

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 23, 2026 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mt 16:16-19

Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

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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 24	No Mass	
Tues, Aug. 25	8 am to 5:15 pm (STM) 5:15 PM (STM)	Adoration Benediction
WED, Aug. 26	8:00 am (OLOL) 8:30 am (OLOL)	+William D Seymour (by Brad and Linda Long) NO Adoration (Aug 26th)
THURS, Aug.27	5:30 pm (STJ)	Mass
FRI, Aug. 28	8:00 am (STM) 1st Friday of the Month	Mass Adoration for 1 hour after Mass
SAT, August 29	5:00 pm (OLOL)	+Edna Huppert (by John/ Mary Ellen Leonard)
SUN. August 30	8:00 am (STJ) 9:30 am (STM) 11:00 am (OLOL) (22nd Sunday Ordinary Time)	Mass Mass +Sonny Meyer (by Margy Shambrook)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL	
August 15/16	\$ 2,058.00
Capital (as of Aug.16)	\$ 647.00
CMAA 2026 (goal:\$15,700) 8/16/2026	\$11,025.00
Food Pantry August Total Yr to Date FP	\$67.00 \$175.00 \$2,356.00

Special Collections

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15/16

\$740.00

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 August 29 5:00 pm		Patti Huppert	Fran Mardis	(August) Bob Bode	Deacon Paul Sarantakos
	SUNDAY August 30 11:00 am (22nd Sunday Ordinary Time)	(August) Needed	Alyce Hafer	Jerry Brown	(August)	

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.

Mass Attendance Aug 15 *Saturday* (57) Aug 16 *Sunday* (52) = *Total* 109
 3rd Commandment: Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.

Parish Calendar and MORE (Subject to change)

Choir Practice, Thursday at 3:00 pm August 27th, Sept. 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

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

Late 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

November 8—Annual Turkey Dinner—Chairman Alyce Hafer.....details to come

Watch for more to come !!!

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.



In need of Altar servers !!
"Your commitment to the altar is not only a duty but a great honor, a true holy service" ~ Pope JP II

Our Lady of Lourdes is seeking additional altar servers to assist Father MM in the sacred space at the altar during Mass. Being an altar server is a privilege because of its proximity and importance to the Mass. An altar server is entrusted with serving the priest in the act of sacrifice. God blesses altar servers with additional graces separate from the grace received from participation in Holy Mass. **Both children who have had their 1st Communion or adults are able to serve.** Full training and guidance will be provided. If you are interested in learning how to become an altar server, please contact Father MM, Deacon Paul, or leave a message at the rectory.



PS 138 Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.



'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 23-29 -Deacon Paul and Sarah Sarantakos
August 30-Sept.5—Ann and Stan Alt



August/ September Rosary Schedule
Wednesday—8:30 am
Saturday 4:15pm
Sunday 10:15am

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

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!

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 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 !

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.



Deacon Paul would like to sincerely thank everyone for the calls, cards, and prayers he has received celebrating his 10th anniversary as a Deacon. We are fortunate to have Deacon Paul and his family in our Parish. God Bless you, Deacon Paul for many many years. !!!

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,
Bruce 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. **Alyce Hafer** has accepted the Chairman position for this year. Calls and contacts will be made to organize assignments and needs for the event. Let's make 2026 the best Turkey Dinner ever !!!



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, September 3rd and 17th, 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 Sept. 2nd or Sept. 16th (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.

Aug./Sept. Altar Flowers provided by

August 22/23— Regina Johnson
 August 29/30 Rob and Sandy Kollross
 Sept. 5/6—Gene and Lisa Heap
 Sept. 12/13—Doug and Tammy Parsons
 Sept. 19-20—Margy Shambrook

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

MONDAY

August 24
St. Bartholomew, Apostle
 Rv 21:9b-14
 Jn 1:45-51

TUESDAY

August 25
Weekday
 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17
 Mt 23:23-26

WEDNESDAY

August 26
Weekday
 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18
 Mt 23:27-32

THURSDAY

August 27
St. Monica
 1 Cor 1:1-9
 Mt 24:42-51

FRIDAY

August 28
St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 1 Cor 1:17-25
 Mt 25:1-13

SATURDAY

August 29
The Passion of St. John the Baptist
 1 Cor 1:26-31
 Mk 6:17-29

SUNDAY

August 30
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Jer 20:7-9
 Rom 12:1-2
 Mt 16:21-27

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

Patricia Huth (8/23)
 Carla Moxley (8/24)
 Sarah Sarantakos (8/24)
 Michelle Rosenbaum (8/25)
 Lizzie Giroux (8/25)
 Monique Cullotta (8/31)
 Delbert Tjarks (8/31)

Happy Anniversary

Mark and Jane Skinner (8/25)

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@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

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 !!!