

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

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 know 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

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Deacon

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Pam Aubry
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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. 19		
Tuesday, Jan. 20	5:30 pm (STM)	Mass
WED Jan.21	8:00 am (OLOL) 8:30 am (OLOL)	+ Peg Bane (by friends) Adoration
THURS 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	\$ 53.00 \$ 148.00
Yr to Date FP	\$ 148.00

Special Collections

Jan 1
Solemnity of Mary
\$852.00

**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 Jan.24 5:00 pm		Fran Mardis	_____	(January) needed	Deacon Paul Sarantakos
SUNDAY Jan.25 11:00 AM (3rd Sunday Ordinary Time)	(January) needed	Sarah 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.

Mass 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

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 so 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 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.

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. 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. 17/18—Paul and Sarah Sarantakos
 Jan. 24/25—Wanda Swearingen
 Jan. 31/Feb.1—Carla Moxley

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

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

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.

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/ololgc.org

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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@cawt.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)

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 de-
 posit will be returned. Refer any
 questions to Lori at the office.

**HAPPY
 BIRTHDAY**

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 !



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