

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
Roberts, IL 60962

Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:30 am

Confession

Sunday 8:15AM (IC)



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April 17, 2016 Fourth Sunday of Easter

EXPLORING INDULGENCES WITH “PAT IN THE PEW”



I invite you to enjoy the next four weeks as we explore four principles that might help you reconsider the gift of indulgences during the year of MERCY! Week 1 focuses on RELATIONSHIPS, NOT RULES!

Pope Francis' Jubilee Year of Mercy has clearly struck a chord in the hearts of Catholics around the world. Since nobody's perfect, everybody intuitively knows the need for Divine Mercy. Yet, like a crazy uncle at a family party, Papa Francesco has included a potentially confounding twist in announcing the jubilee festivities: INDULGENCES.

If you have never really heard about or understood indulgences, you might be like “Pat in the Pew.” Pat is a regular attendee of Sunday Mass, a Catholic who understands Jesus' gift in the sacrament of reconciliation, someone who is happy to self-identify as Catholic, even without having easy answers to every question that might arise about the faith. To Pat, indulgences might seem like obtuse rules to a game no one remembers, which allege to deliver a solution for a problem we didn't know we had.

Indeed, in *Misericordiae Vultus* (“The Face of Mercy”), Pope Francis writes that “A Jubilee also entail the granting of indulgences,” adding that “This practice will acquire an even more important meaning in the Holy Year of Mercy.”

First, IT'S ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS, NOT RULES. Sure, the idea of going to a specific church, walking through designated holy doors, offering prayers for the pope, receiving Holy Communion, and making a sacramental confession within a week could sound like some kind of religious business deal. However, as usual Pope Francis does not obsess about the details. Rather, he describes the process as “indulgence on the part of the Father who, through the Bride of Christ, His Church, reaches the pardoned sinner and frees him from every residue left by the consequences of sin, enabling him to act with charity, to grow in love rather than to fall back into sin” (MV,n.22)

The specific steps in the process shape our personal response to the Fathers merciful outreach, which is always “all in” (full, complete, or “plenary”). If we have lived a life of gluttony, for example, we know that the Father will forgive us when we repent. But we also know that our sin has left us physically wounded. We could resolve to start new eating habits, and yet it would take years of regimented exercise to return our bodies to a state of full health.

The idea with indulgences is that the Father so longs to restore our full stature as beloved sons and daughters that He decides to exercise for us. By embracing the “indulgence on the part of the Father,” we show our willingness to cooperate with the overflowing gift of grace — not “earning” something because we followed the rules, but embracing a gift which exceeds all expectations.

Next week we will look at the second principle IT'S ABOUT MERCY BEING MORE THAN MERE FORGIVENESS!

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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 April 18	8:00AM	Fanson Family Fetzner Family
Blessed James Oldo		
TUE April 19	8:00AM	+Lyla Hutchcraft
St. Gianna Beretta Molla		
WED April 20	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
St. Conrad of Parzham		
THU April 21	5:30PM	Robb Fields Family Pat Fields Family
St. Anselm		
FRI April 22	8:00AM	Fischer Family Fisher Family
St. Adalbert of Prague		
SAT April 23	5:00PM	Marge Carlson
St. George		
SUN April 24	7:00AM (OLOL)	Parish Family
	8:30 AM (IC)	Genevieve & Dale Schwarz
	10:30 AM (OLOL)	Fleming Family Doris Freehill Family

**Thank You
For Your Gifts
OLOL**

Sunday Env. \$2407.50
Loose \$343.00
Capital Imp. \$30.00
Food Pantry \$115.00
April Total \$200.00
Yr to Date FP \$1228.26

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Sunday Env. \$267.00
Capital Imp. \$0

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!

2016 CMAA Goals
OLOL: \$5968
Goal: (\$12,712)
IC: \$950
(Goal: \$905)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
Sat, April 23 5:00PM	Alex Killian Braden Roesch	Jim Meyer	Marj Brown	Steve Heavilin Michael Smith	Jean Wilhelmi
Sun, April 24 7:00AM	Liam Killian	Jim Freehill			
Sun, April 24 10:30AM	Hannah & Haven Hathaway	Ray Hanks	Jean Wilhelmi	Greg Laughery Steve Killian	

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Immaculate Conception on exceeding their CMAA goal for 2016. 65% of donations over and above the goal will be refunded back to the parish. Thank you to everyone that participated for their generosity and commitment to this very important Appeal!

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@ololg.org.



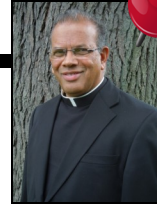
Dave, Gene and Regina Johnson want to thank Father Thomas and anyone from our parish that said prayers and donated toward the benefit for Dave. Thank you very much for your support and generosity. GOD BLESS YOU ALL

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Tony Coons
Loretta Bode
Mary Cothorn
Mardella Duffy
Jesse Cervelli
Donovan Gaines
Dick Walter
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@ololg.org.

The Word From Father Thomas



**“A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep...
No one takes (my life) from me,
but I lay it down on my own” (Jn 10:11, 18).**

What unimaginable mercy the Good Shepherd has! He will lay down his life not just for those who were hearing his voice in that place at that time, but for all who will hear his voice, for future sinners who will commit future sins.

Once, after I had visited a parishioner in a hospital, a nurse asked me to see another patient who had been asking all day for a priest. I will not forget the look on her face when she saw me walk into her room: such joy and gratitude and relief. She had been away from the Church, and she kept repeating her amazement at how much God must love her to send her a priest regardless of her falling away.

I was humbled by her appreciation of God’s mercy. And I experienced a glimpse of the love of the Good Shepherd.

I didn’t know whis woman. I came to know her sins, but they were as nothing compared to the joy and desire that was bursting from her heart.

I wanted everything good for her at that moment. I rejoiced in assisting her toward the peace for which she longed. My heart was moved in a way that must have faintly echoed the heart of the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for us in order to give us everything good.

~Father Richard Veras

PARISH EVENTS



Tuesday, April 19

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM
- Finance Council Mtg 7PM

Saturday, April 23

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

Sunday, April 24

- **FIRST COMMUNION**

Tuesday, April 26

- Staff Mtg 6PM

From the RE Desk

FIRST COMMUNION

Please remember our 2nd grade children, families and their teachers as we make final preparations for First Communion on Sunday April 24th at 10:30am. We expect the church to be quite full with families and friends of the children receiving their First Communion. If possible, you may want to consider choosing a different mass this weekend to help accommodate the families for this very important Sacrament.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS FOR PRIESTHOOD AND CONSECRATED LIFE

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers as always but especially at this time as we celebrate the WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS FOR PRIESTHOOD AND CONSECRATED LIFE.

PARISH PICNIC

Our Annual Parish Picnic is
Sunday, MAY 1, 2016
After 10:30AM Mass until 3:30PM

Come enjoy the BOUNCE HOUSE, GAMES, and FELLOWSHIP for the day!! We are asking parishioners to bring a DISH OR DESSERT (meat and drink provided) and any YARD GAMES they might want to share.... Pray for good weather!

If you have not already purchased tickets from our youth for the Catholic Heart Work Camp trip in June, the picnic is a good opportunity to do so! First prize is \$1200, Second prize is \$500 and Third prize is \$300.



Sunderland Scholarship

The Sunderland Scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating senior from Our Lady of Lourdes. To make a donation toward this year’s scholarship award, please use the red offertory envelope marked for this purpose and drop it in the collection basket. Your generosity toward helping our parish youth is greatly appreciated.



- Chris Giroux (4/18)
- Tim Bane (4/19)
- Terry Fields (4/20)
- Sam Baillie ((4/21)
- Steve Heavilin (4/22)
- Norma Thompson (4/24)



- Leo & Audrey Chapman (4/21)
- Eric & Michelle Rosenbaum (4/23)

dear Padre

April 17, 2016

What do we do with sacramentals?

Is it sacrilegious to throw a sacramental away?

“Sacramentals do not confer the grace of the Holy Spirit in the way that the sacraments do, but by the Church’s prayer, they prepare us to receive and dispose us to cooperate with it” (CCC 1670). Therefore, sacramentals confer grace through the Church’s power of prayer and, if blessed, should not be thrown away but burned and/or buried. If the object has not been blessed, it can be discarded; however, it could also be donated to a Catholic ministry (school, prison, hospital, etc.) that would benefit from its distribution. (If a religious object was included in an unsolicited appeal letter from a charitable organization, it is safe to assume that it was not blessed.)

If the object is worn or broken, it should be substantially altered so that it loses its form as a sacramental and then returned to the earthly elements. For example, a worn scapular should be burned and the ashes buried; a damaged statue should be further broken into smaller fragments and buried. A European tradition on the Vigil of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist (June 23) is to burn old sacramentals in bonfires and bury the ashes. Burning and/or burial respects the sacred nature once held by these items and prevents their adaptation for trivial use. Reverence and discretion are proper for whatever method of disposal.

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Monday

APRIL 18

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:1–18

Jn 10:1–10

Tuesday

APRIL 19

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:19–26

Jn 10:22–30

Wednesday

APRIL 20

Easter Weekday

Acts 12:24–13:5a

Jn 12:44–50

Thursday

APRIL 21

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:13–25

Jn 13:16–20

Friday

APRIL 22

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:26–33

Jn 14:1–6

Saturday

APRIL 23

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:44–52

Jn 14:7–14

Sunday

APRIL 24

Fifth Sunday

of Easter

Acts 14:21–27

Rv 21:1–5a

Jn 13:31–33a, 34–35

Good News!

April 17, 2016

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

Acts 13:14, 43–52 / Rv 7:9, 14b–17 / Jn 10:27–30

I love the sound water makes when it is moving in a fast-flowing stream or curling up to the shore in waves. I am mesmerized particularly by waterfalls, small or large. My husband, who enjoys photography as a hobby, has taken pictures of many of the falls we have visited, and they decorate my office as a constant reminder of the power and beauty of God seen through all creation. I even have a crucifix that was designed to show the living water flowing from Christ—a waterfall tumbling down and over the foot of the cross. It is, for me anyway, one of the most powerful images of God that I can imagine.

Throughout the Easter season, the Scriptures present us with stories of resurrection and life. The preaching of the apostles, the abundance of fish caught in a net, the stirring of hearts in those who see and hear Jesus—they all show what it is like to live in “risen time,” in full knowledge and endless presence of the Lord. Today Jesus talks about God’s closeness, power, and promise. The Father has given the sheep to Jesus and no one can take them away. But in the reading from Revelation we have a clearer picture of our life with God: “The Lamb [will] lead them to springs of life-giving water.” In Jesus’ desert environment, this was a powerful image. In our world today it remains compelling. Jesus is the Living Water that brings life to our souls. Whether it flows as a gentle stream, restless wave, or waterfall from the throne of God, it is his gift to us.

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