

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

Adoration

Tuesdays 8:00 am –5:15 pm

1st Friday of month—1 hr after 8 am Mass

Confession

Tuesday 4:30 to 5:00 pm

1st Friday of the month during Holy Hour

1st Sat. of the month –8:30 –8:50 am



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 12, 2026 2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday



Jn 20:19

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be 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, April 13		
Tues., April 14	8 am to 5:15 pm(STM) 5:15 PM (STM)	Adoration Benediction
WED April 15	8:00 am (OLOL) 8:30 am (OLOL)	+John Hamilton (by Ted and Peggy Grote) Adoration
THURS April 16	5:30 pm (STJ)	Mass
FRI April 17	8:00 am (STM) 1st Friday of the Month	Mass Adoration for 1 hour after Mass
SAT. April 18	5:00 pm (OLOL)	+Dorita Bechtel (by Dale Schafer family)
SUNDAY April 19	8:00 am (STJ) 9:30 am (STM) 11:00 am (OLOL) (3rd Sunday of Easter)	Mass Mass + Sonny Meyer (by Joyce Freehill)

**THANK YOU FOR
 YOUR GIFTS
 OLOL**

April 4/5	\$2431.00
Capital (as of April 5)	\$340.00
CMAA 2026 (goal:\$ 15,700) As of April6, 2026	\$4,425.00
2025 CMAA	\$17,365.00
Food Pantry April Total	\$77.00
Yr to Date FP	\$ 994.00

Special Collections

Good Friday—\$580.00
Easter—\$1,810.00

*Ministry
 Schedules*

Date Ministry Volunteers Contact Patti Huppert (217-778-4574)	Altar Servers	Lector	Euch. Minister / Sacriston	Ushers/Greeters	Homebound Ministry Deacon Paul (217) 781-1440
SATURDAY April 18 5:00 pm		Michele Meyer	Needed	(April) Bob Bode	Deacon Paul Sarantakos
SUNDAY April 19 11:00 AM (3rd Sunday of Easter)	(April) needed	Lisa Heap	Needed	(April)	

Mass Attendance April 4 *Saturday* (49) April 5 *Easter Sunday* (99) = *Total 148*
 3rd Commandment: Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.

Parish Calendar and MORE (Subject to change)

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

Monday, April 6 thru Saturday, April 11—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. **Sunday, April 12**—Recite Divine Mercy Chaplet at home
 Sunday, April 19—RE Classes as scheduled
 Thursday, April 23—4:30 to 6:30 pm , Dinner for 1—Country Kettle (RSVP to Sarah)
 Sunday, April 26—RE Classes as scheduled

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 12- 18—Beth Baillie

April 19- 25—Jean Wilhelmi



Request from Martha Heavilin:



'Back when Fr. John was here, he had Jack Kollross crush and demolish the 1942 organ that was in the choir loft that my Mom had played for over 40 years. Jack didn't demolish the organ's bench, but he can't remember where it went or who took it. I desperately would like that bench? I would like to purchase the organ bench from whoever

has it !!! A friend of mine could shorten the legs so I can use it with my home

piano. It would mean SO much to me to get it back. Had I known that the organ was being discarded along with the bench back then, I certainly would have said something. The organ and bench being gone was a total surprise to me as well as the other choir members.

Thank you so much in advance in trying to locate the bench !!' Prayers offered for it's return. Martha Heavilin

Good News!

April 12, 2026

**Second Sunday of Easter
(Sunday of Divine Mercy) (A)**

Acts 2:42-47 / 1 Peter 1:3-9 / John 20:19-31

ANN M. GARRIDO

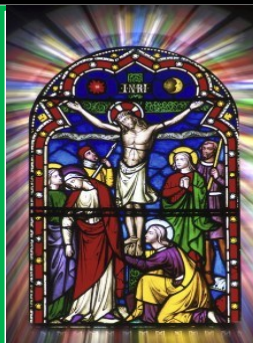
We can readily understand Thomas' insistence upon seeing things with his own eyes. Would *you* believe it if someone told *you* that a friend whose funeral you had attended was now walking through walls?

At some time or other, all of us have been tricked into believing something we later found out was untrue and remember how foolish we felt. Haven't our parents told us not to believe everything we hear? Haven't our teachers taught us to do our own research? Doubt serves a valuable purpose, and we would be naïve to disregard it.

At the same time, we know that doubt can become a way of life, overstepping its usefulness. During the COVID pandemic, for example, some refused to believe even the most knowledgeable medical voices in the nation. Like Thomas, they insisted that unless they'd "done their own research," they wouldn't believe. Such a stance ignores that unless you are a scientist working in a medical lab, even "your own research" will be based on an act of belief that what you are reading of others' research is correct. Doubt is good, but only in combination with a healthy dose of humility. In the end, the world turns on an axis of trust.

At the close of today's gospel, Jesus names as "blessed" those able to discern what is true and believe not only because of what they have seen with their own eyes but also because of what they have heard through their ears from sources worthy of their trust. ●

HE IS RISEN !



Thank you to Bruce Killian who escorted Fran Mardis, Carla Moxley and Margy Shambrook to Joliet to attend the Chrism Mass on Monday, March 30th, celebrated by Bishop Spies. What a special day !!!

What a wonderful and beautiful Easter week we had, led by Father Greg ! Attendance was very good at all the services ! Father Greg's homilies were informative and pointed out the importance of these special Holy days.

Thank you to everyone who played a part in making Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday services very special !!! The choir sang beautifully, as always.

And I can't close this without mentioning the Easter Miracle in Iran, when our military men and women rescued the 2nd downed Airman, from behind enemy lines on Easter Sunday, who uttered the words 'God is Good !'

A glorious Miracle indeed ! Nothing is impossible without God !!!

Note from Lori - (Please respond)

Did anyone sign up for the internet service '**Formed (Forming Catholics for Life)**' that was offered to our parishioners in April, 2025.

If you signed up, please send an email to Lori to let her know. Email: office@ololgc.org

Volunteers NEEDED >>>>>>Choir members, Ushers, Altar servers (adults welcome), 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.



PS 118 Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.



April Rosary Schedule

Wednesday—8:30 am

Saturday 4:15pm

Sunday 10:30am

Please try to pray the Rosary every day with your family.

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.

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
April 25/26—Chuck and Pam Aubry

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

MONDAY
April 13
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:23-31
Jn 3:1-8

TUESDAY
April 14
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:32-37
Jn 3:7b-15

WEDNESDAY
April 15
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:17-26
Jn 3:16-21

THURSDAY
April 16
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:27-33
Jn 3:31-36

FRIDAY
April 17
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:34-42
Jn 6:1-15

SATURDAY
April 18
Easter Weekday
Acts 6:1-7
Jn 6:16-21

SUNDAY
April 19
Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22-33
1 Pt 1:17-21
Lk 24:13-35

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Erin McCall (4/12)
Anthony Maloney (4/16)
Beth Baillie (4/16)
Jack Kollross (4/17)
Evan Killian (4/17)
Chris Giroux (4/18)
Tim Bane (4/19)



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.

Happy Anniversary

God Bless our Parish Family !



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. When using the Hall during **summer months**, the thermostat should be set at 72 degrees. Thank you for your cooperation !!!