

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

Priest—Fr. Greg Skowron

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 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 22, 2026 Fifth Sunday of Lent



Jn 11:38-44 So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

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 23		
Tuesday, March 24	5:30 pm (STM)	Mass
WED March 25	8:00 am (OLOL) 8:30 am (OLOL)	+Pete Hartford (by Carla Moxley) Adoration
THURS March 26	5:30 pm (STJ)	Mass
FRI March 27	8:00 am (STM)	Mass
SAT. March 28	5:00 pm (OLOL)	+RogerHuppert (by Jane Tjarks)
SUNDAY March 29 (Palm Sunday)	8:00 am (STJ) 9:30 am (STM) 11:00 am (OLOL)	Mass Mass Jack and Susan Kollross Anniversary

**THANK YOU FOR
 YOUR GIFTS
 OLOL**

Mar.14/15	\$2351.00
Capital (as of March 8)	\$746.00
CMAA 2026 (goal:\$ 15,700)	\$ 0.00
2025 CMAA	\$17,365.00
Food Pantry March Total	\$ 70.00
Yr to Date FP	\$ 214.00 \$ 738.00

Special Collections

Catholic Relief Services
 March 14/15
\$663.00

**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 March 28 5:00 pm		Marj Brown Lloyd Powers	Needed	(March) Bob Bode	Deacon Paul Sarantakos
SUNDAY March 29 11:00 AM (Palm Sunday)	(March) needed	Alyce Hafer Maggie Davis	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 14 *Saturday* (56) March 15 *Sunday* (62) = Total 118
 3rd Commandment: Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.

Parish Calendar and MORE (Subject to change)

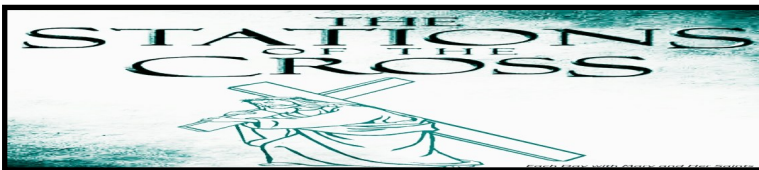
Choir Practice, Thursday at 3:00 pm March 26th

March 27th –Stations of the Cross—Mary’s Way—6:00 pm

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

Thursday, April 9—4:30 to 6:30 pm . Dinner for 1 –Country Kettle

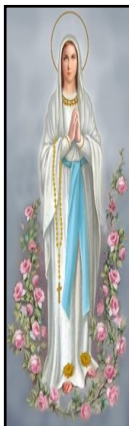
NOTE— Green Missiles—It has come to our attention that the new Green Missiles are slowly disappearing from the church, leaving the services short. If you take one for a special reason, PLEASE return it to the church at your next visit. They are expensive and we are needing to order more.



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
(Wednesday at noon)
March 25—1st Christian Church (Gibson)

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.

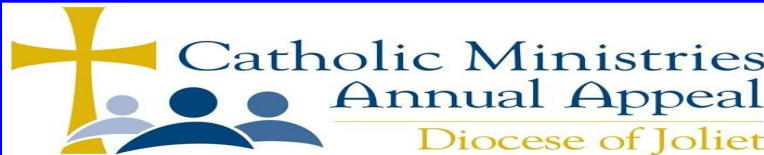


'Travelling Mary' is an event you should consider taking part in. It involves taking the 'Travelling Mary' Statue home for one week, place her in a place of honor, and pray together with your family at least once a day. Make her welcome in your home.

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 22-28—Teresa and Michael Smith
March 29-April 4—Beth Baillie



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 jolietdioceseappeal.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!

For Holy Thursday, April 2nd— Needed are at least 2 altar servers and 6 parishioners who are available for the 'Washing of the Feet' portion of the service. Chairs will be set up in the center aisle for that special service.

HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday Service—April 2nd

LOLO 6:30 pm

(Lector—Michael Smith)

(Eucharistic Minister—Needed)

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—LOLO

Celebration of Lord's Passion

(Lector—Jack Kollross)

(Eucharistic Minister— Needed)

Holy Saturday—April 4th

11:00 am —St Mary's

Blessing of Food Baskets

7:30 pm Easter Vigil—LOLO

(Lectors—Patti Huppert, Bruce Killian)

(Eucharistic Minister—Needed)

Easter Sunday—April 5

8:00 am Mass— St. Joseph

9:30 am Mass—St Mary's

11:00 am Mass—LOLO

(Lector—Fran Mardis)

(Eucharistic Minister— Needed)

Volunteers NEEDED >>>>>>Choir members, Ushers, Altar servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are needed as we continue in 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 130:1-2 With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption



March Rosary Schedule

Wednesday—8:30 am

Saturday 4:15pm

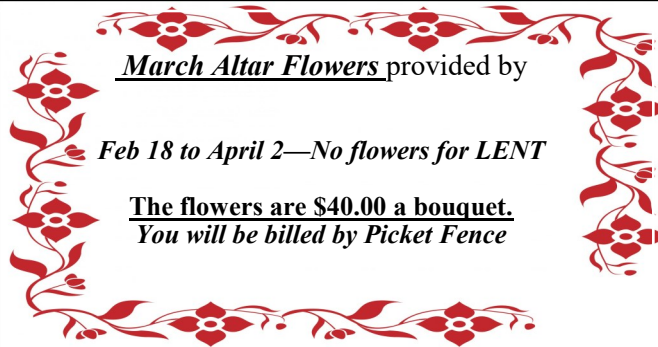
Sunday 10:30am

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. 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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Liam Killian (3/21)
Gary Gale (3/21)
Remi Astronomo (3/24)
Stanley Vetter (3/27)
Basilio Campos (3/28)
Caroline Gonzalez (3/28)



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.

Happy Anniversary

Jack and Susan Kollross (3/27)



Our Lady of Lourdes Social Media Sites
Please check them out for an abundance of information.

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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@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 !!!

MONDAY

MARCH 23

Lenten Weekday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17,
19-30, 33-62 or
13:41c-62
Jn 8:1-11

TUESDAY

MARCH 24

Lenten Weekday

Nm 21:4-9
Jn 8:21-30

WEDNESDAY

MARCH 25

The Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14; 8:10
Heb 10:4-10
Lk 1:26-38

THURSDAY

MARCH 26

Lenten Weekday

Gn 17:3-9
Jn 8:51-59

FRIDAY

MARCH 27

Lenten Weekday

Jer 20:10-13
Jn 10:31-42

SATURDAY

MARCH 28

Lenten Weekday

Ez 37:21-28
Jn 11:45-56

SUNDAY

MARCH 29

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mt 21:1-11
Is 50:4-7
Phil 2:6-11
Mt 26:14-27:66 or
27:11-54