

## 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 8am  
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)



## Parish Office

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# May 8, 2016 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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



"Dear mothers . . . Thank you for what you are in your family and for what you give to the Church and the world."

—Pope Francis, January 7, 2015



WELCOME FATHER BURKE MASTERS!  
WE ARE EXCITED TO HOST YOU THIS WEEKEND!

NEXT WEEKEND WE WILL WELCOME FATHER CHRIS ALETI.

Anyone able to help with weekend arrangements please email pastor@ololg.org

## EXPLORING INDULGENCES WITH "PAT IN THE PEW"

This week we will hear how ULTIMATELY, IT'S ABOUT THE PRODIGAL SON. This is the fourth and final week in our exploration of the four principles to help you reconsider the gift of Indulgences during the year of MERCY!



Ultimately, it's about the Prodigal Son. The Father does not merely accept the apology of His repentant offspring, allowing him to live out his years as a servant repaying a debt. Rather, the merciful Father restores the son's dignity by calling for the finest robe, a ring for his finger, and new sandals. The excessive celebration that follows—a feast—seems too much for the other brother to bear. Such indulgence doesn't fit with his worldview.

Yet the Father wants us to know this Jubilee Year of Mercy is a promise of divine solidarity, mediated by Christ's body on earth, the church. Deep down, "Pat in the Pew" knows that healing, health and wholeness will always exceed our grasp. But the Lord wants us to march forward together through holy doors, praying for ourselves and all the faithful departed, so that His joy might be in us, and our joy might be complete.

## From the RE Desk



The RE teachers and students would like to thank the Parish Council and the Knights of Columbus for providing us with our picnic this year!! Though the weather was a bit dreary, with family, friends and food like ours, any event can be made fun:) Thanks too for all who participated in the Silent Auction, proceeds will benefit the students going to the Catholic Heart Work Camp in June.



## HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY TO MARY COTHERN

The family of Mary Cothorn invites you to celebrate Mary's 100th birthday with a card shower. Cards can be mailed to The Heritage Manor at 620 E. 1st Street, Gibson City, IL 60936, Room 105.

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

### Pastor

Rev. Thomas Theneth, CMI  
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### Parish Secretary

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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> May 9 <a href="#">St. John of Avila</a>	8:00AM	NO MASS
<b>TUE</b> May 10 <a href="#">St. Damien de Veuster of Molokai</a>	8:00AM	NO MASS
<b>WED</b> May 11 <a href="#">St. Ignatius of Laconi</a>	8:00AM	Priest Intentions NO MASS
<b>THU</b> May 12 <a href="#">Sts. Nereus and Achilleus</a>	5:30PM	NO MASS
<b>FRI</b> May 13 <a href="#">Our Lady of Fatima</a>	8:00AM	NO MASS
<b>SAT</b> May 14 <a href="#">St. Matthias</a>	5:00PM	<b>Mary Cothorn</b> <b>100th Birthday</b>
<b>SUN</b> May 15 <a href="#">St. Isidore</a> <a href="#">the Farmer</a>	7:00AM (OLOL) 8:30 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	Parish Family Zick Family <b>Mary Cothorn</b> <b>100th Birthday</b>

### Thank You For Your Gifts OLOL

Sunday Env. \$2975.50  
Loose \$473.35  
Capital Imp. \$388.50  
Food Pantry \$120.00  
May Total \$120.00  
Yr to Date FP \$1461.26

### Imm Conception

Sunday Env. \$210.00  
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: \$8095**  
Goal: (\$12,712)  
**IC: \$1120**  
(Goal: \$905)

### MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
Sat, May 14 5:00PM	Alex Killian Braden Roesch	Patti Huppert	Stan Alt	Bob Mardis Frank Titus	Lisa Heap
Sun, May 15 7:00AM	Remi Astronomo	Jim Freehill			
Sun, May 15 10:30AM	Joe Baillile Brooke Beyers	Sarah Sarantakos	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

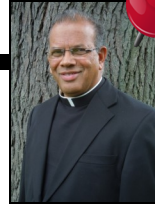
Here are some details for our next OLL Food Pantry opportunity

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](mailto: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



## WHY DO WE NEED TO TELL OUR SINS TO A PRIEST?

If Christ had not died for our sins, we would not have to confess our sins to a priest in order to find reconciliation with God. Before Christ, it was enough to acknowledge one's sins before God by bringing an animal for a sin-offering. But there was no such thing as telling the priest what you were sorry for—it wasn't any of his business. And before the Law of Moses, every man was on his own before God.

But in the New Law, if we want reconciliation with God, we must confess to the priest. For if we want reconciliation with God, we must find reconciliation with Christ. He bought this reconciliation by laying down his life. And he did this quite knowingly for every person who ever would sin and seek reconciliation, for every generation down to the end of time.

As Saint Paul said, "he died for me"; so must every Christian say the same. He died not for the race; not for man in general; not for a better humanity in the future. For me. So, seeking reconciliation with Christ for my sin, I seek reconciliation with the one who died for this, precisely this sin that I, and no one else, committed.

If Christ here embarrasses us with his knowledge of our sin, he also offers us a surer reconciliation. And in this light, it seems strange to ask forgiveness without mentioning our sin to the one who grants forgiveness at the price of his blood. This would be like the Prodigal Son slipping back onto the estate without confessing his sin to his father.

But then, why confession to a priest? Why can I not just turn to Jesus in my heart? No, the cross was public and visible; reconciliation is visible and sacramental. Just so, the priest is the ambassador of Christ, the minister of Christ exercising Christ's power to forgive sin.

So the risen Lord says to the Apostles: "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive they are forgiven." And: "Whose sins you retain, they are retained: (Jn 20: 22-23). Evidently, the Apostle knows what he is forgiving or retaining. So we really and truly confess our own sin to Christ in confessing it to his minister.

And this relieves us of the burden and pride of judging ourselves before God. Which we do, willy nilly, if we do not confess to the minister of Christ. The message we need to deliver is then delivered to the true Judge. Confession is what follows from the transaction from the cross. It's the way incarnate mercy works.

~Father Guy Mansini, O.S.B.

## PARISH EVENTS

### Tuesday, May 11

- K of C Mtg 7PM

### 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.



## 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](mailto:caubry55@gmail.com). Include your name, phone number, and email address. The only age qualification is to be in at least 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

There may also be a need for a few workers for set-up on the evening of Friday, June 10, 2016.

## 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](mailto:pastor@ololg.org).



## Thank You!

**RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS**  
**KIM FISHER \$300.00**  
**HANNAH KOLLROSS \$500.00**  
**BETH BAILLIE \$1200.00**

Thank you to everyone who helped with 2016 CHWC Fundraising. Also a big thanks to Beth and Hannah for their generous donations back to the youth group.



Brett Beyers (5/9)  
 Mary Cothorn (5/10)  
 Aidan Helmig (5/11)  
 Theresa Volker (5/12)  
 Sara Tredennick (5/12)  
 Joe Baillie (5/13)  
 Ruth Cochran (5/14)  
 Elizabeth Goodin (5/15)



Daniel & Jane Lange (5/13)  
 Bob & Fran Mardis (5/14)



# dear Padre

May 8, 2016

## Pay heed at Mass

Should I read the bulletin at Mass?  
And should the priest make  
announcements during his homily?

**The Mass is the high point** of Christ's work to sanctify us and of the worship that we offer to the Father through his Son (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 1*). Therefore, it is of greatest importance that the celebration "be so arranged that the ministers and the faithful who take their own proper part in it may more fully receive its good effects"; this is best accomplished when the Mass "brings about in the faithful a participation in body and spirit that is conscious, active, full, and motivated by faith, hope, and charity" (*GIRM 2, 3*).

Reading the bulletin—or even praying the rosary or breviary—during Mass would prevent this highest participation that the Church desires, the nature of the celebration demands, and the duty for the Christian people dictates. Brief commentaries on the Scripture readings that assist the faithful are better read *before* Mass. The homily also assists the faithful in their full participation. In explaining the Word of God, the homily "must always lead the community of the faithful to celebrate the Eucharist actively, 'so that they may hold fast in their lives to what they have grasped by their faith'" (*Lectionary 2.24*). Thus, "any necessary announcements are to be kept completely separate from the homily; they must take place following the prayer after Communion" (*Lectionary 2.27*).

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**Monday**  
MAY 9  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 19:1–8  
Jn 16:29–33

**Tuesday**  
MAY 10  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 20:17–27  
Jn 17:1–11a

**Wednesday**  
MAY 11  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 20:28–38  
Jn 17:11b–19

**Thursday**  
MAY 12  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 22:30; 23:6–11  
Jn 17:20–26

**Friday**  
MAY 13  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 25:13b–21  
Jn 21:15–19

**Saturday**  
MAY 14  
*St. Matthias,  
Apostle*  
Acts 1:15–17, 20–26  
Jn 15:9–17

**Sunday**  
MAY 15  
*Pentecost*  
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

# Good News!

May 8, 2016  
**ASCENSION OF THE LORD (C)**  
Acts 1:1–11 / Eph 1:17–23 / Lk 24:46–53

In Luke's ascension account from Acts, Jesus admonishes his apostles to stay in Jerusalem and wait for the Spirit because they are witnesses of his mission and message. When the time for his ascension comes, Jesus blesses them, then "was lifted up" (1:9). We don't hear the great commission to go out to, preach to, and baptize all nations as we do in Matthew's Gospel (28:19–20). Instead, Luke's account leaves us with an image of the apostles joyfully returning to Jerusalem: "They were continually in the temple praising God" (24:53).

Returning to Acts, I love that the early disciples' first order of business—even prior to Pentecost—was to gather to pray (1:14). Paul often admonished the early Christians to pray constantly. He knew that prayer grounds us in the Lord and strengthens us to lay down our lives and carry our crosses. Prayer focuses our attention on God's call and our response to it. The apostles' prayer opened them to receive the promised gift of the Spirit and strengthened them for their mission—to let the world know that Jesus is Lord, that the Kingdom of God has come, and that we have been restored through the death and resurrection of Christ.

Thus should our week begin: in praise and worship before God, in gathered prayer. Like the disciples in Jerusalem, the Lord will open our minds "to understand the scriptures" (Luke 24:45). We, too, will be filled with the Spirit and be sent out as joyful witnesses to God's presence and saving work.

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