

## 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 25, 2015

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Diocese of Joliet

### THE 2015 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL (CMAA) IS UNDERWAY

“EXTENDING GOD’S MERCY”

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Bishop Conlon’s mailing asking for a pledge to the 2015 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) is in the hands of many of our parishioners. If you have received the mailing, please respond as soon as possible. If you have not received it, please contact our parish office at (217)784-4671.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is “Extending God’s Mercy.” Pope Francis recently said that Mercy “goes beyond in such a way that sin is put to the side. It is like heaven. We look at the sky, there are many, many stars; but when the sun rises in the morning, the light is such that we can’t see the stars. God’s mercy is like that: a great light of love and tenderness.”

We are called by the Gospel to be a light unto others. By showing mercy to those in need, by helping build the kingdom of God in our own parish and our own diocese, we are a like the morning light. Please shine bright by making a generous gift to the CMAA.

The CMAA funds the mission and ministries of our diocese. It also funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish. For example, providing materials for RE, marriage preparation, support groups, and seminars.

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



As we prepare for the Easter season, we have provided a basket at the back of the church for your old Palms. We will properly dispose of them if you bring them by February 15.

### Pastor

Rev. Thomas Theneth, CMI  
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TTheneth@ololg.org

### Deacon

Jeff Volker  
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### 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> Feb 2	8:00AM	Susan Verdeyen Family
<b>TUE</b> Feb 3	8:00AM	Chaddock Family Chapman Family
<b>WED</b> Feb 4	8:00AM	Chase Family Cochran Family
<b>THU</b> Feb 5	6:30PM	Dr and Mildred Sunderland
<b>FRI</b> Feb 6	8:00AM	Cole Family Coons Family
<b>SAT</b> Feb 7	5:00PM	Rita Benefiel
<b>SUN</b> Feb 8	7:00AM OLOL) 8:30 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	Cotter Family Culotta Family Veatch Family Cyphert Family Stanley Davis Family

**BLESSING OF THE THROATS ALL WEEKEND MASSES**

### Thank You For Your Gifts OLOL

Envelopes \$2736.50  
Loose \$395.50  
Capital Imp. \$0

### Imm. Conception

Total \$105.00

There will be a second collection for Home Missions on 2/7 & 2/8

**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, Feb 7 5:00PM	Alex & Liam Killian	Patti Huppert	Ann Alt	Jerry Lynch Jerry Lynch, Jr.	Frank Titus
Sun, Feb 8 7:00AM	Brooks Schmitt	Andrew Killian			
Sun, Feb 8 10:30AM	Brooke Beyers Baillie Killian	YOUTH MASS	Deacon Jeff	Greg Laughery Bob Bode	

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.



Mike & Joyce Freehill (2/4)



Spencer Kleist (2/2)  
Jim Ruddy (2/3)

There is a glass jar on the table at the back of church for any weekly Food Pantry donations. Many thanks in advance.



*Our Condolences to*

*the Family of*  
Susan  
(Carlson)  
Verdeyen

Our prayers are with you at this difficult time.

### SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, February 2

Presentation of the Lord

Tuesday, February 3

St. Blase

Wednesday, February 4

St. Joan of Valois

Thursday, February 5

St. Agatha

Friday, February 6

St. Paul Miki & Companions

Saturday, February 7

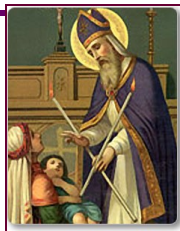
St. Colette

Sunday, February 8

St. Jerome Emiliani

February 3

# St. Blasé



We know more about the devotion to St. Blasé by Christians around the world than we know about the saint himself. His feast is observed as a holy day in some Eastern Churches. In 1222, the Council of Oxford prohibited servile labor in England on Blasé's feast day. The Germans and Slavs hold him in special honor, and for decades many United States Catholics have sought the annual St. Blasé blessing for their throats.

We know that Bishop Blasé was martyred in his episcopal city of Sebastea, Armenia, in 316. The legendary *Acts of St. Blasé* were written 400 years later. According to them Blasé was a good bishop, working hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of his people. Although the Edict of Toleration (311), granting freedom of worship in the Roman Empire, was already five years old, persecution still raged in Armenia. Blasé was apparently forced to flee to the back country. There he lived as a hermit in solitude and prayer, but he made friends with the wild animals. One day a group of hunters seeking wild animals for the amphitheater stumbled upon Blasé's cave. They were first surprised and then frightened. The bishop was kneeling in prayer surrounded by patiently waiting wolves, lions and bears.

The legend has it that as the hunters hauled Blasé off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blasé's command the child was able to cough up the bone.

Agricolaus, governor of Cappadocia, tried to persuade Blasé to sacrifice to pagan idols. The first time Blasé refused, he was beaten. The next time he was suspended from a tree and his flesh torn with iron combs or rakes. (English wool combers, who used similar iron combs, took Blasé as their patron. They could easily appreciate the agony the saint underwent.) Finally, he was beheaded.

"Through the intercession of St. Blasé, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Blessing of St. Blasé).

Patron Saint of Throat Ailments

## BLESSING OF THE THROATS AT ALL MASSES NEXT WEEKEND 2/7 & 2/8

### INTRODUCING THE KICKOFF OF.....GIBSON AREA FOOD PANTRY

Available twice a month

Mobile food Pantry 1st Saturday of every month  
Gibson Area food Pantry 3rd Saturday of every month

**WHERE:** Gibson Area food Pantry (across from Gibson Area Hospital)  
1117 N. Melvin Street, Gibson City, IL 60936

**WHEN:** February 21st, 2015 from 9AM to Noon (3rd Saturday of every month)

**WHO:** Area households meeting income eligibility guidelines

Organized and funded in cooperation with: Gibson Area Hospital, Alliance Grain Co., One Earth Energy, Arends & Sons, and area Churches.

### MOBILE FOOD PANTRY New Location and Hours

**WHERE:** Gibson Area food Pantry (across from Gibson Area Hospital)  
1117 N. Melvin Street, Gibson City, IL 60936.

**WHEN:** February 7, 2015 from 9AM to Noon.

What you need to bring: We do not ask for personal identification of any kind. You must self-attest to meeting the income guidelines below by signature at the giveaway.

**WHO:** area households meeting income eligibility guidelines:

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Monthly Income	\$1799	\$2425	\$3051	\$3677	\$4303	\$4929	\$5555	\$6181

Maximum monthly income per eligible household (for each additional member over 8, add \$626)

Open to all eligible in Ford County  
Organized in cooperation with Birkey's Farm Store.

## PARISH EVENTS



**Wed, February 11**

- **K of C Mtg 7PM**

**Wed, February 25**

- **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  
Marge Carlson

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](mailto:pastor@ololgc.org).



**THANK YOU** to the ladies that have donated food and helped serve the funeral dinners. Your generosity and commitment to this very important ministry is appreciated!

**THANK YOU** to Marj & Jerry Brown, Jim & Joanne Fetzner, Denis & Cherry Fisher, Lisa & Jeff Volker and Stan & Ann Alt for their hospitality to our visiting priests over the last month.

# dear Padre

February 1, 2015

## Why can't we all celebrate Mass in Latin?

You said we should offer Mass in several languages so everyone can participate. There is an alternative: the Latin Mass. In the past, all nationalities could attend and unite themselves to the sacrifice on Calvary without the barrier of vernacular. There is one God and one Church. There should be one Mass.

I'm writing this in the rectory of the Redemptorist parish in New Orleans. Across the street is St. Alphonsus Church, which was built for Irish- and English-speaking immigrants in 1847. Behind the rectory is St. Mary's Assumption, which was built for German-speaking immigrants in 1849. Two blocks from here is Notre Dame de Bon Secours, which was built in 1843 for French-speaking immigrants.

Until the 1960s, Mass was celebrated in Latin, but the preaching and music weren't necessarily done in Latin.

Latin has been an important part of the Catholic Church since the fourth century, but it's important to remember that language and ethnicity don't bind us—Jesus does.

I think we should do whatever we can to help people know Jesus. If celebrating Mass in Spanish, German, English, and French is going to bring people closer to Jesus, that's what we should do.

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**Monday**  
February 2  
*Presentation of the Lord*  
Mal 3:1-4  
Heb 2:14-18  
Lk 2:22-40 or  
2:22-32

**Tuesday**  
February 3  
*Weekday*  
Heb 12:1-4  
Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday**  
February 4  
*Weekday*  
Heb 12:4-7, 11-15  
Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday**  
February 5  
*St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr*  
Heb 12:18-19, 21-24  
Mk 6:7-13

**Friday**  
February 6  
*St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs*  
Heb 13:1-8  
Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday**  
February 7  
*Weekday*  
Heb 13:15-17, 20-21  
Mk 6:30-34

**Sunday**  
February 8  
*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Jb 7:1-4, 6-7  
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23  
Mk 1:29-39

# Good News!

February 1, 2015

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Dt 18:15-20 / 1 Cor 7:32-35 / Mk 1:21-28

When my children were small, I had the power all mothers have to soothe little cuts, scrapes, and bruises with a single kiss. Mother kisses, and the hurt is lessened or disappears altogether.

It worked wonders until the day my daughter burned her hand when she touched a steam pot. With full confidence, she lifted her fingers to be kissed—and then realized they still hurt. Over and over she lifted them to my lips, and over and over I kissed them until I finally admitted we needed to try something else. Cold water and a wash cloth eventually soothed the pain, and the limits of my magic touch were suddenly apparent.

Jesus' power is of a different magnitude. It's evident when he reads and preaches with *authority* (from the Greek word *exousia*, which means "out of himself"—as opposed to studying or having a title thrust on him). It's even more manifest when he simply rebukes a demon and the demon leaves his human host—not because he wants to, but because he knows true authority when he sees and hears it.

It's no wonder the people are astonished. They've never seen this kind of immediate response. This is no mother's kiss to heal the little hurts of life, no magician pretending to have power he doesn't. This is the Son of God come to cast out evil itself and open the Scriptures so the people can hear God's Word in a new and powerful way.

Today, let us turn to him to heal our wounds and make us whole.

Mary Katharine Deeley  
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