4:40 to 6:30 pm Country Kettle RSVP  
 Parish Staff meeting 6:15 pm followed by Parish Council

**Sunday, September 24--NO RE Classes in preparation of Fr. Nestor's installation.**  
**Mass 11:00 am Bishop Hicks celebrating Father Nestor Sanchez installation.**  
**Please join us after Mass to celebrate Fr. Nestor's Installation.**

Sunday, October 1—9:30 am RE classes / Youth Group / *Catechist Meeting*  
 Sunday, October 8—9:30 am RE Classes / Youth Group / *Server Training*  
 Sunday, October 15—9:30 am RE Classes / Youth Group  
 11:00 am YOUTH Mass / Reconciliation Luncheon to follow



## Director of Religious Education

Our Lady of Lourdes held their 1st RE class on September 10th and all teachers, students and parents met with Father Nestor. Father Nestor is pleased to welcome Jean Wilhelmi as the new Religious Education Director of this year's Religious Education program.

Remember that your works on earth will be rewarded in heaven.



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

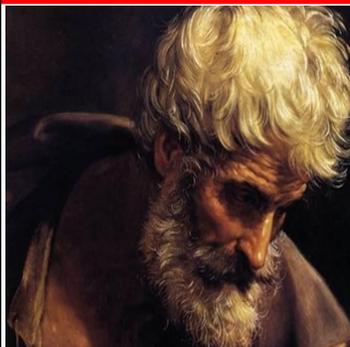


Mass is at 11:00am with *Bishop Ronald Hicks* presiding. After Mass, about Noon the super fun activities start....everything is FREE ! **Please contact Lori at the parish office to reserve your spot (217-784-4671).** We will have Hamburgers & Hots Dogs, Adult beverages, Live music from the Zack Avery Band, Face painting, Balloon Twisting, games for the kids, a religious items tent. 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. If you have questions about the event, contact Sarah Sarantakos 217-781-0528.

### Our Lady of Lourdes Ministries:

Patti Huppert is currently *updating* the lists for our ministries. Sign up sheets are at the back of the church on the podium. Please take a minute to update your contact information. Thank you !

- 1.) Funeral dinners (bring food and /or serve),
- 2.) Eucharistic Ministers (training available),
- 3.) Altar Servers (Training available),
- 4.) Lectors
- 5.) Ushers



### Saint Matthew, Apostle— Feast Day Thursday, September 21st.

Matthew (Apostle of Jesus Christ) was a Jew who worked for the occupying Roman forces, collecting taxes from other Jews. The Romans were not scrupulous about what the "tax farmers" got for themselves. Hence the latter, known as "publicans," were generally hated as traitors by their fellow Jews. The Pharisees lumped them with "sinners" (see Matthew 9:11-13). So, it was shocking to them to hear Jesus call such a man to be one of his intimate followers. Matthew got Jesus in further trouble by having a sort of going-away party at his house. The Gospel tells us that many tax collectors and "those known as sinners" came to the dinner. The Pharisees were still more badly shocked. What business did the supposedly great teacher have associating with such immoral people? Jesus' answer was, "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' I did not come to call the righteous but sinners" (Matthew 9:12b-13). Jesus is not setting aside ritual and worship; he is saying that loving others is even more important.

### Confession/ Reconciliation

#### Fr. Nestor Sanchez will hear your confession:

Every Wednesday at 8:30am to 9:00am  
Every Saturday at 4:30pm to 5:00pm  
Second Saturday of every month 10:00-11:00am

You may also call Fr. Nestor for an appointment to hear your confession. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, (No.1457) that all Catholics should go to confession at least once a year. Don't miss out on this incredible grace that Our Lord wants to bestow upon you!



### Psalm 103

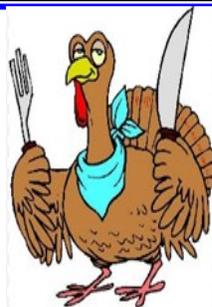
"The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion"



### September is Devoted to the Seven Sorrows of Mary (Rosary Schedule)

Wednesday 8:00am  
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.**



### Turkey Dinner Chairperson Needed ASAP.

Since the Smith family has moved to Missouri, we are in desperate need of a Turkey Dinner Chairperson to head up Our Annual Turkey Dinner which is scheduled for **Sunday November 12, 2023.**

Please contact Fr. Nestor or Lori Gale, the church secretary. Tannie has prepared a Dinner guide-book that is available to ease the planning of this annual event.

**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 /October Altar Flowers**

provided by :  
Sept. 16-17—Robb and Terry Fields  
Sept. 23/24—Margy Shambrook  
Sept 30 / Oct. 1—Lori Gale  
Oct. 7/8—Rob and Linda Schmitt  
Oct 14/15—Jerry and Marj Brown  
Oct 21/22—Jack and Susan Kollross  
Oct. 28/29—Gary and Jean Wilhelmi

**MONDAY**

September 18  
*Weekday*  
1 Tm 2:1-8  
Lk 7:1-10

**TUESDAY**

September 19  
*Weekday*  
1 Tm 3:1-13  
Lk 7:11-17

**WEDNESDAY**

September 20  
*Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, and Paul Chöng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs*  
1 Tm 3:14-16  
Lk 7:31-35

**THURSDAY**

September 21  
*St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*  
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13  
Mt 9:9-13

**FRIDAY**

September 22  
*Weekday*  
1 Tm 6:2c-12  
Lk 8:1-3

**SATURDAY**

September 23  
*St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest*  
1 Tm 6:13-16  
Lk 8:4-15

**SUNDAY**

September 24  
*Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Is 55:6-9  
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a  
Mt 20:1-16a

**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



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)

**Fr. Nestor Sanchez Email:**

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**Deacon Paul Sarantakos Email:**

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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 is **Sept 21st**. Please **RSVP by Sept. 20th**. (Sarah Sarantakos Coordinator/Our Lady of Lourdes) 217-781-0582 email [sarah.sarantakos1@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.sarantakos1@gmail.com)



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Marie Davis (9/17)  
Patricia Huppert (9/18)  
Jodi Beyers (9/18)  
Fred Sarantakos (9/18)  
Georgia Lynch (9/19)  
Emma Kurtenbach (9/20)  
Amy Stoltz (9/22)  
Thomas Hathaway (9/22)  
Martha Heavilin (9/24)

*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](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.