

## 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 5:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 am

Wednesday suspended

## Eucharistic Adoration

Canceled until further notice

## 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 suspended until notice

Friday until notice

#### Eucharistic Adoration

Friday suspended until notice

#### Confession

Friday suspended until notice



### St. Joseph

312 N. Hickory Street  
Loda, IL 60948

#### Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 am

Thursday suspended until notice

**Confession** – Sunday 7:30am

**December 14, 2025  
Third Sunday of Advent**



Matthew 11:2-11 When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we look another?” Jesus said to them in reply, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me.”

As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, “What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you: he will prepare you way before you.*

Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

**Pastor**

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**Deacon**

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Margy Shambrook

217-781-0089

**Parish Council President**

Pam Aubry

217-781-1237

**Ministry Schedules**

Date  
 Ministry Volunteers  
 Contact  
 Patti Huppert  
 (217-778-4574)

Altar ServersLectorEuch. Minister /  
SacristonUshers/GreetersHomebound  
MinistryDeacon Paul  
(217) 781-1440

SATURDAY  
 Dec.20  
 5:00 pm

Fran Mardis

(December)  
neededDeacon  
Paul  
Sarantakos

SUNDAY  
 Dec. 21  
 11:00 AM  
 (3rd Sunday of  
 Advent)

(December)  
neededSarah  
Sarantakos(December)  
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.**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.Monday, Dec. 15 **(OLOL)**Tuesday, Dec. 16 **(OLOL)**WED Dec.17 **8:00 am (OLOL)****Mass (Fr Dong celebrating)**THURS Dec. 18 **(STM)**FRI Dec. 19 **(STM)**SAT. Dec. 20 **5:00 PM (OLOL)****+ Dorita Bechtel**  
(by Houser and Bechtel Families)SUNDAY Dec. 21 **8:00 am (STJ)****9:30 am (STM)****11:00 am (OLOL)****(4th Sunday of Advent)****Mass**

Mass

**+Sonny Meyer**

(Doris Freehill family)

**THANK YOU FOR****YOUR GIFTS****OLOL**Dec. 6 /7 **\$6,876.00**Capital  
(as of Dec.7) **\$521.00**CMAA 2025  
(goal:\$13,000)(Pledged  
\$17,345.00 )  
as of Nov.30 **\$16,845.00**Bal. Due  
**\$500.00**Food Pantry  
Dec. Total **\$ 30.00**Yr to Date FP **\$ 30.00****\$3,989.00****Special Collections**

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**Immaculate Conception**

Dec. 8th

**\$520.00**Mass Attendance Dec.6 Saturday (47) Dec.7 Sunday (71) = Total 118  
3rd Commandment: Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.**Parish Calendar and MORE (Subject to change)****Every Thursday (3 pm) Choir practice ...Dec. 18th**

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Sunday, Dec. 14—**3rd Sunday of Advent**Sunday, Dec. 21—**4th Sunday of Advent**

RE Students/Parishioners Brunch &amp; Program noon /Blue Christmas Service 5:00 pm (OLOL)

Saturday, Dec 27—Mass OLOL 5:30 pm

Sunday, Dec. 28th—Holy Family of Jesus, Mary Joseph —Mass OLOL 11 am

Sunday, Dec. 28th 5pm—

United Methodist Church hosts '**Christmas Sanctuary**'— All are invited



**RE Student and Parishioner Brunch Dec. 21st**  
 Hosted by Our Lady of Lourdes  
 After the 11am mass.  
 Enjoy a delicious breakfast,  
 a short Christmas music sing, door prizes,  
 fun and fellowship.  
 Please plan to attend !!!

**Gibson City Area Churches gathering for Healing and Hope  
*Blue Christmas Service***

**Where—Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**

**When—December 21st ....5:00 pm**

**On the Longest Night, your grief matters to God ....and to us.**

Participating churches include,; Bible Church, Catholic Church, First Christian Church, First Presbyterian Church, St. Peter Free Lutheran Church and United Methodist Church



**'Travelling Mary'** is a an event you should consider taking part in. It involves taking the 'Travelling Mary' Statue home for one week, place her in a place of honor, and pray together with your family at least once a day. Make her welcome in your home. Mary will stay in your home for 1 week.... (from Sunday to Saturday). She is to be returned to the church before Saturday evening Mass, so the next family can pick her up. The sign-up sheet is at the back of the church. So far everyone has been very excited over this endeavor. We would like to continue this at least thru this year, and perhaps beyond.

Dec.14 - 20 —Fran Mardis

Dec. 21—27—Pat Harper

Dec 28—Jan 3, 2026- Lisa Heap



**Christmas Eve Vigil Mass**  
 6:00 pm Our Lady of Lourdes

**Christmas Day Mass**  
 9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

**Holy Family Sunday (12/28/2025)**  
 5:00 pm Saturday (OLOL)  
 11 am Sunday (OLOL)

**New Years Day Mass**  
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
Holy Day of Obligation  
 8:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes



**Catholic Ministries  
 Annual Appeal**  
 Diocese of Joliet

We have reached our parish **goal of \$13,000.00** this year and have just a little bit more to reach our 'pledged amount' of \$17,345.00 Remember that 70% of the amount over our goal will be returned to our parish for our needs.

Thank you in advance for your continued support !!!



**Dinner for One Invitation**

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 and have some laughs and a delicious meal.

**When: Thursday, December 18, 2025**

**Where: Country Kettle 810 S Sangamon Ave. Gibson City**

**Time: 4:30pm-6:30pm Dinner: 5:00pm**

**Cost: What you order from menu**

**(Alcohol Available) RSVP: by the 17th, 2025**

(Please Call, Text, or Email Sarah Sarantakos Coordinator/

Our Lady of Lourdes) 217-781-0528 or

email Sarah.Sarantakos1@gmail.com

# Good News!

**December 14, 2025**

**Third Sunday of Advent (A)**

**Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 / James 5:7-10 / Matthew 11:2-11**

**FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR**

We sometimes imagine that a sign of a strong faith is firm conviction and freedom from doubt. However, despite our imaginings, the authentic experiences of saints and ordinary people alike seem to point in another direction. The question of John the Baptist today—"Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" (Matthew 11:3)—suggests that John is filled with questions, and these are important questions because they are asked from the depths of King Herod's prison, which is not exactly the place of idle musings or concerns.

If John, who is a great saint and a man who encountered Jesus and witnessed the powerful manifestation of the Holy Spirit at his baptism, can have a question, doesn't it suggest that questions are acceptable—perhaps even needed? Perhaps questioning is an indication of faithfulness, not a lack of faith. Questions do not suggest that something is missing; rather, they confirm that something is growing and developing. The Baptist could just have easily said, "Jesus, you are doing and saying more than I ever imagined possible. Please help me to understand," or, to quote an unnamed saint, "I do believe, help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24).

God will not shatter, and faith will not collapse, because you have questions or doubts.

Experience suggests that questions and doubts strengthen our belief and our commitment to a life of faith. ●



**PS 146 Lord, come and save us.**



**December Rosary Schedule**

**Saturday 4:15pm**

**Sunday 10:30am**

**Please try to pray the Rosary**

**every day with your family.**

**Mary Queen of Peace, Pray for Us.**

**NOTE \*\*\*\*** Bulletin submissions should be received by **WEDNESDAY** at 5:00 pm.

Email to [office@ololgc.org](mailto:office@ololgc.org). Or call and leave a message at the parish office (217) 784-4671

### 2024-2025 Parish Council

Pam Aubry (President)  
(217-781-1237)  
Fran Mardis (217-784-8515)  
Jodi Beyers (815-848-3371)  
Bernie Campos (217-898-3448)  
Beth Baillie (217-954-8003)  
Teresa Smith (208-243-2475)

Please contact these dedicated people if you have any concerns or suggestions about church related issues.



John Martin (12/13)  
Chuck Aubry (12/15)  
Maggie Davis (12/17)  
Rucker Parsons (12/21)

*Happy Anniversary*

Paul and Mary Geurts (12/13)

God Bless our Parish Family !



### 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).



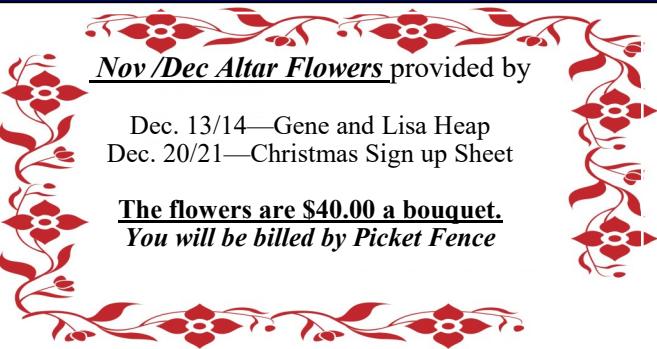
### Homebound Ministry

is always available for Catholics who cannot come to Mass because they are in the hospital, recovering at home, sick at home, 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)



### Nov/Dec Altar Flowers provided by

Dec. 13/14—Gene and Lisa Heap  
Dec. 20/21—Christmas Sign up Sheet

**The flowers are \$40.00 a bouquet.  
You will be billed by Picket Fence**



### Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Brian Sullivan / Terry Hutchcraft

Joyce Pearson / Fran Mardis

Rosanne Miller / Ken Freehill

Pat Huth / Gary Gale /Paula Cyphert

Sarah Sarantakos / Jerry Lynch, Sr.

Roger Huppert / Lloyd Power

Donata Burnes

Martha Benefiel Heavilin

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@ololgc.org](mailto:office@ololgc.org).



### Our Lady of Lourdes Social Media Sites

Please check them out for an abundance of information.

Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/ololgc.org](https://www.facebook.com/ololgc.org)

Website: [www.ololgc.org](http://www.ololgc.org)

Office Email: [office@ololgc.org](mailto:office@ololgc.org)

(Lori Gale & Carla Moxley)

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# FAITH

**(F) FORWARDING  
(A) ALL  
(I) ISSUES  
(T) TO  
(H) HEAVEN**

### MONDAY

December 15  
Advent Weekday

Nm 24:2-7,  
15-17a

Mt 21:23-27

### TUESDAY

December 16  
Advent Weekday

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13  
Mt 21:28-32

### WEDNESDAY

December 17  
Advent Weekday

Gn 49:2, 8-10  
Mt 1:1-17

### THURSDAY

December 18  
Advent Weekday

Jer 23:5-8  
Mt 1:18-25

### FRIDAY

December 19  
Advent Weekday

Jgs 13:2-7,  
24-25a  
Lk 1:5-25

### SATURDAY

December 20  
Advent Weekday

Is 7:10-14  
Lk 1:26-38

### SUNDAY

December 21  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14  
Rom 1:1-7

Mt 1:18-24