

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 suspended

Eucharistic Adoration

Cancelled 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 your 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.

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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.		
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 Yr to Date FP	\$ 30.00 \$ 30.00 \$3,989.00

Special Collections

Immaculate Conception
Dec. 8th
\$520.00

*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 Dec.20 5:00 pm		Fran Mardis	_____	(December) needed	Deacon Paul Sarantakos
SUNDAY Dec. 21 11:00 AM (3rd Sunday of Advent)	(December) needed	Sarah 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.

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

Sunday, Dec. 14—3rd Sunday of Advent

Sunday, Dec. 21—4th Sunday of Advent
 RE Students/Parishioners Brunch &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

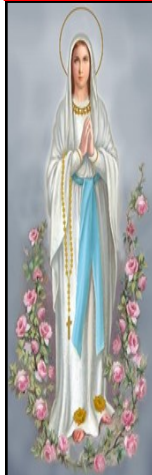
Blue Christmas Service

Where—Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

When—December 21st5:00 pm

On the Longest Night, your grief matters to Godand 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



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@ololg.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.

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

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

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@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**

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@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)

FAITH

(F) FORWARDING

(A) ALL

(I) ISSUES

(T) TO

(H) HEAVEN