

## 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)



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# September 27, 2015

## Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LOVE IS  
OUR  
MISSION



Celebrations are Essential For Family Life

### By Pope Francis I

Families need moments of rest and celebration, time for standing back and recognizing the gifts of God and how well they have developed. They are times to enjoy that which cannot be produced or consumed, that cannot be bought or sold. We need to be attentive to the rhythm of family life: celebrations, work, and prayer. Celebrations are God's invention. After creating the world, God took a day of rest and contemplated all he had created. Life becomes truly human when people take the time to do the same. A celebration is above all a loving and grateful gaze at work done well, whether it's a wedding celebration of a relationship that has matured or birthdays and graduations when people look at their children or grandchildren who are growing and think, "how beautiful." The best parties are always those that gather families together. Family life, seen with the eyes of faith, shows itself to be worth more than the effort it requires. It is a masterpiece of simplicity and is beautiful precisely because it is not artificial, not fake. While not ignoring one's obligations at work, it also is important to allow celebrations of birthdays, marriages, new births, welcomes or farewells to infiltrate the workplace. They are moments of familiarity that throw a cog in the production line. It does us good.

Days of rest, especially Sunday celebrations of Mass and time with the family, are important reminders that every human being is made in the image and likeness of God and is not a "slave to work." Unfortunately, even in the modern world there are women and children who have been reduced to slave-like conditions. This is against God and against the dignity of the human person! In other cases, people have made themselves slaves to work, thinking the point of life is to earn a lot of money. Even when they celebrate, they allow consumerism "to swallow" the party by thinking the more money they spend, the better the celebration will be. But is that why we work? Greed for consuming, which leads to waste, is a horrible virus that, among other things, leaves us more tired than we were before. It poisons real work and consumes our lives.

Celebrations are a precious gift God has given the human family. Let's not ruin them. The most important celebration for a family is Sunday Mass, which brings people "the grace of Jesus Christ, his presence, his love, his sacrifice, his making us a community, his being with us." Make Sunday a center of your day, a hallmark of your family life, and the center of your entire week!

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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 intentions are \$10.

<b>MON</b> September 28	8:00AM	Gardner Family St. Wenceslaus Giroux Family
<b>TUE</b> September 29	8:00AM	Paul Geurts Family Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Vivian Geurts Family
<b>WED</b> September 30	8:00AM	Priest Intentions St. Jerome
<b>THU</b> October 1	6:30PM	Goodin Family St. Therese of Lisieux Groom Family
<b>FRI</b> October 2	8:00AM	Groover Family Feast of the Guardian Angels Grote Family
<b>SAT</b> October 3	10:00AM 5:00PM	Healing Mass & Anointing St. Theodora Guerin Mike Stuckey & Family
<b>SUN</b> October 4	7:00AM (OLOL) 8:30 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	Parish Family St. Francis of Assisi Chuck & Doris Freehill Raymond Astronomo Cherry Fisher

**Thank You  
For Your Gifts  
OLOL**

Envelopes \$2397.76  
Loose \$537.00  
Capital Imp. \$0  
Food Pantry \$94.00

**Imm. Conception**

Total \$98.00

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: \$13,120  
Goal: (\$12,675)  
IC: \$1,165  
(Goal: \$1,224)

**MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
Sat, October 3 5:00PM			Fran Mardis		Denis & Cherry Fisher
Sun, October 4 7:00AM					
Sun, October 4 10:30AM			Rob Kollross		

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.

**MERCY MINISTRIES**

Mercy Ministries is a free, voluntary, faith based residential program that serves young women from all socio-economic backgrounds, ages 13-28, who face issues such as eating disorders, self-harm, drug and alcohol addictions, depression and unplanned pregnancy. Mercy also serves young women who have been physically and sexually abused, including victims of sex trafficking. Using proven methods, a holistic approach and professional counselors in a structured residential environment, Mercy's goal is to help these young women find freedom from their issues and empower them to serve in their communities as productive citizens.

More information can be found at MercyMinistries.com. Or contact June Carroll at 217-784-4424. She will be going to the Mercy Mission in Nashville on Oct 10-18 and would love to extend the opportunity for someone to join her in this experience. Her ultimate goal is to bring this Ministry to our community in the future.



Therese Molck (9/30)  
Greg Kurtenbach (9/30)  
Anita Meyer (10/1)  
Aidan Laughery (10/1)  
Griffin Tredennick (10/2)  
Joseph Brown (10/3)  
Vivian Geurts (10/3)



Michael & Patti Meunier (9/28)  
Mark & Becky Doran (10/4)

# The Word From Father Thomas

## HEALING MASS AND ANOINTING

We will be having a healing Mass on Saturday, October 3 at 10AM.  
There will also be an anointing during this Mass.



## OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others.

"Since the prayers of the Rosary come from such excellent sources — from Our Lord Himself, from inspired Scripture, and from the Church — it is not surprising that the Rosary is so dear to our Blessed Mother and so powerful with heaven.

"If we consider the power of the Rosary as seen in its effects, we find a great abundance of proofs of its wonderful value. Many are the favors granted to private individuals through its devout recitation: there are few devoted users of the Rosary who cannot testify to experiencing its power in their own lives. If we turn to history, we see many great triumphs of the Rosary. Early tradition attributes the defeat of the Albigensians at the Battle of Muret in 1213 to the Rosary. But even those who do not accept this tradition will admit that St. Pius V attributed the great defeat of the Turkish fleet on the first Sunday of October, 1571, to the fact that at the same time the Rosary confraternities at Rome and elsewhere were holding their processions. Accordingly, he ordered a commemoration of the Rosary to be made on that day. Two years later, Gregory XIII allowed the celebration of a feast of the Rosary in churches having an altar dedicated to the Rosary. In 1671, Clement X extended the feast to all Spain. A second great victory over the Turks, who once, like the Russians, threatened the ruin of Christian civilization, occurred on August 5, 1716, when Prince Eugene defeated them at Peterwardein in Hungary. Thereupon Clement XI extended the feast of the Rosary to the whole Church.

"Today, when dangers far greater than those of the ancient Turks threaten not only Christianity but all civilization, we are urged by our Blessed Mother to turn again to the Rosary for help. If men in sufficient numbers do this, and at the same time carry out the other conditions that she has laid down, we have the greater reason for confidence that we will be delivered from our dangers." -- *Mary in our Life* by Fr. William G. Most

## Reclaiming the Truth with in the New Evangelization

All this has, according to Pope Benedict led to a "deep poverty" lives full of business but without meaning, tedious routines, and an "Inability to have joy." Jesus said, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (Jn 10:10. God is waiting to fill us with meaning and hope. This is purpose of the New Evangelization.

Pope Benedict sees our age as ripe for renewal, and his message is one of optimism and hope. Throughout the history of the Church, difficult times always have been followed by a renewed flowering of the faith in the hearts of men and women. This is not due to big programs and fancy slogans, but to the mysterious grace and power of the Holy Spirit.

That is why, even while Pope Benedict has recently established a special pontifical council focused on the New Evangelization, he is well aware that such a renewal must begin locally and start small. Like the tiny grain of the mustard seed that turns into one of the largest plants, Pope Benedict sees that each one of us can accomplish great things with small actions.

Next week we will hear how to BEGIN WITH OUR OWN HEARTS!

## PARISH EVENTS



# SEPTEMBER

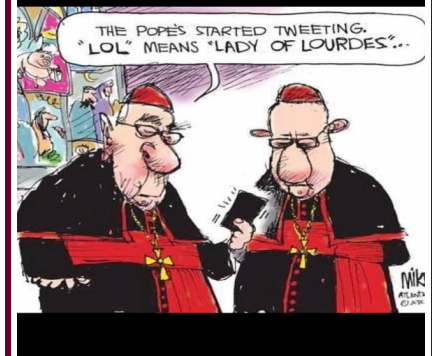
### Tuesday, September 29

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM

### Wednesday, September 30

- Staff Meeting 6PM
- Parish Council Meeting 7PM

## A LITTLE CATHOLIC HUMOR



## ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

There will be an altar server training on October 4th following 10:30AM Mass for any child interested in this ministry. All current altar servers are also encouraged to attend.



## 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!

September 27, 2015

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

Nm 11:25–29 / Jas 5:1–6 / Mk 9:38–43, 45, 47–48

One of the great religious scandals is the multiplication of Christian denominations. Fueled partly by arguments about structure, Scripture, and theology and emphasis on individual autonomy (“I don’t like what you’re doing so I’ll start my own church”), the number has risen over the last few centuries into the hundreds. We can be certain this isn’t what Jesus intended. His frequent prayer was “that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you” (John 17:21). But Jesus knew the human temptation to exclude those whom we do not like or understand. The call for oneness can be distorted into the call for exclusiveness, with a select few deciding who’s in and who’s out, depending on criteria they alone decide.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus reminds the disciples that they are not the sole recipients of spiritual gifts or divine grace. Perhaps remembering the account in Numbers, Jesus gently points out that those who preach, heal, or cast out demons in his name are not doing wrong simply because they are not part of the twelve. They, too, can be part of Christ’s mission. Jesus reminds them (and us) of the catholic (universal) nature of the body of Christ. I think this, in some way, prepared them for the spread of Christianity throughout the world.

As Catholics we are diverse and unique. We are also united to many Christian brothers and sisters through our common, Trinitarian baptism. And so we pray for the day that all people will be one in the fullness of Christ’s power and truth.

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**Monday**  
SEPTEMBER 28  
Weekday  
Zec 8:1–8  
Lk 9:46–50

**Tuesday**  
SEPTEMBER 29  
*Sts. Michael, Gabriel  
and Raphael, Archangels*  
Dn 7:9–10, 13–14  
or Rv 12:7–12a  
Jn 1:47–51

**Wednesday**  
SEPTEMBER 30  
*St. Jerome, Priest and  
Doctor of the Church*  
Neh 2:1–8  
Lk 9:57–62

**Thursday**  
OCTOBER 1  
*St. Thérèse of the Child  
Jesus, Virgin and  
Doctor of the Church*  
Neh 8:1–4a, 5–6, 7b–12  
Lk 10:1–12

**Friday**  
OCTOBER 2  
*The Holy Guardian  
Angels*  
Bar 1:15–22  
Mt 18:1–5, 10

**Saturday**  
OCTOBER 3  
Weekday  
Bar 4:5–12, 27–29  
Lk 10:17–24

**Sunday**  
OCTOBER 4  
*Twenty-seventh Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*  
Gn 2:18–24  
Heb 2:9–11  
Mk 10:2–16 or 10:2–12

# dear Padre

September 27, 2015

## Why do Scripture readings jump around?

Why are the Scripture readings for Mass so piecemeal? We read part of a verse then jump to another part. Doesn’t reading the Bible like this distort the meaning of the passage?

The readings for Mass are in a book called the *Lectionary*. Our current *Lectionary* was set up after the Second Vatican Council. It uses a three-year cycle for the Sunday readings, so over three years we hear the majority of the Bible at Mass. Its introduction states, “The present **Order of Readings for Mass**, then, is an arrangement of biblical readings that provides the faithful with a knowledge of the whole of God’s word, in a pattern suited to the purpose” (*General Introduction to the Lectionary*, Second Edition #60). So the readings are not piecemeal but rather arranged so we are exposed to the whole of God’s word within three years. At times a given reading may not be complete—for example, the first reading for the third Sunday of Advent, Year B, is Zephaniah 3:14–18a. This is done not so much for brevity but for clarity. Those who organized the *Lectionary* thought that this excerpt made the message clearer or gave better emphasis to a point in the reading. It certainly is good to get out your Bible and to read the whole section so you can see what is missing, but when the word is proclaimed at Mass, the current arrangement is most effective.

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