

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 29, 2026
Palm Sunday



Mt 21:1-6

On the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tethered, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them here to me. And if anyone should say anything to you, reply, 'The master has need of them.' Then he will send them at once." This happened so that what had been spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled: "Say to daughter Zion, 'Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'" The disciples went and did as Jesus had ordered them.

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 30		
Tuesday, March 31	5:30 pm (STM)	Mass
WED April 1	8:00 am (OLOL) 8:30 am (OLOL)	+Sonny Meyer (by friends)
THURS April 2	6:30 pm (OLOL) 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm (STM)	Holy Thursday Service Adoration
FRI April 3	12 noon (STM) 3:00 pm (STJ) 5:00 pm (STM) 6:30 pm (OLOL)	Mary's Way of the Cross Lord's Passion Lord's Passion Lord's Passion
SAT. April 4 Easter Vigil	11:00 am (STM) 7:30 pm (OLOL)	Blessing of Food Baskets Deacon Paul and Sarah Sarantakos (40th Anniversary)
SUNDAY April 5 (Easter Sunday)	8:00 am (STJ) 9:30 am (STM) 11:00 am (OLOL)	Easter Mass Easter Mass +Courtney Schoolcraft (by Michelle Rosenbaum)

**THANK YOU FOR
 YOUR GIFTS
 OLOL**

Mar.21/22	\$2,694.00
Capital (as of March 8)	\$746.00
CMAA 2026 (goal:\$ 15,700)	\$ 0.00
2025 CMAA	\$17,365.00
Food Pantry	\$ 112.00
March Total	\$ 326.00
Yr to Date FP	\$ 850.00

Special Collections

Catholic Relief Services
 March 14/15
\$681.00

**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 April 4 Easter vigil 7:30 pm		Patti Huppert Bruce Killian	Needed	(March) Bob Bode	Deacon Paul Sarantakos
SUNDAY April 5 11:00 AM (Easter Sunday)	(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

Mass Attendance March 21 *Saturday* (55) March 22 *Sunday* (61) = Total 116
 3rd Commandment: Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.

Parish Calendar and MORE (Subject to change)

Choir Practice, Thursday at 3:00 pm April 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

Wednesday, April 1st—Practice Session for Easter Week Services at the church for all participants. 6:30 pm (see next page top left)
Easter Week Schedule—April 2nd to 5th—(see next page top right)

NOTE— Green Missalettes/Hymnals—It has come to our attention that the new Green Missalettes 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. Thank you.

Holy Week Rehearsal
Wednesday, April 1st 6:30 pm

Father Greg would like to rehearse the special events for Holy Week with those who will be participating, that is altar servers, attendees to the 'Washing of the Feet', the lectors for the Passion readings, and anyone who wants to help with these special services Thursday thru Sunday.

These are very special days for us and we anticipate good attendance for these services. Thank you in advance.

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.



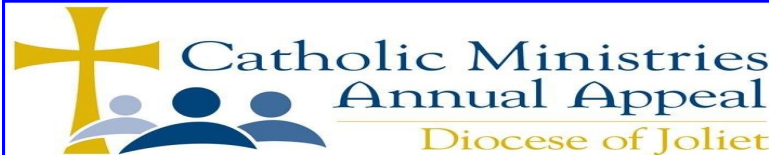
'Travelling Mary' is an event you should consider taking part in. It involves taking the 'Travelling Mary' Statue home for one week, place her in a place of honor, and pray together with your family at least once a day. Make her welcome in your home.

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 29-April 4—Beth Baillie

April 5- April 11 - _____



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 joliethdioceseappeal.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 Schedule

HOLY THURSDAY SERVICE—April 2nd

OLOL 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 — Lord's Passion

5:00 PM St Mary's, Paxton — Lord's Passion

6:30 pm—OLOL

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—OLOL

(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—OLOL

(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 !!!

A number of emails are being returned as non-deliverable. If you have had a recent change of your email address, please email a note to office@ololgc.org Thank you !



PS 22:8-9 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?



March/April 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/April Altar Flowers provided by

Feb 18 to April 2—No flowers for LENT
Easter Week—Easter sign up list
April 11-12—TBA

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

MONDAY
MARCH 30
Monday of Holy Week
Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

TUESDAY
MARCH 31
Tuesday of Holy Week
Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 1
Wednesday of Holy Week
Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

THURSDAY
APRIL 2
Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)
Chrism Mass:
Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9
Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

FRIDAY
APRIL 3
Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)
Is 52:13-53:12
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9
Jn 18:1-19:42

SATURDAY
APRIL 4
Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)
Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Ex 14:15-15:1
Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11
Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4
Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28
Rom 6:3-11; Mt 28:1-10

SUNDAY
APRIL 5
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

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.

Our Lady of Lourdes Social Media Sites

Please check them out for an abundance of information.

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www.facebook.com/ololg.org

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PSarantakos@Parkland.edu

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Remi Astronomo (3/24)
Stanley Vetter (3/27)
Basilio Campos (3/28)
Carolina Gonzalez (3/28)
Janey Hansen (3/29)
Dan Day (3/30)
Egan Lynch (3/30)
Austin Rosenbaum (4/1)
Madison Eberle (4/2)
Greg Laughery (4/4)

Happy Anniversary

John and Susan Kollross (3/27)
Carl and Beth Hornstein (4/3)
Paul and Sarah Sarantakos (4/5)



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 !!!