

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 20, 2015

Fourth Sunday of Advent



The Expectation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

"Drop down the dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain the Just One! Let the earth be opened and bud forth a Savior!" (Isaiah 48:8).

O Lord, how wonderful You are everywhere in the world! You have made for Yourself a worthy dwelling-place in Mary!



MARY VISITS ELIZABETH

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

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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 21	8:00AM	Durlene Lawless <i>St. Peter Canisius</i>
TUE December 22	8:00AM	Donald & Ruby Kemmer <i>Bl. Jacopone da Todi</i>
WED December 23	8:00AM	Priest Intentions <i>St. John Kanty</i>
THU December 24	4:00PM CHRISTMAS EVE 6:00PM Christmas at Greccio 10:00PM	Our Lady of Lourdes Immaculate Conception Our Lady of Lourdes
FRI December 25	9:00AM	Our Lady of Lourdes Gerry Gravlin <i>Sol. of the Nativity of the Lord</i>
SAT December 26	5:00PM	Marge Carlson <i>St. Stephen</i>
SUN December 27	7:00AM (OLOL) <i>St. John the Apostle</i> 8:30 AM (IC) <i>Holy Family</i> 10:30 AM (OLOL)	Ray Family Parish Family Todd Faker

**Thank You
 For Your Gifts
 OLOL**

Envelopes \$2407.60
 Loose \$473.00
 Capital Imp. \$250.00
 Food Pantry \$73.00

Imm. Conception

Total \$166.00

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: \$15,002
 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>
Thurs, Dec. 24 4:00PM	Nathan & Ethan Garard	Marj Brown		Chris Garard Jerry Brown	
Thurs, Dec 24 10:00PM	Andrew & Aidan Laughery	Paul Sarantakos		Greg Laughery Tim Fackler	
Fri, Dec 25 9:00AM	Liam Killian Andrew Killian	Andrew Killian		Michael Smith Caine Jost	
Sat, Dec 26 5:00PM	Joe Baillie Alex Killian	Marj Brown	Stan Alt	John Carlson Frank Titus	Lisa Heap
Sun, Dec 27 7:00AM	Liam Killian	Erin Nuss			
Sun, Dec 27 10:30AM	Halle Groover Hannah Hathaway	Paul Sarantakos	Denis Fisher	Jerry Lynch Sr. Jerry Lynch Jr.	

Volunteers are always needed for our parish ministries. For more information on how to join, contact the parish office.

He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High

Luke 1:32

The Word From Father Thomas



An excerpt from Pope Francis' Message on the Holy Year of Mercy.

As we have seen in sacred Scripture, mercy is the key word that indicates God's action towards us. He does not limit himself merely to affirming his love, but makes it visible and tangible. Love, after all, can never be just an abstraction. By its very nature, it indicates something concrete: intentions, attitudes, and behaviors that are shown in daily living.

In order to be capable of mercy, therefore, we must first of all dispose ourselves to listen to the Word of God. This means rediscovering the value of silence in order to meditate on the Word that comes to us. In this way, it will be possible to contemplate God's mercy and adopt it as our lifestyle.

Let us not fall into humiliating indifference or a monotonous routine that prevents us from discovering what is new! Let us ward off destructive cynicism! Let us open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and let us recognize that we are compelled to heed their cry for help! May we reach out to them and support them so they can feel the warmth of our presence, our friendship and our fraternity! May their cry become our own, and together may we break down the barriers of indifference that too often reign supreme and mask our hypocrisy and egoism!

Misericordiae Vultus 9, 13, 15

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



PARISH EVENTS

DECEMBER



MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Therese Davis (12/22)
Jane Lange (12/22)
Donna Ruddy (12/23)
Tom McCall (12/25)
Janet Townsend (12/26)
Braden Roesch (12/26)
Joyce Hutchcraft (12/26)

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!



Christmas

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@ololqc.org.



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.



December 20, 2015

dear Padre

Monday

DECEMBER 21

Advent Weekday

Sg 2:8–14 or

Zep 3:14–18

Lk 1:39–45

Tuesday

DECEMBER 22

Advent Weekday

1 Sm 1:24–28

Lk 1:46–56

Wednesday

DECEMBER 23

Advent Weekday

Mal 3:1–4, 23–24

Lk 1:57–66

Thursday

DECEMBER 24

Advent Weekday

2 Sm 7:1–5, 8–12, 14, 16

Lk 1:67–79

Friday

DECEMBER 25

Nativity of the Lord

Is 52:7–10

Heb 1:1–6

Jn 1:1–18 or

1:1–5, 9–14

Saturday

DECEMBER 26

St. Stephen,
the First Martyr

Acts 6:8–10; 7:54–59

Mt 10:17–22

Sunday

DECEMBER 27

Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary, and Joseph

Sir 3:2–6, 12–14 or

1 Sm 1:20–22, 24–28

Col 3:12–21 or

3:12–17 or

1 Jn 3:1–2, 21–24

Lk 2:41–52

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Wearing liturgical colors can be a reminder of the season



My pastor encourages us to wear liturgical colors to Mass: violet during Advent and Lent, red on Pentecost, and so forth. I notice some parishioners take this to heart, but I've never heard of such a thing. Is this something we're all supposed to do?

The color of the priests' vestments are dictated by the feasts and seasons of the Church's liturgical year: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time. The colors are listed in the calendar published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and the colored squares in the calendar section of this bulletin indicate each day's color(s). Today, for example, is the fourth Sunday of Advent, so the liturgical color is violet.

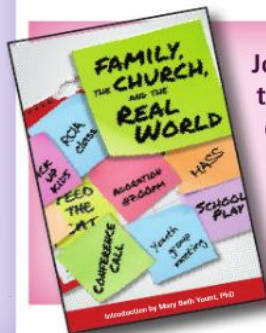
Paragraphs 345–347 of the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* explain when and why each color is worn. This document is available from the USCCB's website, usccb.org, but easier still is asking a member of your parish staff about the meanings and symbolism of each liturgical season and color.

Dressing to match the color of the feast or season is certainly not required by the Church, but it's a common tradition in our culture—consider red Santa hats and green on St. Patrick's Day. Sometimes the seasons of the Church are lost in the daily hustle and bustle. Wearing something violet as you shop for or wrap Christmas gifts would be a lovely personal reminder of the true meaning of the season.



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Join your children in adding regular prayer moments to your family's days together. Gather over breakfast or on the way to school for a brief morning offering. Bless your meals and end your busy days with quiet bedtime prayers that recall the day and seek God's protection through the night.

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