

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 suspended

Eucharistic Adoration

Canceled until further notice

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

Tuesday suspended until notice

Friday until notice

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday suspended until notice

Confession

Friday suspended until notice



St. Joseph

312 N. Hickory Street

Loda, IL 60948

Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 am

Thursday suspended until notice

Confession - Sunday 7:30am

December 7, 2025 Second Sunday of Advent



Mt 3:4-8 *'A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.'* John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance."

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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, Dec. 8 | 8:00 am (OLOL) 9:30 am (STM) | Parishioners of OLOL (Holy Day of Obligation) |
| Immaculate Conception | | |
| Tuesday, Dec. 9 | (OLOL) | |
| WED Dec.10 | 8:00 am (OLOL) | Communion Service |
| THURS Dec. 11 | 8:00 am (STM) | Communion Service |
| FRI Dec. 12 | (STM) | |
| SAT. Dec. 13 | 5:00 PM (OLOL) | + Edna Huppert (by Margy Shambrook) |
| SUNDAY Dec. 14 | 8:00 am (STJ) 9:30 am (STM) 11:00 am (OLOL) | Mass Mass + William Seymour (by Brad and Linda Long) |
| (3rd Sunday of Advent) | | |

| THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL | |
|---|---|
| Nov. 29/30 | \$2,245.00 |
| Capital Imp. November (as of Nov. 30) | \$751.00 |
| CMAA 2025 (goal:\$ 13,000) (Pledged \$17,305.00) as of Nov.30 | \$16,805.00 Bal. Due \$500.00 |
| Food Pantry Nov. Total Yr to Date FP | \$ 72.00 \$ 474.00 \$3,959.00 |
| Special Collections ***** Capital Dec. 6/7 ***** Immaculate Conception Dec. 8th | |

*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 Dec.13 5:00 pm | | Fran Mardis | | (December) needed | Deacon Paul Sarantakos |
| SUNDAY Dec. 14 11:00 AM (3rd Sunday of Advent) | (December) needed | Sarah Sarantakos | | (December) 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 Nov.29 *Saturday (19)* Nov.30 *Sunday (52)* = *Total 71*
 3rd Commandment: Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.

Parish Calendar and MORE (Subject to change)

Every *Thursday* (3 pm) Choir practice ...Dec.11th, 18th

NOTE—Visting priests will be scheduled for weekend Masses until further notice.
 Sunday, Dec. 7— **2nd Sunday of Advent / NO RE Classes**
Friday/Saturday, Dec 12/13—Volunteers for Food Pantry needed– see Notice >>>>>>
 Sunday, Dec. 14—**3rd Sunday of Advent**
 Sunday, Dec. 21—**4th Sunday of Advent**
 RE Students/Parishioners Brunch &Program noon /Blue Christmas Service 5:00 pm (OLOL)
 Sunday, Dec. 28th 5pm—Christmas Sanctuary—United Methodist Church– All are invited

Christmas Mass and Confession schedules to be announced



Food Pantry Volunteers

Friday December 12 at 6:30 pm
6 to 8 people are needed to set up
Saturday December 13

7:45 am to noon **15 to 20 people**
needed to help with packing.

Please consider volunteering.

Contact Deacon Paul at (217) 781-1440

Due to high traffic volume on Saturday,
please park in front of Runnings



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.

When: Thursday, December 18, 2025

Where: Country Kettle 810 S Sangamon Ave. Gibson City

Time: 4:30pm-6:30pm Dinner: 5:00pm

Cost: What you order from menu

(Alcohol Available)

RSVP: by the 17th, 2025

(Please Call, Text, or Email Sarah Sarantakos Coordinator/

Our Lady of Lourdes) 217-781-0528 or

email Sarah.Sarantakos1@gmail.com

Good News!

December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent (A)

Isaiah 11:1-10 / Romans 15:4-9 / Matthew 3:1-12

ANN M. GARRIDO

Today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah offers a familiar Advent image: the shoot sprouting from the stump of Jesse. The verses immediately preceding speak of God walking through the forest with an ax: "The tall of stature shall be felled, and the lofty ones shall be brought low" (Isaiah 10:33). But now, amidst all the destruction, a tiny sign of new life emerges, and the Spirit of God descends upon it, bearing many gifts—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, awe, delight.

So often, when we scroll through the news, our attention is captured by violence and war and the "mighty" who make great noise when they fall. "Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees," echoes John the Baptist in today's gospel. If we are looking for where God's Spirit can be found, however, Isaiah reminds us we will need to look elsewhere. We will need to attend to the quiet, fragile resurrections taking place below the surface when it appears as if all has been lost. If we seek wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, awe, and delight, we will need to look where the little ones of the earth are found. We must have our eyes open for the shoots.

The gospels emphasize that Jesus was one such little one. Although the glory days of his people seemed to have come to a crashing close, they have not. In him, we glimpse the truth that life is stronger than death. We see that the future has not been erased, no matter how terrible the past. In him, we find our hope. ●

Gibson City Area Churches gathering for Healing and Hope

Blue Christmas Service

Where—Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

When—December 21st5:00 pm

On the Longest Night, your grief matters to Godand to us.

Participating churches include,; Bible Church, Catholic Church, First Christian Church, First Presbyterian Church, St. Peter Free Lutheran Church and United Methodist Church



RE Student and Parishioner Brunch Dec. 21st

Hosted by Our Lady of Lourdes
After the 11am mass.

Enjoy a delicious breakfast,
a short Christmas music sing, door prizes,
fun and fellowship.
Please plan to attend !!!



'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.

Dec. 7- 13—Nora McCall

Dec.14 - 20 - _____



We have reached our parish **goal of \$13,000.00** this year and have just a little bit more to reach our 'pledged amount' of \$17,305.00 Remember that 70% of the amount over our goal will be returned to our parish for our needs.

Thank you in advance for your continued support !!!

Parish Giving Tree

For GC American Legion Christmas project



Our Lady of Lourdes is encouraged to prayerfully support the GC American Legion Christmas Basket project. Donation envelopes are at the Church entrance. **The final donation date is December 14th.** Our needy neighbors in the GCMS school district are eligible for the food and toy giveaways on December 20th. Thank you in advance!!!



PS 72 Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.

December Rosary Schedule

Saturday 4:15pm

Sunday 10:30am

Please try to pray the Rosary
every day with your family.

Mary Queen of Peace, Pray for Us.



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)
 Fran Mardis (217-784-8515)
 Jodi Beyers (815-848-3371)
 Bernie Campos (217-898-3448)
 Beth Baillie (217-954-8003)
 Teresa Smith (208-243-2475)
 Please contact these dedicated people
 if you have any concerns or suggestions
 about church related issues.

Nov/Dec Altar Flowers provided by

Dec. 6/7—Alyce Hafer
 Dec. 13/14—Gene and Lisa Heap
 Dec. 20/21—Christmas Sign up Sheet

The flowers are \$40.00 a bouquet.
You will be billed by Picket Fence

MONDAY

December 8
*The Immaculate
 Conception of the
 Blessed Virgin
 Mary*
 Gn 3:9-15, 20
 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
 Lk 1:26-38

TUESDAY

December 9
Advent Weekday
 Is 40:1-11
 Mt 18:12-14

WEDNESDAY

December 10
Advent Weekday
 Is 40:25-31
 Mt 11:28-30

THURSDAY

December 11
Advent Weekday
 Is 41:13-20
 Mt 11:11-15

FRIDAY

December 12
*Our Lady of
 Guadalupe*
 Zec 2:14-17
 or Rv 11:19a;
 12:1-6a, 10ab
 Lk 1:26-38
 or Lk 1:39-47

SATURDAY

December 13
*St. Lucy, Virgin
 and Martyr*
 Sir 48:1-4, 9-11
 Mt 17:9a, 10-13

SUNDAY

December 14
*Third Sunday
 of Advent*
 Is 35:1-6a, 10
 Jas 5:7-10
 Mt 11:2-11

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

Office Email: office@ololgc.org

(Lori Gale & Carla Moxley)

Deacon Paul Sarantakos Email:

p.sarantakos@hotmail.com

PSarantakos@Parkland.edu

**HAPPY
 BIRTHDAY**

Jim Freehill (12/7)
 Catherine Cimino (12/7)
 Adam Burnes (12/8)
 Sheri Bane (12/9)
 Anthony Gonzalez (12/9)
 Jody Goodin (12/11)
 Ian Miller (12/12)
 John Martin (12/13)

Happy Anniversary

Paul and Mary Geurts (12/13)

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

(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)

FAITH

(F) FORWARDING

(A) ALL

(I) ISSUES

(T) TO

(H) HEAVEN