

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 5:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 am

Wednesday 8:00 am

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Wednesday

(Following 8:00 am Mass)

Confession

Wednesday—8:30 am-9:30 am

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 5:30 pm

Confession - Sunday 7:30am

January 12, 2025 Baptism of our Lord



Lc 3:21-22

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

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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 13	(OLOL)	No Mass
TUE January 14	(OLOL) 5:30 pm (STM)	No Mass Mass
WED January 15	8: 00am (OLOL) 8:30—9:30 am (OLOL)	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners Adoration
THURS January 16	5:30 pm (STJ)	Mass
FRI January 17	8:00 am (STM)	Mass
SAT. January 18	5:00 PM (OLOL)	+ Kim Obert (by Paul Obert)
SUNDAY Jan. 19	8:00 am (STJ) 9:30 am (STM) 11:00 am (OLOL) 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time	Mass Mass +Francie Kollross (by Jack and Susan Kollross)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL	
Jan. 4/5	\$2,504.00
Capital Imp. January 2025	\$ 507.00
CMAA 2024 (goal:\$ 14,000) (thru Dec 29)	\$16,895.00
Food Pantry Jan Total Yr to Date FP	\$ 91..00 \$ 91.00 \$ 91.00

Special Collections

Christmas Dec 24/25
\$5,018.00

Solemnity of Mary
Jan. 1 - \$918.00

Ministry Schedules

Date	Altar Servers	Lector	Euch. Minister / Sacriston	Ushers/Greeters	Homebound Ministry
Ministry Volunteers Contact Patti Huppert (217-778-4574)					Deacon Paul (217) 781-1440
SATURDAY January 18 5:00 pm		Fran Mardis	Fran Mardis	(January) Bob Bode Rob Kollross	Deacon Paul Sarantakos
SUNDAY January 19 11:00 AM (2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time)	(January) Kinley Beyers Lane Beyers	Marj Brown	Jerry Brown	(January) Brett and Jodi Beyers	

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 Jan 4 *Saturday* (59) Jan 5 *Sunday* (54) = Total 113

3rd Commandment: Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.

Parish Calendar and MORE (Subject to change)

Every Wednesday (4 pm) Choir practice ... Jan 15th, 22nd, 29th

Dates to be Announced

2025 Calendars Available,
 at the back of the church.
 Courtesy of Day Drainage.
 We thank Dan Day and family for the lovely calendars again this year.
 We all appreciate your generosity !!!
 Happy New Year !!!



NOTE from the Editor !!
 Please email the office when you have any announcements you want to be included in the bulletin.
 Thank you !!!!

January 12, 2025

We are told that we are baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection, and that baptism is necessary for our salvation. But why was Jesus baptized?

Jesus was baptized, not because he needed saving, but so that others might be saved. By accepting baptism, he established this act as the normative path for salvation. Saint John Chrysostom addressed this question: "Though [Christ] needed not baptism for his own sake, yet carnal nature in others had need thereof." Or as St. Gregory Nazianzen said more poetically: "Christ was baptized that he might plunge the old Adam entirely in the water."

Another reason Jesus accepted baptism is suggested by St. Augustine. He said our Lord was baptized "because he wished to do what he had commanded all to do." This is true servant leadership—not asking of others what one is not willing to do oneself. Or as St. Ambrose said, "This is justice, to do first thyself that which thou wishest another to do, and so encourage others by thy example."

Perhaps as we launch into a new year, we might try to remember our baptismal promise to "put on Christ" and imitate Jesus in this way: to not ask of anyone—our children or parents; employers or employees; teachers or students; principals or pastors; or even presidents—what we do not ask of ourselves, especially when it comes to honesty, dedication, civility, and charity. ●

The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

January 12, 2025

The Baptism of the Lord (C)

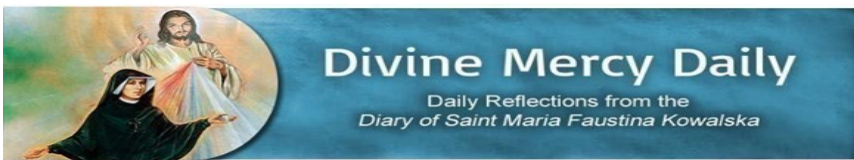
Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 / Acts 10:34-38
or Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 / Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The Spirit that descended upon Jesus is the same Spirit with which we have been baptized. In one way or another, it calls us out into the world, into the lives of others. At times, that call is a passionate desire that burns like fire "eager to do what is good," as Paul wrote to Titus (Titus 2:14). It shows itself as a call to the work we do in life—perhaps parenting, teaching, medical work, or creating jobs through business. The Spirit beckons us into making the world a better place in which to live.

Sometimes, however, the Spirit's voice echoes with calls made to us by others. Teachers are urged to become principals. Employees are recognized as potential managers and supervisors. People receive requests to volunteer in community or school projects. At other times, the Spirit calls us through the needs of life. A child may need to care for an aged parent. A family may have a child with special needs. One-sided relationships may call for a listening ear that saps our patience.

Saint Paul wrote to Titus that, in all of this, we are being trained by God's Spirit to live life as follows: temperately, with a sense of balance, perhaps between giving and receiving; justly, because life is not all about us; and devoutly, for there is a power greater than ourselves (Titus 2:12). It may help to realize that those in training do not always perform their work perfectly. It is the nature of being trained. Trust the Spirit to train you well. ●



At the Conclusion of the Retreat

Thank you, Eternal Love, for Your inconceivable kindness to me, that You would occupy Yourself directly with my sanctification. — My daughter, let three virtues adorn you in a particular way: humility, purity of intention, and love. Do nothing beyond what I demand of you, and accept everything that My hand gives you. Strive for a life of recollection so that you can hear My voice, which is so soft that only recollected souls can hear it ... (Diary, 1779). (Prayer) Thank You, Lord, for summarizing Your teaching on sanctification by saying that we should practice three special virtues: humility, purity of intention, and love. Help us to be recollected, so we can always hear Your voice teaching us. Bless us, Lord, in the New Year. Help us put this teaching into practice

Please try to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet every day at 3:00pm for this is when Our Lord Jesus Christ gave us his life for sins. If you cannot pray at that time, take at least a moment at 3:00pm to feel the inconceivable, abundant Mercy that falls from heaven every day at 3:00pm for the whole world. Jesus, I Trust In You!

January Rosary Schedule

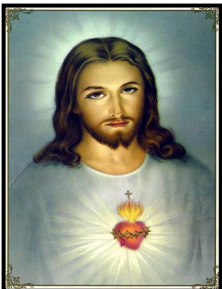
Wednesday 8:30 am (after Mass)

Saturday 4:15pm

Sunday 10:30am

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

Mary Queen of Peace Pray for Us.



Every Wednesday

Mass 8:00 am

Eucharistic

Adoration

8:30 am to 9:30 am

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 have any questions, please call Fran Mardis at (217) 784-8515

Confession/Reconciliation



Fr. Nestor will hear your confession

Every Wednesday at 8:30am

Every Saturday at 4:30pm

By Appointment 217-784-4671 (Leave a Message) The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, (No.1457) that all Catholics should go to confession at least once a year.

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!!

May your heart be filled with happiness and peace as you begin a new year of hope and promises.
God Bless you and your families !!!

Event: Men's Cursillo Weekend Scheduled

When: February 14-16, 2025

Where: St Patrick's, Urbana

Contact : Bruce Killian or Jerry Brown for more information

Additional formation will be forthcoming.

NOTE ** Bulletin submissions should be received by WEDNESDAY at 5:00 pm.**
Email to office@ololg.org. Or call and leave message at the parish office (217) 784-4671

2024-2025 Parish Council

Pam Aubry (President)
 (217-781-1237)
 Roy Acree (217-649-2263)
 Fran Mardis (217-784-8515)
 Jodi Beyers (815-848-3371)
 Bernie Campos (217-898-3448)
 Beth Baillie (217-954-8003)
 Please contact these dedicated people
 if you have any concerns or suggestions
 about church related issues.

January Altar Flowers provided by :

January 11/12 –Paul and Sarah Sarantakos
 January 18/19—
 January 25/26—Wanda Swearingen

The flowers are \$35.00 a bouquet.

You will be billed by the florist
Rural Rose of Fisher (217-897-1604)

MONDAY

January 13
Weekday
 Heb 1:1-6
 Mk 1:14-20

TUESDAY

January 14
Weekday
 Heb 2:5-12
 Mk 1:21-28

WEDNESDAY

January 15
Weekday
 Heb 2:14-18
 Mk 1:29-39

THURSDAY

January 16
Weekday
 Heb 3:7-14
 Mk 1:40-45

FRIDAY

January 17
St. Anthony, Abbot
 Heb 4:1-5, 11
 Mk 2:1-12

SATURDAY

January 18
Weekday
 Heb 4:12-16
 Mk 2:13-17

SUNDAY

January 19
*Second Sunday
 in Ordinary Time*
 Is 62:1-5
 1 Cor 12:4-11
 Jn 2:1-11

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 / Sarah Sarantakos
 Jerry Lynch, Sr. / Roger and Edna Huppert
 Robert (Sonny) Meyer / Lloyd Power

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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Deacon Paul Sarantakos Email:

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**HAPPY
 BIRTHDAY**

Isabel Eichelberger (1/12)
 Marj Brown (1/18)
 Nora McCall (1/18)
 Paula Cyphert (1/22)

Happy Anniversary

Terry and Joyce Hutchcraft (1/12)

God Bless 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@caw.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, or have moved to a care
 facility.

To have a Eucharistic Minister bring
 Holy Communion to you,
 Please contact :

Deacon Paul Sarantakos (217-781-1440)

I Am Here.



Come Visit Me.



Adoration

I bow before the Father who made me.
 I bow before the Son, who saved me.
 I bow before the Spirit who guides me.
 In love and adoration, I give my lips,
 I give my heart, I give my mind,
 I give my strength.
 I bow and adore thee,
 Sacred Three, the Ever One,
 The Trinity.