

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

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

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November 23, 2014

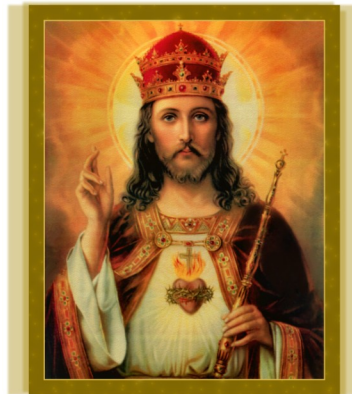
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Our Lady of Lourdes
Catholic Church



Immaculate Conception
Catholic Mission



Sunday, November 23, 2014
Solomonity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ
the King

The earliest Christians identified Jesus with the predicted Messiah of the Jews. The Jewish word "messiah," and the Greek word "Christ," both mean "anointed one," and came to refer to the expected king who would deliver Israel from the hands of the Romans. Christians believe that Jesus is this expected Messiah. Unlike the messiah, most Jews expected Jesus came to free all people, Jew and Gentile, and he did not come to free them from the

Romans, but from sin and death. Thus the king of the Jews, and of the cosmos, does not rule over a kingdom of this world.

Christians have long celebrated Jesus as Christ, and his reign as King is celebrated to some degree in **Advent** (when Christians wait for his second coming in glory), **Christmas** (when "born this day is the King of the Jews"), **Holy Week** (when Christ is the Crucified King), **Easter** (when Jesus is resurrected in power and glory), and the **Ascension** (when Jesus returns to the glory he had with the Father before the world was created). However, in a chaotic and unjust world that seems to scorn any kind of authority, many Christians proudly celebrate Christ the King Sunday, where the loving and merciful—and just—King of the universe is praised and glorified.

Prayer to Christ the King

Christ Jesus, I acknowledge You King of the universe. All that has been created has been made for You. Make full use of Your rights over me.

I renew the promises I made in Baptism, when I renounced Satan and all his pomps and works, and I promise to live a good Christian life and to do all in my power to procure the triumph of the rights of God and Your Church.

Divine Heart of Jesus, I offer You my efforts in order that all hearts may acknowledge Your Sacred Royalty, and that thus the Kingdom of Your peace may be established throughout the universe.

Amen

Pastor

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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 Nov 24	8:00AM	NO MASS
TUE Nov 25	8:00AM	NO MASS
WED Nov 26	8 :00AM	NO MASS
THU Nov 27	8:00AM	THANKSGIVING
FRI Nov 28	8:00AM	Reum Family Roesch Family
SAT Nov 29	5:00PM	Marge Carlson 101st Birthday
SUN Nov 30	7:00AM(OLOL) 8:30 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	Rosenbaum Family Roy Family Margie Rock Family Ruddy Family Sarantakos Family

Thank You For Your Gifts OLOL

Envelopes \$2610.27
Loose \$652.00
Capital Imp. \$50.00

Imm. Conception

Total \$330.00

CMAA Goals
OLOL: \$15,340
Goal: (\$11,786)
IC: \$1,450
(Goal: \$1,149)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
Thurs, Nov 27 8AM	Remi Astronomo Brooks Schmitt				
Sat, Nov 29 5:00PM	Andrew & Aiden Laughery	Patti Huppert Sophie Hafer	Marj Brown	John Carlson	Lisa Heap
Sun, Nov 30 7:00AM	Ben Freehill	Jim Freehill			
Sun, Nov 30 10:30AM	Hannah & Haven Hathaway	Lisa Volker Marron Parsons	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.

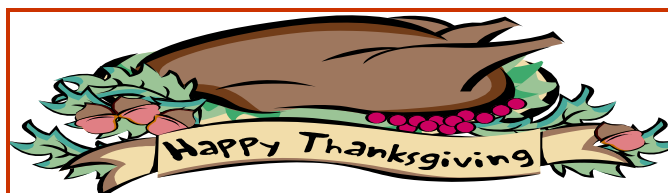
Marriage

Call the Rectory at least six months before. A six month

FAMILY MASS INTENTIONS

As a reminder, we are choosing two families daily and praying for the members of those families during the mass. We always pray for our parish family at every mass, however, thought this would be a nice addition to parish traditions. If there is a specific day or any special intention that you have in mind, please feel free to email Patti at pastor@ololg.org or call the office on Monday's at (217)784-4671.

If for some reason mass is canceled for a given day, those families will be moved to the following week!

**SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

Monday, November 24

St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

Tuesday, November 25

Saint Catherine of Alexandria

Wednesday, November 26

St. Columban

Thursday, November 27

St. Francesco Antonio Fasani

Friday, November 28

St. James of the Marche

Saturday, November 29

St. Clement

Sunday, November 30

St. Andrew

A Word From Father Thomas



The sheep on the right side of Jesus and the goats on the left are full of surprise and bewilderment. The sheep never knew when they did the kind of activities that Jesus enumerated to them and the goats became defensive telling Jesus that they never met him to do all those works of charity. It is then that Jesus reveals the surprise. The people on the right helped the needy and found time and resources to serve others while the people on the left did not. Now it is judgment time and the ones that are on the right are admitted to eternal life and the ones on the left to eternal death. Jesus our King is a just judge and he taught us how to live our lives and inherit eternal life. He taught us to give in order to receive, die in order to live, forgive in order to be forgiven and love to experience God. Those who care for the unwanted, unloved, lonely, forgotten and rejected will be blessed by Jesus. He is our King because he alone has the power to either save or condemn our lives eternally.

PARISH EVENTS

November

Thurs, November 27

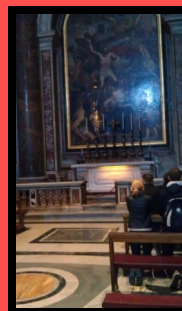
- Thanksgiving Mass 8AM



Pray for the Sick & Homebound

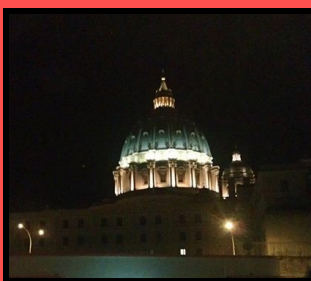
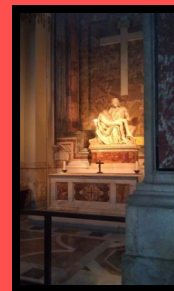
- Tony Coons
- Mary Cothorn
- Jesse Cervelli
- Vicky Stuckey
- Dick Walter
- Doris Benter
- Penny Campbell
- Loretta Bode
- Rita Benefiel
- Chuck Kemmer
- Vivian Geurts
- Mardella Duffy
- Joanne Baker
- Don Hahn
- Dennis Stack

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@ololgc.org.



St. Peter's Basilica at Vatican Square

Please keep Father Thomas, Carla Moxley and Pat Haskins in your prayers in the coming week while they are in Rome on their Pilgrimage.



- Jude Killian (11/24)**
- Donald Kemmer (11/26)**
- Lane Beyers (11/27)**
- Sandy Freehill (11/28)**
- Marge Carlson (11/29)**
- Joan Cole (11/30)**



- Jeff & Lisa Volker (11/24)**
- Mel & Marilyn Fisher (11/24)**
- Bruce & Amy Killian (11/24)**
- Ron & Eileen Woolums (11/24)**



Just a friendly reminder to try to complete any Annual Appeal pledges before Christmas. Your support and generosity of the Annual Appeal is greatly appreciated !!



November 29th will mark the beginning of the YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE. This year will focus on:

- renewal for men and women in consecrated life.
- Thanksgiving among the faithful for the service of sisters, brothers, priests, and nuns.
- And the invitation to young Catholics to consider a religious vocation.

dear Padre

November 23, 2014

Did Jesus exist before his earthly birth?

I want to know whether Jesus existed before his earthly birth. I realize nothing is impossible with God, but this certainly adds to the mystery.

Jesus explains his relationship with God the Father in John 14:10–11 when he asks Philip, “Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own.

The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me.”

But how did Jesus exist before he was born of the Virgin Mary? Origen, one of the early Church Fathers said,

That there was never a time when he did not exist is to be taken with a certain allowance. For these very words ‘when’ and ‘never’ are terms of temporal significance, while whatever is said of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, is to be understood as transcending all time, all ages, and all eternity” (*The Fundamental Doctrines*, 4:4:1).

Jesus was physically born into this world and Jesus is fully human, but he is also fully divine. We cannot equate Jesus’ birth with our birth. Jesus transcends the limits of time and space.

So how did Jesus exist before his birth? We cannot know.

Is that part of the mystery? It most certainly is.

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Monday

November 24
*Saint Andrew
Dung-Lac,
Priest, and
Companions,
Martyrs*
Rv 14:1–3, 4b–5
Lk 21:1–4

Tuesday

November 25
Weekday
Rv 14:14–19
Lk 21:5–11

Wednesday

November 26
Weekday
Rv 15:1–4
Lk 21:12–19

Thursday

November 27
Weekday
Rv 18:1–2, 21–23;
19:1–3, 9a
Lk 21:20–28

Friday

November 28
Weekday
Rv 20:1–4, 11—
21:2
Lk 21:29–33

Saturday

November 29
Weekday
Rv 22:1–7
Lk 21:34–36

Sunday

November 30
*First Sunday
of Advent*
Is 63:16b–17,
19b; 64:2–7
1 Cor 1:3–9
Mk 13:33–37

Good News!

November 23, 2014 (A)

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Ev 34:11–12, 15–17 / 1 Cor 15:20–26, 28 / Mt 25:31–46

A little over a year ago, many people were eager to hear about the birth of the newest heir to the British throne, Prince George.

What makes people so interested? Does the whole idea of royalty capture our imagination and give us a “fairy tale” moment—a chance to live in a simpler time (at least to our childhood selves)?

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This story is emphatically not a fairy tale, and not like any king we’ve experienced or read about here on earth.

This King comes as one who was obedient to his Father, even to death on a cross.

This King comes, raised from the dead, to destroy death and put all things under his reign.

This King also comes as a shepherd to gather his scattered sheep, bind their wounds, and give them pasture.

And this King gathers the nations before him to judge not by how powerful they were, but how they cared for the least among them.

On the last Sunday of the Church year, before we turn our faces again toward incarnation and birth, we remind ourselves that we are still on a journey with the King of kings and that he will come again. It’s part of the Eucharistic Prayer in the Acclamation of Faith at every liturgy: “We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection *until you come again*” [emphasis added].

Let us strive to be even more eager, more joyful, and more prepared for this King to come than we were for Prince George.

Let us begin now to live into the new life he has given us.

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