

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 7:30 am

February 15, 2026
6th Sunday Ordinary time



Reconciliation

Mt 5:23-24

Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

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

Pastor

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217-379-4033 (STM)

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Parish Council President

Pam Aubry
217-781-1237

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 16		
Tuesday, Feb 17	5:30 pm (STM)	Mass
WED Feb 18	8:00 am (OLOL) ASH WEDNESDAY 8:30 am (OLOL)	Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Adoration
THURS Feb 19	5:30 pm (STJ)	Mass
FRI Feb 20	8:00 am (STM)	Mass
SAT. Feb 21	5:00 pm (OLOL)	+Pete Hartford (by Audrey Chapman)
SUNDAY Feb 22	8:00 am (STJ) 9:30 am (STM) 11:00 am (OLOL) (1st Sunday of Lent)	Mass Mass + Carol Obert (by Paul Obert family)

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR GIFTS
OLOL**

Feb.7/8	\$3,531.00
Capital (as of Feb.8)	\$810.00
CMAA 2026 (goal:\$15,700)	\$ 0.00
2025 CMAA	\$17,365.00
Food Pantry Feb. Total	\$ 55.00
Yr to Date FP	\$ 365.00

Special Collections

Sunderland Scholarship
Feb 14/15

Ash Wednesday
Feb.18

**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 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 Feb 7 *Saturday* (50) Feb.8 *Sunday* (59) = *Total 109*
3rd Commandment: Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.

Parish Calendar and MORE (Subject to change)

Every Thursday (3 pm) Choir practice ...February 12th, 19th, 26th

February 15—NO RE class

Sunday, February 15— Father Dong's Last day at OLOL—God Bless you

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

WE at Our Lady of Lourdes want to thank Farther Dong for leading us in our Faithful journey recently. This will be his last weekend before winging his way back to California and warmer weather. It was so very nice of you Father Dong and we wish you many more blessings !!!

Congratulations to **Bishop Dennis Spies** on his appointment to Apostolic Administrator of Joliet Diocese on February 6, 2025. God Bless you !

Ash Wednesday Service
Feb 18—8:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes

Community Ash Wednesday Service
Feb 18 United Methodist Church 5:30 pm

Community Midweek Lent Service
(Each Wednesday at noon)
Feb. 25— Our Lady of Lourdes (Gibson)
March 4—St Peter Free Lutheran Church (Melvin)
March 11—United Methodist Church (Gibson)
March 18—Our Lady of Lourdes (Gibson)
March 25—1st Christian Church (Gibson)



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 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.

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 15, 2026

My grandkids' parents don't want them to be baptized. Can I do it myself secretly so as not to cause problems?

Your concern is understandable, but secret baptisms are prohibited in the Catholic Church. The decision to baptize a child is determined by his or her parents. To secretly usurp their decision may cause problems of its own. For an infant to be baptized, "The parents or at least one of them or the person who legitimately takes their place must consent," and "There must be a founded hope that the infant will be brought up in the Catholic religion" (Code of Canon Law, 868 §1). An exception is permitted when the child's life is in immediate danger: "An infant of Catholic parents or even of non-Catholic parents is baptized licitly in danger of death, even against the will of the parents" (CCL 868 §2). Here, the Church's pastoral concern is for the child to receive the immediate graces from the sacrament; the question of raising the child in the faith becomes moot in a life-or-death situation.

"Since the earliest times, baptism has been administered to children, for it is a grace and a gift of God that does not presuppose any human merit.... Entry into Christian life gives access to true freedom" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1282). Continue to pray that your family may see baptism as a sign of God's love, which offers true freedom for humanity. ●

Fr. Byron J. Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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 119:1-2

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord !



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@ololgc.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. 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 16
Weekday

Jas 1:1-11
 Mk 8:11-13

TUESDAY

February 17
Weekday

Jas 1:12-18
 Mk 8:14-21

WEDNESDAY

February 18
Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18
 2 Cor 5:20-6:2
 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

THURSDAY

February 19
Thursday after
Ash Wednesday

Dt 30:15-20
 Lk 9:22-25

FRIDAY

February 20
Friday after
Ash Wednesday

Is 58:1-9a
 Mt 9:14-15

SATURDAY

February 21
Saturday after
Ash Wednesday

Is 58:9b-14
 Lk 5:27-32

SUNDAY

February 22
First Sunday
of Lent

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7
 Rom 5:12-19 or
 5:12, 17-19
 Mt 4:1-11

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@ololgc.org.

Our Lady of Lourdes Social Media Sites

Please check them out for an
 abundance of information.

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www.facebook.com/ololgc.org

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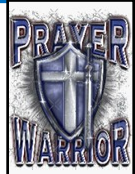
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jessica DeYoung (2/15)
 Camden Nuss (2/16)
 Benjamin Freehill (2/17)
 Nathan Giroux (2/21)

Happy Anniversary

Robert and Cheryl Bode (2/14)
 Ted and Peggy Grote (2/17)

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

(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 !!!