

## 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

## March 8, 2026 Third Sunday of Lent



Jn 4:25-26 The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Anointed; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking with you."

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

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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, March 9		
Tuesday, March 10	5:30 pm (STM)	Mass
WED March 11	8:00 am (OLOL) 8:30 am (OLOL)	+Karla Sailer (by Ted and Peggy Grote) Adoration
THURS March 12	5:30 pm (STJ)	Mass
FRI March 13	8:00 am (STM)	Mass
SAT. March 14	5:00 pm (OLOL)	+Roger Huppert (by Leola and Barre Henry)
SUNDAY March 15	8:00 am (STJ) 9:30 am (STM) 11:00 am (OLOL)	Mass Mass +Peg Bane (by family and friends)
(Fourth Sunday of Lent)		

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL	
Feb. 28/Mar. 1	\$2,853.00
Capital (as of March 1)	\$616.00
CMAA 2026 (goal:\$ 15,700)	\$ 0.00
2025 CMAA	\$17,365.00
Food Pantry	\$ 62.00
March Total	\$ 62.00
Yr to Date FP	\$ 536.00



**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 March 14 5:00 pm			Bruce Killian	Needed	(March) Bob Bode	Deacon Paul Sarantakos
SUNDAY March 15 11:00 AM (4th Sunday of Lent)		(March) needed	Fran Mardis	Needed	(March)	

**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 28 *Saturday* (52) March 1 *Sunday* (81) = Total 133

3rd Commandment: Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.

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

**Choir Practice, Thursday at 3:00 pm March 12th, 19th, 26th**  
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March 7th and 8th—Knights of Columbus—membership drive following regular scheduled Mass at St. Mary's, Paxton

March 14th—Stations of the Cross—6:00 pm

March 20th—Stations of the Cross—6:00 pm

**March 27th –Stations of the Cross—Mary's Way—6:00 pm**  
Stay tuned for more announcements

**Correction—I misspelled Fr. Greg's name in the previous bulletin. My apologies !**  
We welcome Fr. Greg Skowron !!!!



### Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of Lourdes

Every Friday during Lent at 6:00 pm

March 13th and March 20th

March 27th—Stations of the Cross, Mary's Way

(Have you ever thought how Mary felt about what Jesus was going through?

It is a very emotional experience.)

### Community Midweek Lent Service

(Each Wednesday at noon)

March 11—United Methodist Church (Gibson)

March 18—Our Lady of Lourdes (Gibson)

March 25—1st Christian Church (Gibson)



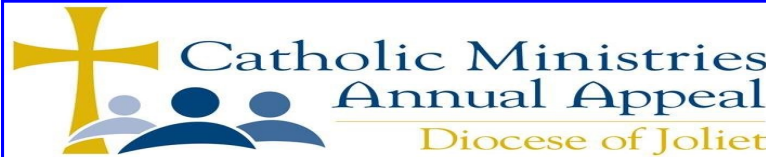
'Travelling Mary' is an event you should consider taking part in. It involves taking the 'Travelling Mary' Statue home for one week, place her in a place of honor, and pray together with your family at least once a day. Make her welcome in your home.

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.

March 8—14 - Pat Harper

March 15-21—Fran Mardis



The 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun !!!

This year's theme is :

*Beyond All Expectations: Faith that Elevates!*

If you have already pledged to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we sincerely thank you! Let's join together to meet our parish goal of \$15,700.00.

Every gift makes a difference.

If you still plan on making your gift, please prayerfully consider how you can elevate your faith beyond all expectations in support of those in need. Pledge envelopes are still available in church, or you can use the envelope you received in the mail from the diocese. We also welcome online gifts at [joliectdioceseappeal.org](http://joliectdioceseappeal.org)

Remember, we receive 70% of any amount raised over our goal to reinvest in our own parish. This is an incredible opportunity and blessing!

# Dear Padre

March 8, 2026

**When I was young, my parish covered all the statues during part of Lent. What did it mean exactly? Do any churches still do this?**

In 2001, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops approved the practice of veiling statues and crosses during the last two weeks of the season of Lent, beginning on the fifth Sunday of Lent. This practice is optional, at the discretion of the local pastor. According to the Roman Missal, "Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil."

Covering crosses and statues in violet cloth in the final weeks of Lent indicates a shift in the Church's focus from Jesus in the desert (gospel for the first Sunday of Lent) to Christ during his Passion. Similar to other Lenten disciplines of penance and fasting that align us in solidarity with Christ, the veiling custom is meant to deepen our appreciation for Christ's ultimate sacrifice. It represents our "fasting" from sacred depictions of the cross on which hung our salvation and from images of the saints, who glorify Christ and in whom he is glorified. This concealment creates an absence to make our hearts grow fonder for the Lord, who "bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24). ●

Fr. Byron J. Miller, CSsR / [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org)

### 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 95:1-2 If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**



### 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**  
MARCH 9  
*Lenten Weekday*  
2 Kgs 5:1-15ab  
Lk 4:24-30

**TUESDAY**  
MARCH 10  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Dn 3:25, 34-43  
Mt 18:21-35

**WEDNESDAY**  
MARCH 11  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Dt 4:1, 5-9  
Mt 5:17-19

**THURSDAY**  
MARCH 12  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Jer 7:23-28  
Lk 11:14-23

**FRIDAY**  
MARCH 13  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Hos 14:2-10  
Mk 12:28-34

**SATURDAY**  
MARCH 14  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Hos 6:1-6  
Lk 18:9-14

**SUNDAY**  
MARCH 15  
*Fourth Sunday of Lent*  
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a  
Eph 5:8-14  
Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**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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Bishop Dennis Spies (3/5)  
Seth Kollross (3/8)  
Joseph McGuire (3/11)  
Milagro Ortiz (3/13)  
Allison Kleist (3/14)  
Terry Hutchcraft (3/14)  
Doug Parsons (3/14)  
Victoria McGuire (3/14)

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 !!!