

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
Phone & Fax (217) 784-4671

General Information
office@ololgc.org

Website www.ololgc.org

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 7:00 am/ 11:00 am

Wednesday 8:00 am

Thursday 4:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Wednesday

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

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

Wednesday 7:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday following 8AM Mass

Confession

Friday following 8AM Mass



St. Joseph

312 N. Hickory Street
Loda, IL 60948

Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 am

Tuesday 5:30 pm

Confession - Sunday 7:30am

February 19, 2023 7th Sunday Ordinary Time



ASH WEDNESDAY—February 22, 2023

(Fasting - No Meat)

8:00 am Mass and Ashes

5:30 pm Prayer Service with
Holy Communion and Ashes



Mt 5:46-48

For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.



Eucharistic Adoration—Every Wednesday

8:00am Mass

8:30 am to 4:00 pm Adoration

8:30 am - 9:00 am Confession

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet Prayed

4:00 pm Benediction

If possible, please sign up when you can be at Adoration. The sign-up sheet is on the podium at the entrance of church. 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) Loretta Power—Coordinator (309-530-7121)

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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.	
MON February 20	No Mass
TUE February 21	8:00 AM (OLOL) Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners 5:30 PM (STJ)
WED February 22	8:00 AM (OLOL) Mass and Ashes (Ash Wednesday) 5:30 pm—Communion Service and Ashes (NOTE) Adoration 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
THURS February 23	4:00 PM (OLOL) Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners (St. Polycarp)
FRIDAY February 24	6:00 PM (OLOL) Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners Followed by Stations of the Cross at 6:30
Saturday February 25	5:00 PM (OLOL) Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
SUNDAY February 26	7:00 am (OLOL) Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners 1st Sunday of Lent 8:00 AM (STJ) 9:30 AM (STM) 11:00 AM (OLOL) +Steve Chapman (by Audrey Chapman)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL	
Feb 11/12	\$ 3,628.00
Capital Imp. February 2023	\$658.00
CMAA 2023 (goal:\$ 12,900)	\$0.00
Food Pantry Feb. Total	\$55.00
Yr to Date FP	\$ 103.00
	\$366.00

Special Collections

 February 11/12
Sunderland Scholarship
\$408.00

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister / Sacriston	Ushers/Greeters	Homebound Ministry
Ministry Volunteers Contact Patti Huppert (217-778-4574)					Deacon Paul (217) 781-1440
SATURDAY February 25, 2023 5:00 PM	None	James Meyers	Denis Fisher	TBA	Feb 19th To March 5th Lisa Heap
SUNDAY Feb 26, 2023 7:00 am / 11:00 AM 1st Sunday of Lent	7:00 am - None 11:00 am— Davis Family	7:00 am - Needed 11:00 am - Maggie Davis	7:00 am Carla Moxley 11:00 am— Rob Kollross	7:00 am-None 11:00 am- Volunteers	

Ministry Schedules

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. Dong at (217)784-4671

Emergency (630)456-5406

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

Parish Calendar

Every Wednesday—Adoration (see front page for details)
Every Wednesday - Feb. 22, March 1, March 8, March 15, March 22, March 29
 Choir practice 4:00 pm-5:00 pm

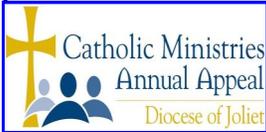
Sunday, February 19—Religious Ed 9:30 am / Youth Group 9:30 am
Wednesday, February 22—Ash Wednesday (beginning of Lent) Fasting / No Meat
 Sunday, February 26—Religious Ed 9:30 am / Youth Group 9:30 am (1st Sunday of Lent)
 Sunday, March 5-Religious Ed 9:30 am / Youth Group 9:30 am (Catechist Appreciation Dinner)
 Saturday, March 11— Food Pantry (Our Lady of Lourdes to assist)
 Sunday, March 12—Religious Ed 9:30 am / Youth Group 9:30 am
 Sunday, March 19—No Religious Ed (Spring Break)

Prayer Chain



OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRAYER THREADS

This PRAYER CHAIN for those in need of prayer support. If you would like to be a 'Prayer Warrior' in the prayer chain 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 chain).



The 2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

Your gift to CMAA makes a difference !

This is Commitment Weekend for the 2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), when we commit our support for the mission and ministries of the Diocese of Joliet. This year's CMAA theme is We Belong to God. We must work together to ensure all feel included in our community of faith. Through our annual appeal, our parish joins with the other parishes in the diocese to help the poor and vulnerable, form our children in the faith and strengthen vocations. We could not accomplish these and the many other ministries the CMAA supports on our own. Seventy percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us, which is a wonderful opportunity for our parish. Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support our annual appeal and help our parish reach its **\$12,900.00** goal. To make a gift, complete and return one of the pledge envelopes in church today. In advance of your support, thank you !!!



During this Lenten Season, What Can I give up or do more?

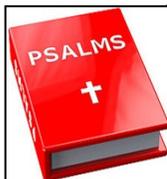
- Give up complaining - Focus on Gratitude
- Give up pessimism - Become an optimist.
- Give up harsh Judgments-Think kind thoughts.
- Give up worry - Trust Divine Providence.
- Give up Discouragement-be full of hope.
- Give up bitterness - turn to forgiveness.

- Give up hatred-Return good for evil.
- Give up negativism - be positive.
- Give up anger- be more patient.
- Give up pettiness - be more mature
- Give up gloom - enjoy the beauty that is all around you.
- Give up jealousy - pray for trust.
- Give up gossiping - control your tongue.
- Give up sin - turn to virtue.
- Give up giving up - hang in there!



Every Friday during Lent at Our Lady of Lourdes

Mass 6:00 pm / Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm
February 24, March 3, March 10, March 17, March 24, March 31, April 7 (Good Friday)
Please make this a 'thing to do' during this Lenten Season.



(Ps 103)

"The Lord is kind and Merciful"



Every Sunday after the 7:00am Mass.

Fellowship will meet in the Rectory Kitchen. Coffee and pastries available. All are Welcome. Contact Lori Gale for any questions. (309-475-9261)



February Rosary Schedule (Devotion to the Holy Family)

- Tuesday 7:30 am before Mass
- Wednesday 8:30 am after Mass
- Thursday 3:30 pm before Mass
- Friday 3:30 pm before Mass
- Saturdays 4:15 pm before Mass
- Sundays 10:30 am before Mass

(Please try to pray the rosary every day this month)

**Mary Queen of Peace,
Pray for us.**

2022—2023 Parish Council

- President-Marj Brown (217-377-3132)
 - Vice President -Alyce Hafer (217-745-2411)
 - Secretary-Jody Goodin (217-377-5208)
 - Fred Sarantakos (217-781-1813)
 - Dr. Dritan Dragu
 - Roy Acree (217-649-2263)
- Please contact these dedicated people if you have any concerns or suggestions about church related issues.

Parish Office Hours

Located at the Rectory next to the church,
534 N Wood, Gibson City
Monday: 4:30 pm
Thursday: 4:30 pm
Lori Gale, Church Secretary
Phone: 217-784-4671
Note- the office will be closed on Federal Holidays

Altar Flowers provided by :

February 18/19—Denis/Cherry Fisher
February 25-April 8—No flowers for Lent

The flowers are now \$35.00 a bouquet.
You will be billed by the florist Rural Rose of Fisher, not the church. Thank you !!!



- Benjamin Freehill (2/17)
- Nathan Giroux (2/21)
- Kate McCall (2/22)
- Ryan Miller (2/24)
- Audrey Killian (2/25)
- Stanley Davis (2/26)
- Diane Perkins (2/26)

Happy Anniversary

- Ted and Peggy Grote (2/17)
- Lloyd and Loretta Power (2/19)

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

- Brian Sullivan / Emma Davis
- Terry Hutchcraft / Joyce Pearson
- Fran Mardis / Rosanne Miller
- Connie Cimino / Ken Freehill
- Mae Gardner / Pat Huth
- Linda Martin / Peg Bane
- Peter Hartford



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@lolgc.org.

NOTE ** Bulletin submissions should be received by WEDNESDAY at 5:00 pm.
Call the parish at 217-784-4671 or email to office@ololgc.org.**



Always Be Merciful

[After St. Faustina fed a poor young man a bowl of soup, she writes:]

As I was taking the bowl from him, he gave me to know that He was the Lord of heaven and earth. ... I heard these words in my soul: My daughter, the blessings of the poor who bless Me as they leave this gate have reached My ears. And your compassion, within the bounds of obedience, has pleased Me, and this is why I came down from My throne — to taste the fruits of your mercy (Diary, 1312). Then I heard the words, I am glad you behaved like My true daughter. Be always merciful as I am merciful. Love everyone out of love for Me, even your greatest enemies, so that My mercy may be fully reflected in your heart (Diary, 1695).

(Prayer) Lord Jesus, help me to "Be Merciful Just as Your Father is merciful" (Lk 6:36). May I always be merciful - always, everywhere, and to everyone.

Please try to pray the *Divine Mercy Chaplet every day at 3:00pm* for this is when Our Lord Jesus Christ gave us his life for sins. If you cannot pray at that time, take at least a moment at 3:00pm to feel the inconceivable, abundant Mercy that falls from heaven every day at 3:00pm for the whole world. **Jesus, I Trust In You!**



What is Lent all about? **Prayer, Penance, And Love**

Lent is the time of preparation for Easter, the greatest feast of the Church. During Lent, we are asked to focus on changing our lives through prayer, penance, and love. In doing these, we try to become more like Christ in his love for God and others by his dying and rising to new life.

Catholic Faith at Home

Continue learning more about your Catholic Faith.

There will be a new podcast every week. This is a 2-week series.

If you watch these podcasts, they will change your view of the Holy Mass forever!!! Very Powerful!!!

1.) The Veil Removed - Film start series on the Holy Mass

<https://youtu.be/OOLZDaTgIaM>

2.) Understanding the Mass as Biblical: A Walk-Thru (Part 1) - Explaining the Faith

<https://youtu.be/XpciRVaz3w>

3.) Understanding the Mass: A Walk-Thru (Part 2) - Explaining the Faith

<https://youtu.be/3bpqLWWa3tY>

Given by: Fr. Chris Alar Nation Shrine of Divine Mercy

Confession/Reconciliation

Fr. Dong will hear your confession **Every Wednesday at 8:30am after Mass, Every Saturday at 4:30pm before Mass, Second Saturday of every month 10:00-11:00am**

And By Appointment 630-456-5406

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, (No.1457), that all Catholics should go to confession at least once a year. Don't miss out on this incredible grace that Our Lord wants to bestow upon you.



Homebound Ministry

is always available for Catholics who cannot come to Mass because they are in

the hospital, recovering at home, sick at home, have moved to a care facility. Please contact **Fr. Dong at 630-456-5406** to have a Eucharistic Minister bring Holy Communion to you.

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. We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday's at The Country Kettle. (4:30 pm to 6:30 pm) You order off the

menu. Next Dinners are Thursday, March 1, March 15.

Please RSVP by March 1 and March 15.

Please Call or Text Sarah Sarantakos (Coordinator/Our Lady of Lourdes):

217-781-0528 or email Sarah.Sarantakos1@gmail.com

Monday

February 20

Weekday

Sir 1:1-10

Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday

February 21

Weekday

Sir 2:1-11

Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday

February 22

Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18

2 Cor 5:20-6:2

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

February 23

St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Dt 30:15-20

Lk 9:22-25

Friday

February 24

Friday after Ash Wednesday

Is 58:1-9a

Mt 9:14-15

Saturday

February 25

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Is 58:9b-14

Lk 5:27-32

Sunday

February 26

First Sunday of Lent

Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Rom 5:12-19 or

Rom 5:12, 17-19

Mt 4:1-11