

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

Priest—Father MM

Parish Office Secretary
Tuesday 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

Adoration

Tuesdays 8:00 am - 5:15 pm

1st Friday of month—1 hr after 8 am Mass

Confession

Tuesday 4:30 to 5:00 pm

1st Friday of the month during Holy Hour

1st Sat. of the month - 8:30 - 8:50 am



St. Joseph

312 N. Hickory Street

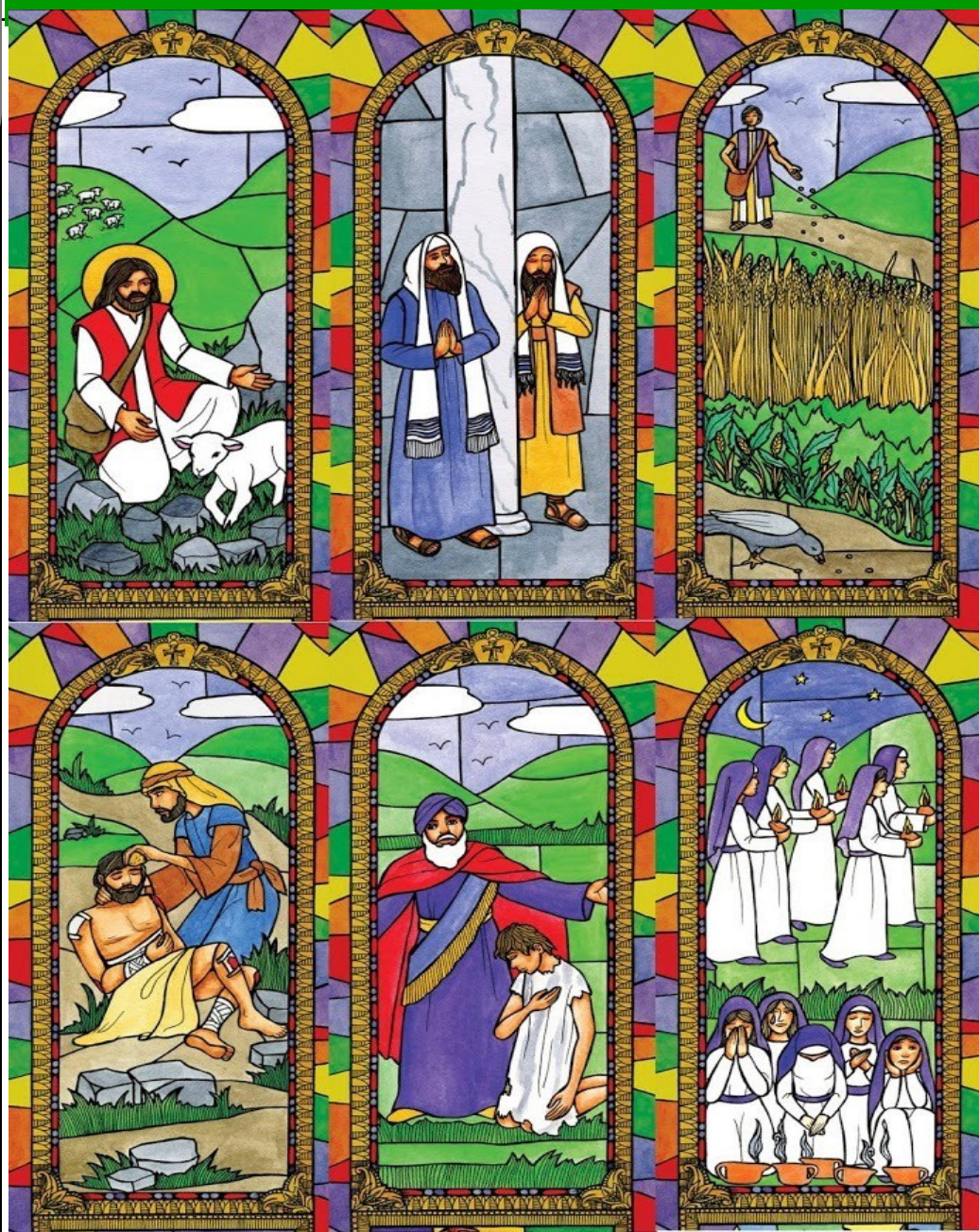
Loda, IL 60948

Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 am Thursday 5:30 pm

Confession - Sunday 7:30 am

July 19, 2026 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mt 13:34-35 All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables. He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation (of the world).".

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

A NOTE from St.Mary's office to their parishioners:

If you attend Mass in Gibson City at Our Lady of Lourdes, we ask that you do **NOT** put your envelopes in the Our Lady of Lourdes collection basket. For the safety of your money, please simply deposit your envelope in our collection the next time you attend Mass at St. Mary or St. Joseph. Currently these few envelopes are either having to be mailed or transported via Father and we are concerned they may get lost in transit. Thank you !!!

FAITH

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



'Traveling Mary' is an event you should consider taking part in. It involves taking the 'Traveling 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.

July 19-25—Carla Moxley

July 26– August 1—Fran Mardis

Can you identify the below email addresses ?? Please notify the office if your email address has changed. Thank you

- 1.) allen1967@_____.net 2.) eichelbergert@_____.com
3) Paubry227@_____.com 4.) mogrl62@_____.com
5.) beyersfarms@_____.com 6.) jmb301@_____.com
7.) jeb1851@_____.com 8.) bnbcampos@_____.com
9.) ccimino302@_____.com 10.) jessica.deyoung07@_____.com
11.) Dritan.dragu@_____.com

Waterers for Summer 2026

Monday - Georgia Lynch
Tuesday—Terri Davis
Wednesday -Parker Hathaway
Thursday -Margy Shambrook
Friday -Anthony Gonzalez
Saturday—Spencer Kleist
Sunday—Georgia Lynch



July / August Rosary Schedule

Wednesday—8:30 am

Saturday 4:15pm

Sunday 10:15am

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



Good News!

July 19, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Wisdom 12:13, 16–19 / Romans 8:26–27 / Matthew 13:24–43 or 13:24–30

MIGUEL DULICK

Jesus loved parables. “He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: ‘I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation [of the world]’” (Matthew 13:34–35).

Indeed, parables spring from creation itself. Wheat and weeds grow, a natural process, just waiting for Jesus to read the kingdom of heaven hidden within. Jesus doesn't force an interpretation on these elements; he, more than anyone, follows his own advice: “Whoever has ears ought to hear” (Matthew 13:43).

Matthew is the only gospel writer who records this parable. Maybe he liked it because it's his own story. Among the beautiful wheat of the chosen people, he was an ugly weed, a tax collector for the Roman Empire. Once Jesus plucked him from obscurity to follow him, Matthew might have thought, *Why didn't God just strike me dead for all the poison I spread among my own brethren?*

Now, in the parable, the weeds never become wheat, and they indeed meet a terrible fate, but the point is to let the wheat and weeds grow together, lest we uproot the wheat when we pull up the weeds. Oftentimes, it's difficult to tell the difference. Those who are “wheat” should not find excuses to separate from those judged to be “weeds.” The risk is too great for the damage we may do. Let God do the separating in God's own time. ●



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Lord, you are good and forgiving.

To Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners:

We welcome **Kathleen Partain** as our new RE Director. Mrs. Partain is anxious to meet the families and children to the upcoming RE School year.

Volunteers NEEDED >>>>>>

Choir members, Ushers, Altar servers (adults welcome), Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are needed as we continue in 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. Thank you!!

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)
 Martha Heavilin (309-826-4532)
 Bernie Campos (217-898-3448)
 Beth Baillie (217-954-8003)
 Teresa Smith (208-243-2475)
 Michael Smith (815-216-8704)

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

July/August Altar Flowers provided by

July 18/19—John and Joan Cole
 July 25/26—Kevin and Lea Ann Seymour
 August 1/2—Gene and Lisa Heap
 August 8/9—Chuck and Pam Aubry

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

MONDAY

July 20
 Weekday
 Mi 6:1-4, 6-8
 Mt 12:38-42

TUESDAY

July 21
 Weekday
 Mi 7:14-15,
 18-20
 Mt 12:46-50

WEDNESDAY

July 22
 St. Mary
 Magdalene
 Sg 3:1-4b or
 2 Cor 5:14-17
 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

THURSDAY

July 23
 Weekday
 Jer 2:1-3, 7-8,
 12-13
 Mt 13:10-17

FRIDAY

July 24
 Weekday
 Jer 3:14-17
 Mt 13:18-23

SATURDAY

July 25
 St. James, Apostle
 2 Cor 4:7-15
 Mt 20:20-28

SUNDAY

July 26
 Seventeenth
 Sunday in
 Ordinary Time
 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12
 Rom 8:28-30
 Mt 13:44-52
 or 13:44-46

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

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.

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/ololgc.org

Website: www.ololgc.org

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Lori Gale—secretary

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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@cawt.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 before leaving. When using the Hall during **summer months**, the thermostat should be set at 72 degrees. Thank you for your cooperation !!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Roy Acree (7/19)
 Paul Sarantakos (7/20)
 Erin Nuss (7/23)
 Hannah Hathaway (7/23)
 Emily Allen (7/24)
 Corey Nuss (7/26)
 Jennifer Freehill (7/28)
 Robert Bode (7/29)
 Gaines Parsons (7/31)
 Marcus Miguel (7/31)

Happy Anniversary

Kevin and Lea Ann Seymour (7/25)
 Daniel and Allison Kleist (7/31)

