

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:office@ololgc.org)

**Website** [www.ololgc.org](http://www.ololgc.org)

## Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 am

Wednesday 8:00 am

## Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 8:30 am

## 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 18, 2026**  
**2nd Sunday Ordinary time**



John 1:29-34 John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, “A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.” I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel.” John testified further, saying, “I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, “On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit”. Now I have seen and testified that he is the son of God.”

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**

217-784-4671 (OLOL)

217-379-4033 (STM)

**Deacon**

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217-781-1440

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Maggie Davis 217-848-8985

**Music Director**

Margy Shambrook

217-781-0089

**Parish Council President**

Pam Aubry

217-781-1237

*Ministry Schedules*

Date  
Ministry Volunteers  
Contact  
 Patti Huppert  
 (217-778-4574)

Altar ServersLectorEuch. Minister /  
SacristonUshers/GreetersHomebound  
Ministry  
Deacon Paul  
(217) 781-1440

SATURDAY  
 Jan.24  
 5:00 pm

Fran Mardis

(January)  
neededDeacon  
Paul  
Sarantakos

SUNDAY  
 Jan.25  
 11:00 AM  
 (3rd Sunday  
 Ordinary Time)

(January)  
neededSarah  
Sarantakos(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.**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. 19

Tuesday, Jan. 20 **5:30 pm (STM)**

Mass

WED Jan.21 **8:00 am (OLOL)**  
**8:30 am (OLOL)**+ Peg Bane (by friends)  
AdorationTHURS Jan.22 **5:30 pm (STJ)**

Mass

FRI Jan.23 **8:00 am (STM)**

Mass

SAT. Jan.24 **5:00 pm (OLOL)**+Pete Hartford  
(by Audrey Chapman)SUNDAY Jan.25 **8:00 am (STJ)****9:30 am (STM)****11:00 am (OLOL)**

(3rd Sunday Ordinary Time)

Mass

Mass

+Dorita Bechtel  
(by Janis Plattner)**THANK YOU FOR****YOUR GIFTS****OLOL**

Jan. 10/11

\$2,484.00

Capital  
(as of Jan.11)

\$708.00

CMAA 2026  
(goal:\$ 15,700)

\$ 0.00

2025 CMAA  
Outstanding  
pledge\$17,310.00  
(due  
\$175.00)Food Pantry  
Jan. Total  
Yr to Date FP\$ 53.00  
\$ 148.00  
\$ 148.00**Special Collections**

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Jan 1

Solemnity of Mary  
\$852.00Mass Attendance Jan.10 Saturday (44) Jan.11 Sunday (69) = Total 113  
3rd Commandment: Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.**Parish Calendar and MORE (Subject to change)**

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

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Sunday, Jan. 18—NO RE class

Thursday, Jan. 22—Dinner for one—Country Kettle at 4:30 pm—RSVP by Jan.21

Sunday, Jan. 25—OLOL RE Class

Sunday, Feb 1—RE Class

Thursday, Feb. 5—Dinner for One —reservations by Feb 4

Sunday, Feb. 11—RE Class

Thursday Feb 19—Dinner for One—reservations by Feb 18

Remember in your prayers, **Barbara Stricklin**, who was called to the Lord on December 31, 2025.

Grant unto her Eternal rest, and let the perpetual light shine upon her. May Barbara and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

Her daughter is Cyndi Punke, a new parishioner of OLOL.

**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 !!!

**God Bless you !!!**



### The 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun !!!

This year's theme is :

*Beyond All Expectations: Faith that Elevates!*

Through the CMAA, we ensure Christ's mission and ministries reach everyone. We provide shelter for the homeless, feed the hungry, support vocations, and educate the next generation of Catholics. Our parish cannot accomplish this alone. As a diocese, we can do much more.

Our parish goal is \$15,700.00. We receive 70% of any amount raised over goal to use within our parish. Please review your mailing from the Diocese of Joliet and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's appeal. If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office. Thank you !



**'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. 18-Jan. 24—Jerry and Marj Brown

Jan. 25-31—Sarah and Paul Sarantakos

### 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, January 22, 2026**

**Where: Country Kettle 810 S Sangamon Ave. Gibson City**

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

**Cost: Order from menu (Alcohol Available)**

**RSVP: by the 21st ( for making reservations)**

(Please Call, Text, or Email Sarah Sarantakos Coordinator/Our Lady of Lourdes) 217-781-0528 or email Sarah.Sarantakos1@gmail.com

# Good News!

January 18, 2026

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 / 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 / John 1:29-34

ANN M. GARRIDO

**Of the many names Scripture provides** to help us ponder the mystery of Jesus, one of the most intriguing is the name that John the Baptist offers at the opening of today's gospel: "Behold the Lamb of God!" (John 1:29).

Scripture scholars debate what John means here. Is he alluding to the Passover lamb—that unblemished lamb whose blood the enslaved Israelites were to post over their doorways? The angel of death knew to "pass over" these homes. Perhaps John was saying that by Jesus' blood, the people would be freed from death.

Or was John thinking about the guilt offerings mentioned in the Hebrew Scriptures when priests offered animal sacrifices to God as a way of seeking the removal of their sins? Leviticus mentions use of a scapegoat who would carry the sins of the people away into the desert. (See Leviticus 20-28.) Could John have understood that Jesus would bear the sins of the world?

Or did John have in mind the great constellation Aries, the ram, considered the prince of the stars of the sky, the center from whom all the other constellations were mapped in ancient times? Perhaps John was pointing out that Jesus was the center around whom heaven and earth revolve, like the ruling lamb mentioned in the Book of Revelation.

Today at Mass, when the host is elevated and you hear John's words again—"Behold the Lamb of God!"—take a moment to savor these words anew. ●

### Knights of Columbus Meeting schedule announced:



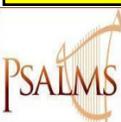
1st—3rd Degree Assembly—monthly 1st Wednesday

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

**Flowers for 2026**—There are still a few weeks available for signing up for flowers. 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.



**PS 40:2 Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**



### 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](mailto: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.



Marj Brown (Jan. 18)  
Nora McCall (Jan. 18)  
Paula Cyphert (Jan. 22)

## Happy Anniversary

Gerald and Georgia Lynch, Sr.  
(Jan. 18)  
Doug and Tammy Parsons (Jan. 20)  
John and Wanda Swearingen (Jan. 22)

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](mailto: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)**



## 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 Burns

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](mailto: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](https://www.facebook.com/ololgc.org)

Website: [www.ololgc.org](http://www.ololgc.org)

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A note concerning

## Hall Rental—

Although we do require a cleaning deposit when a party rental fee is reserved please be aware that you are responsible to clean the Hall and kitchen following your event. If that is done, your cleaning deposit will be returned. Refer any questions to Lori at the office.

## MONDAY

January 19  
Weekday  
1 Sm 15:16-23  
Mk 2:18-22

## TUESDAY

January 20  
Weekday  
1 Sm 16:1-13  
Mk 2:23-28

## WEDNESDAY

January 21  
St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr  
1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51  
Mk 3:1-6

## THURSDAY

January 22  
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children  
1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7  
Mk 3:7-12

## FRIDAY

January 23  
Weekday

1 Sm 24:3-21  
Mk 3:13-19

## SATURDAY

January 24  
St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27  
Mk 3:20-21

## SUNDAY

January 25  
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Is 8:23-9:3  
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17  
Mt 4:12-23  
or 4:12-17