

## 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

Phone & Fax:  
(217) 784-4671  
General Information  
pastor@ololgc.org

Address:

534 N. Wood St.  
Gibson City, IL 60936

## Website

www.ololgc.org

# February 22, 2015 First Sunday of Lent



## THE 2015 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL IS UNDERWAY

“EXTENDING GODS MERCY”

PLEASE MAKE A GENEROUS GIFT...CONSIDER  
PLEDGING.

DETAILS FOLLOW....

## 2015 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Follow-Up Process will be next weekend

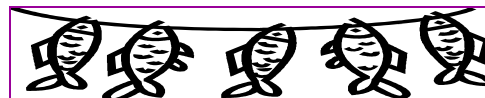
If you have not made your contribution to the 2015 Catholic Ministries Catholic Appeal, please consider doing via mail, online at [jolietdiocese.org](http://jolietdiocese.org), or by returning one of our Commitment/In-Pew Weekend envelopes at Mass. We will also conduct a Follow-Up Weekend process to give everyone an opportunity to participate.

One pledge can make a difference, especially when combined with all of the other pledges made throughout the diocese. Please prayerfully consider providing your financial support to this Appeal. You can and will make a difference by “*Extending God’s Mercy!*”

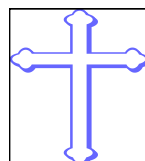
After our parish exceeds its CMAA goal of \$ 12,576. for Our Lady of Lourdes and \$1,224 for Immaculate Conception in paid pledges, 65% of any additional funds are returned for use in our parish.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

## Why can we eat fish on days of abstinence?



Fish and most other animals that live in water are cold-blooded, Abstinence from meat applies only to the meat of warm-blooded animals. So we may also eat frog’s legs, turtle soup, alligator, and even snake which is a delicacy in some places....just not the meat from a bird or mammal.



Paul and Sarah Sarantakos invite you to write any need you have in the **Prayer Book** located at the back of the church. You and your needs will be kept in their prayers as they travel to and from Joliet for Paul’s diaconate classes.

### Pastor

Rev. Thomas Theneth, CMI  
(630)639-0502  
TTheneth@ololg.org

### Deacon

Jeff Volker  
(217)781-8238  
deaconvolker@yahoo.com

### 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 23	8:00AM	Fleming Family Jim Freehill Family
<b>TUE</b> Feb 24	8:00AM	Mike Freehill Family Gerald Freehill Family
<b>WED</b> Feb 25	8:00AM	Gale Family
<b>THU</b> Feb 26	6:30PM	Noble Hutchcraft
<b>FRI</b> Feb 27	8:00AM	Phyllis Daniels
<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b> 7:00 PM		<b>DURING LENT</b>
<b>SAT</b> Feb 28	5:00PM	Horridge Family
<b>SUN</b> March 1	7:00AM OLOL)	Gardner Family Giroux Family Brennan Family Geurts Family Fetzner Family
	8:30 AM (IC)	
	10:30 AM (OLOL)	

### Thank You For Your Gifts OLOL

Envelopes \$1780.50  
Loose \$427.00  
Capital Imp. \$0  
Food Pantry \$52.00

### Imm. Conception

Total \$81.00

When we meet our CMAA Goals!  
OLOL and IC will get back 65% of every dollar received above our goals. Reaching our goals is a great achievement, and continuing to give is even greater!

**CMAA Goals**  
OLOL: \$  
Goal: (\$12,576)  
IC: \$  
(Goal: \$1,224)

### MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
Sat, Feb 28 5:00PM	Hannah & Haven Hathaway	Jim Meyer	Ann Alt	Jerry Lynch Jerry Lynch, Jr.	Deacon jeff
Sun, March 1 7:00AM	Ben Freehill	Michelle Rosenbaum			
Sun, March 1 10:30AM	Andrew & Aidan Laughery	YOUTH		Paul Volker Brett Beyers	

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.



Arlene Jacobs (2/23)  
Gerald Freehill (2/24)  
Stanley Davis (2/26)  
Diane Perkins (2/26)  
Pam Aubry (2/27)  
Brian Goodin (2/27)  
Daniel Allen (2/28)  
Corey Fields (2/28)  
Lisa Heap (2/28)  
Keaton Beyers (3/1)  
Ray Hankes (3/1)  
Sarah Heavilin (3/1)  
Lisa Volker (3/1)



Are you interested in helping with the Gibson

City Recycling on **March 7th or 21st.** We would like to fill two shifts of four people each,

8:00 to 9:45 and  
9:45 to 11:30.

If you are interested please contact Kevin Seymour at

[kcmor36@gmail.com](mailto:kcmor36@gmail.com).

### SAINTS OF THE WEEK

**Monday, February 23**

**St. Polycarp**

**Tuesday, February 24**

**Blessed Luke Belludi**

**Wednesday, February 25**

**Blessed Sebastian of Aparicio**

**Thursday, February 26**

**St. Porphyry of Gaza**

**Friday, February 27**

**St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows**

**Saturday, February 28**

**St. Oswald**

**Sunday, March 1**

**St. David of Wales**



# CALL TO MINISTRY

## Calling to Parish Ministries

Anyone interested in parish ministries such as lecturing, ushering, altar serving, meals (for new moms or sick parishioners), homebound ministry (bringing communion for our sick and homebound parishioners), funeral dinners, or the church cleaning team, please contact the parish at [pastor@ololgc.org](mailto:pastor@ololgc.org) and we will direct you to the correct contact person. There is something for everyone and we appreciate you in any capacity you are able to provide service.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

### USHER MINISTRY:

We are also calling all men (from high school up) in the parish to consider joining the Usher team. Please contact the office at [pastor@ololgc.org](mailto:pastor@ololgc.org) if you are able to help with this very important ministry. The responsibilities include greeting at the beginning of mass, seating parishioners if needed, doing the collection basket and handing out bulletins at the end of mass.

### Funeral Dinner Ministry

Extra hands are always welcome at funeral dinners. If you'd like to be called to work or donate food in the future, contact Fran Mardis at [pastor@ololgc.org](mailto:pastor@ololgc.org).

### LECTOR MINISTRY:

The Lector ministry is always looking for new members! If you are interested in being a Lector and need more information, please contact the office at [pastor@ololgc.org](mailto:pastor@ololgc.org), as soon as possible to be on the new schedule. Lectors are needed for all Masses and duties are usually every 3 to 4 weeks.

### Join..... The Caring Team

We ask each family to choose a weekend to clean our beautiful church. Simply sign up on the schedule, which is located on bookshelf in the narthex at the back of the church. The binder provides additional details on the cleaning process. Questions? Call the parish at 784-4671. This is a great opportunity for our youth to log service hours as well!



### Mark your calendars!

Our Lady of Lourdes K of C will host  
**Lenten Fish Fries**  
2/27 & 3/13  
3/27 & 4/10  
from 4:30 to 6:30 pm.

Dinners are \$8.00, children under 12 free.

Any questions can be directed to chairpersons Matt or Mark Doran

We would be grateful if anyone bringing a dessert or salad would use a disposable container., unless you plan to take your dish home that evening, and many thanks in advance for your culinary donation!!



**During the Lenten season, we will offer**

**Stations of the Cross**

**on Friday evenings at 7PM**

**Our Lady of Lourdes Church.**

## PARISH EVENTS



**Wed, February 25**

- **Parish Council Mtg 7PM**

**Fri, February 27**

- **K of C Fish Fry  
4:30-6:30 PM  
Fr. Kirk Hall**

**Fri, February 27**

- **Stations of the Cross  
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  
Don Hahn  
Dennis Stack  
Marge Carlson  
Chuck Freehill

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).

The Youth Group is planning another **SILENT AUCTION** to benefit the Catholic Heart Work Camp (CHWC).

Anyone with items to donate please drop off at the hall after RE classes on Sunday mornings or contact Sophie (217)379-7255 or Alyce Hafer for alternate arrangements.



# dear Padre

February 22, 2015

## Who decided that fish isn't meat?

Who decided that fish doesn't constitute meat for Catholics? I really hate fish, and it bugs me when my friends eat lobster for dinner on Fridays in the name of "sacrifice."

**Latin is the** official language of the Catholic Church. Canon law as written in Latin says we must abstain from *carne* ("meat"), a word that refers to warm-blooded animals that walk on the ground. By that definition, fish is allowed.

You make an excellent point about the lobster dinners and the nature of sacrifice. In its document "Questions and Answers about Lent and Lenten Practices," the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops says, "While fish, lobster and other shellfish are not considered meat and can be consumed on days of abstinence, indulging in the lavish buffet at your favorite seafood place sort of misses the point. Abstaining from meat and other indulgences during Lent is a penitential practice. On the Fridays of Lent, we remember the sacrifice of Christ on Good Friday and unite ourselves with that sacrifice through abstinence and prayer."

As we enter Lent, we must remember that our acts of penance should be more than thinking about just giving something up—like meat. Our fasting needs to lead us to a closer relationship with God instead of merely being a time of sacrifice.

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**Monday**  
February 23  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Lv 19:1–2, 11–18  
Mt 25:31–46

**Tuesday**  
February 24  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Is 55:10–11  
Mt 6:7–15

**Wednesday**  
February 25  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Jon 3:1–10  
Lk 11:29–32

**Thursday**  
February 26  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Est C:12, 14–16, 23–25  
Mt 7:7–12

**Friday**  
February 27  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Ez 18:21–28  
Mt 5:20–26

**Saturday**  
February 28  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Dt 26:16–19  
Mt 5:43–48

**Sunday**  
March 1  
*Second Sunday of Lent*  
Gn 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18  
Rom 8:31b–34  
Mk 9:2–10

# Good News!

February 22, 2015  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

Gn 9:8–15 / 1 Pt 3:18–22 / Mk 1:12–15

When our youngest daughter was three, we traveled to Hawaii to see her grandparents. It wasn't her first trip, but it was the first she would remember.

One day her grandfather took us to the pineapple fields. We got out of the car and started into the field. Suddenly, she stopped to stare at the sky. She was looking at the largest and most vibrant rainbow I had ever seen, its end planted firmly in the very field in which we stood.

"What is *that*?" she asked in a hushed voice. "It's a rainbow," I said. She'd seen pictures of them, and we had drawn them with crayons, but nothing prepared her for the grandeur of this one, which arced up and away into the clouds. Everything else paled in comparison.

I can understand why the writer of the Noah story looks at the rainbow as a sign of both God's gracious covenant and peace. The sheer beauty of the reality reflects the glory of the Lord of Creation.

But today, on this first Sunday of Lent, our real attention goes to the beauty of the new covenant unfolding with the preaching of Jesus. The call to repent is the call to change our lives in response to the love of God, whose kingdom is one of peace and joy.

The opportunity to change is the gift Christ gave us in his passion and resurrection. It's a sign of God's "wondrous love."

When we understand that with all our hearts, we too will stare with awe and ask, "What is *that*?"

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