

# March 15, 2026 Fourth Sunday of Lent

## 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

Priest—Fr. Greg Skowron

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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



Jn 9:4-6

We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes

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.

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|-------------------|---|--|
| Monday, March 16  |   |  |
| Tuesday, March 17 | 5:30 pm (STM)                                     | Mass   |
| WED March 18      | 8:00 am (OLOL)<br>8:30 am (OLOL)                  | +Peg Bane<br>(by family and friends)<br>Adoration            |
| THURS March 19    | 5:30 pm (STJ)                                     | Mass   |
| FRI March 20      | 8:00 am (STM)                                     | Mass   |
| SAT. March 21     | 5:00 pm (OLOL)                                    | +Bill Hartford<br>(by Bob and Susan Martensen)               |
| SUNDAY March 22   | 8:00 am (STJ)<br>9:30 am (STM)<br>11:00 am (OLOL) | Mass<br>Mass<br>+Robert (Sonny) Meyer<br>(by Doris Freehill) |

**THANK YOU FOR  
 YOUR GIFTS  
 OLOL**

|                               |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Mar.7/8                       | \$4,414.00  |
| Capital<br>(as of March 8)    | \$746.00    |
| CMAA 2026<br>(goal:\$ 15,700) | \$ 0.00     |
| 2025 CMAA                     | \$17,365.00 |
| Food Pantry                   | \$ 82.00    |
| March Total                   | \$ 144.00   |
| Yr to Date FP                 | \$ 618.00   |

**Special Collections**

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 Catholic Relief Services  
 March 14/15

**Ministry  
 Schedules**

| Date  | Altar Servers     | Lector        | Euch. Minister /<br>Sacriston | Ushers/Greeters     | Homebound<br>Ministry         |
|---|-------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Ministry Volunteers<br>Contact<br>Patti Huppert<br>(217-778-4574) |                   |               |                               |                     | Deacon Paul<br>(217) 781-1440 |
| SATURDAY<br>March 21<br>5:00 pm                                   |                   | Michele Meyer | Needed                        | (March)<br>Bob Bode | Deacon<br>Paul<br>Sarantakos  |
| SUNDAY<br>March 22<br>11:00 AM<br>(5th Sunday of Lent)            | (March)<br>needed | Lisa Heap     | 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

Mass Attendance March 7 Saturday (52) March 8 Sunday (88) = Total 140

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

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

**Choir Practice, Thursday at 3:00 pm March 19th, 26th**

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

**March 27th —Stations of the Cross—Mary's Way—6:00 pm**

**Easter Week—April 2nd to 5th—see next page**

Stay tuned for more announcements



**Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of Lourdes  
March 20th 6:00 pm**

**March 27th—Mary’s Way of the Cross  
(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 18—Our Lady of Lourdes (Gibson)  
March 25—1st Christian Church (Gibson)**



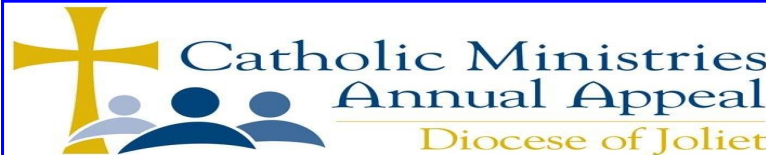
**‘Travelling Mary’** is an event you should consider taking part in. It involves taking the ‘Travelling Mary’ Statue home for one week, place her in a place of honor, and pray together with your family at least once a day. Make her welcome in your home.

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 15-21—Fran Mardis

March 22-28—Teresa and Michael Smith



**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!

**HOLY WEEK**

**Holy Thursday—April 2nd**

OLOL 5:30 pm

St. Mary’s,Paxton—7:30 Adoration until 10 pm

**GOOD Friday—April 3rd**

12:00 pm—St Mary’s, Paxton

Mary’s Way of the Cross

3:00 pm –St Joseph

Celebration of Lord’s Passion

5:00 PM St Mary’s, Paxton

Celebration of Lord’s Passion

6:30 pm—OLOL

Celebration of Lord’s Passion

**Holy Saturday—April 4th**

11:00 am –St Mary’s

Blessing of Food Baskets

7:30 pm Easter Vigil—OLOL

**Easter Sunday—April 5**

8:00 am Mass— St. Joseph

9:30 am Mass—St Mary’s

11:00 am Mass—OLOL

**Attention :** **Our Lady of Lourdes needs 2 new 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 23:1-3a The Lord is my shepherd;  
There is nothing I shall want.**



**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@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)  
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.

*March 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 16  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Is 65:17-21  
Jn 4:43-54

**TUESDAY**  
MARCH 17  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Ez 47:1-9, 12  
Jn 5:1-16

**WEDNESDAY**  
MARCH 18  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Is 49:8-15  
Jn 5:17-30

**THURSDAY**  
MARCH 19  
*St. Joseph,  
Spouse of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary*  
2 Sm 7:4-5a,  
12-14a, 16  
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22  
Mt 1:16, 18-21,  
24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**FRIDAY**  
MARCH 20  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Wis 2:1a, 12-22  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**SATURDAY**  
MARCH 21  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Jer 11:18-20  
Jn 7:40-53

**SUNDAY**  
MARCH 22  
*Fifth Sunday  
of Lent*  
Ez 37:12-14  
Rom 8:8-11  
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7,  
17, 20-27, 33b-45

**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@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](http://www.facebook.com/ololgc.org)

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

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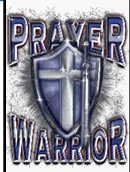
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Josie Kleist (3/16)  
Brian Helmig (3/17)  
Willard Pearson (3/17)  
Aiden Killian (3/18)  
Gary Wilhelmi (3/19)  
Fran Mardis (3/19)  
Lily Giroux (3/19)  
Bernadette Campos (3/20)  
Liam Killian (3/21)  
Gary Gale (3/21)

*Happy Anniversary*

Rich and Beth Baillie (3/15)

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 !!!