

## 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)



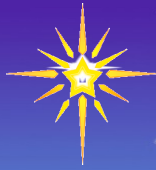
## Parish Office

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www.ololgc.org

# November 29, 2015 First Sunday of Advent



We continue to seek HIM...such an amazing journey!



**PLEASE NOTE THE IMPORTANT INFORMATION BELOW  
THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED AS WE NEAR THE END OF 2016**



With the ADVENT season quickly approaching, we would like to make you aware of some upcoming events.

- **NOVEMBER 28**, blessing of your advent wreathes at the Masses.
- **DECEMBER 12/13**, blessing of the bambinos. Bring your baby Jesus from your nativity set to weekend Masses.

## FAMILY INFORMATION UPDATE

If each family could PLEASE fill out the form found in each pew and drop it in the collection basket. It is the most basic information needing to be updated in the office. Thank You

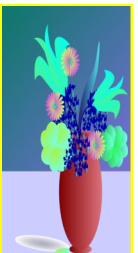


The **2016 COLLECTION ENVELOPES** are available to pick up in the back of the church. If you have not registered with the parish, please contact the office. (217)784-4671.

Also, please let us know of address or other contact information changes on the sheet in the pews.

## 2016 FLOWERS

There are still available dates to sign up for altar flowers for 2016. The sign up sheet is at 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.



## 2016 PARISH CALENDARS

Our Parish Calendars are available for 2016. Thank you Day Drainage for providing them for our Parishes. Feel free to pick some up after Masses over the next few weekends. It is hard to believe 2016 is 6 short weeks away.



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 !!

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Alyce Hafer

**Youth Ministry**  
Bruce Killian

**Music Director**  
Michele Fackler

**Parish Council President**  
Eric Rosenbaum (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> November 30	8:00AM	Meunier Family Meyer Family
<i>St. Andrew</i>		
<b>TUE</b> December 1	8:00AM	Miguel Family Randy Miller Family
<i>Bl. Charles de Foucauld</i>		
<b>WED</b> December 2	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
<i>Bl. Rafal Chylinski</i>		
<b>THU</b> December 3	6:30PM	Andrew Miller Family Molck Family
<i>St. Francis Xavier</i>		
<b>FRI</b> December 4	8:00AM	Donald Kemmer
<i>St. John Damascene</i>		
<b>SAT</b> December 5	5:00PM	Marge Carlson
<i>St. Sabas</i>		
<b>SUN</b> December 6	7:00AM (OLOL) 8:30 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	Todd Faker Masco Family Parish Family
<i>St. Nicholas</i>		

**Thank You For Your Gifts OLOL**

Envelopes \$1952.00  
Loose \$443.25  
Capital Imp. \$0.00  
Food Pantry \$72.00

**Imm. Conception**

Total \$97.00

Thank you to all that have fulfilled their Annual Appeal commitment and I encourage those outstanding to complete their commitment in the coming months. OLL received a check for \$712.00 for meeting our goal to date.

**CMAA Goals**  
**OLOL: \$14,525**  
Goal: (\$12,675)  
**IC: \$1,315**  
(Goal: \$1,224)

**MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
Sat, December 5 5:00PM	Caine Jost Joe Baillie	Michael Smith	Stan Alt	John Carlson Frank Titus	Jean Wilhelmi
Sun, December 6 7:00AM	Remi Astronomo	Jim Freehill			
Sun, December 6 10:30AM	Gavin Tredennick Caine Jost	Jack Kollross	Denis Fisher	Jerry Lynch, Sr. Jerry Lynch, Jr.	

**CONGRATULATIONS,** both OLL and IC have exceeded their CMAA goal!

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 .

**Marriage**

Call the Rectory at least six months before. A six month preparation time is required.



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

I say this every time we have a funeral dinner, and still there just aren't enough words to express how much you all are appreciated. For those who work, those who donate all the "delicious" food, to Stan and Tom who do all the heavy lifting to the Hartford boys who scooped snow Saturday. For all those who contributed in any way to the funeral dinners for Chuck Freehill and Bob Boyce, our brothers in Christ. God Bless you all and your families. As God smiles down on all of you, remember: "Whatever you do for the least of my brethren , you do for me". Thank you all again so much.

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**AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH**



will hold their Annual Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 5, from 8AM-12Noon in the Parish Hall. The Church is located at 905 E. First Street in Gibson City.

**Decorated cookies will be \$6.00 per dozen and undecorated cookies will be \$5.00 per dozen.**



## HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

December 8, 2015-November 20, 2016

All the faithful are invited to attend the 5PM Mass on Saturday, December 12 at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet. This liturgy will be our diocesan initiation of the Holy Year of Mercy. Prior to the beginning of Mass Bishop Conlon will open the Cathedral's Holy door, our local way of joining with Pope Francis as he opens the Holy Doors in Rome. Let us enter into this Holy Year in joyful celebration of God's extravagant love and mercy. May our own carrying out of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy make present God's tender mercy.

### THIS IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

MASS AT ALL FOR THIS HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION WILL BE AT 7AM & 7PM.

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT-NOVEMBER 29, 2015

How can we be merciful like the Father in this First Week of Advent? The opening prayer at Mass asks God to give us the resolve to run forth to meet Christ. So, we begin this new Church year running once more to be with Christ who is coming to us. At this meeting, let us be found doing works of mercy. The Spiritual works of Mercy are: counseling the doubtful, instructing the ignorant, admonishing the sinner, comforting the sorrowful, forgiving injuries, bearing wrongs patiently, and praying for the living and the dead.

- Who needs mercy this week?
- What righteous deed of mercy will I do?

#### BLESSING AND LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

##### The Beginning of Advent

[On the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent, the family gathers around the wreath decorated with greens. One candle should be lit.]

Leader: We gather around our wreath to begin the celebration of Advent. Let us ask our Father in heaven to fill our hearts with grace.

Silent pause for prayer

Heavenly Father, we look forward to the celebration of Christmas and to the coming of the Lord in glory. Bless this Advent wreath and all of us. As we pray daily around it, fill us with your life and strengthen us for our daily tasks. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.



##### The First Week of Advent

[One candle is lit.]

Leader: Heavenly Father, as we begin this Advent, give light to our eyes and peace to our hearts. May the Lord find us watching and waiting in joy when He comes. We pray in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

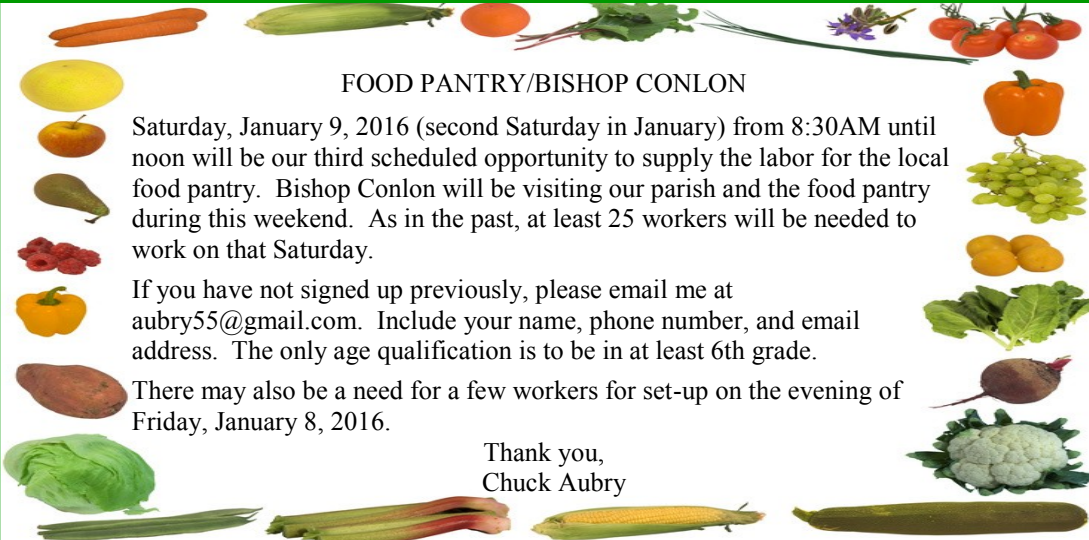
#### FOOD PANTRY/BISHOP CONLON

Saturday, January 9, 2016 (second Saturday in January) from 8:30AM until noon will be our third scheduled opportunity to supply the labor for the local food pantry. Bishop Conlon will be visiting our parish and the food pantry during this weekend. As in the past, at least 25 workers will be needed to work on that Saturday.

If you have not signed up previously, please email me at [aubry55@gmail.com](mailto:aubry55@gmail.com). Include your name, phone number, and email address. The only age qualification is to be in at least 6th grade.

There may also be a need for a few workers for set-up on the evening of Friday, January 8, 2016.

Thank you,  
Chuck Aubry



#### PARISH EVENTS

### DECEMBER



#### Tuesday, December 1

- CALM between 6:30-7PM

#### Saturday, December 5

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

#### Wednesday, December 9

- K of C 7PM

#### Tuesday, December 15

- CALM between 6:30-7PM

#### Sunday, December 13

- YOUTH MASS

#### Saturday, December 19

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon



- Joan Cole (11/30)
- Brayden Stroh (12/2)
- Teri Eichelberger (12/2)
- Karla McKinney (12/4)
- Joanne Fetzner (12/5)
- Sarah McCall (12/6)



#### Pray for the Sick & Homebound

- Tony Coons
- Mary Cothorn
- Jesse Cervelli
- Dick Walter
- Loretta Bode
- Mardella Duffy
- Milt Seyller

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](mailto:pastor@lolgc.org).



# Good News!

November 29, 2015  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)**

Jer 33:14–16 / 1 Thes 3:12—4:2 / Lk 21:25–28,  
34–36

We begin this Church year as we left the last one—with a description of the signs that will come before Christ appears. But where Mark warns of the coming judgment for the enemies of God, Luke, with great subtlety, shifts the nuance so that people will hear the hope of salvation. “Stand erect and raise your head,” he calls out. At the end of the Church year, we meditate on Christ’s coming in glory to judge the living and the dead. In the beginning, we remember the Incarnation: God’s emptying himself to become fully human and to come into the world. Both events are heralded by and will mean great change for us and for the world.

Change happens when God breaks into the world, regardless of the time. In account after account in the Bible, we watch as God visits people and changes their names (Abraham and Peter), their lives (Jeremiah, the apostles, the woman at the well), and heals their separation and brokenness (the blind man, the paralytic, and Lazarus). Also, sinners are punished (Dives and Jezebel) and landscapes are altered (Isaiah’s vision of valleys lifted up and mountains laid low). This saving action continues throughout history, especially within the Church and among the saints.

Advent is a time to remember that Christ came to change the world and each of us. Have we allowed ourselves to be changed? Are we willing to be shaped by the hand of God, called by a different name, and given a place in Christ’s mission? Let’s hope so because, ready or not, here he comes.

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**Monday**  
NOVEMBER 30  
*St. Andrew, Apostle*

Rom 10:9–18  
Mt 4:18–22

**Tuesday**  
DECEMBER 1  
*Advent Weekday*

Is 11:1–10  
Lk 10:21–24

**Wednesday**  
DECEMBER 2  
*Advent Weekday*

Is 25:6–10a  
Mt 15:29–37

**Thursday**  
DECEMBER 3  
*St. Francis Xavier,*

*Priest*  
Is 26:1–6  
Mt 7:21, 24–27

**Friday**  
DECEMBER 4  
*Advent Weekday*

Is 29:17–24  
Mt 9:27–31

**Saturday**  
DECEMBER 5  
*Advent Weekday*

Is 30:19–21, 23–26  
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a,  
6–8

**Sunday**  
DECEMBER 6  
*Second Sunday*

*of Advent*  
Bar 5:1–9  
Phil 1:4–6, 8–11  
Lk 3:1–6

# dear Padre

November 29, 2015

## At college, where do I go to church?

I am a college student and live with my parents, but I prefer my friend’s parish. My father says Church law requires me to go to my home parish. Is this true?

According to the *Code of Canon Law*, parishes and dioceses are normally established according to geographical boundaries. In the United States, Catholics generally attend and support the parish in which they live, just as each pastor is required by *canon law* to care for the spiritual needs of all who reside within his boundaries. Exceptions to this practice include parishes established for specific ethnic groups or for the military.

That said, Catholics may go to another parish to fulfill specific spiritual needs. For instance, they can attend Mass “away from home” to accommodate their work or school schedule. Around the world there may be countless liturgical variations to the Mass, but ultimately it is the same celebration.

As a pastor, I understand that I cannot be everything to everyone. People have different preferences when it comes to worship style, preaching content, and available ministries. I would rather help someone enjoy Mass and be spiritually fed and challenged than remind him or her of our religious obligations.

Your journey toward an adult spirituality is important. The parish you choose should be more than just a place to socialize or be entertained. Be sure it also reflects God’s presence and leads you to do the same.

FR. RICK POTTS, CSsR  
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