

April 19, 2026 3rd Sunday of Easter

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



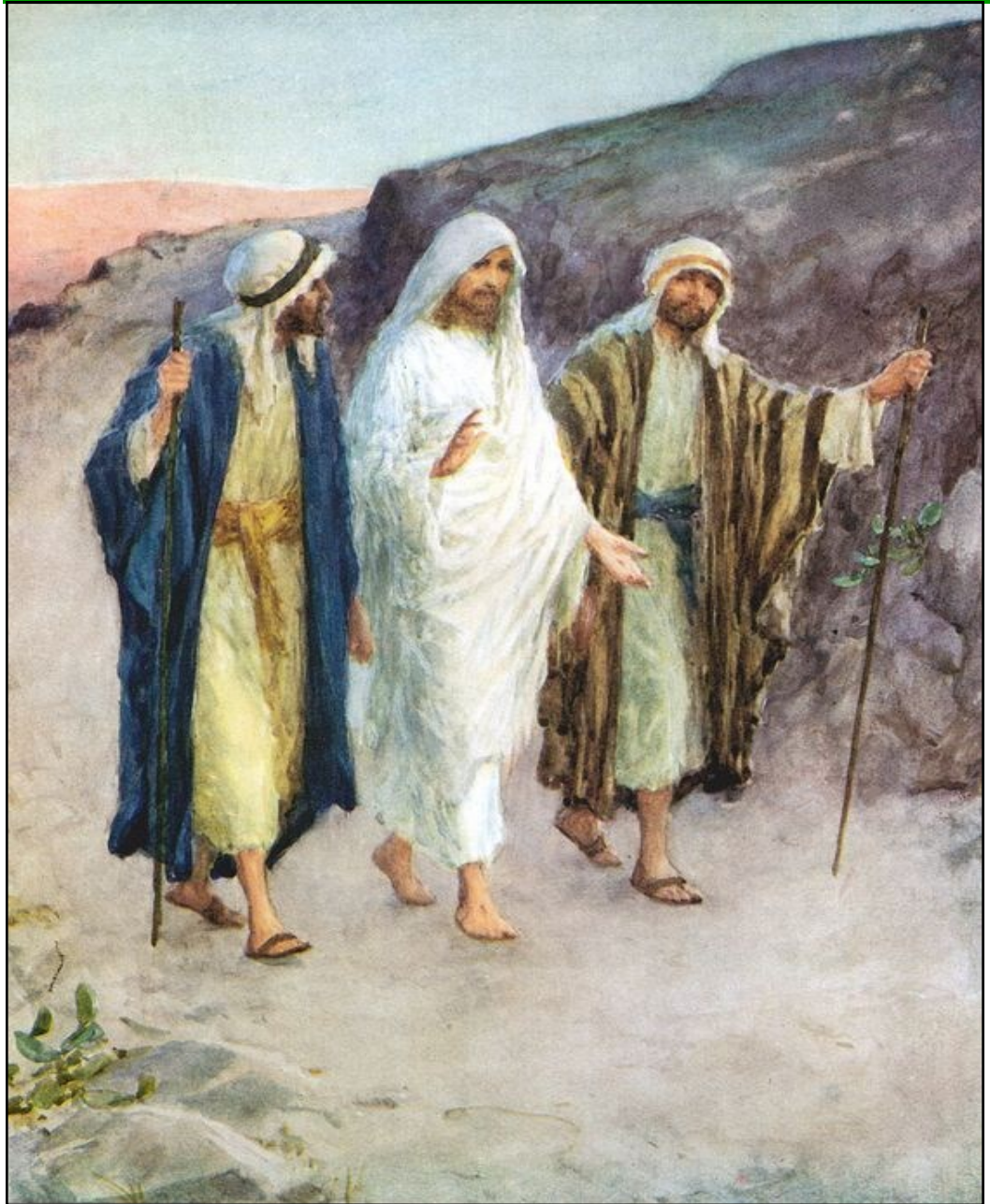
St. Joseph

312 N. Hickory Street
Loda, IL 60948

Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 am Thursday 5:30 pm

Confession - Sunday 7:30 am



Lc 24:35 Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

NOTE:

Apr.20 to Apr. 24

There will be NO Mass or Adoration during those days. Father Greg will be gone during that time. Have a blessed week!



Reminder: Scholarship Applications due May 1st.

Applications for the Our Lady of Lourdes Scholarship need to be received at the rectory no later than May 1st. The committee needs time to review the applications prior to awarding the Scholarship to the winner. Contact the rectory (Lori) if you have not received the application and desire to apply. Thank you in advance. Good luck!!

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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 20		
Tues., April 21	8 am to 5:15 pm (STM) 5:15 PM (STM)	NO Adoration NO Benediction
WED April 22	8:00 am (OLOL) 8:30 am (OLOL)	No Mass No Adoration
THURS April 23	5:30 pm (STJ)	No Mass
FRI April 24	8:00 am (STM) 1st Friday of the Month	No Mass Adoration for 1 hour after Mass
SAT. April 25	5:00 pm (OLOL)	+ Doc Meyer (by family and friends)
SUNDAY April 26	8:00 am (STJ) 9:30 am (STM) 11:00 am (OLOL) (4th Sunday of Easter)	Mass Mass + Kim Obert (by Paul Obert family)

**THANK YOU FOR
 YOUR GIFTS
 OLOL**

April 11/12	\$3,311.00
Capital (as of April 12)	\$490.00
CMAA 2026 (goal:\$ 15,700) As of April 12, 2026	\$4,425.00
2025 CMAA	\$17,365.00
Food Pantry April Total Yr to Date FP	\$57.00 \$ 134.00 \$1,128.00

Special Collections

Good Friday—\$600.00
Easter—\$2,015.00

*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 25 5:00 pm		Marj Brown	Needed	(April) Bob Bode	Deacon Paul Sarantakos
SUNDAY April 26 11:00 AM (4th Sunday of Easter)	(April) needed	Alyce Hafer	Needed	(April)	

Mass Attendance April 11 *Saturday* (61) April 12 *Sunday* (65) = Total 126
 3rd Commandment: Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.

Parish Calendar and MORE (Subject to change)

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

 Thursday, April 23—4:30 to 6:30 pm , Dinner for 1—Country Kettle (RSVP to Sarah)
 Sunday, April 26—RE Classes as scheduled
 Sunday, May 3—Mass 11:00 / Crowning of Mary ceremony / 1st Communion
 Thursday, May 7—4:30 to 6:30 pm Dinner for 1—Country Kettle (RSVP to Sarah)
 Sunday, May 10—Confirmation 11:00 am (refreshments to follow at the Hall)
 Thursday, May 21—4:30 to 6:30 pm –Dinner for 1—Country Kettle (RSVP to Sarah)

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 Office@ololgc.org

Marriage/RCIA

Call the Rectory at least six months before. A six month preparation time is required.



'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.

April 19- 25—Jean Wilhelm

April 26-May 3—Jerry and Marj Brown



Request from Martha Heavilin:

'Back when Fr. John was here, he had the 1942 organ that was in the choir loft removed to make room. My Mom (Rita Benefiel) had played for over 40 years. I desperately would like the organ bench and would like to purchase the organ bench from whoever has it !!!

It would mean SO much to me to get it back. Thank you so much in advance in trying to locate the bench !!'

Prayers offered for it's return. Martha Heavilin



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.

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 16 Lord, you will show us the path of life.



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 (a paid position) after this school year. Please contact the Parish Council for more information.

Dear Padre

April 19, 2026

Why are there different stories about Jesus' resurrection?

As a whole, the New Testament is a testimonial to the resurrection. About twenty years after Jesus' death, St. Paul offers the earliest written reference to the resurrection. (See 1 Thessalonians 1:10.) All four gospels tell the story of Jesus, who was crucified, rose from the dead, and appeared to his disciples. However, the evangelists incorporated elements that were handed on orally, and they presented them in their own style to address the particular needs and cultural backgrounds of their readers. Each author attempted to express the inexpressible resurrection within the limits of language, and they selectively highlighted or omitted material for theological purposes. If minor details vary among the writers—such as the number of women or angels at Christ's tomb—these variations are consistent with the nature of eyewitness accounts and recorded events as they are remembered. Divergent accounts are not false accounts. Despite discrepancies, the objective of the authors remained uncompromised: the identity of the historical Jesus of Nazareth is now the risen Lord of All. (See Acts 10:34–43.) Moreover, the authors wanted to convey this fundamental truth: Jesus Christ's defeat of death by his resurrection is central to our Christian hope and is the assurance of our own resurrection! Guided by the Holy Spirit, the gospels' resurrection accounts have inspired believers for 2,000 years—for "if Christ has not been raised, then...empty, too, your faith" (1 Corinthians 15:14). ●

Fr. Byron J. Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Good News!

April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 2:14, 22–33 / 1 Peter 1:17–21 / Luke 24:13–35

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

The Emmaus story is about two disciples walking seven miles from Jerusalem to a village called Emmaus and their encounter with Jesus, whom they did not recognize. The story is rich in both symbolism and meaning. In a nutshell, it teaches us three basic rules for the formation of Christian community: *Welcome the stranger. Break open the word. Celebrate the Eucharist.* When we are faithful to these practices, we are faithful to the promise of the kingdom in our midst. If we choose to ignore these basic rules, we should not be surprised that we seem to be struggling.

Three out of three rules set the baseline. We cannot congratulate ourselves if we follow one or two of them well enough and ignore the third. We cannot pick and choose. It is the Lord who sets the parameters; our mission is only to respond positively in faith to what he directs us to do.

How are we doing? An honest appraisal probably suggests that improvement is needed. Each of our local communities, and indeed even the wider Church, sometimes struggles to form an Emmaus community of faith. We know we can do better. The good news is that we are not uninformed, and we know where we need to place the most effort. The Holy Spirit of God will show us how we need to apply this renewed effort. ●

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 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 20
Easter Weekday
Acts 6:8-15
Jn 6:22-29

TUESDAY
April 21
Easter Weekday
Acts 7:51-8:1a
Jn 6:30-35

WEDNESDAY
April 22
Easter Weekday
Acts 8:1b-8
Jn 6:35-40

THURSDAY
April 23
Easter Weekday
Acts 8:26-40
Jn 6:44-51

FRIDAY
April 24
Easter Weekday
Acts 9:1-20
Jn 6:52-59

SATURDAY
April 25
St. Mark, Evangelist
1 Pt 5:5b-14
Mk 16:15-20

SUNDAY
April 26
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 36-41
1 Pt 2:20b-25
Jn 10:1-10

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@ololgc.org.

Our Lady of Lourdes Social Media Sites

Please check them out for an abundance of information.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tim Bane (4/19)
Terry Fields (4/20)
Sam Baillie (4/21)
Caden Miller (4/21)
Roseanne Miller (4/23)
Sylvia Day (4/30)

Happy Anniversary

Eric and Michelle Rosenbaum (4/23)
Harry and Dori Groom (4/25)

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

(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 !!!