

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 30, 2026 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mt 16:24-26 Take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life?

Priest
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 217-379-4033 (STM)

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 Assistant—Jodi Beyers

Music Director
 Margy Shambrook
 217-781-0089

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 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, August 31	No Mass	
Tues, Sept. 1	8 am to 5:15 pm (STM) 5:15 PM (STM)	Adoration Benediction
WED, Sept. 2	8:00 am (OLOL) 8:30 am (OLOL)	+Edna Huppert (by Mary Meyer) Adoration
THURS, Sept.3	5:30 pm (STJ)	Mass
FRI, Sept.4	8:00 am (STM) 1st Friday of the Month	Mass Adoration for 1 hour after Mass
SAT, Sept.5	5:00 pm (OLOL)	+Dorita Bechtel (by Houser and Bechtel Families)
SUN, Sept.6	8:00 am (STJ) 9:30 am (STM) 11:00 am (OLOL) (23rd Sunday Ordinary Time)	Mass Mass +Carol Obert (by Paul Obert)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL	
August 22/23	\$ 2,185.00
Capital (as of Aug.23)	\$ 672.00
CMAA 2026 (goal:\$15,700) 8/23/2026	\$11,175.00
Food Pantry August Total	\$52.00
Yr to Date FP	\$227.00
	\$2,408.00

Special Collections

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
August 15/16
\$890.00

Capital Sept.5/6

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 September 5 5:00 pm		Fran Mardis	Marj Brown	(September) Bob Bode	Deacon Paul Sarantakos
SUNDAY September 6 11:00 am (23rd Sunday Ordinary Time)	(September) Needed	Marron Parsons	Sarah Sarantakos	(September)	

Mass Attendance Aug 22 *Saturday* (48) Aug 23 *Sunday* (63) = *Total* 111
 3rd Commandment: Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.

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.

Parish Calendar and MORE (Subject to change)

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

 Monday, August 31 ~Cursillo Women~6:30 pm at the Hall
 Wednesday, Sept. 2 ~ 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus monthly meeting at Paxton
 Saturday, Sept. 12~ Refresher course for Eucharistic Ministers for new members ~ 6:00—6:30 pm after Mass
 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 ~ Chairman Marth Heavilin— details to come
 November 8 ~ Annual Turkey Dinner ~ Chairman Alyce Hafer.....details to come

OCIA Will Start in Late September

Do you know of someone who is interested in becoming Catholic? Fr. MM and Deacon Paul will be starting OCIA - 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 JPII

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 63 : My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.**



'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 30-Sept.5 ~ Ann and Stan Alt
Sept.6-12 ~Beth Baillie



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.



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

Religious Education Registration 2026-2027

A note from Kathleen Partain, RE Director:

Registration for the 2026-2027 RE program will take place after all Masses Aug. 29 and 30th. 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.

Eucharistic Ministers —Please save the Date ...

September 12th 6:00 –6:30 pm (after Mass)

Father MM will be holding a Refresher Course for our current Ministers, and New Instruction for anyone who would like to join our group. This is another special way to serve our Lord and Parish. Please plan to attend.

Important Notice ~Starting Sept.1st, please send any information you want or need printed in the weekly bulletin to

Bulletin@ololg.org

The information needs to be submitted every Monday no later than 6:00 pm (NO EXCEPTIONS)



I personally want to thank you all for your input and support over the past years. It has been my pleasure !
Keep Smilin' ~ Carla Moxley



Save the Date !!!

Scheduled for October 11th.

Thank you Martha Heavlin who has stepped up to be **Chairman (HOST)** of this year's event. Please contact Martha (309-826-4532) to volunteer your help.



Our Lady of Lourdes is beginning to plan our Annual Turkey Dinner, to be held on Sunday, November 8, 2026. Thank you **Alyce Hafer** who 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 !!!

PRAYER TO RISE AGAIN WHEN YOU FALL

Dear God,

Life hasn't been easy lately and it feels like I've hit rock bottom. Nothing I try seems to work out and everything is just falling apart.

I feel defeated and it makes me want to give up. So I come before you in prayer, to please come to my aid.

Help me Lord, for I'm tired. Save me, for I am drowning. It feels like I can't do this anymore, please be my strength and help me to rise again. Please give me the courage to keep on trying. Strengthen my hope in you and help me persevere in Jesus name,

Amen

NOTE (Effective September 1, 2026)** Bulletin submissions should be emailed to Bulletin@ololgc.org.
Information needs to be submitted no later than 6:00 pm every Monday (no exceptions)**

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.

September Altar Flowers provided by

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 31
Weekday
1 Cor 2:1-5
Lk 4:16-30

TUESDAY

September 1
Weekday
1 Cor 2:10b-16
Lk 4:31-37

WEDNESDAY

September 2
Weekday
1 Cor 3:1-9
Lk 4:38-44

THURSDAY

September 3
St. Gregory the
Great, Pope and
Doctor of the
Church
1 Cor 3:18-23
Lk 5:1-11

FRIDAY

September 4
Weekday
1 Cor 4:1-5
Lk 5:33-39

SATURDAY

September 5
Weekday
1 Cor 4:6b-15
Lk 6:1-5

SUNDAY

September 6
Twenty-third
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Ez 33:7-9
Rom 13:8-10
Mt 18:15-20

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.

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www.facebook.com/ololgc.org

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Monique Cullotta (8/31)
Delbert Tjarks (8/31)
Will Baillie (9/3)
Paul Baillie (9/3)
Kinley Beyers (9/4)

Happy Anniversary

Angelo and Monique Cullotta (9/1)

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 be-
fore leaving.** When using the Hall
during the winter months, please
turn the thermostat down to 68 de-
grees before leaving
Thank you for your cooperation !!!