

Welcome

Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes and Immaculate Conception! We are glad you are here with us today. If you would like to join our Faith Community,

Our Lady of Lourdes

Established - 1875
534 N. Wood Street
Gibson City, IL 60936

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5 pm
Sunday 7 am & 10:30 am
Monday 8 am
Tuesday 8 am
Thursday 6:30 pm
Friday 8 am
Holy Days: 7 am & 7 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 8:30-9:30 am
Thursday 7-8 pm

Confession

Saturday 4:30 pm (OLOL)
Any time by Appointment



Immaculate Conception

202 E. Green Street
Roberts, IL 60962

Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:30 am

Confession

Sunday 8:15AM (IC)



Parish Office

Phone & Fax:
(217) 784-4671
General Information
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Gibson City, IL 60936
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DECEMBER 15, 2013

Third Sunday of Advent



**Our Lady of Lourdes
Catholic Church**



**Immaculate Conception
Catholic Mission**

Pastor

Rev. Thomas Theneth, CMI

Deacon

Jeff Volker

Parish Secretary

Patti Meunier

Religious Education

Alyce Hafer

Youth Ministry

Bruce Killian

Musicians

Michele Fackler
Corey Fields

Parish Council President

Matt Doran (OLOL)

THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS

If you wish to have a mass intention for a loved one, anniversary or other occasion, please contact the parish office. Mass intentions are \$10.

MON Dec 16 8:00AM		Faye O'Neal
TUE Dec 17	8:00AM	Eleanor Kerber
WED Dec 18		No Mass
THU Dec 19	6:30PM	Noble Hutchcraft
FRI Dec 20	8:00AM	Bob Fields
SAT Dec 21	5:00PM	Lyla Hutchcraft
SUN Dec 22	7:00AM(OLOL) 8:30 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	Michael Weber For Parishioners Faye O'Neal

Thank You For Your Gifts

OLOL

Envelopes	\$1863.92
Loose	\$420.00
Capital Improvements	\$280.00

Imm. Conception

Total	\$265.00
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MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
Sat, Dec 21 5:00PM	Allison Andreae Megan Volker	Mary Fairfield Patti Huppert		Mel Fischer John Carlson	Marj Brown
Sun, Dec 22 7:00AM	Ben Freehill	Andrew Killian			
Sun, Dec 22 10:30AM	Caine Joist Alex Killian	Ray Hanks Mark Doran	Deacon Jeff	Frank Titus Chuck Weber	

Volunteers are always needed for our parish ministries. For more information on how to join, contact the parish office.

Baptism

Call the Rectory at least four weeks before the baptism. Baptismal 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. Thomas at (630) 639-0502 or Deacon Jeff at (217) 781-8238.

Marriage

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



Paul and Sarah Sarantakos invite you to write any need you have in the **Prayer Book** located at the back of the church. You and your needs will be kept in their prayers as they travel to and from Joliet for Paul's diaconate classes.



Join The Caring Team

Volunteers are needed in the upcoming weeks to clean our beautiful church. Simply sign up on the schedule, which is located on the table at the back of the church. The binder provides additional details on the cleaning process. Questions? Call the parish at 784-4671. This is a great opportunity for our youth to log service hours as well!

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Tony Coons
Mary Cothorn
Jesse Cervelli
Vicky Stuckey
Dick Walter
Doris Benter
Penny Campbell
Loretta Bode
Rita Benefiel
Chuck Kemmer

If you wish to add the name of a loved one who is sick, please contact the parish office at 217-784-4671 or pastor@lolgc.org.

Father Thomas' Corner

Third Sunday of Advent

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says: "Prayer is the life of the new heart. It ought to animate us at every moment... But we cannot pray 'at all times' if we do not pray at specific times, consciously willing it" (CCC 2697). We come before the Lord with a desire for 'a new heart' when we find time for prayer throughout our day. The Church invites us to pray in many different ways. We can recite the Rosary, pray the liturgy of the hours, learn about the lives of the saints, celebrate the liturgical year through feast days, lift up our hearts in song or silence, and above all participate in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. If we take time to pray at 'specific times', our home will be filled with prayer at 'all times'.

The season of Advent is the time of preparation for the birth of Christ. It is a time of longing and waiting for his 'coming'. It should be a time filled with joy when we ponder the gift of God's love, open our hearts to receive and open our hands to give. Advent begins the liturgical year. It begins on the Sunday closest to the last day in November.

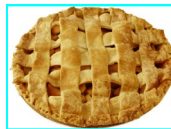
Advent traditions are numerous. We do not always know their exact origin, but they have been lived in the hearts of the faithful. If traditions are lived and understood, they can bring families closer to Christ and transform the hearts of those who participate in them. How can we introduce some Advent traditions into our families this Advent season?

Advent Carols - The tradition of caroling is owed to Saint Francis as well. Children especially enjoy the beauty and joy expressed in Christmas Carols. However, Christmas carols should be sung at Christmas. During Advent, we are still waiting. Our music should express this waiting and longing for the Messiah. There are many beautiful Advent Hymns. Learn one new hymn every week of Advent with your family. Your waiting will be rewarded with a profound joy at Christmas time.

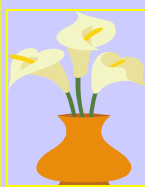
During the Advent Season, as we make our spiritual preparation for the birth of Christ, in addition to the regular schedule, the sacrament of Reconciliation will be available as follows:



Christmas pie orders can be picked up December 14 & 15 at the hall. Checks can be made payable to OLL. Thank you all for your continued support of our youth and this great ministry. Your help in raising funds for CHWC mission camp in Nashville this year is so very appreciated. We can't wait to share our experience when we return this summer!!



If you had pictures from the directory photo sessions delivered to the office, they have been arriving all week!!! You can find them on the table at the back of church.



Sign up sheet for altar flowers for 2014 will be in the back of the church. Flowers are provided by Front & Center Gallery and are \$30. You may have already signed up for a permanent date--if you wish to make any changes, please note them on the sheet.

The **2014 Offertory envelopes** are available to pick up in the back of the church. If you have not registered with the parish, please contact the office. 784-4671

RELIGIOUS GIVE THANKS... "Thank you for accompanying us as we care for our elder sisters," writes a religious superior. Your give to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps support nearly 34,000 sisters, brothers, and religious order priests past age 70. May God bless you abundantly for your goodness.

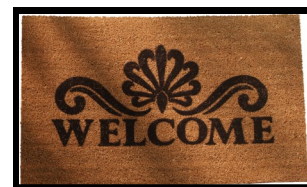
Parish Events

Tues. Dec 17

- C.A.L.M. Meeting

From the RE Desk

A friendly reminder about the RE food drive... Items needed are paper goods and personal hygiene items, and canned as well as dried goods. Boxes can be found at the hall and the back of church. These items will go to the local food pantry at Shepherds Closet during the months of November, December, and January ..many thanks



Randy & Emily
Miller Family

TO OUR LADY OF
LOURDES PARISH
FAMILY

Also on the table at the back of church you will find a free sample of "Give us this Day" books. They are a daily prayer book for the month of January. Please help yourself to a copy. The larger books are LARGE print, the smaller are regular print.