

## 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 30, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Lent



**Lc 15:4-6** "What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it? And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy and, upon his arrival home, he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.'"

**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 31	(OLOL)	No Mass
Tuesday, April 1	(OLOL) (STM)	No Mass Mass
WED April 2	8:00 am (OLOL) 8:30—9:30 am (OLOL)	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners Adoration
THURS April 3	5:30 pm (STJ)	Mass
FRI April 4	8:00 am (STM) 6:00 pm (OLOL)	Mass Stations of the Cross / Confessions to follow
SAT. April 5	5:00 PM (OLOL)	+David Heavilin (by Martha Heavilin)
SUNDAY April 6	8:00 am (STJ) 9:30 am (STM) 11:00 am (OLOL) (5th Sunday of Lent)	Mass Mass +Stanley/Emma Davis family (by Stanley and Terri Davis)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL	
March 22/23	\$ 2,685.00
Capital Imp. March 2025	\$ 805.00
CMAA 2025 (goal:\$13,000)	\$ TBA
Food Pantry March Total	\$57.00 \$253.00
Yr to Date FP	\$ 1037.00
<b>Special Collections</b> ***** <b>March 29/30            Catholic Relief</b> ***** <b>April 5/6            Catpital</b>	

**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 April 5 5:00 pm		Marj Brown	Sarah Sarantakos	(April) Needed	Deacon Paul Sarantakos
SUNDAY April 6 11:00 AM (5th Sunday of Lent)	(April) 2 Needed	Sarah Sarantakos	Jerry Brown	(April ) Needed	

**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.

Mass Attendance **March 22 Saturday (51)** **March 23 Sunday (58)** = **Total 109**  
 3rd Commandment: Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.

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

**Every Wednesday (4 pm)** Choir practice ... April 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th  
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**Friday, April 4—Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm / Confessions to follow**  
**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.  
 Saturday, April 12—Palm Sunday Vigil—Mass 5:00 pm  
 Sunday, April 13—Palm Sunday—11:00 am

**Please sign up for flowers on the clipboard at the back of the church. There are sev-  
 eral weekends open. from May to the end of the year. Thank you in advance !!!**



## Highlights of Lenton / Easter Season

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**Friday, April 4—Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm with Confessions to follow 6:30 to 7:30 pm**

**Saturday, April 12—Vigil Palm Sunday—Mass 5:00 pm**

Lectors Patti Huppert and Lisa Heap

Eucharistic Minister Carla Moxley

**Sunday, April 13—Palm Sunday—Mass 11:00 am**

(Lectors) Marj Brown, Sarah Sarantakos

(Eucharistic Minister) Jerry Brown

*Father John Horan will celebrate Holy Week with us.*

**Thurs., April 17—Holy Thursday service - 7:00 pm**

(Lector) Michele Meyer (Euch.Minister) Fran Mardis

2-3 servers are needed during this service

Adoration—until to 10:00 pm

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

(Lector) Patti Huppert (Euch. Minister) Fran Mardis

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

(Lector) Fran Mardis (Euch. Minister) Carla Moxley

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

(Lector) Marj Brown (Euch. Minister) Lisa Heap

*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. We need you !  
Practice is every Wednesday at 4:00 pm*



**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.



Monthly pledge payments for CMAA gifts should be made in the next few days. It is very important these pledges be paid in order for us to reach our parish **goal of \$13,000.00** this year. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over our goal will be returned to our parish for our needs. Thank you in advance for your continued support !!!



Our Lady of Lourdes offers a big heart-felt **THANK YOU** to **Father Mike McMahon** for celebrating last weekend's Masses and for a very inspiring presentation on Wednesday evening. We welcome you to visit anytime !! God Bless you !!!



### March/ April 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.**

## Stations of the Cross

(Mary's Way)

**Friday, April 11, 2025 6:00 pm**

**Our choir will present their version of the Lenten Stations (Mary's Way), which tells the story of Mary's trials of the time.**

**Please plan to attend this very emotional event.**

# Good News!

**March 30, 2025**

*Fourth Sunday of Lent (C)*

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 / 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 /

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**Life is not fair.** Even though we know this, we expect God to be fair, which may be what irks so many about the Parable of the Lost Son. There is a part of our skewed human nature that agrees with the older son in the story. It certainly seems that the younger son was able to have his cake and eat it too, while the older son could only sit by and watch, missing out on the devil-may-care part of life. It didn't seem fair, and the older son said so.

The point of the story does seem to be that God is both just and merciful, but if ever one of those virtues seems to give way to the other, then, from God's perspective, divine mercy always trumps worldly justice. We, however, think that's not fair. We grow suspect of deathbed conversions, worried that the person is trying to have life both ways. But do we give thought to the suffering such a life without God might entail? The humiliation and near starvation of the younger son as he lived his self-indulgent life?

We think we want God to be fair, but do we really? In C.S. Lewis' novel, *Till We Have Faces*, one character asks another if the gods are just, to which is replied, "Oh, child, pray that they are not!" Do we really want to be treated with justice, getting exactly what we deserve and no more? Or do we want to let God be God and be treated with mercy? ●

### 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 !!!*

**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

Pam Aubry (President)  
 (217-781-1237)  
 Roy Acree (217-649-2263)  
 Fran Mardis (217-784-8515)  
 Jodi Beyers (815-848-3371)  
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 Beth Baillie (217-954-8003)  
 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 31

*Lenten Weekday*

Is 65:17-21

Jn 4:43-54

### **TUESDAY**

April 1

*Lenten Weekday*

Ez 47:1-9, 12

Jn 5:1-16

### **WEDNESDAY**

April 2

*Lenten Weekday*

Is 49:8-15

Jn 5:17-30

### **THURSDAY**

April 3

*Lenten Weekday*

Ex 32:7-14

Jn 5:31-47

### **FRIDAY**

April 4

*Lenten Weekday*

Wis 2:1a, 12-22

Jn 7:1-2, 10,

25-30

### **SATURDAY**

April 5

*Lenten Weekday*

Jer 11:18-20

Jn 7:40-53

### **SUNDAY**

April 6

*Fifth Sunday  
 of Lent*

Is 43:16-21

Phil 3:8-14

Jn 8:1-11

### **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)

**Office Email:** [office@ololg.org](mailto:office@ololg.org)

(Lori Gale & Carla Moxley)

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**HAPPY  
 BIRTHDAY**

Janey Hansen (3/29)  
 Dan Day (3/30)  
 Linda Schmitt (3/30)  
 Egan Lynch (3/30)  
 Austin Rosenbaum (4/1)  
 Kenley Andreae (4/1)  
 Madison Eberle (4/2)  
 Doris Fleming (4/3)  
 Greg Laughery (4/4)  
 Jason Eberle (4/5)  
 Sandy Kollross (4/5)

*Happy Anniversary*

Tim and Jody Bane (3/25)  
 Jack and Susan Kollross (3/27)  
 Carl and Beth Hornstein (4/3)  
 Paul and Sarah Sarantakos (4/5)



### **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@caw.org](mailto:joenalyceh@caw.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)**

