

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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December 7, 2014

Second Sunday of Advent



Our Lady of Lourdes
Catholic Church



Immaculate Conception
Catholic Mission

A Word From Father Thomas



As we celebrate the Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America on December 8 [holy day of obligation] I would like to share with you what our Holy Father Pope Francis has written in his apostolic exhortation 'The Joy of the Gospel' about Blessed Virgin Mary our Mother. He tells us that the Blessed Virgin Mary is "Jesus' gift to his people". He continues: "On the cross, when Jesus endured in his own flesh the dramatic encounter of the sin of the world and God's mercy, he could feel at his feet the consoling presence of his mother and his friend. At that crucial moment, before fully accomplishing the work which his Father had entrusted to him, Jesus said to Mary: "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to his beloved friend: "Here is your mother" (Jn 19: 26-27). These words of the dying Jesus are not chiefly the expression of his devotion and concern for his mother; rather, they are the revelatory formula which manifests the mystery of a special saving mission. Jesus left us his mother to be our mother. Only after doing so did Jesus know that "all was now finished" (Jn 19:28).

"At the foot of the cross, at the supreme hour of the new creation, Christ led us to Mary. He brought us to her because he did not want us to journey without a mother, and our people read in this maternal image all the mysteries of the Gospel. The Lord did not want to leave the Church without this icon of womanhood. Mary, who brought him into the world with great faith, also accompanies "the rest of her offspring, those who keep the commandments of God and bear testimony to Jesus"(Rev 12:17)".

"Mary was able to turn a stable into a home for Jesus with poor swaddling clothes and in abundance of love. She is the handmaid of the Father who sings his praises. She is the friend who is ever concerned that wine is not lacking in our lives. She is the woman whose heart was pierced by a sword and who understands all our pain. As a mother of all, she is a sign of hope for peoples suffering the birth pangs of justice. She is the missionary who draws near to us and accompanies us throughout life, opening our hearts to faith by her maternal love. As a true mother she walks at our side; she shares our struggles and she constantly surrounds us with God's love". (The Joy of the Gospel # 285 & 286)



Pastor

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Deacon

Jeff Volker

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Patti Meunier

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Alyce Hafer

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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 8	7:00AM 7:00PM	HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
TUE Dec 9	8:00AM	Tjarks Family Townsend Family
WED Dec 10	8:00AM	NO MASS
THU Dec 11	6:30PM	Veneto Family Jeff Volker Family
FRI Dec 12	8:00AM	Paul Volker Family Corey Volker Family
SAT Dec 13	5:00PM	Walter Family Charles Weber Family
SUN Dec 14	7:00AM(OLOL) 8:30 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	Wilhelmi Family Woolums Family Joe Schwarz Family Wurmnest Family Tredennick Family

Thank You For Your Gifts OLOL

Envelopes \$2328.15

Loose \$234.38

There will be a second collection for Retired Religious next weekend Dec 13/14.

Imm. Conception

Total \$270.00

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

CMAA Goals
OLOL: \$15,754
Goal: (\$11,786)
IC: \$1,385
(Goal: \$1,149)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
Sat, Dec 13 5:00PM	Giles Volker Joe Baillie	Marj Brown	Deacon Jeff	Leo Chapman Stan Alt	Marj Brown
Sun, Dec 14 7:00AM	Jessica Freehill	Andrew Killian	Deacon Jeff		
Sun, Dec 14 10:30AM	Brooks Schmitt Nick Giroux	YOUTH MASS	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 Mondays 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 8

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 9

St. Juan Diego

Wednesday, December 10

Blessed Adolph Koplring

Thursday, December 11

St. Damasus I

Friday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saturday, December 13

St. Lucy

Sunday, December 14

St. John of the Cross

THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT-December 7, 2014

The Lighting of the Second Candle: Waiting for Forgiveness

By lighting one candle each week of Advent, we help ourselves to get ready for the birth of Jesus. Last week we lit a candle that signified our waiting for God our Shepherd. Today we focus on the coming of Christ who brings forgiveness from our sins. We light this candle because, like God's people centuries ago, we also need a Savior who will forgive our sins. The purple color reminds us of the seriousness of our sin and our great need for God's forgiveness.



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
 - Any time by appointment

**ACT Theatre Company proudly presents
IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE, THE RADIO PLAY**

**Friday, December 12 at 7pm
Saturday, December 13 at 4pm and 7pm**

All shows will be performed at Father Kirk Hall

It's a Wonderful Life, The Radio Play is based on the 1946 holiday classic film by Frank Capra. Our production presents the story through the unique lens of a 1940's radio studio. The audience will get the full experience of what it was like to be part of and participate in an authentic radio broadcast.

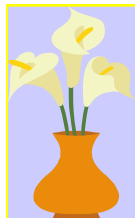
For more information, or to reserve tickets, please call 217-41-3000

4PM matinee parking is located on the street or south of the side drive ONLY as the remaining parking is needed for 5PM Mass.

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.

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR FATHER THOMAS AT THE TOP OF THE OPPOSITE PAGE. FEEL FREE TO CONTACT HIM DIRECTLY IF YOU WISH.



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.

We would like to thank the parish members for supporting the annual turkey dinner. We would especially like to thank the committee chairpersons for their hard work and dedication this year. Special thanks to all of those people who worked hard and helped make the Turkey Dinner a success again this year.

Sincerely,
Rob Schmitt & Rob Kollross
Co-Chairman of Turkey Dinner



PARISH EVENTS

December

Wed, December 10

- **K of C Mtg 7PM**

Wed, December 17

- **Parish Council 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@ololgc.org.



**Adam Burns (12/8)
Bob Bittner (12/10)
Lisa Chaddock (12/10)
Jody Goodin (12/11)
Ian Miller (12/12)
Lucy Shilts (12/12)
John Martin (12/13)
Cali Roy (12/13)**



**Paul & Mary Geurts (12/13)
Stan & Ann alt (12/13)**

dear Padre

December 7, 2014

Why isn't Jesus' conception called "immaculate"?

I know the term "Immaculate Conception" refers to Mary's conception because she was born without original sin. But since Jesus was also born without original sin, wouldn't that term refer to his conception as well?

The dogma of the Immaculate Conception asserts that Mary was free of the stain of original sin from the time she was conceived.

Jesus was also free of the stain of original sin, but his conception by Mary is referred to as the incarnation of Christ.

In the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar, Mary's conception is celebrated December 8, and her birthday is celebrated exactly nine months later on September 8. Likewise, Christ's conception is celebrated on March 25, and his birthday is celebrated exactly nine months later on December 25.

Mary's immaculate conception was celebrated many centuries before Pope Pius IX defined it as dogma on December 8, 1854, in his apostolic constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*: "That the Most Blessed Virgin Mary was preserved from all stain of original sin in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of Almighty God...has been revealed by God and must, therefore, firmly and constantly be believed by all the faithful."

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Monday

December 8
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America
Gn 3:9-15, 20
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday

December 9
Advent Weekday
Is 40:1-11
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday

December 10
Advent Weekday
Is 40:25-31
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday

December 11
Advent Weekday
Is 41:13-20
Mt 11:11-15

Friday

December 12
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zec 2:14-17 or
Rv 11:19a;
12:1-6a, 10ab
Lk 1:26-38 or
1:39-47

Saturday

December 13
Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday

December 14
Third Sunday of Advent
Is 61:1-2a, 10-11
1 Thes 5:16-24
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Good News!

December 7, 2014

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 40:1-5, 9-11 / 2 Pt 3:8-14 / Mk 1:1-8

In the weeks before Christmas, preparations for the holiday seem all-consuming. We cook, we shop, we clean; we buy or make presents for our families and friends. Sometimes we break into song, and often we give more generously than at other times. We'll probably have guests, and we'll want to do a little extra to make ready for them.

Today's readings turn our gaze to a more significant kind of preparation for Christmas and remind us that Jesus Christ, who was born in Bethlehem more than 2,000 years ago, waits to come again in the fullness of time. More to the point, he waits for us to open our hearts and our lives to him.

What does that take exactly?

Think about the way we clean house for special guests. Not content with simple wiping and dusting, we get out the polish, clean the top of the refrigerator, and even double check for dust bunnies that have wandered to the corner under the bed. That's a fine metaphor for what we need to do with our souls.

Advent is the time to check the dark recesses for thoughts and actions that indicate we're less than ready to meet Christ face to face.

Advent is the time to sweep away the cobwebs and put our inner house in order, knowing that Christ is on his way.

Maybe in the midst of cooking and cleaning the house we live in, we can find the time for prayer and reconciliation so that when he comes, we can stand before him with doors open wide in welcome.

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