

## 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 5:30 pm

Friday 8:00 am

#### Eucharistic Adoration

Friday following 8:00 am Mass

#### Confession

Friday following 8:00 am Mass



#### St. Joseph

312 N. Hickory Street  
Loda, IL 60948

#### Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 am

Thursday 5:30 pm

**Confession - Sunday 7:30 am**

## February 22, 2026 First Sunday of Lent



Mt 4:10-11

At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'" Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.

I Am Here.



Come Visit Me.

Catholic Faith  
Ministries

### 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

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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, Feb 23		
Tuesday, Feb 24	5:30 pm (STM)	Mass
WED Feb 25	8:00 am (OLOL) 8:30 am (OLOL)	Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners Adoration
THURS Feb 26	5:30 pm (STJ)	Mass
FRI Feb 27	8:00 am (STM)	Mass
SAT. Feb 28	5:00 pm (OLOL)	+Roger Huppert (by Barre and Leola Henry)
SUNDAY Mar.1	8:00 am (STJ) 9:30 am (STM) 11:00 am (OLOL)	Mass Mass +John Hamilton (by Ted and Peggy Grote)
(Second Sunday of Lent)		

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL	
Feb. 14/15	\$2,411.00
Capital (as of Feb. 15)	\$840.00
CMAA 2026 (goal:\$ 15,700)	\$ 0.00
2025 CMAA	\$17,365.00
Food Pantry Feb. Total	\$ 42.00
Yr to Date FP	\$ 97.00
	\$ 407.00

**Special Collections**  
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Sunderland Scholarship  
Feb 14/15 \$627.00  
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Ash Wednesday  
Feb.18

**Ministry Schedules**

Date	Ministry Volunteers Contact	Altar Servers	Lector	Euch. Minister / Sacriston	Ushers/Greeters	Homebound Ministry
	Patti Huppert (217-778-4574)					Deacon Paul (217) 781-1440
SATURDAY .Feb 28 5:00 pm			Patti Huppert	_____	(February) needed	Deacon Paul Sarantakos
SUNDAY March 1 11:00 AM (2nd Sunday of Lent)		(March) needed	Jack Kollross	_____	(March) 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 Feb 14 Saturday (64) Feb.15 Sunday (77) = Total 141  
Feb 18 (Ash Wednesday) —50  
3rd Commandment: Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.

**Parish Calendar and MORE (Subject to change)**

**Choir Practice, Thursday at 3:00 pm—Feb. 26th, March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th**  
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Friday, Feb. 27—Stations of the Cross—3:00 pm  
Friday, Feb. 27— Set up Food Pantry—5:30 pm (see notice next page)  
Saturday, Feb. 28—Food Pantry distribution—7:45 am to noon (see notice next page)  
Saturday, Feb. 28—Mass at 5:00 pm  
Sunday, March 1st—RE Class at the Hall—regular scheduled time  
Sunday, March 1st— Mass 11:00 am  
March 7th and 8th—Knights of Columbus—membership drive following following scheduled Mass at St. Mary's, Paxton

Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of Lourdes  
Every Friday during Lent at **6:00 pm**  
(Not of Good Friday)



**Community Midweek Lent Service**  
(Each Wednesday at noon)

Feb. 25— Our Lady of Lourdes (Gibson)  
March 4—St Peter Free Lutheran Church (Melvin)  
March 11—United Methodist Church (Gibson)  
March 18—Our Lady of Lourdes (Gibson)  
March 25—1st Christian Church (Gibson)



Please welcome **Father Greg Skonrow** to our parish, effective Monday, Feb. 16th. Father Greg has been assigned to serve our spiritual needs at least through June. From his sermon on Ash Wednesday, he looks to be very interesting, entertaining and totally a man of God !



'**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 through this year, and perhaps beyond.

Feb 22- 28—Marj and Jerry Brown  
March 1- 7— \_\_\_\_\_



**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 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. **Pledge envelopes will be distributed this month.**



**Food Pantry Volunteers**

**Friday February 27th** at 5:30 pm

10 people are needed to set up

**Saturday February 28th**

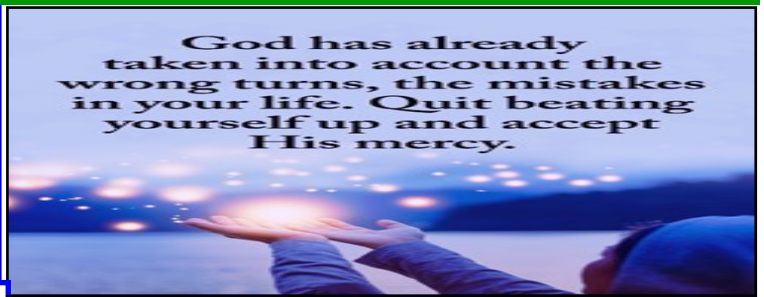
7:45 am to noon **10 to 15 people**

needed to help with packing, distribution and delivery.

**Please consider volunteering.**

Contact Deacon Paul at (217) 781-1440

Due to high traffic volume on Saturday, please park at the North end of Runnings parking lot. Please **DO NOT** park on the west side of their lot right next to the food pantry building. They keep that area for employee parking.



**Attention :**

Our Lady of Lourdes needs **2 news council members in July for a 3 year term.** Also in need of a **new Religious Education Director** after this school year. Please contact the Parish Council for more information.

**Volunteers NEEDED >>>>>>Choir members, 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 !!**

**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 51:3-4**

**Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**



**February/ March 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@ololg.org](mailto:office@ololg.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)  
Martha Heavilin (309-826-4532)  
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.

*February Altar Flowers* provided by

*Feb 18 to April 2—No flowers for LENT*

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

**MONDAY**  
February 23  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18  
Mt 25:31-46

**TUESDAY**  
February 24  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Is 55:10-11  
Mt 6:7-15

**WEDNESDAY**  
February 25  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Jon 3:1-10  
Lk 11:29-32

**THURSDAY**  
February 26  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Est C:12, 14-16,  
23-25  
Mt 7:7-12

**FRIDAY**  
February 27  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Ez 18:21-28  
Mt 5:20-26

**SATURDAY**  
February 28  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Dt 26:16-19  
Mt 5:43-48

**SUNDAY**  
March 1  
*Second Sunday of Lent*  
Gn 2:1-4a  
2 Tm 1:8b-10  
Mt 17:1-9

### **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/ Peter Erdmann  
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](mailto: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](http://www.facebook.com/ololg.org)

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

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Lori Gale –secretary  
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## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Kate McCall (2/22)  
Ryen Miller (2/24)  
Audrey Killian (2/25)  
Stanley Davis (2/26)  
Diane Perkins (2/26)  
Pam Aubry (2/27)  
Brian Goodin (2/27)  
Lisa Heap (2/28)  
Corey Fields (2/28)  
Daniel Allen (2/28)  
Ray Hankes (3/1)  
Keaton Beyers (3/1)

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)**

A note concerning

### **Hall Rental—**

When using the Hall during the winter months, please turn the thermostat down to 68 degrees before leaving. The thermostat has been left at a higher temp lately and the bill is getting quite costly. Thank you for your cooperation !!!