

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

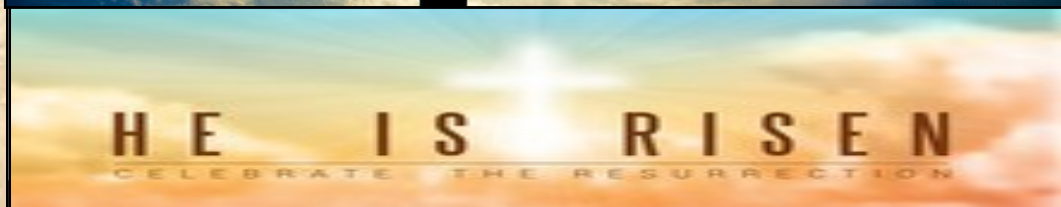
Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 am

Thursday 5:30 pm

Confession - Sunday 7:30 am

April 5, 2026 Easter Sunday The Resurrection of Our Lord



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, April 6		
Tuesday, April 7	5:30 pm (STM)	Mass
WED April 8	8:00 am (OLOL) 8:30 am (OLOL)	+Roger Huppert (by Tom Hartford) Adoration
THURS April 9	5:30 pm (STJ)	Mass
FRI April 10	8:00 am (STM)	Mass
SAT. April 11	5:00 pm (OLOL)	+Bill Hartford (by Sue and Robert Martensen)
SUNDAY April 12	8:00 am (STJ) 9:30 am (STM) 11:00 am (OLOL) (Divine Mercy Sunday)	Mass Mass + Carol Obert (by Paul Obert)

**THANK YOU FOR
 YOUR GIFTS
 OLOL**

Mar. 28/29	\$2,583.00
Capital (as of March 8)	\$746.00
CMAA 2026 (goal:\$ 15,700)	\$ 0.00
2025 CMAA	\$17,365.00
Food Pantry March Total	67.00 \$ 393.00
Yr to Date FP	\$ 917.00

Special Collections

 Catholic Relief Services
 March 14/15
\$681.00
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 Capital April 5

**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 11 5:00 pm		Fran Mardis	Needed	(April) Bob Bode	Deacon Paul Sarantakos
SUNDAY April 12 11:00 AM (Divine Mercy Sunday)	(April) needed	Sarah Sarantakos	Needed	(April)	

Mass Attendance March 28 *Saturday* (56) March 29 *Sunday* (69) = Total 125
 3rd Commandment: Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.

Parish Calendar and MORE (Subject to change)

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

Monday, April 6 thru Sunday, April 12—Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited daily beginning at 3:00 pm at OLOL (led by Fran Mardis) If you cannot attend, recite the Chaplet at home.

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

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.

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



'Travelling Mary' is a 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.

April 5- April 11 -Paul and Sarah Sarantakos
April 12- 18-Beth Baillie



Good News!

April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (A)

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Colossians 3:1-4
or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 / John 20:1-9
or Matthew 28:1-10

MIGUEL DULICK

We celebrate Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon of spring, which is also the first Sunday after Passover. The whole history of the world comes to this point, and today's gospel catches the eternal thrill of that day. A desperate Mary Magdalen cannot find her Lord in the tomb. Thinking that his body has been stolen, she alerts the apostles. Peter and John go running, and a moment of unforgettable suspense follows as first Peter and then John enter the tomb. The details are significant. They saw the burial cloths there and "the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place" (John 20:7). Thieves would not have taken the time to unwrap the body and fold the face cloth. These details are intended to point to the truth of the resurrection. They saw and believed!

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles follows the story of the centurion Cornelius, the first prominent pagan convert. (His story is fascinating—take time to read it this week.) Peter gives a speech including a kind of catechism that had been standardized in a formula repeated at least six times in Acts. This proclamation, or kerygma, incorporates the message and the motivation for a change of life. God anointed Jesus, raised him from the dead, and promised that all who believe in him will be forgiven their sins and rise with him. Happy Easter! ●

Dear Padre

April 5, 2026

I'm marrying my girlfriend! Although she grew up Catholic, she doesn't practice the faith. Is it still OK to marry her?

Will you enter marriage with your fiancée because of a mutual love for each other? Do you both understand that this love will be strengthened by the sacramental grace of your matrimonial union, a grace you will receive because of baptism, not practice? Will you both try to create a loving family and, together as a family, try to be open each day to the grace of God already at work in your lives? Do you both realize that this grace calls you to create, in the name of Jesus, a witness to the truth of the gospel, which is even more powerful than the love you share?

If you hesitate to answer any of these questions with a wholehearted "yes," then consider exploring these questions together with your pastor or another person helping to prepare you for marriage. Perfect faith is not required for a good, sacramental marriage. Openness to faith is believing that the Lord who has brought you together is not yet finished with either of you. You both have more to learn, and, with God's grace, you will respond to his love. Jesus will work through both of you in ways that you may not even be able to imagine. In that spirit, marry her, build a life together, and know that God's plan for you will always be there. ●

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 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 118:1-2 This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.



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@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.

April Altar Flowers provided by

April 11-12—Holly Miller
April 18-19—John Cole

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

MONDAY
April 6
Octave of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22-33
Mt 28:8-15

TUESDAY
April 7
Octave of Easter
Acts 2:36-41
Jn 20:11-18

WEDNESDAY
April 8
Octave of Easter
Acts 3:1-10
Lk 24:13-35

THURSDAY
April 9
Octave of Easter
Acts 3:11-26
Lk 24:35-48

FRIDAY
April 10
Octave of Easter
Acts 4:1-12
Jn 21:1-14

SATURDAY
April 11
Octave of Easter
Acts 4:13-21
Mk 16:9-15

SUNDAY
April 12
Second Sunday of Easter
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)
Acts 2:42-47
1 Pt 1:3-9
Jn 20:19-31

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.

Our Lady of Lourdes Social Media Sites

Please check them out for an abundance of information.

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www.facebook.com/ololgc.org

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Greg Laughery (4/4)
Jason Eberle (4/5)
Sandy Kollross (4/5)
Mary Giroux (4/8)
Jean Wilhelmi (4/9)
Mary Meyer (4/9)
John Cole (4/10)
Susan Kollross (4/11)
Joyce Foster (4/11)
Erin McCall (4/12)

Happy Anniversary

Paul and Sarah Sarantakos (4/5)
Basilio and Bernadette Campos (4/8)
Jim and Jennifer Freehill (4/9)



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 !!!