

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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August 2, 2015 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the RE Desk

We are in need of RE teachers for the 2015-2016 school year. I ask you to prayerfully consider sharing your time to guide our children on a path that brings them closer to our great God! Please contact Alyce Hafer at (217)745-2411 if you feel the call to this very important ministry. Thank you and God Bless

RE REGISTRATION

Saturday, August 8 starting at 4PM until after 5PM Mass
Sunday, August 9 from 8AM to 12Noon



August 6

Transfiguration of the Lord

All three Synoptic Gospels tell the story of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-9; Luke 9:28-36). With remarkable agreement, all three place the event shortly after Peter's confession of faith that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' first prediction of his passion and death. Peter's eagerness to erect tents or booths on the spot suggests it occurred during the Jewish weeklong, fall Feast of Booths.

In spite of the texts' agreement, it is difficult to reconstruct the disciples' experience, according to Scripture scholars, because the Gospels draw heavily on Old Testament descriptions of the Sinai encounter with God and prophetic visions of the Son of Man. Certainly Peter, James and John had a glimpse of Jesus' divinity strong enough to strike fear into their hearts. Such an experience defies description, so they drew on familiar religious language to describe it. And certainly Jesus warned them that his glory and his suffering were to be inextricably connected—a theme John highlights throughout his Gospel.

Tradition names Mt. Tabor as the site of the revelation. A church first raised there in the fourth century was dedicated on August 6. A feast in honor of the Transfiguration was celebrated in the Eastern Church from about that time. Western observance began in some localities about the eighth century.

On July 22, 1456, Crusaders defeated the Turks at Belgrade. News of the victory reached Rome on August 6, and Pope Callistus III placed the feast on the Roman calendar the following year.

One of the Transfiguration accounts is read on the second Sunday of Lent each year, proclaiming Christ's divinity to catechumens and baptized alike. The Gospel for the first Sunday of Lent, by contrast, is the story of the temptation in the desert—affirmation of Jesus' humanity. The two distinct but inseparable natures of the Lord were a subject of much theological argument at the beginning of the Church's history; it remains hard for believers to grasp.

Quote:

“At his Transfiguration Christ showed his disciples the splendor of his beauty, to which he will shape and color those who are his: ‘He will reform our lowliness configured to the body of his glory’” (Philippians 3:21) (St. Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*).

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President**

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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

MON August 3	8:00AM	NO MASS
TUE August 4	8:00AM	Joseph Theneth
WED August 5	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
THU August 6	6:30PM	NO MASS
FRI August 7	8:00AM	Fr. Dennis Kollross
SAT August 8	5:00PM	Robert Fields
SUN August 9	7:00AM (OLOL) 8:30 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	Fr. Dennis Kollross Brennan Family Gerry Gravlin

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MINISTRY SCHEDULES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
Sat, Aug 8 5:00PM	Alex Killian Baillie Killian	Jim Meyers	Stan Alt	Bruce Killian Jerry Lynch	Lisa Heap
Sun, Aug 9 7:00AM	Liam Killian	Erin Nuss			
Sun, Aug 9 10:30AM	Aidan Laughery Braden Roesch	Ray Hanks	Paul Sarantakos	Greg Laughery Frank Titus	

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



" SHOW ME IN THE TEN COMMANDMENTS WHERE IT SAYS ANYTHING ABOUT SPEEDING ! "

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

- Monday, August 3
St. Peter Julian Eymard
- Tuesday, August 4
St. John Vianney
- Wednesday, August 5
Dedication of St. Mary Major Basilica
- Thursday, August 6
Transfiguration of the Lord
- Friday, August 7
St. Cajetan
- Saturday, August 8
St. Dominic
- Sunday, August 9
St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

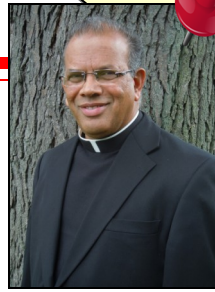
The Word From Father Thomas

Over the next few weeks, we will continue to hear from the sixth chapter of Gospel of John ~ known as the “Bread of Life discourse.” Today’s passage focuses in a special way on the Bread of Life as real presence. This Bread is not merely a symbol. It is much more, as Jesus himself insists: “I am the Bread of Life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.” He also said in today’s passage, “Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.

For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

The difference between the Bread of Life that Jesus gives us and ordinary bread is beyond comparison. When we eat ordinary bread, it becomes a part of us. But, when we eat the Bread of Life, just the opposite happens. It doesn’t change into us; we change into it, transforming us into the Body of Christ.

Saint Augustine said that when the priest holds up the host before us “Look upon Christ, really and truly present, become what you see, and receive what you are, the Body of Christ.” Pray for a strong faith to see beyond the bread, to truly see Christ who we receive, and recognize in the Holy Eucharist, Jesus, our life, our sweetness, and our hope.



PARISH EVENTS



James Fairfield (8/5)
Angelo Cullotta (8/6)
Ron Woolums (8/6)



Greg & Nancy Kurtenbach (8/5)
Rob & Sandy Kollross (8/8)



Food Pantry Food Pantry

Saturday, September 5 from 8 A.M. until noon will be our second scheduled opportunity to supply the labor for the local food pantry. Members of the Presbyterian Church will also be assisting on this date. At least 25 workers will be needed on that Saturday.

If you have not signed up previously, please place your name on the sign-up sheet located in the back of the church if you, your spouse, or your children are willing to assist. The only age qualification is to be in at least 6th grade.

There may also be a need for a few workers for set-up on the evening of Friday, September 4.



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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 thesis 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.



Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Tony Coons
Mary Cothorn
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.

dear Padre

August 2, 2015

What does “there but for the grace of God go I” mean?

Could you explain the phrase, “There but for the grace of God go I?”

We all have our natural talents and abilities. We have our strengths and our weaknesses. It is part of the virtue of humility to know the truth about ourselves. However, our natural abilities are finite and limited.

Because we are finite and limited, we sometimes fail to do the good we would like to do, or we might even sin because we have not judged a situation correctly. However— thanks be to God—grace builds on nature. So if we are open to God’s grace, we have access to overcoming some of the finite effects of nature. This does not mean you can fly like Superman. But it does mean you might be able to judge a situation more clearly; have insight into what is right, good, and true; or that you might have a renewed inner strength.

So when a person uses this phrase, he is not saying that the person he is speaking about is not open to God’s grace, but he’s acknowledging that without God’s help in his own life, he could be in the same or worse situation due to his own weakness. Thus, we need to be open to the grace of God working in our lives.

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Monday

August 3

Weekday

Nm 11:4b–15

Mt 14:13–21

Tuesday

August 4

St. John Vianney,
Priest

Nm 12:1–13

Mt 14:22–36

or 15:1–2, 10–14

Wednesday

August 5

Weekday

Nm 13:1–2, 25–14:1,

26–29a, 34–35

Mt 15:21–28

Thursday

August 6

The Transfiguration
of the Lord

Dn 7:9–10, 13–14

2 Pt 1:16–19

Mk 9:2–10

Friday

August 7

Weekday

Dt 4:32–40

Mt 16:24–28

Saturday

August 8

St. Dominic, Priest

Dt 6:4–13

Mt 17:14–20

Sunday

August 9

Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:4–8

Eph 4:30–5:2

Jn 6:41–51

Good News!

August 2, 2015

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Ex 16:2–4, 12–15 / Eph 4:17, 20–24 / Jn 6:24–35

Where does food come from? In an effort to teach our children that food didn’t come from grocery stores, my husband and I helped them plant tomatoes, cucumbers, and green beans in our back yard. The yield was small, but the reward was great as they tasted the work of their hands. We had somewhat more difficulty explaining the source of our protein, though they did learn how to fish. We cooked what they caught. I think they grew in appreciation of the hard work it took to put food on the table. We also learned the importance of sharing what we had by cooking for others and collecting canned goods for our local pantry.

The Israelites in the desert wondered where food was going to come from as well. The desert they wandered through was a far cry from Egypt. They forgot their enslavement and remembered only the food that they had, which seemed like a banquet compared to what the desert provided. There was nothing to plant and no place to plant it. The Israelites had to rely solely on God. God did not disappoint. First he sent quail, then a miraculous bread that was as much as they needed. It was a lesson in faith we all need to learn.

As city dwellers, we have grown to rely on the farmers, butchers, and fisherman who supply our daily food. As Christians, we again must rely solely on God for our spiritual nourishment. He sent us his Son, Jesus, who is the true bread from heaven. If we come to him, we will never hunger.

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