

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

Wednesday 8:30 am

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 8:00 am Mass

Confession

Friday following 8:00 am Mass



St. Joseph

312 N. Hickory Street

Loda, IL 60948

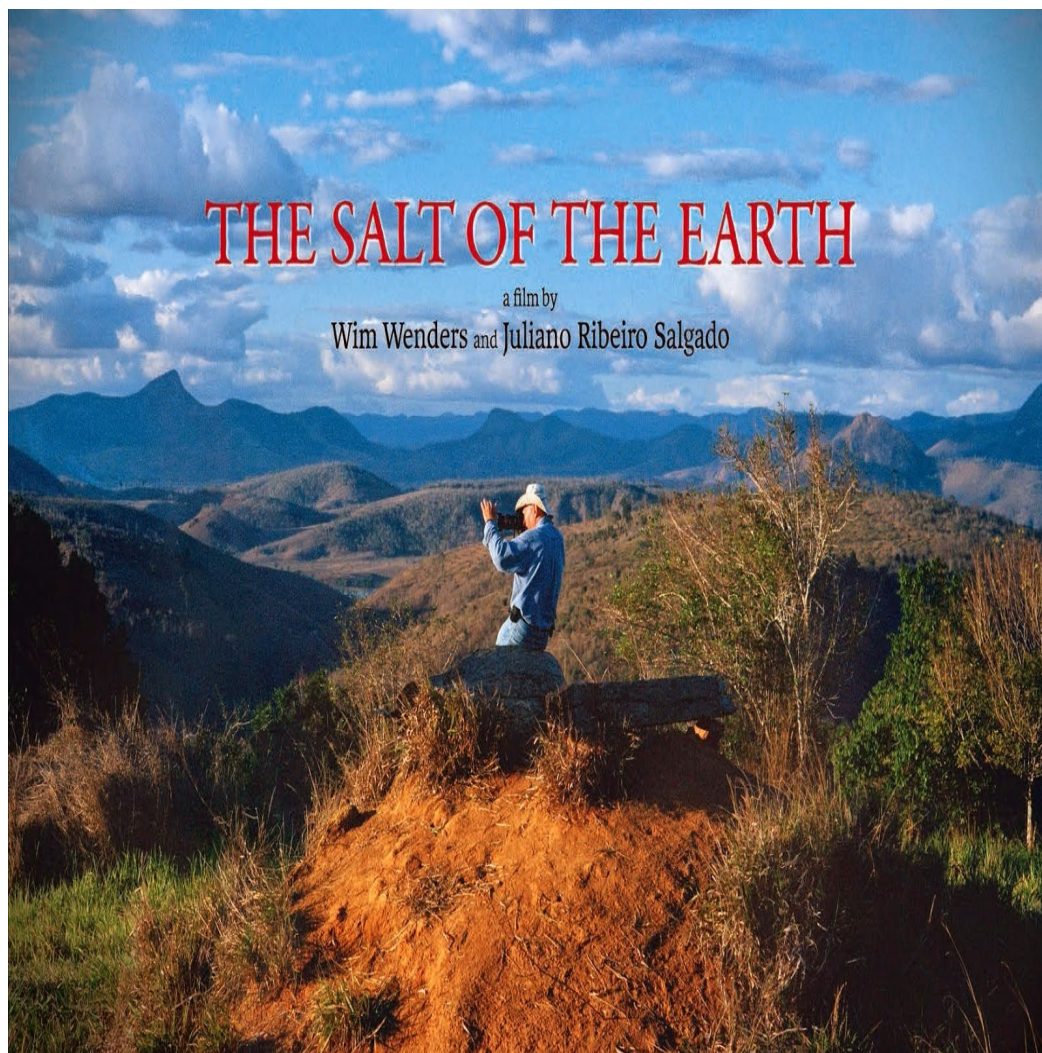
Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 am

Thursday 5:30 pm

Confession - Sunday 7:30am

February 8, 2026 5th Sunday Ordinary time



Mat. 5:13-16 Jesus said to his disciples: “You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”

I Am Here.



Come Visit Me.



Eucharistic Adoration

Every Wednesday Mass—8:00 am

Followed by the Rosary, Confession, Adoration
8:30 to 9:30 am

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

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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, Feb 9		
Tuesday, Feb 10	5:30 pm (STM)	Mass
WED Feb 11	8:00 am (OLOL) 8:30 am (OLOL)	+Peg Bane (by family) Adoration
THURS Feb 12	5:30 pm (STJ)	Mass
FRI Feb 13	8:00 am (STM)	Mass
SAT. Feb 14	5:00 pm (OLOL)	+Dorita Bechtel (by Rich and Diane Perkins)
SUNDAY Feb 15	8:00 am (STJ) 9:30 am (STM) 11:00 am (OLOL) (6th Sunday Ordinary Time)	Mass Mass + Roger Huppert (by Margie Shambrook)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL	
Jan. 31/Feb.1	\$2,767.00
Capital (as of Feb.1)	\$600.00
CMAA 2026 (goal:\$15,700)	\$ 0.00
2025 CMAA	\$17,365.00
Food Pantry	\$ 55.00
Feb. Total	\$ 55.00
Yr to Date FP	\$ 365.00
Special Collections ***** Jan. 24/25 Church in Latin America \$367.00	

*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 Feb.14 5:00 pm		Lloyd Powers	_____	(February) needed	Deacon Paul Sarantakos
SUNDAY Feb.15 11:00 AM (6th Sunday Ordinary Time)	(February) needed	Alyce Hafer	_____	(February) 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 Jan.31 <i>Saturday</i> (46) Feb.1 <i>Sunday</i> (63) = <i>Total 109</i> 3rd Commandment: Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.	
Parish Calendar and MORE (Subject to change)	
Every Thursday (3 pm) Choir practice ...February 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th ***** February 15—NO RE class Wednesday, Feb 18th—Ash Wednesday Mass— Our Lady of Lourdes 8:00 am Ash Wednesday Service—United Methodist Church 5:30pm Thursday Feb 19—Dinner for One—reservations by Feb 18 Stay tuned —more announcements coming	

What to Give Up...

Give up complaining ...	focus on Gratitude
Give up pessimism ...	become an Optimist
Give up worry ...	trust Divine Providence
Give up bitterness ...	turn to Forgiveness
Give up hatred ...	return Good for evil
Give up negativism ...	be Positive
Give up anger ...	be More Patient
Give up pettiness ...	become Mature
Give up gloom ...	enjoy the Beauty all around you
Give up jealousy ...	pray for Trust
Give up gossiping ...	control your Tongue
Give up sin ...	turn to Virtue
Give up giving up ...	Hang in there!



The 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun !!!

This year's theme is :

Beyond All Expectations: Faith that Elevates!

Through the CMAA, we ensure Christ's mission and ministries reach everyone. We provide shelter for the homeless, feed the hungry, support vocations, and educate the next generation of Catholics. Our parish cannot accomplish this alone. As a diocese, we can so much more. Our parish goal is \$ 15,700.00. We receive 70% of any amount raised over goal to use within our parish. Please review your mailing from the Diocese of Joliet and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's appeal. If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office. **Pledge envelopes will be distributed this month.**



'**Travelling Mary**' is 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.

Feb. 8- 14—Fran Mardis

Feb. 15- 21—Carla Moxley

Feb 22- 28—Marj and Jerry Brown



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, February 19, 2026

Where: Country Kettle 810 S Sangamon Ave. Gibson City

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

Cost: Order from menu (Alcohol Available)

RSVP: by the 18th (for making reservations)

(Please Call, Text, or Email Sarah Sarantakos Coordinator/Our Lady of Lourdes) 217-781-0528 or email Sarah.Sarantakos1@gmail.com

Dear Padre

February 8, 2026

Are the readings at the beginning of Mass equal to the celebration of the Eucharist?

The Mass is celebrated in two major parts: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. These parts complement each other in a balance of word and sacrament. In his 2004 apostolic letter *Mane Nobiscum Domine* (Stay With Us Lord), Pope St. John Paul II described these complementary elements. Using the story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus on the night of Easter Sunday, the Pope likened the two parts of the revised liturgy to these disciples' journey. First, Christ breaks open the word for them, preparing their hearts with an interpretation of the Scriptures. Then, they recognize Christ as they break bread.

The Liturgy of the Word, proclaimed and preached well, allows time for silence and reflection on the wisdom offered. It becomes the necessary overture for the celebration of thanks and praise and the gift of the sign and sacrament to follow. Parishes are called to take the Liturgy of the Word most seriously and to bring it to a new level of proclamation. Pope St. John Paul II admonished all involved, but especially preachers, to cherish the word and preach it so the depths of the mysteries celebrated may be recognized and received into the burning hearts of Christians. In this context, the Scripture readings are given a prominence they didn't have in the older Roman rite. ●

From *The Eucharist: 50 Questions from the Pews* by Fr. Richard Fragomeni, PhD (816994), © 2009 Liguori Publications

Attention :

Our Lady of Lourdes needs **1 council member** immediately and **2 more in July**. Also in need of a **new Religious Education Director** after this school year. Please contact the Parish Council for more information.

Volunteers NEEDED >>>>>>Choir members, Ushers, Altar servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are needed as we start 2026. Please send an email to the rectory or leave a message if you are available to serve our parish in any of these capacities. Your choice of dates !! **God Bless you !!**

From the Parish office —Please note

Flowers for 2026—There are still a few weeks available for signing up for flowers. The list is on the clipboard at the back of the church. Please review and pick what weekend you would like to honor a loved one or special occasion.



PS 112:4-5

The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.



February Rosary Schedule

Wednesday—8:30 am

Saturday 4:15pm

Sunday 10:30am

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

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

2025-2026 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.

February Altar Flowers provided by

Feb. 7/8-Gene and Lisa Heap
Feb. 14/15—Jack and Susan Kollross
Feb 18 to April 2—No flowers for LENT

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

MONDAY

February 9
Weekday
1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13
Mk 6:53-56

TUESDAY

February 10
*St. Scholastica,
Virgin*
1 Kgs 8:22-23,
27-30, Mk 7:1-13

WEDNESDAY

February 11
Weekday
1 Kgs 10:1-10
Mk 7:14-23

THURSDAY

February 12
Weekday
1 Kgs 11:4-13
Mk 7:24-30

FRIDAY

February 13
Weekday
1 Kgs 11:29-32;
12:19. Mk 7:31-37

SATURDAY

February 14
*Sts. Cyril, Monk,
and Methodius,
Bishop*
1 Kgs 12:26-32;
13:33-34
Mk 8:1-10

SUNDAY

February 15
*Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time*
Sir 15:15-20
1 Cor 2:6-10
Mt 5:17-37 or
5:20-22a, 27-28,
33-34a, 37

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.
Lloyd Power / Donata Burnes/ Peter Erdmann
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

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jim Ruddy (2/7)
Kingston Jennings (2/9)
Mary Laughery (2/13)
Alex Bane (2/14)
Zophia McGuire (2/14)
Jessica DeYoung (2/15)

Happy Anniversary

Robert and Cheryl Bode (2/14)

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)

A note concerning Hall Rental—

When using the Hall during the
winter months, please turn the
thermostat down to 68 degrees be-
fore leaving. The thermostat has
been left at a higher temp lately
and the bill is getting quite costly.
Thank you for your cooperation !!!