

## 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  
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Gibson City, IL 60936

## Website

www.ololgc.org

# May 17, 2015 Ascension of the Lord

**ANY EMERGENCIES THIS NEXT WEEK CAN BE  
DIRECTED TO FATHER KARL AT (815)945-2561.  
Please state that you are calling from Our Lady of Lourdes  
as a reference!**



## THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

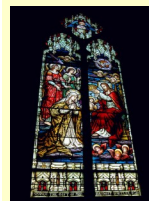
The story of the Ascension of our Lord, celebrated as one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Church, is found in the book of the Acts of the Apostles 1:3-11. It is also mentioned in the Gospels of Mark (16:19) and Luke (24:50-53). The moment of the Ascension is told in one sentence: "He was lifted up before their eyes in a cloud which took Him from their sight" (Acts 1:9).

Christ made His last appearance on earth, forty days after His Resurrection from the dead. The Acts of the Apostles states that the disciples were in Jerusalem. Jesus appeared before them and commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the "Promise of the Father". He stated, "You shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now" (Acts 1:5).

After Jesus gave these instructions, He led the disciples to the Mount of Olives. Here, He commissioned them to be His witnesses "in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). It is also at this time that the disciples were directed by Christ to "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). Jesus also told them that He would be with them always, "even to the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20).

As the disciples watched, Jesus lifted up His hands, blessed them, and then was taken up out of their sight (Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9). Two angels appeared to them and asked them why they were gazing into heaven. Then one of the angels said, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen Him going into heaven" (Acts 1:11).

## STAINED GLASS WINDOWS



We are searching for any historical information on Our Lady of Lourdes Church, specifically the stained glass windows and the families that donated them. If you can help us out, please contact the office or Denis Fisher at (217)249-1989.

### Pastor

Rev. Thomas Theneth, CMI  
(630)639-0502  
ttheneth@ololgc.org

### Parish Secretary

Patti Meunier  
pastor@ololgc.org

### Religious Education

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> May 18	8:00AM	NO MASS
<b>TUE</b> May 19	8:00AM	NO MASS
<b>WED</b> May 20	8:00AM	NO MASS
<b>THU</b> May 21	6:30PM	NO MASS
<b>FRI</b> May 22	8:00AM	NO MASS
<b>SAT</b> May 23	5:00PM	Marge Carlson
<b>SUN</b> May 24	7:00AM (OLOL) 8:30 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	Tredennick Family Ulrich Family Norm & Judy Schall Veneto Family Corey Volker Family

### Thank You For Your Gifts OLOL

Envelopes \$2151.03  
Loose \$457.00  
Capital Imp. \$0  
Food Pantry \$131.00

### Imm. Conception

Total \$106.00

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: \$8,132  
Goal: (\$12,576)  
IC: \$515  
(Goal: \$1,224)

### MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
Sat, May 23 5:00PM	Andrew Laughery Angelica Cullotta	Patti Huppert	Marj Brown	Paul Volker Stan Alt	Paul & Sarah Sarantakos
Sun, May 24 7:00AM	Ben Freehill Nate Giroux	Jim Freehill			
Sun, May 24 10:30AM	Remi Astronomo Isabella Helmig	Denis Fisher	Paul Sarantakos	Caine Jost Michael Smith	

Min- 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 .

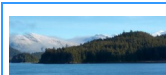
### Marriage

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



- Angelica Cullotta (5/18)
- Andrew Miller (5/19)
- Julie Roesch (5/20)
- Joseph Goodin (5/21)
- Ellen Hankes (5/21)
- Ken Slavicek (5/21)
- Daxter Chaddock (5/22)
- Peter Hartford (5/22)
- Frank Titus (5/24)
- Abbi Woolums (5/24)
- Margy Shambrook (5/24)

### A Note from Deacon Jeff



I have a unique opportunity

for a couple, or for 2-3 individuals to join us here in Alaska at the Shrine of St. Therese. We have a very limited amount of volunteer positions available for those looking for a wonderful way to spend their summer.

In exchange for assisting in the daily care of the Shrine and her visitors, we will provide room & board and a small stipend...oh, and the most breathtaking views anywhere, all at your front door!

Interested? Please contact me at deaconvolker@yahoo.com or 217-781-8238 and become part of a real ministry in motion at the Shrine!



### SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, May 18  
St. John I

Tuesday, May 19  
St. Theophilus of Corte

Wednesday, May 20  
St. Bernardine of Siena

Thursday, May 21  
St. Eugene de Mazenod

Friday, May 22  
Blessed Joachima

Saturday, May 23  
Blessed Oscar Arnulfo Romero

Sunday, May 17  
St. Paschal Bayton

**PLEASE WELCOME FATHER ROY BACK THIS WEEKEND AS HE CELEBRATES THE MASS WITH US WHILE FATHER THOMAS IS WITH HIS FATHER IN INDIA. PLEASE KEEP FATHER THOMAS AND HIS FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS.**

## From the RE Desk

Register now for **Totus Tuus** summer Catechetical Program.  
This years Theme: Virtues Mysteries: Sorrowful

TT TEAM Members WILL BE SPEAKING AT ALL MASSES SAT & SUN  
June 13TH AND 14TH

\*\*\*DAILY MASS 11:15 FOR ALL PARISHIONERS MON-FRI OF TT WEEK\*\*\*  
(PENDING PRIEST AVAILABILTY...PRAY FOR PRIESTS)

**Grade 1-6 School Program 9a-2:30p: Starts Monday June 15th and ends Friday June 19th. A COOKOUT will be provided Friday from the K of C.**

Please come 8:45am Monday if you still need to register. Invite your friends to share in TT!! Please pack a lunch daily for your child. Drinks will be provided. Please bring a package of cookies, crackers or bag of chips to share for snack breaks!! Children are invited to bring frisbees, jump ropes, balls, out-doors games for daily recess with the TT team.

**WED EVENING JUNE 17TH A POTLUCK WILL BE HELD FROM 5PM-6:30PM FOR ALL OUR OF PARISHIONERS.**

**Grade 7-12 Jr HS & HS Program 7p-9p: Starts Sunday June 14th 7Pm and ends Thursday June 18th.** Please come 6:45pm Sunday if you still need to register. Invite others to share in Totus Tuus!! Thursday night is Teen Social night

Check the bulletin for additional details **or** direct any questions to: *Bernie Campos 217 898-3448*



As the week of June 7-12 nears, the kids set to attend Catholic Heart Work Camp in Knoxville, TN continue to work on some final FUNDRAISERS to help offset the costs. You can look forward to the following activities!

May 30

- **CAR WASH** WEATHER PERMITTING AT CITY HALL

THE YOUTH GROUP WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE PARISHIONERS AND BUSINESSES WHO DONATED TO THE SILENT AUCTION. A TOTAL OF \$878 WAS RAISED, WHICH SUPPORTS THE YOUTH ATTENDANCE TO THE CHWC MISSION TRIP IN JUNE. GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY WITH THIS FUNDRAISER, OUR BAKE SALES, RAFFLE SALES AND ALL OF OUR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS. YOUR SUPPORT IS CRITICAL TO OUR MISSION!



### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS AT CATHEDRAL

The Diocese of Joliet will hold its Thirty-Seventh Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, August 30, 2015 at 2:00PM at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. If you are celebrating you 25th or 50th anniversary this

year, please contact the parish office at [pastor@ololgc.org](mailto:pastor@ololgc.org) or (217)784-4671 so that we may submit your name to the Diocese for a formal invitation. Those celebrating over 50 year anniversaries do not receive a formal invitation, but will be ale to register to at-

### PARISH EVENTS



**Tues, May 19**

- **CALM**  
**Between 6:30-7PM**

**Wed, May 27**

- **Staff Mtg 6PM**
- **Parish Council Mtg 7PM**

**Sat, May 30**

- **CHWC Youth Group**  
**CAR WASH (weather permitting)**



### PROJECT READ

**DO YOU NEED HELP** with reading, math or English? Project READ provides trained volunteer tutors for those who would like to improve their skills in reading, arithmetic, or English as a Second Language.

If you are an adult (17 or older and officially withdrawn from high school) tutors will help you reach your personal goals, such as getting a better job, working towards your GED, or managing your money.

All services and learning materials are free of charge. Please contact our office to begin! Call (217)351-2361 or email [nknittel@parkland.edu](mailto:nknittel@parkland.edu).

### Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Tony Coons  
Mary Cothorn  
Jesse Cervelli  
Dick Walter  
Loretta Bode  
Chuck Kemmer  
Vivian Geurts  
Mardella Duffy  
Dennis Stack  
Chuck Freehill  
Paul Volker  
Milt Seyller  
Judy Schall

Joseph Theneth  
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).



# dear Padre

May 17, 2015

## Why does God give grace to those who don't deserve it?

Our priest says we can't earn God's grace, that God just gives it to us. That is so unfair. I've put in many hard, deliberate hours being generous, considerate, and understanding. The undeserving and unworthy are just that, yet God continues to give to them. Why?

*Grace* is a theological word that describes God's giving us a share in his own divine life. It's a gift of his abundant love. Or, as the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says, "Grace is a participation in the life of God.... It depends entirely on God's gratuitous initiative.... It surpasses the power of human intellect and will" (1997-1998).

If you've already put in many hours of hard work being good, you're already living the effects of grace operating in you.

As for those you consider "undeserving" or "unworthy," the Lord is generous and loving to all. He excludes no one. Even calling a sinner to repentance is God's grace, but the sinner needs to accept the grace being offered.

St. Augustine knew that even the *preparation* of a person to receive God's grace is God's grace. Quoted in the *Catechism*, he said, "Indeed we also work, but we are only collaborating with God who works, for his mercy has gone before us....[W]ithout him we can do nothing" (2001).

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### Monday

May 18  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 19:1-8  
Jn 16:29-33

### Tuesday

May 19  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 20:17-27  
Jn 17:1-11a

### Wednesday

May 20  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 20:28-38  
Jn 17:11b-19

### Thursday

May 21  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 22:30;  
23:6-11  
Jn 17:20-26

### Friday

May 22  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 25:13b-21  
Jn 21:15-19

### Saturday

May 23  
Easter  
Weekday  
Acts 28:16-20,  
30-31  
Jn 21:20-25

### Sunday

May 24  
Pentecost  
Acts 2:1-11  
Cor 12:3b-7,  
12-13 or  
Gal 5:16-25  
Jn 20:19-23 or  
Jn 15:26-27;  
16:12-15

# Good News!

May 17, 2015

## ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Acts 1:1-11 / Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or  
4:1-7, 11-13 / Mk 16:15-20  
Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26 / 1 Jn 4:11-16 /  
Jn 17:11b-19

Part of my ministry involves sitting with families as they plan a funeral service for a loved one. There are often long pauses as thoughts flood their minds and memories fill their hearts. They share stories and grief. We pick readings and songs and talk about prayers.

Inevitably, we talk about what will happen after the funeral. I tell them grief is a process, that everyone does it differently, and that it would be good to be gentle with each other. In my experience, it takes about six weeks just for the reality to begin setting in and to begin adjusting to this new situation. Things don't get better; they get different, and we go on.

I can only imagine how the disciples felt when Jesus, whom they loved, was crucified in front of them. They had only just begun their grieving. I can only imagine the joy they felt when he appeared after his resurrection, eating with and teaching them again, giving them everything they needed for what was to come.

I can't help but wonder how they felt when he left them again, ascending into heaven—not dead, but so very clearly not with them in the same way.

We celebrate Jesus' ascension just past the six-week mark from Easter. I like to think the reality of the death and resurrection has just started to sink in and that we're learning to move on in this new situation.

It's no accident that Jesus' last command to us is to live that new reality and tell the world about him.

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