

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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January 18, 2015 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Diocese of Joliet

THE 2015
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES
ANNUAL APPEAL (CMAA)
IS UNDERWAY

“EXTENDING GOD’S MERCY”

DETAILS INSIDE

January 20

St. Sebastian



Almost nothing is historically certain about St. Sebastian except that he was a Roman martyr, was venerated in Milan even in the time of St. Ambrose (December 7) and was buried on the Appian Way, probably near the present Basilica of St. Sebastian. Devotion to him spread rapidly, and he is mentioned in several martyrologies as early as AD350.

The legend of St. Sebastian is important in art, and there is a vast iconography. Scholars now agree that a pious fable has Sebastian entering the Roman army because only there could he assist the martyrs without arousing suspicion. Finally he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. His body was pierced with arrows, and he was left for dead. But he was found still alive by those who came to bury him. He recovered, but refused to flee. One day he took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He accosted the emperor, denouncing him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. He was buried on the Appian Way, close to the catacombs that bear his name.

Another legend describes Sebastian's effectiveness in bolstering the courage of those in prison. Two men under sentence of death seemed about to give in to their captors. Sebastian's impassioned exhortation to constancy not only confirmed the two in their original convictions but won over many other prisoners in the jail. Again, this particular story may not be historically accurate. But it is true that all saints witness to Jesus both by word and action.

The fact that many of the early saints made such a tremendous impression on the Church—awakening widespread devotion and great praise from the greatest writers of the Church—is proof of the heroism of their lives. As has been said, legends may not be literally true. Yet they may express the very substance of the faith and courage evident in the lives of these heroes and heroines of Christ.

Patron Saint of:

Athletes

Pastor

Rev. Thomas Theneth, CMI
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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.

MON Jan 19		NO MASS
TUE Jan 20		NO MASS
WED Jan 21		NO MASS
THU Jan 22		NO MASS
FRI Jan 23		NO MASS
SAT Jan 24		Rita Benefiel
SUN Jan 25	7:00AM OLOL) 8:30 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	For All Parishioners For All Parishioners Mildred Sunderland

**Thank You For Your Gifts OLOL**

Envelopes \$2227.50
Loose \$245.00
Capital Imp. \$200.00

Imm. Conception

Total \$174.11

THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION FOR LATIN AMERICA NEXT WEEKEND, JAN. 24/25

CMAA Goals
OLOL: \$16,368
Goal: (\$11,786)
IC: \$1,430
(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, Jan 24 5:00PM	Nathan & Ethan Garard	Stan Alt	Lisa Heap		Lisa Heap
Sun, Jan 25 7:00AM	Ben Freehill	Jim Freehill			
Sun, Jan 25 10:39AM	Caleb & Lacey Cotter	Lisa Volker			

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.



Doug & Tammy Parsons (1/20)
Joe & Alyce Hafer (1/21)
Don & Wanda Swearingen (1/22)



Brooke Fairfield (1/21)
Paula Cyphert (1/22)
Michele Fackler (1/22)
Mae Gardner (1/22)
Terese Fairfield (1/23)
Giles Volker (1/25)



Our Condolences to the family of

Doris Benter

Our prayers are with you at this difficult time.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, January 19

St. Fabian

Tuesday, January 20

St. Sebastian

Wednesday, January 21

St. Agnes

Thursday, January 22

St. Vincent

Friday, January 23

St. Marianne Cope

Saturday, January 24

St. Francis de Sales

Sunday, January 25

Conversion of St. Paul

THE 2015 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL IS UNDERWAY
"EXTENDING GOD'S MERCY"



The 2015 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal begins with a mailing that many of our parishioners have received or will soon receive. This is a mailing from Bishop Conlon asking for a pledge to the 2015 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal.

The Appeal not only funds many of the operations of the diocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish. For example, a few are providing materials for RE, marriage preparation, support groups, and seminars.

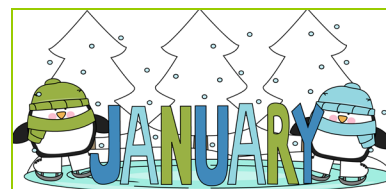
This year, the theme of the Appeal is "Extending god's Mercy." The greatest act of God's Mercy toward humankind was to send His Son. People lost the way to God, the truth about God and a life in God by our own fault. Jesus came to give us the Way, the Truth and a new Life. Jesus taught us to be MERCIFUL as His Father is MERCIFUL. (Luke: 6:36)

How do we acknowledge God's mercy and show Him our gratitude? One way that we can show our gratitude is by giving back to God the gifts He shared with us. We can support our parish, our diocese and the Church throughout the world with gifts of time, talent and treasure, The gifts we give enable ministries, education, and services that touch thousands of lives.

Our parish goal is \$12,576 for Our Lady of Lourdes and \$1,224 for Immaculate Conception. With your financial support, we can exceed this goal. When we exceed our goal in paid pledges, we will receive 65% of the amount over goal for use in our parish.

Please answer Bishop Conlon's request and make a generous pledge. All pledges can be paid in 10 installments. Thank you in advance for your support.

PARISH EVENTS



Wed, January 28

- Parish Council Meeting 7PM

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

- Tony Coons
- Mary Cothorn
- Jesse Cervelli
- Vicky Stuckey
- Dick Walter
- Penny Campbell
- Loretta Bode
- 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.

RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY FACTS



DID YOU KNOW?? This Year of Consecrated Life, 2015, is the 150th anniversary of the founding of the

Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate in Joliet, also referred to as the Joliet Franciscans. They were the first group of Franciscan sisters incorporated in the State of Illinois, which was in 1874.

Latin America Collection



Next week, we will take up the collection for the Church in Latin America. Your generosity to the Collection for the Church in Latin America is invaluable to the future of the faith in this regions. Your donations will fund catechesis, marriage and family life programs, and seminarian formation. Please give with a joyful and generous heart. Please support programs like these and give generously in next week's collection.

Prayer for Solidarity

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, we ask you to give us unity and solidarity with the faithful in Latin America and the Caribbean. Grant us the grace to generously give our time, money, and talents to those in need. May we learn from the example of St. Juan Diego and share our faith in humility and love. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.



BRAIN HEALTH SERIES ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

Our seminars on brain health continue this week with a focus on Knowing the 10 signs of Alzheimer's: Early Detection Matters!!

This seminar will be on Wednesday, January 21st from 10-11:30 AM at Moyer District Library.

Next week, January 28th, our seminar program will feature the topic : Ways to be headstrong about keeping you HEAD Strong This workshop will feature strategies and games to enhance thinking!

dear Padre

January 18, 2015

Is there a Year of John?

I read that the current liturgical year is the year of Mark, that next year will be the year of Matthew, and the following year will be Luke. Then it starts all over with the year of Mark again. Why doesn't John have a year?

It certainly does seem that John has been slighted by the three-year *Lectionary* cycle. There is not, in fact, a “year” that is wholly dedicated to reading his gospel.

Mark's Gospel is the shortest of the four. During the year we read Mark, we also read John's sixth chapter. During all three liturgical years, we read from John's Gospel during the Easter season. We also read significant portions of John's Gospel during our weekday liturgy.

All four gospels tell the same story—the story of Jesus—in different ways. Unfortunately, many times we combine the stories in our minds and inadvertently confuse the unique approach of each of the four evangelists. One example of this is when we put Matthew's wise men with Luke's shepherds in our manger scenes.

Maybe one day we'll have a four-year *Lectionary* cycle in which one year is dedicated to the continuous reading of John's Gospel. Until then, I encourage you to read each gospel separately.

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Monday

January 19
Weekday
Heb 5:1–10
Mk 2:18–22

Tuesday

January 20
Weekday
Heb 6:10–20
Mk 2:23–28

Wednesday

January 21
St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
Heb 7:1–3,
15–17
Mk 3:1–6

Thursday

January 22
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Heb 7:25–8:6
Mk 3:7–12

Friday

January 23
Weekday
Heb 8:6–13
Mk 3:13–19

Saturday

January 24
St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Heb 9:2–3,
11–14
Mk 3:20–21

Sunday

January 25
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jon 3:1–5, 10
1 Cor 7:29–31
Mk 1:14–20

Good News!

January 18, 2015

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Sm 3:3b–10, 19 / 1 Cor 6:13c–15a, 17–20 /
Jn 1:35–42

When I started in campus ministry, I was fortunate to meet a wonderful priest who had worked with college students for many years. I watched him carefully on Sundays and at student gatherings, picking up valuable information about how to talk to students, conduct myself professionally, and bring out the best in others and in myself.

Over the years we worked together, I observed many campus ministers—young and old, lay and ordained—seeking him out for advice and counsel. I referred more than a few. I also enjoyed our conversations and nearly always left our meetings with more wisdom than when I started.

I wonder what Andrew and the other disciples thought when John called Jesus “the Lamb of God.” Whatever it was, they must have seen in Jesus someone who could answer their questions or give them something they were lacking. Maybe they saw a person their teacher admired and decided to seek his wisdom for themselves.

Whatever it was, something compelled them to follow Jesus, and Jesus' own invitation to “come and see” whetted their curiosity and desire even more.

Today we might call that the impulse of the Spirit, who draws us to Christ even when we're not sure why. The challenge for us is to have the courage to follow Jesus, ask where he's staying, and walk with him even if we can't see where it will lead us.

Our desire to stay with the Lord is, in itself, our comfort and our joy.

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