

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

Cancelled 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

January 4, 2026 Epiphany of our Lord



Mt 2:11 And on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

I Am Here.



Come Visit Me.



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

Pastor

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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, Jan.5		
Tuesday, Jan. 6	5:30 pm (STM)	Mass
WED Jan.7	8:00 am (OLOL) 8:30 am (OLOL)	Mass Adoration
THURS Jan.8	5:30 pm (STJ)	Mass
FRI Jan.9	8:00 am (STM)	Mass
SAT. Jan.10	11:00 am (OLOL) 5:00 pm (OLOL)	+Roger Huppert Funeral +Karla Grote Sailer (by Ted and Peggy Grote)
SUNDAY Jan.11	8:00 am (STJ) 9:30 am (STM) 11:00 am (OLOL) (Baptism of the Lord)	Mass Mass +Jim 'Doc' Meyer (by Elizabeth Brong)

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR GIFTS
OLOL**

Dec. 27/28	\$9,376.00
Capital (as of Dec.28)	\$4,186.00
CMAA 2025 (goal:\$13,000) (Pledged \$17,445.00) as of Dec. 28	\$17,310.00 Bal. Due \$175.00
Food Pantry Dec. Total Yr to Date FP	\$ 441.00 \$ 633.00 \$4,593.00

Special Collections

Christmas—\$3,393.00

Jan 1
Solemnity of Mary

Capital Jan. 4/5

**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 Jan.10 5:00 pm				(January) needed	Deacon Paul Sarantakos
SUNDAY Jan.11 11:00 AM (Baptism of the Lord)	(January) needed			(January) 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.27 Saturday (42) Dec.28 Sunday (70) = Total 112
3rd Commandment: Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.

Parish Calendar and MORE (Subject to change)

Every Thursday (3 pm) Choir practice ...January 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

HAPPY NEW YEAR—Wishing you many blessings for 2026 !!!

Wednesday, Jan. 7 at St Mary's — Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree informational meeting
at 7:00 pm—St Mary's in Paxton

Sunday, Jan. 11—OLOL RE class resume

Sunday, Jan. 18—NO RE class

Sunday, Jan. 25—OLOL RE Class

Thank You !

Thank you ALL for your generosity in 2025.
Your support of our parish and Diocese special projects
is very much appreciated.
May God bless you in the New Year!

Volunteers NEEDED >>>>>>Ushers, Altar servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are needed as we start 2026. Please send an email to the rectory or leave a message if you are available to serve our parish in any of these capacities. Your choice of dates !!!

In your charity,
please pray for
Marilyn Perkins
who was called to
eternal rest
on Dec. 28, 2025.
Grant unto her
Eternal rest, and let
perpetual
light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace.
May she and all the
souls of the faithful
departed rest in peace.
AMEN.



Please welcome
Wayne Matthew Davis
to our parish family. Wayne is the
son of Craig and Maggie Davis,
born November 11, 2025 and
baptized on December 28, 2025.
The family is overjoyed as
Wayne joins the family of 6
girls !!!
God Bless the Davis family !!!



'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.

Jan. 4- Jan. 10—Donata Burnes
Jan. 11-Jan.17 _____



We have received word the our **goal for 2026 CMAA is \$15,700.00.** Thank you in advance for your generous contributions and we hope that we can attain this goal and more in 2026. Remember that 70% of the amount over our goal will be returned to our parish for our needs.

Good News!

January 4, 2026

The Epiphany of the Lord (A)

Isaiah 60:1-6 / Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 /
Matthew 2:1-12

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

"We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage" (Matthew 2:2) describes the spark that sent the Magi on their journey. Something unusual in the sky, interpreted as a sign of something wonderful—in response, they changed direction in their lives and devoted themselves to a completely different path. As wonderful as it might well be, a special star in the heavens is not the ordinary experience of how we learn to follow the Lord or discern his will. If only there could be a sign in God's universe for each of us, beckoning us forward, clarifying what we need to do, setting down the path that needs to be followed. Perhaps life would be much simpler. Or perhaps not?

Would it truly be less complicated if everything were made clear and certain? Is the manifestation of God's grace and blessings confined to the straight and narrow, or can we also experience God in the chaos—"in the weeds," so to speak. Human experience seems to suggest that life is more "gray" than "black and white." There is real grace in the journey, in making mistakes, even in choosing something that is incomplete. Thankfully, God's grace does not need perfection to be powerful. We can know and follow God's will for us in the ordinary moments of day-to-day living. We do not need the extraordinary or the dramatic. ●

Knights of Columbus Meeting schedule announced:

1st—3rd Degree Assembly—monthly 1st Wednesday
4th Degree assembly—2nd Wednesday every other month
Contact Grand Knight of Paxton Council—Brad Pickens for more information —217-417-0017

From the Parish office —Please note

- 1.) **Flowers for 2026**—the list is on the clipboard at the back of the church. Please review and pick what weekend you would like to honor a loved one or special occasion.
- 2.) Your assigned envelopes are at the back of the church. If you don't see your box, let Lori know and she will supply a box and # to you.

Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree Council will be holding their monthly meeting on **Wednesday, Jan. 7th** at 7pm
Contact Brad Pickens, Grand Knight Paxton Council
217-417-0017 for more information.



PS 72:1-2 Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.



January Rosary Schedule

Wednesday—8:30 am

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

2025-2026 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.

January Altar Flowers provided by

Jan. 3/4
 Jan. 10/11
 Jan. 17/18
 Jan. 24/25
 Jan. 31/Feb.1

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

MONDAY

January 5
St. John
Neumann, Bishop
 1 Jn 3:22-4:6
 Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

TUESDAY

January 6
Christmas Weekday
 1 Jn 4:7-10
 Mk 6:34-44

WEDNESDAY

January 7
Christmas Weekday
 1 Jn 4:11-18
 Mk 6:45-52

THURSDAY

January 8
Christmas Weekday
 1 Jn 4:19-5:4
 Lk 4:14-22a

FRIDAY

January 9
Christmas Weekday
 1 Jn 5:5-13
 Lk 5:12-16

SATURDAY

January 10
Christmas Weekday
 1 Jn 5:14-21
 Jn 3:22-30

SUNDAY

January 11
The Baptism
of the Lord
 Is 42:1-4, 6-7
 Acts 10:34-38
 Mt 3:13-17

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.

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.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Marron Parsons (12/28)

Kristine Kutemeier (Jan. 4)
 Joyce Freehill (Jan. 4)
 Brooks Schmitt (Jan. 5)
 Haven Hathaway (Jan. 6)
 Jack Eichelberger (Jan.6)
 Nick Roesch (Jan. 7)
 Daniel Kleist (Jan. 10)

Happy Anniversary

Brett and Jodi Beyers (Jan.8)

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