

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 30, 2014 First Sunday of Advent



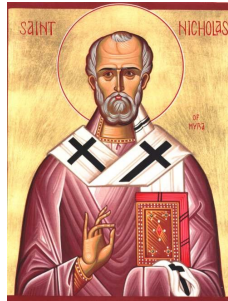
Our Lady of Lourdes
Catholic Church



Immaculate Conception
Catholic Mission

December 6

St. Nicholas



The absence of the "hard facts" of history is not necessarily an obstacle to the popularity of saints, as the devotion to St. Nicholas shows. Both the Eastern and Western Churches honor him, and it is claimed that after the Blessed Virgin, he is the saint most pictured by Christian artists. And yet, historically, we can pinpoint only the fact that Nicholas was the fourth-century bishop of Myra, a city in Lycia, a province of Asia Minor.

As with many of the saints, however, we are able to capture the relationship which Nicholas had with God through the admiration which Christians have had for him—an admiration expressed in the colorful stories which have been told and retold through the centuries.

Perhaps the best-known story about Nicholas concerns his charity toward a poor man who was unable to provide dowries for his three daughters of marriageable age. Rather than see them forced into prostitution, Nicholas secretly tossed a bag of gold through the poor man's window on three separate occasions, thus enabling the daughters to be married. Over the centuries, this particular legend evolved into the custom of gift-giving on the saint's feast. In the English-speaking countries, St. Nicholas became, by a twist of the tongue, Santa Claus—further expanding the example of generosity portrayed by this holy bishop.

The critical eye of modern history makes us take a deeper look at the legends surrounding St. Nicholas. But perhaps we can utilize the lesson taught by his legendary charity, look deeper at our approach to material goods in the Christmas season and seek ways to extend our sharing to those in real need.

"In order to be able to consult more suitably the welfare of the faithful according to the condition of each one, a bishop should strive to become duly acquainted with their needs in the social circumstances in which they live.... He should manifest his concern for all, no matter what their age, condition, or nationality, be they natives, strangers, or foreigners" (Vatican II, *Decree on the Bishops' Pastoral Office*, 16)

Patron Saint of:

Bakers, Brewers, Brides, Children, Greece, Grooms, Merchants, Pawnbrokers, Russia Travelers

Pastor

Rev. Thomas Theneth, CMI
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Deacon

Jeff Volker

Parish Secretary

Patti Meunier

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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

MON Dec 1	8:00AM	Schmitt Family Seymour Family
TUE Dec 2	8:00AM	Shambrook Family Shilts Family
WED Dec 3	8 :00AM	Skinner Family Slavicek Family
THU Dec 4	6:30PM	Michael Smith Family Spellmeyer Family
FRI Dec 5	8:00AM	Stoltz Family Stuckey Family
SAT Dec 6	5:00PM	Joanne Fetzner-Birthday
SUN Dec 7	7:00AM(OLOL) 8:30 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	Swearingen Family Todd Thomas Family Norm & Judy Schall Caroline Thomas Family TitusFamily

Thank You For Your Gifts OLOL

Envelopes	\$2083.00
Loose	393.00
Capital Imp.	\$125.00

Imm. Conception

Total \$100.00

Feel free to pick up a
2015 CALENDAR
from the back table! Thank you

CMAA Goals
OLOL: \$15,754
 Goal: (\$11,786)
IC: \$1,385
 (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>
Sat, Dec 6 5:00PM	Nathan & Ethan Garard		Michelle Rosen- baum	Leo Chapman Stan Alt	Michelle Rosenbaum
Sun, Dec 7 7:00AM	Remi Astronomo				
Sun, Dec 7 10:30AM	Caleb & Lacey Cotter		Deacon Jeff	Rob Schmitt Tim Fackler	

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.

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!



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

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, December 1
Blessed Charles de Foucauld
 Tuesday, December 2
Blessed Rafal Chylinski
 Wednesday, December 3
St. Francis Xavier
 Thursday, December 4
St. Damascene
 Friday, December 5
St. Sabas
 Saturday, December 6
St. Nicholas
 Sunday, December 7
St. Ambrose

THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT- November 30, 2014

The Lighting of the First Candle: Waiting for the Shepherd

The First Sunday of Advent We Remember the Meaning of Advent
Advent is a word that means “coming” or “visit”. In the Christian season of Advent, we prepare for the “advent” of Christ at Christmas. Our preparation includes many things:

- We remember Israel’s hope for the coming of God’s Messiah to save, to forgive, and to restore.
- We remember our hope for the second coming of Jesus.
- We remember our need for a Savior to save us from our sins.
- We prepare to welcome Christ at Christmas into our world . . . and into our hearts.

By lighting one candle each week of Advent, we help ourselves get ready for the birth of Jesus. The candles have different meanings, each based upon the Bible. These meanings help us understand how special the birth of Jesus is for us. Today we focus on the coming of Christ as our Shepherd. We light this candle because, like God’s people centuries ago, we also look forward with hope to the coming of the Shepherd. The purple color of the candle reminds us of the seriousness of our hope.

Prayer of Hope

Dear God, as we light this candle, we hope for your coming as our Good Shepherd. Please gather us in your arms, feed us with spiritual food, wipe away every tear from our eyes, and “let your face shine, that we may be saved”. Come, our Shepherd!

Amen

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:

- **Any time during Adoration hours
Tuesday mornings from 8:30AM-9:30AM
Thursday evenings from 7PM-8PM.**
- **After morning masses Monday and Friday**



The **2015 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. (217)784-4671

Also, please let us know of address or other contact information changes.

Ask us about our Pilgrimage to Rome!



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

PARISH EVENTS

December

Wed, December 10

- **K of C Mtg 7PM**



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@lolgc.org.



Teri Eichelberger (12/2)
Karla McKinney (12/4)
Joanne Fetzner (12/5)
Sarah McCall (12/6)
Jim Freehill (12/7)



Chuck & Doris Freehill (12/1)



Sign up sheet for altar flowers for 2015 will be in the back of the church. Flowers are provided by County

Market 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.