

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

August 16, 2026 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mt 15:21-28 Then Jesus went from that place and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not say a word in answer to her. His disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did him homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that hour.

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, August 17	No Mass	
Tues, Aug. 18	8 am to 5:15 pm (STM) 5:15 PM (STM)	Adoration Benediction
WED, Aug. 19	8:00 am (OLOL) 8:30 am (OLOL)	+Roger Huppert (by Margy Shambrook) Adoration
THURS, Aug.20	5:30 pm (STJ)	Mass
FRI, Aug.21	8:00 am (STM) 1st Friday of the Month	Mass Adoration for 1 hour after Mass
SAT, August 22	5:00 pm (OLOL)	+Dorita Bechtel (by Stephen Coffey)
SUN. August 23	8:00 am (STJ) 9:30 am (STM) 11:00 am (OLOL) (21st Sunday Ordinary Time)	Mass Mass +Kevin Obert (by Paul Obert)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL	
August 8/9	\$ 2,807.00
Capital (as of August9)	\$ 647.00
CMAA 2026 (goal:\$15,700) As of 8/09/2026	\$10,925.00
Food Pantry August Total Yr to Date FP	\$43.00 \$108.00 \$2,289.00

Special Collections

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15/16

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 August 22 5:00 pm		Patti Huppert	Jean Wilhelmi	(August) Bob Bode	Deacon Paul Sarantakos
	SUNDAY August 23 11:00 am (21st Sunday Ordinary Time)	(August) Needed	Lisa Heap	Lisa Heap	(August)	

Mass Attendance Aug 8 Saturday (55) Aug 9 Sunday (72) = Total 127
 3rd Commandment: Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.

Parish Calendar and MORE (Subject to change)

Choir Practice, Thursday at 3:00 pm August 20th and 27th

Monday, August 17—Cursillo women—6:30 pm at the Hall

Thursday, August 20—Dinner for One —(see info on next page)

Thursday, August 20—GCAH Blood Drive (see info on next page)

Monday, August 24—Cursillo women—6:30 pm at the Hall

Friday, August 28 to Sunday, August 30— Men’s Cursillo, Mahomet ..(see next page)

Monday, August 31—Cursillo Women—6:30 pm at the Hall

September—Order of Christian Initiation for Adults to start—

Leaders : Father MM and Deacon Paul Date, time and place to be announced

October 11—Church Picnic—Need a Chairperson — details to come

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 Office@ololgc.org

Marriage/RCIA
 Call the Rectory at least six months before. A six month preparation time is required.

Become an Agent of Hope

In a recent message to Catholic Charities, Pope Leo XIV reminded us that we are called to be "**Agents of Hope**" by bringing Christ's love to those in need.

During Catholic Charities Month (**August**), we invite you to join that mission. Your support helps provide food, shelter, counseling, senior services, and compassionate care to people throughout the Diocese of Joliet, offering hope when it is needed most. Together, we can be Agents of Hope.

To learn more or make a gift, visit

www.catholiccharitiesjoliet.org or call 815-724-1140.

Thank you and God bless you!

O CIA Will Start in Late September

Do you know of someone who is interested in becoming Catholic? Fr. MM and Deacon Paul will be starting O CIA - Order of Christian Initiation for Adults in September. The location will be determined by the interest. Anyone who is interested, please reach out to Father.



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Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.



'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.

August 16-22 -Jean Wilhelmi

August 23-29 -Deacon Paul and Sarah Sarantakos



August Rosary Schedule

Wednesday—8:30 am

Saturday 4:15pm

Sunday 10:15am

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

Gibson Area Hospital and Health Services Blood Drive Celebrate !! More Life !!! Give Blood !

**Sponsored by GCAH and Health Services and
Hospital Auxiliary**

Thursday, August 20, 2026

11:00 am to 5:30 pm

First Presbyterian Church-Fellowship Hall

401 North Church, Gibson City

Please call for an appointment (1-800-733-2767)

Bring a photo ID or your Blood Donor Card

Religious Education Registration 2026-2027

A note from Kathleen Partain, RE Director:

Registration for the 2026-2027 RE program took place after all Masses over the last 2 weekends. If you missed those opportunities and still need to register your children, please call Kathleen at 217-772-3029.

Classes are planned to begin **after Labor Day**, with the exact date to be announced once finalized. Registered families will be notified as soon as the schedule is confirmed. We look forward to welcoming our students and families for a wonderful year of growing together in faith !

Men's Cursillo Weekend August 28-30

"Is Jesus Calling You?"

To be held at : Our Lady of the Lake Church

501 W State St., Mahomet, IL

Call or text for more information,

Brian Killian at 309-261-0168



Save the Date !!!

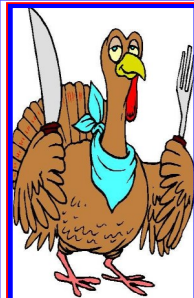
Scheduled for October 11th.

We **DO** NEED a person to step up to be **Chairman (HOST)** of this annual event.

We **NEED** you!!!

1.)Martha Heavilin will be making phone calls, 2.) need someone to pick up the supplies prior to the event. 3.) Sarah Sarantakos will be stocking and manning the 'religious' tent.

Please contact Lori at office@ololgc.org



Our Lady of Lourdes is beginning to plan our Annual Turkey Dinner, to be held on Sunday, November 8, 2026. We do need a **Chairman (HOST)** for this annual event. Again, please contact Lori at office@ololgc.org as soon as possible to get things rolling.

We are in need a Youth Director, as Maggie Davis is stepping down. Jodi Beyers will continue to help until a Director is in place. Contact Kathleen Partain.

Can you identify the below email address??

Please notify the office if you have changed your email.

Thank you

1.) ldelost@ _____



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, August 20, 2026

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

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

Cost: Order from menu (Alcohol Beverages Available)

RSVP: by the August 19h (for making reservations)

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

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.

August Altar Flowers provided by

August 15/16—Lisa Heap
August 29/30—Regina Johnson

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

MONDAY

August 17
Weekday
Ez 24:15-23
Mt 19:16-22

TUESDAY

August 18
Weekday
Ez 28:1-10
Mt 19:23-30

WEDNESDAY

August 19
Weekday
Ez 34:1-11
Mt 20:1-16

THURSDAY

August 20
St. Bernard, Abbot
and Doctor of the
Church
Ez 36:23-28
Mt 22:1-14

FRIDAY

August 21
St. Pius X, Pope
Ez 37:1-14
Mt 22:34-40

SATURDAY

August 22
The Queenship of
the Blessed Virgin
Mary
Ez 43:1-7ab
Mt 23:1-12

SUNDAY

August 23
Twenty-first
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Is 22:19-23
Rom 11:33-36
Mt 16:13-20

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 / Bob Wright

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

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Rich Baillie (8/17)
Jane Skinner (8/18)
Craig Davis (8/18)
John Koopman (8/18)
Paul Obert (8/21)
Bruce Killian (8/21)
Patricia Huth (8/23)

Happy Anniversary

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

Summer Hall Rental—

When using the Hall during summer months, the thermostat should be set at 78 degrees before leaving. When using the Hall during the winter months, please turn the thermostat down to 68 degrees before leaving
Thank you for your cooperation !!!