

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
Monday 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

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 9, 2025 First Sunday of Lent



Lc 4:1-2

Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry.

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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 10	(OLOL)	No Mass
Tuesday, March 11	(OLOL) (STM)	No Mass Mass
WED March 12	8:00 am (OLOL) 8:30 am	Mass Adoration
THURS March 13	5:30 pm (STJ)	Mass
FRI March 14	8:00 am (STM)	Mass
SAT. March 15	5:00 PM (OLOL)	+Mark Killian (by Jerry and Marj Brown)
SUNDAY March 16	8:00 am (STJ) 9:30 am (STM) 11:00 am (OLOL) (2nd Sunday of Lent)	Mass Mass +Emma Davis (by Stanley and Terri Davis)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL	
March 1/2	\$ 2,308.00
Capital Imp. March 2025	\$ 650.00
CMAA 2025 (goal:\$13,000)	\$ ____.
Food Pantry March Total	\$ 52.00
Yr to Date FP	\$ 736.00
Special Collections ***** Ash Wednesday March 5	

*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 March 15 5:00 pm		Patti Huppert	Sarah Sarantakos	(March) Bob Bode	Deacon Paul Sarantakos
SUNDAY March 16 11:00 AM (2nd Sunday of Lent)	(March) _____ _____	Lisa Heap	Fran Mardis	(March) Fred Sarantakos	

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 1 Saturday (42)** **March 2 Sunday (59)** = **Total 101**
 3rd Commandment: Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.

Parish Calendar and MORE (Subject to change)

Every Wednesday (4 pm) Choir practice ... March 12th, 19th, 26th

Sun., March 16 and March 23—NO RE classes—Spring Break
Sat./ Sunday, Wednesday—March 22/23/26—Parish Mission 2025
 Sat , March 22—Mass 5:00 pm— Fr. Mike McMahon
 Sunday, March 23 —Mass 11:00 am—Fr. Mike McMahon
 Wed., March 26— Parish Mission 2025—Fr. Mike McMahon 5:00 pm



Stations of the Cross
Friday at 6:00 pm
March 14th, 21st, 28th
Please make this a 'thing to do'
during this Lenten Season

Highlights of Lenton / Easter Season

Stations of the Cross—6:00 pm

Friday — March 14th, 21st, 28th

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

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

Thurs., April 17—Holy Thursday service - 5:00 pm

Adoration—6:00 to 10:00 pm

Good Friday, April 18— Service 6:00 pm

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

Easter Sunday, April 20—Mass 11:00 am

Stretch Class being offered

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
 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 (March 22/23) Thank you.



Pledge your gift to the CMAA !!

If you have already pledged your support to the 2025 Catholic Ministries Catholic Appeal, 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 church, or you can use the envelope you received in the mail from the diocese. We also welcome online gifts at 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

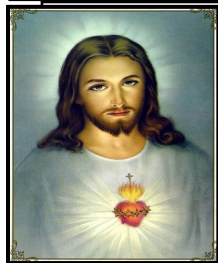
Wednesday 8:30 am (after Mass)

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 9, 2025

First Sunday of Lent (C)

Deuteronomy 26:4-10 / Romans 10:8-13 / Luke 4:1-13

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

If I Were a Horse by Elizabeth Bridgman is a children's story about Jenny, who daydreams about being a horse and then accepts her true reality, as she realizes no one will recognize her as a horse. In the end, she finds that she likes herself as she truly is.

The story may also be a metaphor for our human fantasy about sin, by which we try to redefine the world on our own terms, only to realize that life does not go so well when we do this. It is our stealing by which we pretend that something belongs to us rather than to another. It is our lying that attempts to redefine truth in terms of what we want life to be, rather than in what life really is. It is our addictions that redefine the source of meaning and life not as God, but as ourselves and our wants. Lent brings us face to face with who we are—which is not a horse (real or otherwise), but, by God's design, is a daughter or son of God.

The temptations Jesus experienced in the desert were temptations to define life on his own terms, just as we are often tempted to do. Yet, Jesus was the one who got it right. For him, stones were stones, not bread. Power and glory were God's, not his. He would not put God to the test, thinking he could manipulate God and get God to do what Jesus wanted. Jesus was the faithful one. ●



Every Wednesday

Mass 8:00 am

Eucharistic Adoration

8:30 am to 9:30 am

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

Men's Cursillo Weekend Re-Scheduled

When: **July 25– 27, 2025**

Where: **St Patrick's, Urbana**

Contact : **Bruce Killian (309-261-0168)**

or **Jerry Brown (217-377-5277)**

for more information

NOTE ** Bulletin submissions should be received by WEDNESDAY at 5:00 pm.**
Email to 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)
 Bernie Campos (217-898-3448)
 Beth Baillie (217-954-8003)
 Please contact these dedicated people
 if you have any concerns or suggestions
 about church related issues.

March Altar Flowers provided by :
March 5 to April 13th
NO flowers for Lent

The flowers are \$40.00 a bouquet.
You will be billed by the florist
Rural Rose of Fisher (217-897-1604)

MONDAY

March 10
Lenten Weekday
 Lv 19:1-2, 11-18
 Mt 25:31-46

TUESDAY

March 11
Lenten Weekday
 Is 55:10-11
 Mt 6:7-15

WEDNESDAY

March 12
Lenten Weekday
 Jon 3:1-10
 Lk 11:29-32

THURSDAY

March 13
Lenten Weekday
 Est C:12, 14-16,
 23-25

Mt 7:7-12

FRIDAY

March 14
Lenten Weekday
 Ez 18:21-28
 Mt 5:20-26

SATURDAY

March 15
Lenten Weekday
 Dt 26:16-19
 Mt 5:43-48

SUNDAY

March 16
*Second Sunday
 of Lent*
 Gn 15:5-12,
 17-18
 Phil 3:17-4:1
 or 3:20-4:1
 Lk 9:28b-36

Pray for the Sick & Homebound



Brian Sullivan / Terry Hutchcraft
 Joyce Pearson / Fran Mardis
 Rosanne Miller / Ken Freehill
 Pat Huth / Gary Gale / Peter Hartford
 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.

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

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/ololg.org

Website: www.ololg.org

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(Lori Gale & Carla Moxley)

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**HAPPY
 BIRTHDAY**

Ted Grote (3/2)
 Amy Eberle (3/3)
 Victoria Medernach (3/3)
 Colleen Davis (3/4)
 Andrea Killian (3/4)
 Eva Acree (3/5)
 Amanda Freehill (3/6)
 Andrew Laughery (3/6)
 Seth Kollross (3/8)
 Ortiz Milagro (3/13)
 Allison Kleist (3/14)
 Terry Hutchcraft (3/14)
 Doug Parsons (3/14)
 Victoria McGuire (3/14)
 Josie Kleist (3/16)

Happy Anniversary

Rich and Beth Baillie (3/15)
 Roger and Kathleen Reum (3/16)



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

(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)

