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

July 19, 2015 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The

kingdom of heaven

is like a merchant searching for fine pearls



When he finds a

Pearl of great price

he goes and sells all that he has and buys it ~Matthew 13:45-46 **Pastor** Rev. Thomas Theneth, CMI (217)784-4671 ttheneth@ololgc.org

> Parish Secretary Patti Meunier pastor@ololqc.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.

MON July 20	8:00AM	Joseph Theneth
TUE July 21	8:00AM	NO MASS
WED July 22	8:00AM	NO MASS
THU July 23	6:30PM	Joseph Maliekal
FRI July 24	8:00AM	Kurian Maliekal
SAT July 25	5:00PM	Cletus Geurts
SUN July 26	7:00AM (OLOL) 8:30 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	Fr. Dennis Kollross Ivan Weber Family Vickie Stuckey

Thank You For Your Gifts OLOL

Envelopes	\$1967.50
Loose	\$322.11
Capital Imp.	\$125.00
Food Pantry	\$27.00

Imm. Conception

Total		\$158.53			
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					
		Goals \$11,227			

Goal: (\$12,576)

IC: \$1,165 (Goal: \$1,224)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

<u>Date</u>	Altar Servers	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>			
Sat, July 25 5:00PM	Hannah & Haven Hathaway	Stan alt	Stan Alt	Paul Obert John Carlson	Denis & Cherry Fisher			
Sun, July 26 7:00AM	Ben Freehill	Michelle Rosenbaum						
Sun, July 26 10:30AM	Andrew & Aidan Laughery	Marron Parsons	Paul Sarantakos	Chuck Aubry Sam Baillie				

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.

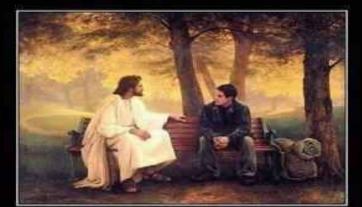
Sick??

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.

A LITTLE CATHOLIC HUMOR



NO, I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT TWITTER. I LITERALLY WANT YOU TO FOLLOW ME.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, July 20 St. Apollinaris Tuesday, July 21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi

Wednesday, July 22 <mark>St. Mary Magdalene</mark> Thursday, July 23

St. Bridget Friday, July 24 St. Sharbel Makhluf Saturday, July 25

St. James Sunday, July 26 Sts. Joachim and Anne

The Word From Father Thomas

Ten Random Stewardship Ideas for Summer

- Think of a charity which is amply blessed at Christmas remember them with a gift mid year.
- 2. Invite a single friend over for a meal (I am available!)
- 3. Attend an extra Mass on a weekday
- 4. Take your rosary with you for an early morning walk.
- 5. Turn off the TV, phone, and computer, and spend an hour devoted to someone you love.
- 6. Surprise an old friend with a phone call.
- 7. Buy or pick a flower for someone without a "reason".
- 8. Take your family to a farmers' market if in season.
- 9. Support Our Lady of Lourdes and good causes with your time and skill.
- 10. On occasion, try turning your prayer before meals into a spontaneous prayer of thanks, using your own words.

HYMN FESTIVAL...SUNDAY AUGUST 16 AT 3PM

The popular Hymn Festival sponsored by Gibson Area Music Foundation will be held at the United Methodist Church of Gibson City. As always, attendees at the eighty annual event will enjoy singing selected hymns with background information given about each. This year's theme will make connections between worship music and popular culture.

Janet McCumber of Villa Grove is directing this year's festival, with Angela Yang as organist. Both are earning graduate degrees at the University of Illinois. McCumber is currently a doctoral student in Choral Conducting and Literature at the University of Illinois. She holds a Master of Arts degree in Choral and Orchestral Conducting from Eastern Illinois University. Her master's theses was the 2010 winner of the Thesis Award of Excellence for EIU's College of Arts and Humanities. Her background includes serving as a director and instructor at EIU, 14 years as high school music teacher at Villa Grove High School, and various positions with the Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA) and Illinois American Choral Directors Association. She has directed choral festivals throughout the state including the 2012 ILMEA District V Senior Chorus.

There is no admission charge for the event, but a free-will offering will be taken in support of the foundation's mission to bring quality musical events to area residents and summer music camp scholarships to high school students.

July 22 St. Mary Magdalene

Except for the mother of Jesus, few women are more honored in the Bible than Mary Magdalene. Yet she could well be the patron of the slandered, since there has been a persistent legend in the Church that she is the unnamed sinful woman who anointed the feet of Jesus in Luke 7:36-50.

Mary Magdalene was one of the many "who were assisting them [Jesus and the Twelve] out of their means." She was one of those who stood by the cross of Jesus with his mother. And, of all the "official" witnesses that might have been chosen for the first awareness of the Resurrection, she was the one to whom that privilege was given. She is known as the "Apostle to the Apostles."





Emily Allen (7/24) Corey Nuss (7/26)



Kevin & LeeAnn Seymour (7/25)

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Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Tony Coons Mary Cothern Jesse Cervelli Dick Walter Loretta Bode Vivian Geurts Mardella Duffy Chuck Freehill Paul Volker Milt Seyller

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.







dearPadre

July 19, 2015 Is there more value in a group rosary?

Does it mean more to pray the rosary in a group? The congregational rosary before Mass disturbs my meditative time before Mass in church.

There is power and strength in community prayer. We are social beings and like to do things together. That is why we like to root for our sport teams with other people present.

But we also have a personal side. For myself, I like to go into a silent chapel with the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. There are, nonetheless, so many ways to enter into the presence of the Lord.

So while both forms of prayer have great value, the norms for the celebration of the Eucharist call for a silent time of meditation before the Mass begins. This may only be for a few brief moments. This is so people will end their conversations and more fully participate in the celebration with limited distractions. Therefore, the rosary should end before Mass with adequate time for personal quiet and reflection. If this is done, then everyone has an opportunity to enter into prayer in a way that he or she wants.

Whether one prays alone or with others, the important thing is that we are trying. Devotion to Mary has always been a long-standing tradition among Catholics. The rosary is one popular way for many people.

FR. DON KIRCHNER, CSsR sundaybulletin@liguori.org

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Monday July 20 *Weekday* Ex 14:5–18 Mt 12:38–42

Tuesday July 21 *Weekday* Ex 14:21—15:1 Mt 12:46–50

Wednesday

July 22 *St. Mary Magdalene* Ex 16:1–5, 9–15 Jn 20:1–2, 11–18

Thursday

July 23 *Weekday* Ex 19:1–2, 9–11, 16–20b Mt 13:10–17

Friday

July 24 *Weekday* Ex 20:1–17 Mt 13:18–23

Saturday

July 25 St. James, Apostle 2 Cor 4:7–15 Mt 20:20–28

Sunday July 26

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 4:42–44 Eph 4:1–6 Jn 6:1–15



July 19, 2015 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) Jer 23:1–6 / Eph 2:13–18 / Mk 6:30–34

At the ranch where my mother lived in her adolescence, sheep wandered through pastures of grass and shrubs. When it came time to gather them into the corral at night, the ranch hands would get the dogs out and set them to work running around and behind the sheep to keep them together while the hands drove them in the right direction. Occasionally a young lamb or an injured ewe would fall, and the man closest would pick the animal up with a tenderness that seemed out of character with callouses and sunburned, weathered skin. When we visited the ranch, I remember vividly the look and smell of the sheep and that the ranch hands thought they were dumb.

While the sheep may not have been the smartest of animals, they knew the men and the promise of a safe pen and water at the end of the hot day undoubtedly made the job easier. From my mother's stories, I remember most the way she described the sheepherders. They did not lead the sheep so much as walk with or behind them. They became part of the procession, rather than the head of it. This kept the sheep calm and moved them faster. When Jesus looked at the crowd, he saw a people that needed someone to walk with them and show them the way to go. They needed someone occasionally to go behind them to pick up the strays and the wounded and carry them tenderly home. This is what Jesus does for us. In his compassion, he brings us to pasture and, at the end, he gathers all people into his one flock and guides them home.

Mary Katharine Deeley sundaybulletin@liguori.org

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