

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 5:30 pm
Friday 8 am
Holy Days: 7 am & 7 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 8:30-9:30 am
Thursday 6-7 pm

Confession

Saturday 4:30 pm (OLOL)
Any time by Appointment



Immaculate Conception

202 E. Green Street
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Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:30 am

Confession

Sunday 8:15AM (IC)



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February 28, 2016

Third Sunday of Lent

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2016



**"I desire mercy, and not sacrifice" (Mt 9:13).
The works of mercy on the road of the Jubilee
Part 1 of 2**

1. *Mary, the image of a Church which evangelizes because she is evangelized*

In the Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, I asked that "the season of Lent in this Jubilee Year be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 17). By calling for an attentive listening to the word of God and encouraging the initiative "24 Hours for the Lord", I sought to stress the primacy of prayerful listening to God's word, especially his prophetic word. The mercy of God is a proclamation made to the world, a proclamation which each Christian is called to experience at first hand. For this reason, during the season of Lent I will send out

Missionaries of Mercy as a concrete sign to everyone of God's closeness and forgiveness. After receiving the Good News told to her by the Archangel Gabriel, Mary, in her *Magnificat*, prophetically sings of the mercy whereby God chose her. The Virgin of Nazareth, betrothed to Joseph, thus becomes the perfect icon of the Church which evangelizes, for she was, and continues to be, evangelized by the Holy Spirit, who made her virginal womb fruitful. In the prophetic tradition, mercy is strictly related – even on the etymological level – to the maternal womb (*rahamim*) and to a generous, faithful and compassionate goodness (*hesed*) shown within marriage and family relationships.

2. *God's covenant with humanity: a history of mercy*

The mystery of divine mercy is revealed in the history of the covenant between God and his people Israel. God shows himself ever rich in mercy, ever ready to treat his people with deep tenderness and compassion, especially at those tragic moments when infidelity ruptures the bond of the covenant, which then needs to be ratified more firmly in justice and truth. Here is a true love story, in which God plays the role of the betrayed father and husband, while Israel plays the unfaithful child and bride. These domestic images – as in the case of Hosea (cf. *Hos* 1-2) – show to what extent God wishes to bind himself to his people.

This love story culminates in the incarnation of God's Son. In Christ, the Father pours forth his boundless mercy even to making him "mercy incarnate" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 8). As a man, Jesus of Nazareth is a true son of Israel; he embodies that perfect hearing required of every Jew by the *Shema*, which today too is the heart of God's covenant with Israel: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might" (*Dt* 6:4-5). As the Son of God, he is the Bridegroom who does everything to win over the love of his bride, to whom he is bound by an unconditional love which becomes visible in the eternal wedding feast.

This is the very heart of the apostolic *kerygma*, in which divine mercy holds a central and fundamental place. It is "the beauty of the saving love of God made manifest in Jesus Christ who died and rose from the dead" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 36), that first proclamation which "we must hear again and again in different ways, the one which we must announce one way or another throughout the process of catechesis, at every level and moment" (*ibid.*, 164). Mercy "expresses God's way of reaching out to the sinner, offering him a new chance to look at himself, convert, and believe" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 21), thus restoring his relationship with him. In Jesus crucified, God shows his desire to draw near to sinners, however far they may have strayed from him. In this way he hopes to soften the hardened heart of his Bride.

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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.

MON February 29	8:00AM	Wurmnest Family Allen Family
<i>St. Oswald</i>		
TUE March 1	8:00AM	Eva Acree Family Roy Acree Family
<i>St. David of Wales</i>		
WED March 2	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
<i>St. Agnes of Bohemia</i>		
THU March 3	5:30PM	Alt Family Andreae Family
<i>St. Katharine Drexel</i>		
FRI March 4	8:00AM	Aubry Family Baillie Family
<i>St. Casimir</i>		
SAT March 5	5:00PM	Tim Bane Family Margaret Bane Family
<i>St. John Joseph of the Cross</i>		
SUN March 6	7:00AM (OLOL) 8:30 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	+Donald & Ruby Kemmer Wesley Smith Family Parish Family
<i>St. Mary Ann of Jesus of Paredes</i>		

Thank You For Your Gifts OLOL

Sunday Env. \$3170.50
Loose \$458.35
Capital Imp. \$30.00
Food Pantry \$159.00
January Total \$428.00

Imm Conception

Sunday Env. \$138.00

Thank you to all that have fulfilled their Annual Appeal commitment and I encourage those outstanding to complete their commitment in the coming months. OLL received a check for \$712.00 for meeting our goal to date.

2016 CMAA Goals
OLOL: \$
Goal: (\$12,712)
IC: \$
(Goal: \$905)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
Sat, March 5 5:00PM	Angelica Cullotta Baillie Killian	Marj Brown	Frank Titus	Jerry Brown Stan Alt	Lisa Heap
Sun, March 6 7:00AM	Remi Astronomo	Erin Nuss			
Sun, March 6 10:30AM	Kaleb & Lacy Cotter	Jack Kollross	Sarah Sarantakos	Michael Smith Dan Day	

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS) COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND 3/5-3/6

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



Our Lady of Lourdes Knights of Columbus



2016 Lenten Fish Fries

March 4
March 18
4:30PM-6:30PM

Dinners are \$8
Children under 12 free
Carryout Available

Any questions can be directed to chairpersons Matt Doran or Mark Doran (217)784-8826 (217)784-8720



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our Lady of Lourdes will celebrate Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7PM during Lent.



The Word From Father Thomas



Good confessions are honest, clear, direct, and concise. Devout and regular penitents sometimes succumb to the temptation to do the work of both the priest and the penitent within the confessional. Occasionally regular penitents confess a particular sin and then provide their own spiritual analysis of the action's sinfulness. At other times devout penitents will confess a sin and then proceed to offer an extended narrative or backstory about nonessential matters surrounding the sin. More often than not, neither of these two approaches is necessary.

While some details are essential to identifying a particular kind of sin, we need only recount those elements that pertain directly to the sins we are confessing. It is the job of the priest to understand and evaluate the nature and gravity of the sins we bring to the confessional. The penitent should trust that the priest will ask for clarification if anything remains unclear. We should always remember that it is Jesus who forgives our sins. The priest serves as the living instrument of Christ's healing (CCC1465). Thus, we should approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation with an honest simplicity that fully trusts in God's loving mercy.

Father Cajetan Cuddy, O.P.



ORGANIST/VOCALIST NEEDED

We are in need of more organists/vocalists to lead worship at our weekend Masses. If you feel the call to this ministry, please contact Father Thomas at 217-784-4671 or email at pastor@ololgc.org.

Here is an update on the Gibson City Food Pantry:

Food is distributed the **second** and **fourth** Saturdays of the month from 8:30 to noon out of the GAH storage facility that is located to the west of the hospital.

The Food Pantry program is a **faith-based program** with 9 churches participating in the distribution.

Our Lady of Lourdes next opportunity to sponsor the event is **Saturday, June 11**.

Volunteers are welcome to **assist at all food pantry distribution** days even though our church is not officially sponsoring those particular dates.

The members of Our Lady of Lourdes have been generous in donating over \$4,021.70 during the 2015 fiscal year. Please keep it in your hearts to continue supporting this extremely important program for the less fortunate of our communities.

Various organizations from the GCMS School District (FFA, athletic teams, clubs, etc) have provided assistance during the delivery and distribution of food items to the food pantry clients. I would **encourage the parents** of our church, who have children in 6th grade or above, to have their **children participate in a Saturday distribution**. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn to serve our local community and gain compassion for those who are less fortunate!

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Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Tony Coons
Mary Cothorn
Jesse Cervelli
Dick Walter

Loretta Bode
Mardella Duffy
Donovan Gaines
Mary Masco

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.

PARISH EVENTS



Tuesday, March 1

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM

Wednesday, March 9

- K of C Meeting 7PM

Thursday, March 10

- St. Peregrine Mass 5:30PM

Saturday, March 12

- Food Pantry 9AM-Noon

Tuesday, March 15

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM

Sunday, March 20

- YOUTH MASS

Saturday, March 26

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

Tuesday, March 29

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM

Wednesday, March 30

- Staff Meeting 6PM
- Parish Council Meeting 7PM



Ray Hanks (3/1)
Keaton Beyers (3/1)
Ted Grote (3/2)
Molly Killian (3/2)
Victoria Medernach (3/3)
Amy Eberle (3/3)
Colleen Davis (3/4)
Andrea Killian (3/4)
Eva Acree (3/5)
Amanda Freehill (3/6)
Andrew Laughery (3/6)



Laura & Adam Burnes (3/1)
Roger & Kathleen Reum (3/5)

Good News!

February 28, 2016

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Ex 3:1–8a, 13–15 / 1 Cor 10:1–6, 10–12 / Lk 13:1–9

Now that I am older, I can look back on my life and clearly remember times when I took great pride in my accomplishments, the breadth of my knowledge, and my insight into human dynamics. The problem was that my pride bordered on, and occasionally slipped into, a sense of superiority and hubris. At such times I was not fun to be around. The advantage of maturity is that we become more aware of our shortcomings and, hopefully, develop a humility that appreciates the gifts that everyone brings to the table, recognizes that we always have more to learn, and grows grateful, rather than prideful, at the gifts we have been given.

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges the sense of pride that the Israelites feel from God's choosing them and the sense that they are, therefore, better than the people of the surrounding nations. He also questions their habit of judging those on whom misfortune fell as more sinful than they were. In a way, he was asking them to grow up and find the humility that comes from age, holding them to the same standard with which they held others. He challenged them to spend less time judging others and more time recognizing their sins and need for repentance.

That's a hard lesson for us all, but a necessary one. If we are to accompany one another on this journey through Lent and life, we need to know we are all the same in God's eyes and all in need of God's grace to make it through.

Mary Katharine Deeley
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Monday
FEBRUARY 29
Lenten Weekday
2 Kgs 5:1–15ab
Lk 4:24–30

Tuesday
MARCH 1
Lenten Weekday
Dn 3:25, 34–43
Mt 18:21–35

Wednesday
MARCH 2
Lenten Weekday
Dt 4:1, 5–9
Mt 5:17–19

Thursday
MARCH 3
Lenten Weekday
Jer 7:23–28
Lk 11:14–23

Friday
MARCH 4
Lenten Weekday
Hos 14:2–10
Mk 12:28–34

Saturday
MARCH 5
Lenten Weekday
Hos 6:1–6
Lk 18:9–14

Sunday
MARCH 6
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Jos 5:9a, 10–12
2 Cor 5:17–21
Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

dear Padre

February 28, 2016

Can we donate our bodies or have them cremated?

Can I donate my body to science after death? What about cremation?

Some find Catholic funerals odd. We sprinkle the deceased with holy water and bless the body with incense. We pray over burial sites and put a white cloth over the caskets. If a person is dead, why do we care about the "empty shell?"

Many Christians think God is only concerned with our souls, but Scripture has a surprising amount of teaching on the sacredness of the body. Saint Paul writes, "Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?...Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit?" (1 Corinthians 6:15, 19). What we do with and to our bodies is important. God loves us as bodily creatures—he made us that way!

Christ's body was raised with him, and so will ours (1 Corinthians 15). We honor God when we revere our bodies as destined for glory. So as long as we treat them with "respect and charity," the Church permits us to use our bodies to help others after death:

"The burial of the dead is a corporal work of mercy....Autopsies can be morally permitted for legal inquests or scientific research. The free gift of organs after death is legitimate and can be meritorious. The Church permits cremation, provided that it does not demonstrate a denial of faith in the resurrection of the body" (CCC 2300–01)

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