

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

September 21, 2025 25th Sunday Ordinary Time



Lc 16:1-13 “A rich man had a steward who was reported to him for squandering his property. He summoned him and said, ‘What is this I hear about you? Prepare a full account of your stewardship, because you can no longer be my steward.’ The steward said to himself, ‘What shall I do, now that my master is taking the position of steward away from me? I am not strong enough to dig and I am ashamed to beg. I know what I shall do so that, when I am removed from the stewardship, they may welcome me into their homes.’ He called in his master’s debtors one by one. To the first he said, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He replied, ‘One hundred measures of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Here is your promissory note. Sit down quickly and write one for fifty.’ Then to another the steward said, ‘And you, how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘One hundred kors of wheat.’ The steward said to him, ‘Here is your promissory note; write one for eighty.’ And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently. ‘For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.’

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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, Sept 22	(OLOL)	No Mass
Tuesday, Sept 23	(OLOL) 5:30 pm (STM)	No Mass Mass
WED Sept.24	8:00 am (OLOL) 8:30—9:30 am (OLOL)	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners Adoration
THURS Sept 25	5:30 pm (STJ)	Mass
FRI Sept.26	8:00 am (STM)	Mass
SAT. Sept. 27	5:00 PM (OLOL)	+Pete Hartford (by Carla Moxley)
SUNDAY Sept. 28	8:00 am (STJ) 9:30 am (STM) 11:00 am (OLOL) (26th Sunday Ordinary Time)	Mass Mass +William Seymour (by Brad and Linda Long)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL	
Sept 13/14	\$2,065.00
Capital Imp. September (as of Sept.14)	\$ 457.00
CMAA 2025 (goal:\$13,000) (Pledged \$16,525.00) As of Sept. 14	\$15,240.00 Bal. Due \$ 1,385.00
Food Pantry Sept. Total Yr to Date FP	\$ 67.00 \$153.00 \$2,948.00



*Ministry
Schedules*

Date Ministry Volunteers Contact Patti Huppert (217-778-4574)	Altar Servers	Lector	Euch. Minister / Sacriston	Ushers/Greeters	Homebound Ministry Deacon Paul (217) 781-1440
SATURDAY Sept. 27 5:00 pm		Michele Meyer	Carla Moxley	(September) Bob Bode	Deacon Paul Sarantakos
SUNDAY Sept. 28 11:00 AM (26th Sunday Ordinary Time)	(September) Beyer children	Fran Mardis	Rob Kollross	(September) 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 Sept 13 *Saturday* (41) Sept 14 *Sunday* (69) = Total 110
 3rd Commandment: Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.

Parish Calendar and MORE (Subject to change)

Every Wednesday (4 pm) Choir practice ... Sept. 24th, Oct. 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

**Saturday, Sept. 27—OCIA (formerly RCIA) will begin at 10:00 am in the
 Rectory Basement with Fr. Nestor. (Call Father for more information.)**

Sunday, Sept. 28—RE Class at the Hall—9:15 am
 Sunday, October 5—RE Class at the Hall—9:15 am
 Sunday, October 12—RE Class at the Hall—9:15 am
 Sunday, October 19—NO RE Class
 Sunday, October 26—RE Class at the Hall—9:15 am



'Travelling Mary' is a an event you should consider taking part in. It involves taking the 'Travelling 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.

Sept. 21-27—Marj and Jerry Brown

Sept. 28— Oct.4—Jean Wilhelmi



2025 Homecoming Picnic— Sept 21 – noon to 2 pm

**Please join us today after Mass.
Thank you in advance for your help in making this event another success !**

Dear Padre

September 21, 2025

At a recent gathering, a relative questioned my family's continued participation in the Catholic Church because of the sexual abuse cover-up. What is the best way to address this question?

Resist the temptation to argue or make any response that is not respectful. Choose to respond with empathy and understanding; perhaps something like this: "I understand and respect your feelings. Some have made the difficult choice to leave the Church. Others find the choice to remain also difficult.

"As a mature and discerning person, I am not making excuses for behaviors that are inexcusable. I cannot and will not defend behavior that should not be defended. I choose to remain in the Church because I choose to remain in a relationship with Jesus, and that relationship includes my reception of the sacraments of the Church. I value the sacraments even as I remain vigilant about the conduct of those who have been entrusted with celebrating those sacraments. I retain my practice of the sacraments and, at the same time, I retain my responsibility to be alert to abusive behavior. This is not acceptance or approval of what most certainly happened. It is continuing to participate in what is beautiful and wise and true so that, in the company of other believers, I may become more like Christ." ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



Mark the date !!! November 9, 2025 Our Lady of Lourdes Annual Turkey Dinner

Chairman Alyce Hafer is asking for volunteers to help with this year's dinner. She just wanted to give everyone a 'heads up' notice. Please call Alyce at 217 745-2411 to volunteer for one of the day's projects and /or to prep for the day. More information will be coming.

NOTE—Does anyone know where the advertising signs regarding the Turkey Dinner signs are ? If not, would someone be willing to volunteer to make a few new signs ???

Contact Alyce or Lori.



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



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 !!!



September 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.

NOTE ** Bulletin submissions should be received by WEDNESDAY at 5:00 pm.**
Email to office@ololgc.org. Or call and leave a 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.

September Altar Flowers provided by

Sept. 20/21—Margy Shambrook
 Sept. 27-28—Kevin and LeaAnn Seymour
The flowers are \$40.00 a bouquet.
You will be billed by Picket Fence

MONDAY

September 22
Weekday
 Ezr 1:1-6
 Lk 8:16-18

TUESDAY

September 23
St. Pius of
Pietrelcina, Priest
 Ezr 6:7-8, 12b,
 14-20
 Lk 8:19-21

WEDNESDAY

September 24
Weekday
 Ezr 9:5-9
 Lk 9:1-6

THURSDAY

September 25
Weekday
 Hg 1:1-8
 Lk 9:7-9

FRIDAY

September 26
Weekday
 Hg 2:1-9
 Lk 9:18-22

SATURDAY

September 27
St. Vincent
de Paul, Priest
 Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a
 Lk 9:43b-45

SUNDAY

September 28
Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
 Am 6:1a, 4-7
 1 Tm 6:11-16
 Lk 16:19-31

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.
 Roger Huppert / Lloyd Power
 Donata Burnes
 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@ololgc.org.

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

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/ololgc.org

Website: www.ololgc.org

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(Lori Gale & Carla Moxley)

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Georgia Lynch (9/19)
 Emma Kurtenbach (9/20)
 Amy Stoltz (9/22)
 Thomas Hathaway (9/22)
 Martha Heavilin (9/22)
 Denis Fisher (9/26)
 Nancy Kurtenbach (9/27)

Happy Anniversary

Curt and Holly Miller (9/27)

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@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)

