

## 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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# September 20, 2015

## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### PLEASE WELCOME FATHER CRESPO LAPE

Fr. Crespo Lape was born on August 18, 1961 in Balamban, Cebu in the Philippines. He professed his vows in religious life on October 18, 1985 and was ordained priest on December 27, 1989. He was a missionary in Indonesia and Papua New Guinea for many years. Presently he is based in the Philippines while waiting for his new assignment.

### Reasons why MJ (Missionaries of Jesus) be considered to participate in Mission Cooperative Plan

More than 65 % of our annual budget to support the mission worldwide comes from the Mission Cooperative Plan.

We are working in the southern part of the Philippines; in the southern part of Papua New Guinea and in the northern part of Guatemala. In all these places, we journey with the poor and tribal minorities pushed by the mainstream society to the far-flung villages. We also work with the immigrants in the USA: in two poor parishes of Los Angeles and in the border USA and Mexico in Brownsville, Texas. In all the parishes where we work, the people cannot finance the sustenance of the missionaries and the different missionary works:

- 1) Evangelization: in Guatemala, our three missionaries serve 50 farflung and poor villages. During the offertory, people offer corn, bananas and other crops. People are very generous but they do not have money. The missionaries cannot use the corn and other crops to run their vehicles to go to all the villages to give faith and bible formation and also to celebrate the sacraments. It's the same situation in Papua New Guinea and Digos, Davao del Sur in the Philippines. In Digos, our two missionaries visit 30 villages situated in different mountains. Some villages are accessible only by motorcycle or with a horse. The Mission Office of the Missionaries of Jesus subsidize these parishes.
- 2) Education: In most of our parishes we help poor but deserving students from grade schools to college. These students give back to the parishes as they involve in different ministries. Part of education is the formation of our 18 seminarians.
- 3) Socio-economic and Punctual response to disasters: In the Philippines, we are now involved in helping the victims of typhoon Haiyan recover and rebuild their livelihood.
- 4) Health: Our missionaries help the people they serve in terms of health education but also through punctual response when people are sick. Every year, our Mission Office in Los Angeles organizes Medical-Dental Mission in parishes the MJ work. We bring doctors, dentists and medicines. We solicit money from friends; we subsidize whatever is lacking.

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**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> September 21	8:00AM	NO MASS
<i>St. Matthew</i>		
<b>TUE</b> September 22	8:00AM	NO MASS
<i>St. Lorenzo Ruiz &amp; Companions</i>		
<b>WED</b> September 23	8:00AM	NO MASS
<i>St. Pio of Pietreicina</i>		
<b>THU</b> September 24	6:30PM	George W. Sarlitto Sr.
<i>Blessed John Henry Newman</i>		
<b>FRI</b> September 25	8:00AM	Gale Family Garard Family
<i>Bl. Louis Martin &amp; Zelie Guerin</i>		
<b>SAT</b> September 26	5:00PM	Stan & Ann Alt
<i>Sts. Cosmas &amp; Damian</i>		
<b>SUN</b> September 27	7:00AM (OLOL) 8:30 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	Parish Family Chuck Freehill Family Rosalinda Astronomo Denis Fisher
<i>St. Vincent De Paul</i>		

**Thank You  
For Your Gifts  
OLOL**

Envelopes \$1699.50  
Loose \$515.00  
Capital Imp. \$260.00  
Food Pantry \$66.00

**Imm. Conception**

Total \$243.00

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: \$13,015**  
Goal: (\$12,675)  
**IC: \$1,165**  
(Goal: \$1,224)

**MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
Sat, September 26 5:00PM	Joe Baillie Caine Jost	Lisa Heap	Jerry Brown	Bob Mardis John Carlson	Jean Wilhelmi
Sun, September 27 7:00AM	Jessica Freehill	Jim Freehill			
Sun, September 27 10:30AM	Brooke Beyers Isabella Helmig	YOUTH MASS	Jean Wilhelmi	YOUTH MASS	

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.

**GIBSON AREA FOOD PANTRY**

I want to thank the 25 plus different individuals (including Father Thomas) from Our Lady of Lourdes that assisted with the food distribution on Saturday, September 5. Approximately 155 appreciative families were served. The number of families served is up from the 110 families our church helped distribute food to in May.

It is always a rewarding experience to assist other people who are in need. If you would like to be added to the volunteer list for future food pantries sponsored by our Church, then please contact me at [cpaubry@mchsi.com](mailto:cpaubry@mchsi.com).

Chuck Aubry



Amy Stoltz (9/22)  
Martha Heavilin (9/24)  
Denis Fisher (9/26)  
Ann Benoit (9/26)  
Nancy Kurtenbach (9/27)



Michael & Patti Meunier  
(9/28)



# COMMUNICATION FROM THE BISHOP

## CHRIST IS OUR HOPE MAGAZINE APPEAL

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There will be a second collection next weekend, September 26/27, for Christ Is Our Hope Magazine.

As Catholics, God is ever present sacramentally in our lives, always offering His love and mercy. But in a world of constant change where our news is filled with gloomy headlines, sometimes it's easy to forget that. We need to remember that no matter how the world changes, we still have our faith to turn to and, more importantly, someone to turn to—our Lord, Jesus Christ.

That's why Christ Is Our Hope magazine was created—to help spread the Good News! Our diocese produces this monthly magazine to help us understand better our faith and remind us that we can bring more love to the world by our actions and faithfulness to Christ's teachings.

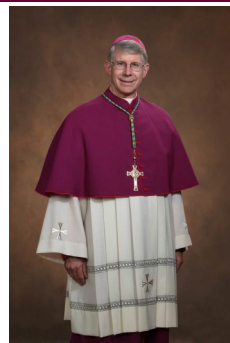
By reaching out to every registered household with this magazine—around 170,000 households in all—my hope is these wonderful stories of people's journeys in their faith will help guide you in your journey as disciples of Christ and inspire you to evangelize and to be more charitable to those in need.

Please help me to continue to spread the good News! Your generous donation will assist Christ Is Our Hope magazine in reaching everyone with a message of hope and love. Simply mail your gift with the pledge card provided or drop it into the collection basket at your parish the weekend of September 26th and 27th.

Thank you in advance for sharing the Good News with others! Please visit the diocesan website, [www.DioceseofJoliet.org](http://www.DioceseofJoliet.org) to view past issues of the magazine.

May God bless you and your loved ones.

Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon  
Bishop of Joliet



## PARISH EVENTS



### Tuesday, September 29

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM

### Wednesday, September 30

- Staff Meeting 6PM
- Parish Council Meeting 7PM



With the Pope's visit to the US Sept 22nd to the 27th, here are some

suggestions to some great Catholic apps (links) for your phones!

Relevant Radio: <http://www.relevantradio.com/relevant-radio-app> which includes the "Pope tracker"

USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops): <http://www.usccb.org/myusccb/about-catholic-church-mobile-app.cfm>.

## WHAT IS A NEW EVANGELIZATION NEEDED NOW?

In First World countries—for example, countries in Europe and North America, that were “evangelized” long ago—there has been much scientific and technological progress. New inventions are intended to help make life easier and more convenient. But our progress has not made us happy. In many Western societies, an increasing push to keep Christ out of the public square has made faith seem irrelevant to daily life.

Sometimes, it's hard for us to see how far our society has taken us away from our Christian principles and ideals. We are surrounded by secular messages that tell us we can create our own truth, we can be spiritual without being religious, and we can do whatever we want as long as we don't hurt someone else. We are told that crude behavior is acceptable and entertaining. We are told that money and possessions will make us happy. We know that this is not true....

### Next week we will visit how we can RECLAIM THE TRUTH.....

“The crisis we are living through carries with it signs of the exclusion of God from people's lives, a general indifference to the Christian faith, and even the intention of marginalizing it from public life.” Pope Benedict XVI



### Pray for the Sick & Homebound

- Tony Coons
- Mary Cothorn
- Jesse Cervelli
- Dick Walter
- Loretta Bode
- Vivian Geurts
- Mardella Duffy
- Chuck Freehill
- Milt Seyller
- Ruth Cochran
- Zachary Smith

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).

# Good News!

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**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

Wis 2:12, 17–20 / Jas 3:16—4:3 / Mk 9:30–37

When I get engrossed in a book, I try to read it through without stopping. Sometimes I can't help myself and I peek at the last few pages to see where the author is taking me. It is satisfying to let a story unfold and allow ourselves to be surprised, but there is also a secret delight in glimpsing the end of our journey and wondering how the storyteller will get us there. Looking ahead to the end of the story is what the Book of Wisdom wants to do when it says, "Let us see whether his words be true....Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him." The author knows that the end of the story will reveal the truth.

Jesus picks up the story when he gives the second prediction of his passion. He offers the disciples a glimpse of what is yet to come. The disciples, as usual, miss the point. Instead they argue about how they wanted the story to go—with one of them as the greatest over all. Like a good storyteller, Jesus takes them in a different direction. The ending he has in mind does not come close to defining greatness as they think about it—a prize for being the best. Rather, Jesus points to a child, and we suddenly realize that greatness has nothing to do with power or ability, but with innocence and openness to the unfolding tale. The story Jesus tells and the life he lives will include death and resurrection for him and his followers. Let's participate in it fully because we do know how it ends.

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**Monday**  
SEPTEMBER 21  
*St. Matthew,*  
*Apostle and Evangelist*  
Eph 4:1–7, 11–13  
Mt 9:9–13

**Tuesday**  
SEPTEMBER 22  
*Weekday*  
Ezr 6:7–8, 12b, 14–20  
Lk 8:19–21

**Wednesday**  
SEPTEMBER 23  
*St. Pius of Pietrelcina,*  
*Priest*  
Ezr 9:5–9  
Lk 9:1–6

**Thursday**  
SEPTEMBER 24  
*Weekday*  
Hg 1:1–8  
Lk 9:7–9

**Friday**  
SEPTEMBER 25  
*Weekday*  
Hg 2:1–9  
Lk 9:18–22

**Saturday**  
SEPTEMBER 26  
*Weekday*  
Zec 2:5–9, 14–15a  
Lk 9:43b–45

**Sunday**  
SEPTEMBER 27  
*Twenty-sixth Sunday*  
*in Ordinary Time*  
Nm 11:25–29  
Jas 5:1–6  
Mk 9:38–43,  
45, 47–48

# dear Padre

September 20, 2015

## Why do we call priests "father?"

Matthew 23:9 says, "Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven." So why do we call priests "father?" And should we not be calling our male parents "father?"

When we look at the larger context of this passage, we find Jesus teaching his disciples about the virtue of humility, the importance of practicing what they preach, and not doing things just for show. When it comes to titles, we must remember that they do serve a legitimate function for distinguishing roles, showing respect, and fostering good manners. Jesus' point is not that we shouldn't call our own fathers or priests by the title "father," but that we should realize that God has definite primacy in the role of father because he is our heavenly Father. In fact, our earthly fathers, whether biological, familial, or spiritual, exercise their role in imitation of the Father's love. Their authority is something they have only because God has given it to them, not by their own right.

As God's own children, we were all given as a gift to those who minister to us with parental care. Using "father" in association with priests recognizes their role and function as spiritual leaders and fathers in the Church. By no means does this detract from God's role and primacy. Consider the priests' role as an extension of God's love and care for us, as we are all God's instruments in the world.

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