

## 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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# September 7, 2014

## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Lady of Lourdes  
Catholic Church



Immaculate Conception  
Catholic Mission



## Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8 (nine months earlier).

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal *Protoevangelium of James* fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child that will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story (like many biblical counterparts) stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.

St. Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation and asks for an increase of peace.

We can see every human birth as a call for new hope in the world. The love of two human beings has joined with God in his creative work. The loving parents have shown hope in a world filled with travail. The new child has the potential to be a channel of God's love and peace to the world.

This is all true in a magnificent way in Mary. If Jesus is the perfect expression of God's love, Mary is the foreshadowing of that love. If Jesus has brought the fullness of salvation, Mary is its dawning.

Birthday celebrations bring happiness to the celebrant as well as to family and friends. Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary's birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Each time we celebrate her birth we can confidently hope for an increase of peace in our hearts and in the world at large.

**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.

<b>MON</b> Sept 8	8:00AM	Kathleen Bitner Family Robert & Kathy Bittner Family
<b>TUE</b> Sept 9	8:00AM	Robert & Cheryl Bode Family Loretta Bode Family
<b>WED</b> Sept 10	8:00AM	Boyce Family Briggs Family
<b>THU</b> Sept 11	6:30PM	Brown Family Brucker Family
<b>FRI</b> Sept 12	8:00AM	Dina O'Rourke
<b>SAT</b> Sept 13	5:00PM	Campos Family Carey Family
<b>SUN</b> Sept 14	7:00AM(OLOL)	Margaret Carlson Family John & Ann Carlson Family
	8:30 AM (IC)	Cervelli Family Charles & Doris Freehill Family
	10:30 AM (OLOL)	Chaddock Family Chapman Family

**Thank You  
For Your Gifts  
OLOL**

Envelopes \$2198.80.  
Loose \$306.00

Middle East Crisis Collection  
this weekend (9/6 & 9/7) at the  
request of Bishop R. Daniel  
Conlon.

**Imm. Conception**  
Total \$229.00

**CMAA Goals**  
**OLOL: \$13,690**  
Goal: (\$11,786)  
**IC: \$1,260**  
(Goal: \$1,149)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
Sat, Sept 13 5:00PM	Joe & Emily Allen	Stan Alt Patti Huppert	Deacon Jeff	Jerry Brown Steve Heavilin	Denis & Cherry Fisher
Sun, Sept 14 7:00AM	Ben Freehill	Kathleen Reum			
Sun, Sept 14 10:30AM	Nathan & Ethan Garard	Mark Doran Paul Sarantakos	Deacon Jeff	Bruce Killian Steve Killian	

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.



The Gibson Food Pantry is need of the following items...canned meat, canned fruit, jelly, and paper products. If you are able to help in some way, it will be greatly appreciated.

**REQUEST FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL**

This year marks the Gibson Area Chamber of Commerce 20th Annual Lighted Christmas Parade and the Parish Council has asked for volunteers to create a float and participate as a parish in this fun event. We have participated in the past and been the **Grand Prize Winner!!** Anyone interested please email the office at pastor@ololg.org. We will need time to get ideas together and decorate so please don't delay!!

*"Twas the Twentieth Lighted Night"  
Saturday, November 22, 2014*

**Anyone needing to talk to Father Thomas directly,  
feel free to call or text his cell number  
at 630-639-0502.**



**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@ololg.org.



## REFLECTION FOR THE 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Evangelist Matthew, in his Gospel, pays special attention to the organization and to the governance of the Church. The organization of the Church includes a pastoral guideline to settle the issues that would emerge in the Christian communities.

Fraternal correction, first of all, presupposes knowledge—knowledge to identify the errors and to indicate the right path. Hence, it is necessary to make sure that the correction given is true, and not merely expressions of one's prejudices.

Fraternal correction, secondly, should be a sign of one's love for others and not an occasion to accuse them and to assert one's authority over them; it is a delicate moment and never an occasion to show oneself as important, intel-

### MIDDLE EAST CRISIS COLLECTION

At the request of Bishop R. Daniel Conlon, there will be a second collection this weekend for the purpose of providing relief and support to our brothers and sisters in the Middle East. In addition to any funds you are able to give, Bishop Conlon asks that you keep those affected by this turmoil in your prayers in their time of suffering as they struggle to survive and protect their families. These funds will be used by Catholic relief Services and other Catholic agencies working in partnership with the local church to meet the most urgent humanitarian needs facing the people in Iraq, Gaza and Syria and surrounding countries where refugees have fled. These organizations have well-established partnerships with the Catholic Church in the region which allow them to respond quickly and efficiently to victims in some of the hardest to reach areas. Collection funds will also be used to support programs to aid persecuted Christians and to respond to rebuilding needs of Catholic dioceses in the impacted areas.



## THOUGHTS

September 7, 2014

In Saint Paul's letter to the Romans he suggests that God lavishes relationship, if we so choose it, that demands accountability. It is like, in Saint Paul's vocabulary, a kind of "debt" that we can never "pay-in-full."

But we begin to repay by following the direction of one of the most familiar statements in the Bible: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Good stewards realize that God does not call them just to love those who are easy to love, but to love the unloved and the hard-to-love people in this world as well. This week, remind yourself: "I am put here as an ambassador of God's love."

### WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND

Ladies, you are invited to attend the upcoming Women's Cursillo weekend. Cursillo is primarily a lay movement. It is an instrument of renewal by which Christianity can permeate, live and grow in today's world. It proposes a method through which ones spirituality can be strengthened, lived and shared in all areas of one's environment. The weekend will be October 9-12, 2014 at Our Lady of the Lake in Mahomet. Check in is at 7PM, Thursday, the 9th. Please contact Pam Krisman 217-841-0805 or Dick Baxley 217-867-2686 with questions or to reserve your spot.

### PARISH EVENTS



#### Wed, September 13

- K of C Mtg 7PM

#### Wed, September 17

- Staff Mtg 6PM

#### Wed, September 24

- Parish Council Mtg 7PM

### SAINTS OF THE WEEK

#### Monday, September 8

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### Tuesday September 9

St. Peter Claver

#### Wednesday September 10

Pedro de Corpa and Companions

#### Thursday September 11

St. Jean-Gabriel Perboyre

#### Friday, September 12

Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### Saturday, September 13

St. John Chrysostom

#### Sunday September 14

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Please pray for our teachers and students who began a new RE year today.



Erin Lynch (9/8)

Carol Obert (9/10)

Stacey Helmig (9/11)

Elizabeth Bode (9/11)

Claire Schmitt (9/11)

Pat Harper (9/12)

Laura Lynch (9/14)

Benjamin Roesch (9/14)

Alex Rosenbaum (9/14)

Noah Roy (9/14)

Jerry Stoltz (9/14)



Brian & Jody Goodin (9/13)

Roger & Edna Huppert (9/14)