

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
Wednesday 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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May 15, 2016 PENTECOST SUNDAY

We are looking for summer volunteers to help water flowers around the Our Lady of Lourdes campus. Please email pastorololgc.org if you would be available.



WELCOME FATHER CHRIS ALETI!
WE ARE EXCITED TO HOST YOU THIS WEEKEND!
NEXT WEEKEND WE WILL WELCOME FATHER JOHN ECK.
Anyone able to help with weekend arrangements
please email: pastor@ololgc.org

SAINT OF THE WEEK BERNARDINE OF SIENA

1380-1444

Feast Day—May 20



This renowned Italian preacher was canonized only six years after he died. He was born near Siena and studied at the university there. He was ordained a Franciscan priest in 1404. From 1417 until his death 27 years later, he crisscrossed northern and central Italy as an itinerant preacher who drew enormous crowds by focusing on honest and penitential living and on reverence for the holy name of Jesus which led to the spread of this devotion. He also preached against gambling and materialism and turned down three requests to become a bishop.

PENTECOST

Pentecost marks the occasion of God sending the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' disciples after his Resurrection. The book of Acts describes how the disciples were gathered together in one place on the day of Pentecost. The Jewish feast of Pentecost (Shavuot or the Feast of Weeks) was a day that commemorated the giving of the law to Moses, a day soon to be marked as well by the giving of the Holy Spirit. The day of Pentecost was a turning point for the disciples:

Before Pentecost, the disciples were unsure of what they were to do next and spent most of their time in hiding. After Pentecost and [receiving] the gifts of the Holy Spirit, they understood their mission to spread the Good News of Jesus, and they had the courage to come out of hiding and speak openly about who Jesus was and what he had accomplished by his dying and rising.

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit gave the disciples the strength to fulfill their commission to spread the Good News of Jesus. The Church marks this day through a special liturgical celebration:

The Solemnity of Pentecost, on the fiftieth day of Easter, concludes the Easter season. In recent years, the Church has restored the extended vigil for this solemnity. Similar to Easter, the vigil of Pentecost includes four readings from the Old Testament, each with a proper Psalm and prayer, along with the Epistle and Gospel. At the conclusion of the Mass during the Day, the Paschal Candle is extinguished and moved to its permanent location near the baptismal font.

The Solemnity of Pentecost, which crowns and fulfills the Easter season, is a good time to pray for a deeper in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit.

**THERE WILL BE NO 7AM MASS
ON THE WEEKEND OF MAY 21/22. PLEASE PLAN FOR AN
ALTERNATE MASS ON THAT WEEKEND.**

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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.

MON May 16	8:00AM	NO MASS
St. Margaret of Cortona		
TUE May 17	8:00AM	NO MASS
St. Paschal Baylon		
WED May 18	8:00AM	Priest Intentions NO MASS
St. John I		
THU May 19	5:30PM	NO MASS
St. Theophilus of Corte		
FRI May 20	8:00AM	NO MASS
St. Bernardine of Siena		
SAT May 21	5:00PM	Alt Special Intention
St. Cristobal Magaliones and Comp.		
SUN May 22	7:00AM (OLOL) 8:30 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	NO MASS Parish Family Rita Falter
St. Rita of Cascia		

Thank You For Your Gifts OLOL

Sunday Env. \$1808.50
Loose \$444.00
Capital Imp. \$35.00
Food Pantry \$49.00
May Total \$169.00
Yr to Date FP \$1510.00

Imm Conception

Sunday Env. \$190.00
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: \$9475
Goal: (\$12,712)
IC: \$1120
(Goal: \$905)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
Sat, May 21 5:00PM	Molly & Seth Kollross	Lisa Heap	Stan Alt	Bob Mardis Frank Titus	Michelle Rosenbaum
Sun, May 22 7:00AM	NO MASS	NO MASS			
Sun, May 22 10:30AM	Andrew & Aidan Laughery	Michael Smith	Rob Kollross	Dan Kleist Paul Obert	

Volunteers are always needed for our parish ministries. For more information on how to join, contact the parish office.

Baptism

Call the **Rector** 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 Rector at least six months before. A six month preparation time is required.

Food Pantry Volunteers

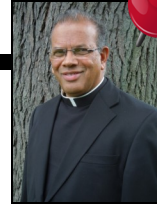
Here are some details for our next OLL Food Pantry opportunity

1. Date: Saturday, June 11, 2016
2. Arrival Time: Volunteers report at 8:30 a.m
3. Ending Time: Noon
4. The Food Pantry location is across the street from the GAH in the metal storage facility located on the west side of Melvin Street. The volunteers will enter the storage facility through the alley on the west side of the storage building. Even though there is parking on the south side of the building, we ask our volunteers to park on the south side of the hospital at the corner of Melvin and Hagar Drive. This allows the parking lot next to the food distribution facility to be used by the individuals that are picking up supply and food items.
5. Our Lady of Lourdes is providing the volunteers for this date.
6. There will be a need for additional help to set up Friday night. Usually 6-12 people is ample.
7. Please email caubry55@gmail.com so that I will be able to verify that OLL will have enough volunteers. I will send out another email during the first week of June.
8. Even though the majority of our volunteers will be working in the building, there will be a need for some volunteers to escort people to their vehicles. This is a great job for the youth of our parish. As in the past, thank you for stepping forward as a volunteer to eradicate hunger in our community! I look forward to working side by side with you on Saturday, June 11.

Chuck Aubry (217-249-8304)



The Word From Father Thomas



WHAT IF I HAVE BEEN AWAY FROM CONFESSIONS FOR MORE THAN A YEAR?

Someone who returns to confession after an extended absence is a source of great joy and celebration: for God and his angels (who know more joy in heaven over one sheep brought back to the fold than for ninety-nine who remained; LK 15:7); for oneself; for the Church at large—and for the priest privileged to minister God’s mercy.

Priests do not disclose the content or even that a person went to confession. Priests do occasionally confide that during a stretch of confessions, a “big fish” was caught in the net of God’s loving forgiveness. The size of the “fish” may refer to the gravity of sin or the duration someone has been away from the sacrament.

Different factors may keep one away: a previous confessor who was more harsh than merciful; infrequent opportunities at a local parish; a tendency to procrastinate; a lukewarm belief that Jesus really intends confession to be a “house specialty” on the menu of his mercy; and the fear of being “outed” as someone who is unfamiliar with the sacramental ritual. More grave is the fear that if we submit ourselves to the unconditional love of God offered in radical forgiveness, we might want to let God take possession of our will, our heart, mind, and soul.

Saint John of Avila describes one who balks at Christ’s compassion. When invited into the current of God’s mercy and reassured one would not drown, the person refuses because he or she might feel drawn to go out further and deeper, and might never want to come out at all. Yet the truth instilled in us is that we do not belong to ourselves, but to the Father of mercies who longs to save rather than condemn us.

Some practical steps to participate fully in the sacrament: technology can be a great asset, for one can readily access apps and websites that review how to go to confession, how to examine one’s conscience, and how to make an act of contrition. It is fine to bring a hand-held device into the confessional. Parish churches often stock similar resources in their pamphlet racks. To prepare and identify real sins we have committed, one could use Scripture such as the Ten Commandments (Ex 20:1-17), the Beatitudes (Mt 5:1-12), or a comparison of the works of the flesh versus the fruits of the Spirit (Gal 5:16-23)

Even if we have prepared well, we might still draw a blank when meeting the priest face-to-face. Be not afraid! God’s grace has already drawn you to the well of mercy, and the priest will happily supply prompts that will dissolve anxiety and allow the Spirit to counsel us and absolve us of all sin, restoring us to full friendship with Jesus.

~Father William M. Joensen

From the RE Desk

TOTUS TUUS ~June 25-July 1~ Mark your calendar and watch the bulletin for more details. We will firm up details with Fr. Thomas when he returns from India. Contact Bernie 217-898-3558 or Alyce 217-745-2511.

Food Pantry

Saturday, June 11, 2016 (second Saturday in June) from 8:30 A.M. until noon will be our forth scheduled opportunity to supply the labor for the local food pantry. As in the past, at least 25 workers will be needed to work on that Saturday.

If you have not signed up previously, please email me at caubry55@gmail.com. Include your name, phone number, and email address. 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, June 10, 2016.

PARISH EVENTS



Saturday, May 14

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

Tuesday, May 17

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM

Saturday, May 28

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon
- **CONFIRMATION 10:30AM**

Tuesday, May 31

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM



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.



Todd Cotter (5/16)
Angelica Cullotta (5/18)
Andrew Miller (5/19)
Kolbie Eichelberger (5/20)
Julie Roesch (5/20)
Joseph Goodin (5/21)
Ellen Hanks (5/21)
Janice Allen (5/21)
Ken Slavicek (5/21)
Daxter Chaddock (5/22)
Peter Hartford (5/22)



John & Amy Veneto (5/17)
Dan & Sylvia Day (5/19)
Michael & Tannie Smith (5/22)

dear Padre

May 15, 2016

The Bible on life on other planets

What does the Bible say about life outside our solar system?

The simple answer to this question is that the Bible doesn't specifically mention life on other planets. However, there are some important biblical principles that would speak to the possibility of such a discovery.

Begin with the account of creation in Genesis: "In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth..." (1:1). We believe that everything that exists was created by God. All stars, planets, minerals, plants, and animals flow from the creative activity of the Holy Trinity. If there is any type of life anywhere in the universe, it owes its existence to the God we worship. So if we discover plants, animals, or even ameba on some distant planet, we should praise our Creator for that life as we do our own.

Implicit in this question is the possibility of intelligent life, and not simply lower organisms. Are there possibly societies, technologies, or even churches on other planets? Again, the Bible does not really say. If we find intelligent life, it will not be any threat to our faith. Remember: we understand that we are created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:26-27). If there are intelligent species out there, they in no way would challenge that unique relationship. After all, the Son of God came to the earth as one of us.

FR. MATTHEW BONK, CSsR
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Monday

MAY 16

Weekday

Jas 3:13-18

Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday

MAY 17

Weekday

Jas 4:1-10

Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday

MAY 18

Weekday

Jas 4:13-17

Mk 9:38-40

Thursday

MAY 19

Weekday

Jas 5:1-6

Mk 9:41-50

Friday

MAY 20

Weekday

Jas 5:9-12

Mk 10:1-12

Saturday

MAY 21

Weekday

Jas 5:13-20

Mk 10:13-16

Sunday

MAY 22

The Most Holy Trinity

Prv 8:22-31

Rom 5:1-5

Jn 16:12-15

Good News!

May 15, 2016

PENTECOST (C)

Acts 2:1-11 / 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17 /

Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Our daughter married into a large Italian family whose get-togethers include dozens of people. (More than fifty were there for Christmas dinner, and not everyone could make it.) Ours is a small and often-quiet family, so Katy had to get used to more noise and activity than she had growing up. It was like learning a new language. It's often that way when couples wed. Over time, we come to know the inside jokes, the way the in-laws mark occasions, who we can joke with and who prefers a more serious interaction. Just as with growing up in our own families, we become a part of them, and they become a part of us.

When the Holy Spirit descended on those gathered in the upper room, it was like a wedding. They had to learn the language of God's family—one that included proclamation, sharing, repentance, and mercy. They had to learn what it meant to be part of one body, using their unique gifts to build on what Christ had already started. With the Holy Spirit as inspiration and source of grace, the disciples and apostles were sent to testify and invite the world to the eternal life that Christ offers.

In any relationship it takes time to get to know the other. God has the advantage in his relationship with us—he already knows us fully and intimately. In getting to know him and learning his language, we may feel awkward or out-of-place. But he constantly welcomes and invites us to be a part of his life and Church, knowing we might eventually come to live with him forever.

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