

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, please contact our parish office or stop by any time.

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

By appointment any time
Saturday 4:30 pm (OLOL)



Immaculate Conception

202 E. Green Street
Roberts, IL 60962

Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:30 am



Parish Office

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July 28, 2013 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church



Immaculate Conception Catholic Mission

Good News!

July 28, 2013

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Gn 18:20-32 / Col 2:12-14 / Lk 11:1-13

Jesus mustn't have been thinking about ten-month-olds when he suggested children would ask for safe items like eggs or fish. My daughter's interests include electrical outlets, fan blades, and knives, so I think she'd be happy if we gave her a scorpion or a snake. We spend a good amount of time telling her *no*, much to her chagrin. Sometimes she listens, sometimes she doesn't; and it doesn't seem to stop her from wanting to touch the same unsafe objects in an hour.

Our daughter can't see the big picture as we, her parents, do. We can see that allowing her to stick her hand in a fan or outlet would lead to dreadful consequences; she sees only that we're denying her curiosity and fun.

And so it is with prayer and God. God can see the big picture—what is ultimately an egg for us versus a scorpion, what will bring us most abundant life. We, with our limited human minds, cannot. And so deep trust is required—we can pray for what we want and need, but we must fundamentally trust that God knows best what we need.

Jesus says that all who seek will find and all who ask will receive. But he doesn't say "all who seek will find exactly what they are seeking" or "all who ask will receive specifically what they requested." Jesus isn't Santa Claus working from our list of requests.

He simply says they will "find" and they will "receive." There will be an answer—but it's God's answer, not ours.

Can we trust that God has the big picture in mind when he answers?

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Monday

July 29
Saint Martha
Ex 32:15-24,
30-34
Jn 11:19-27 or
Lk 10:38-42

Tuesday

July 30
Weekday
Ex 33:7-11;
34:5b-9, 28
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday

July 31
*Saint Ignatius
of Loyola, Priest*
Ex 34:29-35
Mt 13:44-46

Thursday

August 1
*Saint Alphonsus
Liguori, Bishop
and Doctor
of the Church*
Ex 40:16-21,
34-38
Mt 13:47-53

Friday

August 2
Weekday
Lv 23:1, 4-11,
15-16, 27, 34b-37
Mt 13:54-58

Saturday

August 3
Weekday
Lv 25:1, 8-17
Mt 14:1-12

Sunday

August 4
*Eighteenth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time*
Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23
Col 3:1-5, 9-11
Lk 12:13-21

Pastor
Rev. Thomas Theneth, CMI

Deacon
Jeff Volker
217-781-8238

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 July 29	6:30 PM	Lyla Hutchcraft
TUE July 30	8:00 AM	Esther Molck
WED July 31	No Mass	
THU August 1	6:30 PM	Tom Duffy
FRI August 2	8:00 AM	Ed Gibbons
SAT August 3	5 PM	Don Richardson
SUN August 4	7 AM (OLOL) 8:30 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	For the People Genevieve Schwarz For the Parishioners

**Thank You
For Your Gifts**

OLOL

Envelopes \$1966.06

Loose \$224

Capital Improvements* \$90

Imm. Conception

Total \$130

*We have reached our financial goal due to generous donations and memorials; however, if you are still able, please keep fulfilling your pledge.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
Sat, Aug 3 5:00 pm	Sam Groover Alison Andreae	Mary Fairfield Marj Brown		Jerry Lynch Jerry Lynch Jr.	Deacon Jeff Mary Wurmnest
Sun, Aug 4 7:00 am	Tyler Killian Baillie Killian	Andrew Killian			
Sun, Aug 4 10:30 am	Hannah Kollross Molly Kollross	Paul Sarantakos Denis Fisher	Deacon Jeff	Jason Eberle Rob Schmitt	

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.

Anointing of the Sick

If you or a family member is 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.

OLL's Home Bound Ministry

Help bring Communion to our parishioners in the Annex and Heritage Manor on Sunday after mass. Volunteering for the Home Bound Ministry is a wonderful way to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ. Don't hesitate to contact Fr. Thomas at (630) 639-0502 if you feel called to serve or if you know someone in long-term or temporary care who would like to receive Communion.



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.

The Caring Team Needs YOU!

Volunteers to clean our lovely church are needed in the upcoming weeks. Simply sign up on the schedule 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.

**Pray for the Sick
& Homebound**

- Tony Coons
- Mary Cothorn
- Jesse Cervelli
- Vicky Stuckey
- Dick Walter
- Doris Benter
- Faye O'Neal
- Penny Campbell
- Loretta Bode
- Wyatt Veatch
- Rita Benefiel

If you wish to add the name of a loved one who is sick, please contact Andrea Killian at 217-784-8053 or aka_pi@yahoo.com.

Our Condolences to

**Helen Haynes and
The Family of
Esther Molck**



Thank You

A BIG thank you to all the ladies who worked the funeral dinner for Esther Molck. Also, a BIG thank you to all the ladies who donated food. The family so enjoyed the delicious homemade foods and were grateful for your generosity.

We couldn't do these dinners without your help and your generous donations of food.

God bless you all.

Parish Events

Tue, Aug 6:

- C.A.L.M. Meeting at 6:30 pm at the hall

Tue, Aug 20:

- C.A.L.M. Meeting at 6:30 pm at the hall

Sat, Aug 24:

- Fr. Thomas' Installation at 5:00 pm mass at OLOL

dear Padre

July 28, 2013

Would we be better off with fewer Catholics?

Many people consider themselves Catholic even though they miss Mass regularly and practice artificial birth control. Shouldn't those people be told to leave the Church? Wouldn't we be better off if there were fewer but better Catholics?

You're asking a very good question: What does it mean to call yourself Roman Catholic? The word *catholic* (lowercase c) means "universal," which in turn means the Catholic Church is inclusive.

But we do have limits. Certain things define us as Roman Catholic, like our belief in the sacraments and the Trinity. We need those to call ourselves Roman Catholic.

But before we start excluding people for other reasons, we need to look at Scripture. John 4:7-42 tells the story of the Samaritan woman at the well. Matthew 9:10 tells us, "While [Jesus] was at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat with Jesus and his disciples." In Matthew 21:31, Jesus says,

"Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you."

As I reread these passages, I thought, Jesus wanted to include too many people in the kingdom of God. That's probably what got him in trouble with the authorities.

We must be very careful when we start drawing up lists of who shouldn't be part of the Catholic Church. Someone might think *you* need to be left out too.

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Diaconate Formation

We will begin the Application Process for the Diaconate Formation Class of 2018 very soon. Information sessions will be held as follows:

- **Thursday, August 22, 2013**, Christ the King Parish in Lombard, 7:00 pm
- **Monday, August 26, 2013**, St. Teresa Parish in Kankakee, 7:00 pm
- **Wednesday, August 28, 2013** (in English), St. Charles Pastoral Center, 7:00 pm
- **Friday, August 30, 2013** (in Spanish), St. Charles Pastoral Center, 7:00 pm

It is strongly advised that anyone interested in applying to the Formation Program attend one of these information sessions. If married, the potential applicant's wife should attend with her husband. Applications will be accepted after the information sessions are completed. Our preference is to receive applications electronically, but will accept paper copies if absolutely necessary. Instruction on how to apply will be given at the information sessions.

Installation Masses

Fr. Thomas Theneth will be installed on August 24th at 5:00 pm mass here at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Fr. John Phan will be installed on August 3rd at 5:00 pm mass in Downers Grove.

Funeral Dinner Ministry

Extra hands are always welcome at funeral dinners. If you'd like to be called to work or donate food in the future, contact Fran Mardis at 784-8515.

If you have donated food in the past, please also pick up your dishes in the hall. Some have been there a long time!

ATTENTION

A 9' x 13' white baking dish is missing from this past week's funeral dinner. If you have seen this dish or accidentally picked up the wrong one, please return it to the hall and contact Fran Mardis at 784-8515, so it can be returned to its owner. Thank

