

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 21, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Advent



Mt 1:23

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us."



Christmas Eve Vigil Mass (Dec. 24)

6:00 pm Our Lady of Lourdes (Lector—Patti Huppert)

Christmas Day Mass (Dec. 25)

9:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes (Lector—Marj Brown)

Holy Family Sunday (12/27-28/2025)

5:00 pm Saturday (OLOL) (Lector—Needed)

11 am Sunday (OLOL) (Lector—Fran Mardis)

New Years Day Mass (Jan. 1, 2026)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

8:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes (Lector—Fran Mardis)

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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. 22	(OLOL)	
Tuesday, Dec. 23	(OLOL)	
WED Dec.24	6:00 pm (OLOL)	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
THURS Dec. 25	9:00 am (OLOL)	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners
FRI Dec. 26	(STM)	
SAT. Dec. 27	5:00 PM (OLOL)	+ Pete and Bill Hartford (by family and friends)
SUNDAY Dec. 28	8:00 am (STJ) 9:30 am (STM) 11:00 am (OLOL) (Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, Joseph)	Mass Mass +Sonny Meyer (by Joyce Freehill)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL	
Dec. 13/14	\$988.00
Capital (as of Dec.14)	\$521.00
CMAA 2025 (goal:\$ 13,000) (Pledged \$17,345.00) as of Nov.30	\$16,845.00 Bal. Due \$500.00
Food Pantry Dec. Total Yr to Date FP	\$ 75.00 \$ 105.00 \$4,060.00
Special Collections ***** Immaculate Conception \$540.00 ***** Retirement Fund for Religious \$480.00	

*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.27 5:00 pm		Lloyd Powers	_____	(December) needed	Deacon Paul Sarantakos
SUNDAY Dec. 28 11:00 AM (3Holy Family of Je- sus, Mary, Joseph)	(December) needed	Lisa Heap	_____	(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 Dec.13 <i>Saturday (18)</i> Dec.14 <i>Sunday (35)</i> = <i>Total 53</i> 3rd Commandment: Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.	
Parish Calendar and MORE (Subject to change)	
Every Thursday (3 pm) Choir practice ...January to be announced ***** Sunday, Dec. 21— 4th Sunday of Advent RE Students/Parishioners Brunch &Program noon /Blue Christmas Service 5:00 pm (OLOL) Christmas Eve Dec. 24—See front of bulletin Christmas Day—Dec. 25—See front of bulletin Saturday, Dec 27—Mass OLOL 5:00 pm Sunday, Dec. 28—Holy Family of Jesus, Mary Joseph —Mass OLOL 11:00 am Sunday, Dec. 28 5:00 pm — United Methodist Church hosts ‘ <i>Christmas Sanctuary</i> ’— All are invited(see attached flier for more information)	



Please welcome **Father Dong** who has joined us from California to tend to our religious needs during this Christmas Season. Although he reports that the temperatures in California are a bit warmer than here, he is very happy to be back at Our Lady of Lourdes. God Bless you Father Dong !!!



'Travelling Mary' is 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. 21- 27—Pat Harper

Dec 28—Jan 3, 2026- Lisa Heap



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 \$17,345.00 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 !!!

Good News!

December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent (A)

Isaiah 7:10-14 / Romans 1:1-7 / Matthew 1:18-24

MIGUEL DULICK

It is the fourth Sunday of Advent. When Christmas is this close, one takes that final leap. Isaiah is centuries from Christmas, but he cannot wait! He sees the "sign" as clear as day: "the young woman, pregnant and about to bear a son" (Isaiah 7:14). And how about that Son! None other than "Emmanuel" himself—God-With-Us! Paul, too, is bursting at the seams! Inspired by what he calls "the obedience of faith" (Romans 5), he is excited to see the gospel thriving even among the Gentiles. For him, the "Spirit of holiness" is a gift offered to all—Christmas every day, you might say.

Speaking of "obedience of faith," Joseph is the perfect example. The word "obey" comes from the same root as "to hear," and Joseph has almost supernatural ears! Matthew, the former tax collector, tells "how the birth of Jesus Christ came about" in today's gospel reading like a bookkeeper—the Holy Spirit in Column A, Joseph in Column B, with Mary in the middle. But when an angel whispers to Joseph at night, his dream comes true: "he took his wife into his home." Everything is set for Emmanuel!

So, the Bible is brimming with Christmas, that is, "God-With-Us," from end to end. And when a virgin can conceive, are any of us exempt from "birthing" Jesus in our midst? Even when a "happy holiday" seems impossible in the midst of war or violence or poverty, when our ears hear only silence, let's sing Christmas carols every day! ●



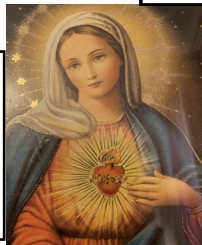
Parish Giving Tree For GC American Legion Christmas project

Through your generosity, Our Lady of Lourdes donated **\$605.00** to the Legion for their Christmas project. If anyone still wants to give a donation, you can give it to Terri Davis who is part of the American Legion, or take it downtown to them directly.



PS 24:1-2

Let the Lord enter, he is king of glory.



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@ololg.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. 20/21—Christmas Sign up Sheet

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

MONDAY

December 22
Advent Weekday
 1 Sm 1:24-28
 Lk 1:46-56

TUESDAY

December 23
Advent Weekday
 Mal 3:1-4, 23-24
 Lk 1:57-66

WEDNESDAY

December 24
Advent Weekday
 2 Sm 7:1-5,
 8b-12, 14a, 16
 Lk 1:67-79

THURSDAY

December 25
*The Nativity of the
 Lord (Christmas)*
 Is 52:7-10
 Heb 1:1-6
 Jn 1:1-18
 or 1:1-5, 9-14

FRIDAY

December 26
*St. Stephen,
 the First Martyr*
 Acts 6:8-10;
 7:54-59
 Mt 10:17-22

SATURDAY

December 27
*St. John, Apostle
 and Evangelist*
 1 Jn 1:1-4
 Jn 20:1a, 2-8

SUNDAY

December 28
*The Holy Family
 of Jesus, Mary,
 and Joseph*
 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14
 Col 3:12-21
 or 3:12-17
 Mt 2:13-15,
 19-23

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@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

Office Email: office@ololg.org

(Lori Gale & Carla Moxley)

Deacon Paul Sarantakos Email:

p.sarantakos@hotmail.com

PSarantakos@Parkland.edu

**HAPPY
 BIRTHDAY**

Rucker Parsons (12/21)
 Terese Davis (12/22)
 Jane Lange (12/22)
 Donna Ruddy (12/23)
 Isidore Ortiz (12/23)
 Tom McCall (12/25)
 Joyce Hutchcraft (12/26)
 Braden Roesch (12/26)
 Janet Townsend (12/26)

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@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)

FAITH

(F) FORWARDING

(A) ALL

(I) ISSUES

(T) TO

(H) HEAVEN