

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)



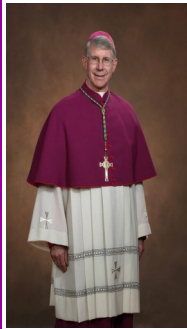
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December 13, 2015

Third Sunday of Advent

PILGRIMAGE WITH BISHOP CONLON



During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis calls on Catholics to rediscover the merciful love of the Father. This worldwide celebration provides us with the opportunity to experience our faith through prayer and the Sacraments. In a special way, the opportunity for pilgrimage offers Catholics a chance to experience God's grace.

From April 2-7, 2016, including Divine Mercy Sunday, Bishop R. Daniel Conlon will be the spiritual director for a pilgrimage journeying to some of the shrines of Mexico, including Our Lady of Guadalupe. The cost of the six-day pilgrimage (including air, fees, accommodations and most meals) will be \$1,328 (double-occupancy). For more information, please visit the bishops' website at <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/bishop> or contact Alex Rechenmacher at arechenmacher@dioceseofjoliet.org or (815) 221-6180.



40TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

We don't want you spending Christmas Day alone! American Lutheran church, 905 East First Street, Gibson city is hosting their 40th Annual Christmas Day dinner. This free meal will begin at noon with a menu which includes turkey, ham dressing, mashed potatoes with gravy, vegetables, desserts and beverages. A free-will offering will be received. No tickets are necessary, however, we ask that reservations be made by Friday, December 18th to ensure that we have enough food. Please call the church office at 784-4841 to make your reservation or to arrange for home delivery if you are homebound and have no transportation. Please leave your name, the number in your party, and a phone number. If you are homebound, please leave your address and your meal will be delivered to you between noon and 2:00PM.

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Music Director
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**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.

MON December 14	8:00AM	Durlene Lawless <i>St. John of the Cross</i>
TUE December 15	8:00AM	Dino Grilli <i>Bl. Mary Francis Schervier</i>
WED December 16	8:00AM	Priest Intentions <i>Bl. Honoratus Kozminski</i>
THU December 17	6:30PM	Obert Family Ortiz Family <i>St. Hildegard of Bingen</i>
FRI December 18	8:00AM	Josh Parsons Family Doug Parsons Family <i>Bl. Anthony Grassi</i>
SAT December 19	5:00PM	Noble Hutchcraft <i>Bl. Pope UrbanV</i>
SUN December 20	7:00AM (OLOL) 8:30 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	Parish Family Margie Rock Family Bob Fields <i>St. Dominic of Silos</i>

**Thank You
For Your Gifts
OLOL**

Envelopes \$2797.50
Loose \$477.00
Capital Imp. \$227.00
Food Pantry \$154.00

Imm. Conception

Total \$122.00

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: \$14,690
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 19 5:00PM	Angelica Cullotta Caine Jost	Patti Huppert	Stan Alt	John Carlson Frank Titus	Paul & Sarah Sarantakos
Sun, December 20 7:00AM	Jessica Freehill	Andrew Killian			
Sun, December 20 10:30AM	Peyton Leonard Haven Hathaway	Ray Hanks	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.

FOOD PANTRY WITH 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 caubry55@gmail.com. Include your name, phone number, and email address. The only age qualification is to be in at least 6th grade. We would really love to see the kids get involved!

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



Congratulations

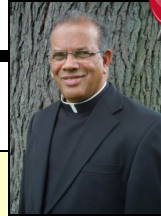
*Derrick & Kayla Raney
On the baptism of*

Reagan Deanne

WELCOME

*to our
Our Lady of Lourdes
Parish Family*

The Word From Father Thomas



CONFESSION

There will be a Penance Service on Thursday, December 17, after 6:30PM Mass. Father Thomas will also be available for confession during the adoration on December 15 as well as after the week day masses.

Jubilee of Mercy

Once a student asked the professor "What is the earliest sign of civilization?" The answer was "a healed femur". A healed femur shows that someone took care of the injured person. Someone had to step in to find out food and other needs of that person could do it by himself. That means the sign of the first civilization was the evidence of compassion.

Pope Francis has called for the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy to make that primordial sign of civilization plain and far-reaching in the world again. The Pope has proclaimed a Jubilee of Mercy because, as he writes, "at times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives".

Pope Francis tells us that this special Holy Year is a time "to bear the weaknesses and struggles of our brothers and sisters"(MV 10), an occasion to "open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters"(MV 15). We can do so when we recall how much God looked upon our own wounds and misery with untellable, unlimited love and mercy. Then, "touched by God's compassion, we also can become compassionate towards others"(MV 14).

With joy we enter into the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, which Pope Francis calls "a special time for the Church, a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective"(MV 3)

(MV = Misericordiae Viltus)

MERRY CHRISTMAS GIFT

PLEASE take a REDISCOVER JESUS book from the back table. It is a Christmas gift for the parish COMPLIMENTS OF HELEN HAYNES. Thank you Helen!

From the RE Desk

Please pray for our second grade students, families and teachers as we prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Sunday. A quote for our reflection: *The confession of sins*

The confession (or disclosure) of sins, even from a simply human point of view, frees us and facilitates our reconciliation with others. Through such an admission man looks squarely at the sins he is guilty of, takes responsibility for them, and thereby opens himself again to God and to the communion of the Church in order to make a new future possible. (Catechism of the Catholic Church #1455)

With inclement winter weather already arriving please note that if Religious Classes are cancelled the notice will be on the Illinois Home Page (click Sections then under Weather click Closings and Delays). It will also be on WCIA and radio announced from WGCY. Thank You!!

PARISH EVENTS

DECEMBER

Tuesday, December 15

- CALM between 6:30-7PM

Sunday, December 13

- YOUTH MASS

Saturday, December 19

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon



Chuck Aubry (12/15)
Mary Fairfield (12/15)
Bill Hartford (12/20)



Paul & Mary Geurts (12/13)

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Aging religious need your help. In the US today, there are more than 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. These religious worked tirelessly in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies, usually for little to no pay. As a result, many religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement fund for religious helps provide medications, nursing care and more. Please be generous.

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Tony Coons
Mary Cothorn
Jesse Cervelli
Dick Walter
Loretta Bode
Mardella Duffy
Milt Seyller
Donovan Gaines
Mary Masco

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.



December 13, 2015

dear Padre

Monday

DECEMBER 14

St. John of the Cross,
Priest and
Doctor of the Church
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a
Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday

DECEMBER 15

Advent Weekday
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13
Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday

DECEMBER 16

Advent Weekday
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13
Mt 21:28-32

Thursday

DECEMBER 17

Advent Weekday
Gn 49:2, 8-10
Mt 1:1-17

Friday

DECEMBER 18

Advent Weekday
Jer 23:5-8
Mt 1:18-25

Saturday

DECEMBER 19

Advent Weekday
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a
Lk 1:5-25

Sunday

DECEMBER 20

Fourth Sunday
of Advent
Mi 5:1-4a
Heb 10:5-10
Lk 1:39-45

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Why do we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe?



I never used to hear about Our Lady of Guadalupe, but now every year my parish celebrates the feast. Why?

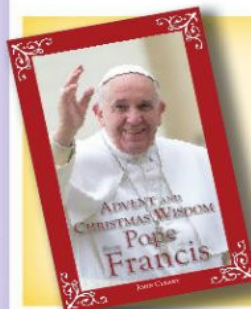
In 1531 the Blessed Mother appeared to Juan Diego in the form of Our Lady of Guadalupe. She sent him to the bishop to ask that a church be built where she appeared so all may see and know her compassion. As a sign, she left her image on his cloak. This cloak is still venerated in Mexico and is as bright as ever, defying scientific explanation.

Devotion to Mary under this title began almost immediately. Pope Leo XIII made her celebration a memorial for the universal Church. During the twentieth century, she was proclaimed the **Queen of Mexico and Empress of the Americas**. In 2002, John Paul II canonized Juan Diego. Since then the growing Hispanic population in the United States has made her feast increasingly visible and popular.

In his 2014 homily on the feast of Guadalupe, Pope Francis reminds us why this feast is so relevant to the Advent season: "In the wonders that the Lord has fulfilled in Mary, she recognizes her Son's manner and mode of conduct in salvation history. Overturning worldly judgments, destroying at all costs the idols of power, wealth and success, denouncing self-sufficiency, arrogance and secular messianism which distance people from God." Guadalupe lifts the lowly and draws all to her Son and his Church.



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During this Advent season, "remember the real gift: God giving himself to us through the Incarnation. Reflect on yourself. In how many ways can you become a gift from God to those you know and to those you do not?"

—From *Advent and Christmas Wisdom From Pope Francis* by John Cleary

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