

## 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](mailto: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  
Monday and Thursday –  
4:00 pm**

**Phone & Fax (217) 784-4671**

General Information

[office@ololgc.org](mailto:office@ololgc.org)

**Website** [www.ololgc.org](http://www.ololgc.org)

### Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 am

Wednesday 8:00 am

### Eucharistic Adoration

Every Wednesday

(Following 8:00 am Mass)

### Confession

Wednesday—8:30 am-9:30 am

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

**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

Thursday 5:30 pm

**Confession** - Sunday 7:30am

## March 23, 2025 Third Sunday of Lent



**Lc 13:6-9** And he told them this parable: "There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. (So) cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?' He said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.'"

### 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, March 24	(OLOL)	No Mass
Tuesday, March 25	(OLOL) (STM)	No Mass Mass
WED March 26	8:00 am (OLOL) 8:30 am	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners Adoration
THURS March 27	5:30 pm (STJ)	Mass
FRI March 28	8:00 am (STM)	Mass
SAT. March 29	5:00 PM (OLOL)	+Kevin Obert (by Paul Obert)
SUNDAY March 30	8:00 am (STJ) 9:30 am (STM) 11:00 am (OLOL) (4th Sunday of Lent)	Mass Mass + Emma Davis (by Margy Shambrook)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL	
March 15/16	\$ 4,443.00
Capital Imp. March 2025	\$ 795.00
CMAA 2025 (goal:\$13,000)	\$ _____
Food Pantry March Total	\$87.00
Yr to Date FP	\$196.00
	\$ 980.00

**Special Collections**  
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 March 29/30  
 Catholic Relief  
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 April 5/6  
 Catpital

*Ministry Schedules*

Date	Ministry Volunteers Contact	Altar Servers	Lector	Euch. Minister / Sacriston	Ushers/Greeters	Homebound Ministry
	Patti Huppert (217-778-4574)					Deacon Paul (217) 781-1440
SATURDAY March 29 5:00 pm			Fran Mardis	Fran Mardis	(March) Bob Bode	Deacon Paul Sarantakos
SUNDAY March 30 11:00 AM (4th Sunday of Lent)		(March) 2 Needed	Jack Kollross	Marj Brown	(March ) Fred Sarantakos	

Mass Attendance **March 15 Saturday (62) March 16 Sunday (60) = Total 126**  
 3rd Commandment: Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.

**Parish Calendar and MORE (Subject to change)**

**Every Wednesday (4 pm) Choir practice ... March 19th, 26th**  
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Saturday, March 22—Mass 5:00 pm— Fr. Mike McMahon  
 Sunday, March 23 —Mass 11:00 am—Fr. Mike McMahon  
 Sunday, March 23—No RE Classes—Spring Break  
**Wed., March 26– Parish Mission 2025—Fr. Mike McMahon 5:00 pm**  
 Friday March 28—Stations of the Cross—6:00 pm  
**Friday, April 11– Our choir presents their Annual version of the Lenten Stations (Mary's Way) 6:00 pm** which tells the story of Mary's trials of the time. Please plan to attend this very emotional event.

**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. Nestor at fr.nestor@stmarypaxton.org

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



**Stations of the Cross**  
**Friday, March 28th 6:00 pm**  
 Please make this a 'thing to do'  
 during this Lenten Season

*Raise your voices to God.....  
 Sing your praises !  
 Our choir is in need of additional voices to help  
 complete our choir. Don't be shy.  
 Practice is every Wednesday at 4:00 pm*



**Highlights of Lenten / Easter Season**  
**Stations of the Cross—6:00 pm Friday - March 28th**  
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**Saturday, April 12—Vigil Palm Sunday—Mass 5:00 pm**  
**Sunday, April 13—Palm Sunday—Mass 11:00 am**

**NOTE CHANGE !!!**  
*Father John Horan will celebrate Holy Week with us.*  
**Thurs., April 17—Holy Thursday service - 7:00 pm**  
**Adoration—until to 10:00 pm**

**Good Friday, April 18— Service 3:00 pm**

**Holy Saturday, April 19— Easter Vigil Service—8:00 pm**

**Easter Sunday, April 20—Mass 11:00 am**

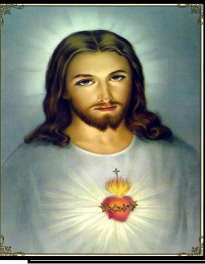
**Stretch Class being offered**  
 Mon., Wed., and Fri. 9 am to 10 am At Father Kirk Hall  
 Anyone is welcome !! *Start your day with a good stretch !!!*



**Attention:** Please bring your old **palms** to church and place them in the basket at the back of the church. You will get new palms on Palm Sunday weekend (April 12/13) Thank you.



**Pledge your gift to the CMAA !!**  
 If you have already pledged your support to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we sincerely thank you! Let's join together to meet **our parish's goal of \$13,000.00**. Each and every gift, regardless of size, truly makes a difference. If you still plan on making your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how best you can *Open your heart to God's goodness* in support of those in need throughout our diocese. Pledge envelopes are still available in the church, or you can use the envelope you received in the mail from the diocese. We also welcome online gifts at [jolietdioceseappeal.org](http://jolietdioceseappeal.org) Remember, if we raise more than our goal, the diocese will return 70% of the amount over our goal to us to reinvest in our own parish. This is an incredible opportunity and blessing!



**March Rosary Schedule**  
 Wednesday 8:30 am (after Mass)  
 Saturday 4:15pm  
 Sunday 10:30am  
 Please try to pray the Rosary every day with your family.  
**Mary Queen of Peace, Pray for Us.**

# Good News!

**March 23, 2025**  
*Third Sunday of Lent (C)*  
 Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 / 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 /  
 Luke 13:1-9  
 FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Charles Baudelaire was a French poet and essayist in the mid-1800s. He once observed that life is like a hospital in which each patient is possessed by the desire to change beds. In other words, he thought everyone seemed to think life would be so much better if only they had a different set of circumstances, a different job, a different marriage, a different place in life. Like trees, however, not everyone grows and matures at the same pace. There are forty-year-olds who still act and think like teenagers, and there are ten-year-olds who have an attitude toward life like that of an elder. Over time, we all grow into the lives we're given.

In this week's Parable of the Barren Fig Tree, some think God is like the owner who planted the tree, as if God is impatient with us to begin bearing fruit and quick to uproot us if we fail. A case could be made, however, for God to be the gardener who patiently fertilizes and nurtures. In the beginning, it was God who had a garden called Eden, filled with all kinds of trees and plants among which God walked with Adam and Eve in the cool of the evening. After the resurrection, it was Mary Magdalene who went looking for the body of Jesus and mistook him for the gardener. It is God who hovers over us, watering and nudging and nurturing, waiting until in God's good time, we begin to bear fruit. ●

**NOTE \*\*\*\* Bulletin submissions should be received by WEDNESDAY at 5:00 pm.  
Email to [office@ololg.org](mailto:office@ololg.org). Or call and leave message at the parish office (217) 784-4671**

**2024-2025 Parish Council**

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

*March/April Altar Flowers* provided by :  
*March 5 to April 13th*  
*NO flowers for Lent*  
*April 19/20—Sign up Sheet*  
*April 26/27—Chuck and Pam Aubry*  
**The flowers are \$40.00 a bouquet.**  
*You will be billed by the florist*  
*Rural Rose of Fisher (217-897-1604)*

**MONDAY**  
March 24  
*Lenten Weekday*  
2 Kgs 5:1-15b  
Lk 4:24-30

**TUESDAY**  
March 25  
*The Annunciation of the Lord*  
Is 7:10-14; 8:10  
Heb 10:4-10  
Lk 1:26-38

**WEDNESDAY**  
March 26  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Dt 4:1, 5-9  
Mt 5:17-19

**THURSDAY**  
March 27  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Jer 7:23-28  
Lk 11:14-23

**FRIDAY**  
March 28  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Hos 14:2-10  
Mk 12:28-34

**SATURDAY**  
March 29  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Hos 6:1-6  
Lk 18:9-14

**SUNDAY**  
March 30  
*Fourth Sunday of Lent*  
Jos 5:9a, 10-12  
2 Cor 5:17-21  
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Pray for the Sick & Homebound**



Brian Sullivan / Terry Hutchcraft  
Joyce Pearson / Fran Mardis  
Rosanne Miller / Ken Freehill  
Pat Huth / Gary Gale  
Sarah Sarantakos / Jerry Lynch, Sr.  
Roger and Edna Huppert  
Robert (Sonny) Meyer / Lloyd Power  
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@ololg.org](mailto:office@ololg.org).

**Our Lady of Lourdes Social Media Sites**  
Please check them out for an abundance of information.

**Facebook:**  
[www.facebook.com/ololg.org](http://www.facebook.com/ololg.org)  
**Website:** [www.ololg.org](http://www.ololg.org)

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Liam Killian (3/21)  
Gary Gale (3/21)  
Remi Astronomo (3/24)  
Stanley Vetter (3/27)  
Basilio Campos (3/28)  
Carolina Gonzalez (3/28)  
Janey Hansen (3/29)  
Dan Day (3/30)  
Linda Schmitt (3/30)  
Egan Lynch (3/30)

*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](mailto: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)**

