

**April 26, 2026  
4th 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](mailto: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**  
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**Parish Office Secretary  
Monday and Thursday –  
4:00 pm**

**Phone & Fax (217) 784-4671**

General Information  
[office@ololgc.org](mailto:office@ololgc.org)

**Website** [www.ololgc.org](http://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



**Jn 10:7-10** So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came (before me) are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.

**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)

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**Parish Council President**

Pam Aubry  
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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 27		
Tues, April 28	8 am to 5:15 pm (STM) 5:15 PM	Adoration Benediction
WED, April 29	8:00 am (OLOL) 8:30 am (OLOL)	+Karla Sailer (Ted and Peggy Grote) Adoration
THURS, April 30	5:30 pm (STJ)	Mass
FRI, May 1	8:00 am (STM) 1st Friday of the Month	Mass Adoration for 1 hour after Mass
SAT, May 2	5:00 pm (OLOL)	+ Roger Huppert (by Tom Hartford)
SUNDAY May 3	8:00 am (STJ) 9:30 am (STM) 11:00 am (OLOL) (5th Sunday of Easter)	Mass Mass +Bob/Rita Benefiel Anniversary (by Martha Heavilin)

**THANK YOU FOR  
 YOUR GIFTS  
 OLOL**

April 18/19	\$3,521.00
Capital (as of April 19)	\$490.00
CMAA 2026 (goal:\$15,700) As of 4/19/26	\$6,025.00
2025 CMAA	\$17,365.00
Food Pantry April Total	\$102.00
Yr to Date FP	\$246.00
	\$1,230.00

**Special Collections**

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 Good Friday—\$650.00  
 Easter—\$2,065.00

*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 May 2 5:00 pm		Lloyd Powers	Needed	(May) Bob Bode	Deacon Paul Sarantakos
SUNDAY May 3 11:00 AM (5th Sunday of Easter)	(May) needed	Maggie Davis	Needed	(May)	

Mass Attendance April 18 Saturday (55) April 19 Sunday (65) = Total 120  
 3rd Commandment: Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.

**Parish Calendar and MORE (Subject to change)**

**Choir Practice, Thursday at 3:00 pm April 30th, May 7th, 14th, 20th, 27th**

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

April 26-May 3—Jerry and Marj Brown



**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!!



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 23 The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**



**April/ May 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 1 or 2 Religious Education Director(s) (a paid position) after this school year. Please contact the Parish Council for more information.**

**Catholic Spirit Radio** invites you to their 15th Anniversary Gala on **Thursday, May 14** at The Chateau in Bloomington – featuring dinner, a live auction, and a live keynote with nationally-acclaimed Dr. Ray Guarendi! **Doors open at 5PM. Dinner at 6PM.** Visit [catholicspiritradio.com](http://catholicspiritradio.com) for reservations and more details. Can't attend in person? A Virtual Attendee option is available to watch Dr. Ray's keynote from home. For the ultimate experience, add a breakfast with Dr. Ray on Friday, May 15! All proceeds support Catholic Spirit Radio's building purchase fund so your attendance will make a lasting difference for Catholic radio. Join us for a very special evening!

**Good News!**

April 26, 2026

**Fourth Sunday of Easter (A)**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 / 1 Peter 2:20b-25 / John 10:1-10

MIGUEL DULICK

It is "Good Shepherd Sunday," and the gospel quotes Jesus: "I am the gate for the sheep." It seems the oddest of Jesus' "I am" identities, until you realize that the shepherd himself was often the literal gate of the sheep's pen, as he would lay his own body across the entrance to keep the sheep secure and safe from any predators. Actually, the predators that worry Jesus the most are other shepherds—"strangers" who came before him, all of whom Jesus flatly denounces as "thieves and robbers."

Does that scare us today? Are we vulnerable to attacks, even from those supposedly in charge of our care? When Jesus opens the gate, we go in and out through him, through Jesus, to find pasture. We follow him because we recognize "his voice." In the synodal Church that Pope Francis called us to, and to which we continue to be called by Pope Leo XIV, every voice is welcome and needed so that the Holy Spirit will fill the whole Church with truth.

Here in Honduras, where I live, folks with little education can offer profound witness to the love of God. It comes from their own intimacy with Jesus, recognizing his voice in their daily life. They are often the poor victims of widespread corruption, like "a thief [who] comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy." Here in Honduras, we take refuge in Jesus, that we "might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). ●



**Dinner for One Invitation**

Please, come and join our Dinner for One group. This group is for anyone who is a Widow or Widower. These events are a chance to talk and meet other people and have some laughs and a delicious meal.

**When: Thursday, May 7 and May 21, 2026**

**Where: Country Kettle, 810 S Sangamon Ave. Gibson City**

**Time: 4:30pm-6:30pm Dinner: 5:00pm**

**Cost: Order from menu (Alcohol Available)**

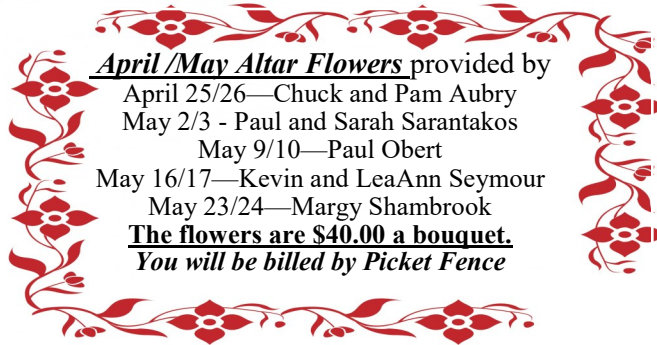
**RSVP: by the May 6 or 20th (for making reservations)**

(Please Call, Text, or Email Sarah Sarantakos Coordinator/Our Lady of Lourdes) 217-781-0528 or email [Sarah.Sarantakos1@gmail.com](mailto:Sarah.Sarantakos1@gmail.com)

**NOTE \*\*\*\* Bulletin submissions should be received by WEDNESDAY at 5:00 pm.  
Email to [office@ololg.org](mailto: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.



**April /May Altar Flowers** provided by  
April 25/26—Chuck and Pam Aubry  
May 2/3 - Paul and Sarah Sarantakos  
May 9/10—Paul Obert  
May 16/17—Kevin and LeaAnn Seymour  
May 23/24—Margy Shambrook  
**The flowers are \$40.00 a bouquet.**  
**You will be billed by Picket Fence**

**MONDAY**  
April 27  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 11:1-18  
Jn 10:11-18

**TUESDAY**  
April 28  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 11:19-26  
Jn 10:22-30

**WEDNESDAY**  
April 29  
*St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*  
Acts 12:24-13:5a  
Jn 12:44-50

**THURSDAY**  
April 30  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 13:13-25  
Jn 13:16-20

**FRIDAY**  
May 1  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 13:26-33  
Jn 14:1-6

**SATURDAY**  
May 2  
*St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
Acts 13:44-52  
Jn 14:7-14

**SUNDAY**  
May 3  
*Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
Acts 6:1-7  
1 Pt 2:4-9  
Jn 14:1-12

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Barre Henry (4/20)  
Sam Baillie (4/21)  
Caden Miller (4/21)  
Rosanne Miller (4/23)  
Sylvia Day (4/30)  
Eric Rosenbaum (May 1)  
Julia McGuire (May 1)  
Gina Medernach (May 2)  
Amy Killian (May 2)

*Happy Anniversary*

Harry and Dori Groom (4/25)  
Jerry and Marj Brown (4/28)  
Tom and Sarah McCall (4/28)

God Bless our Parish Family !



**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](mailto:office@ololg.org).



**Our Lady of Lourdes Social Media Sites**

Please check them out for an abundance of information.

**Facebook:**

[www.facebook.com/ololg.org](http://www.facebook.com/ololg.org)

**Website:** [www.ololg.org](http://www.ololg.org)

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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](mailto: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 !!!