

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 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 (except first
Thursday of month-no Adoration)

First Friday of Month 8:30-9:30

Confession

Saturday 4:30 pm (OLOL)

Any time by Appointment



Immaculate Conception

202 E. Green Street
Roberts, IL 60962

Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 am

Confession

Sunday 7:45 am (IC)



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JANUARY 15, 2017 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

FEBRUARY 4/5 Blessing of the throats at ALL Masses

FEBRUARY 11/12—We will have a combined event with St. Mary's Parish in Paxton on this weekend. On Saturday, February 11 at 7PM and Sunday February 12 at 7PM at Paxton's Parish Hall, arrangements have been made for Frank Runyeon (see inside for a biography) to speak to our Parishes. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this wonderful event! More details to follow in the coming weeks.

FEBRUARY 12—We will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, the patron saint of our parish. We are planning a wonderful event following 10:30AM Mass. At Fr. Kirk Hall we will share a meal and see a movie presentation of "The Song of Bernadette". We will also say a daily Novena after Mass, starting on February 2 –10. The more we pray to her the more graces we receive. This increases our devotion to the Blessed Mother as she gave us the Blessed Redeemer. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. What a wonderful way to chase away the winter blues AND spend time with our parish family in celebration!

Over the next few weeks, we will present a series on Pro-Life Answers to False Pro-Choice Arguments.

This week is PART .2...A WOMAN'S RIGHT TO "CHOOSE"?

The word "choice" (as used on the subject of abortion) is probably the most misleading and deceptive term in the English language.

While it might sound good to say that government should allow people to make all their own choices, that is neither practical nor desirable. Some choices are crimes.

All crimes are choices.

Once a woman is pregnant, barring a miscarriage or an induced abortion, she will have a baby. Therefore, her only "choice" is, "How is the baby going to come out?" Will he or she come out alive and crying, or dead and in pieces? Truly, her choice is between life and death—a live baby, or a dead one.

Consider this hypothetical situation. A group of young men have just started a "Right to Rape" organization. They argue that they have the right to choose to rape women. The real question, they tell us, is, "who decides, us or the government? We believe that the government should stay out of this very private matter." Furthermore, they want the state to set up tax-funded centers where they can rape women in a safe, legal fashion.

Clearly, our response would be, "Absolutely not; rape is wrong!"

Note carefully that the real and overriding question is not, "who decides" but a question about the action itself. We must first ask ourselves, "Is rape right or wrong?" Only then can we answer the question of who has the right to choose to do it.

And so it is with abortion. No one should have the "right to choose" abortion because it involves taking the life of a separate, innocent human being and is therefore an atrocity.

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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 January 16 8:00AM NO MASS

TUE January 17 8:00AM NO MASS
[St. Anthony](#)

WED January 18 8:00AM NO MASS

THU January 19 5:30PM NO MASS

FRI January 20 8:00AM NO MASS
[St. Fabian & St. Sebastian](#)

SAT January 21 5:00PM (OLL) +Anthony Coons
[St. Agnes](#)

SUN January 22 8:00AM (IC) +Margaret Rock
[Third Sunday in Ordinary Time](#) 10:30AM (OLL) Parish Family

**Thank You
For Your Gifts
OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$2705.50
Capital Imp.	\$90.00
Food Pantry Jan. Total	\$93.00
Yr to Date FP	\$350.00
	\$350.00

Imm Conception

Sunday Total	\$262.00
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: 15,950
Goal: (\$12,712)
IC: \$1370
(Goal: \$905)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
Sat, January 21 5:00PM	Alex Killian	Patti Huppert	Marj Brown	Stan Alt Jerry Brown	Lisa Heap
Sun, January 22 10:30AM	Isabella & Sophia Helmig	YOUTH MASS	Paul Sarantakos	YOUTH MASS	

The first Friday of the month adoration will follow 8AM Mass. The remaining weeks of every month Adoration will be on the usual Thursday evening following 5:30PM Mass and always Tuesday following 8AM Mass.

Baptism

Call the Rectory at least four weeks before the baptism. 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.

VISITING PRIESTS

While Father Thomas is visiting his family in India. I would like to take the opportunity to welcome our visiting priests!

January 21/22
Fr. Joselad
January 28/29
Fr. Dennis Spies

let your **Light So Shine** before men, that they may see your **GOOD WORKS,** AND glorify your FATHER which is in Heaven.

**FR. BURKE MASTERS
THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY**

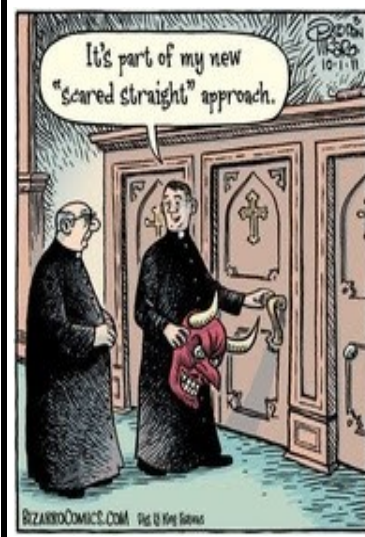
Anyone interested in receiving Fr. Burke Masters daily email "Thoughts for the Day" can find it at

<http://frburke23.wordpress.com>

This is a free subscription and give us some wonderful thoughts to ponder through our day.



A LITTLE CATHOLIC HUMOR



The Word From Father Thomas

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

Jesus celebrated the Passover without a lamb and without a temple; yet, not without a lamb and not without a temple. He himself was the awaited Lamb, the true Lamb, just as John the Baptist had foretold at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry: *Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!* (Jn 1:29).



And he himself was the true Temple, the living Temple where God dwells and where we can encounter God and worship him. His Blood, the love of the One who is both Son of God and true man, one of us, is the Blood that can save. His love, that love in which he gave himself freely for us, is what saves us. The nostalgic, in a certain sense, ineffectual gesture which was the sacrifice of an innocent and perfect lamb, found a response in the One who for our sake became at the same time Lamb and Temple.

Thus, the cross was at the center of the new Passover of Jesus. From it came the new gift brought by him, and so it lives on forever in the Blessed Eucharist in which, down the ages, we can celebrate the new Passover with the Apostles.

From Christ's cross comes the gift. *No one takes [my life] from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. He now offers it to us us...*

Let us pray to the Lord that he will help us to understand this marvelous mystery ever more profoundly, to love it more and more, and in it, to love the Lord himself ever more.

Let us pray that he will increasingly draw us to himself with Holy Communion. Let us pray that he will help us not to keep our life for ourselves but to give it to him and thus to work with him so that people may find life: the true life which can only come from the One who himself is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

~Pope Benedict XVI

His Holiness Benedict XVI reigned as pope from 2005-2013

PARISH EVENTS



Tuesday, January 17
CALM between 6:30-7pm

Saturday, January 28
• Food Pantry 8AM-12NOON

Sunday, January 29
• **YOUTH MASS**

Tuesday, January 31
• CALM between 6:30-7PM

Weekend January 21/22
• **SECOND COLLECTION**
Latin America



Marj Brown (1/18)
Nora McCall (1/18)
Donald Hansen (1/19)
Paula Cyphert (1/22)
Mae Gardner (1/22)
Michele Fackler (1/22)



Steve & Lucy Shilts (1/18)
Jerry & Georgia Lynch (1/18)
Doug & Tammy Parsons (1/20)
Joe & Alyce Hafer (1/21)
John & Wanda Swearingen (1/22)

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

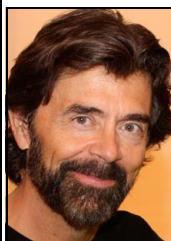
Loretta Bode
Mary Cothorn
Mardelle Duffy
Donovan Gaines
Dick Walter
Mary Masco
Jeff McGuire
Jesse Cervelli
Linda Ellington
Greg Delost



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.

FRANK RUNYEON BIOGRAPHY

Part 2



Last week, we shared the acting career of Frank Runyeon. This week we will explore more about his radio, and educational background.

On the radio, he has hosted his own comedy talk show on the top-rated L.A. station, KFI, and on WCNN in Atlanta. He co-hosted Charles McPhee's nationally syndicated radio show, *The Dream Doctor*. (And he continues to appear as a recurring guest expert on radio and TV.)

Frank is a graduate of Princeton University with a degree in Religion. After studying acting in New York and Los Angeles for 15 years, he attended Fuller Seminary in preparation for the writing and performance of his first one-man play, **AFRAID! The Gospel of Mark**. He continued his studies at Yale Divinity School and General Theological Seminary, from which he received his Masters, with honors, in 1994. He workshoped his first productions in cooperation with the faculty of Holy Cross College in Worcester, MA, and the University of Dayton.

Frank has now translated and adapted seven Biblical texts for performance as one-man dramas: **The Gospel of Mark: AFRAID!; Sermon on the Mount; The 3 1/2 Stories of Christmas; The Gospel of John: "SIGNS"; SALT & LIGHT: a comedy for kids; The Letter of James: "What Are You Doing?" and LUKE: Stories on the Road.**

I will share more of Frank Runyeon's biography next week. Please mark your calendars for either Saturday, February 11 at 7PM or Sunday, February 12 at 7PM at Paxton's Parish Hall. You won't want to miss his presentation!

Dear Padre

JANUARY 15, 2017

This semester, my class adopted "the fruit(s) of the Spirit" as its theme. I have read Galatians 5:16–26 but am not sure what St. Paul means. How does the theme relate to daily life?

In that passage, notice how Paul distinguishes between the "flesh" and the "Spirit" and says they are opposed to each other. Here, "flesh" does not refer merely to the human body nor to impure desires but rather to the state of unredeemed human nature in its earthly or secular condition. The term "spirit" refers to the "new self" brought about by Christ's redemption and governed by the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:24; Colossians 3:10).

You can tell the difference between these two by looking at their results—their "fruits." The flesh gives rise to immorality, impurity, rivalry, selfishness, and so on (Galatians 5:19–21). The Spirit gives rise to love, peace, kindness, self-control, and the like (Galatians 5:22–23). These fruits emerge from good works, manifest God's presence in the person doing them, and edify those who observe them. In other words, they are the visible ways in which the Holy Spirit guides and directs us and through which the Spirit touches others.

The *Catechism* defines the fruits of the Spirit as "perfections," "the first fruits of eternal glory" (CCC 1832). The more we renounce ourselves, our "flesh," in imitation of Christ, the more we can bear good fruit (CCC 736; see also John 15).

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Monday

January 16

Weekday

Heb 5:1–10

Mk 2:18–22

Tuesday

January 17

*St. Anthony,
Abbot*

Heb 6:10–20

Mk 2:23–28

Wednesday

January 18

Weekday

Heb 7:1–3, 15–17

Mk 3:1–6

Thursday

January 19

Weekday

Heb 7:25–8:6

Mk 3:7–12

Friday

January 20

Weekday

Heb 8:6–13

Mk 3:13–19

Saturday

January 21

*St. Agnes,
Virgin and Martyr*

Heb 9:2–3, 11–14

Mk 3:20–21

Sunday

January 22

*Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Is 8:23–9:3

1 Cor 1:10–13, 17

Mt 4:12–23 or

4:12–17

Good News!

January 15, 2017

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Is 49:3, 5–6, 1 Cor 1:1–3, Jn 1:29–34

This fresco by Perugino, Michelangelo's art teacher, is found on the wall of the Sistine Chapel. Like the other frescoes in this sacred space, this panel contains multiple scenes. The central scene is the baptism of Jesus. The viewer clearly sees Jesus standing in the water, with John the Baptist next to him, pouring water over his head.

God the Father is above, ready to declare that this is his beloved Son. The Holy Spirit comes down upon Jesus in the form of a dove. It was the Spirit who helped John know that this was the Messiah, the one sent by God to baptize with the Holy Spirit.

After his baptism, Jesus is sent out to preach and teach. The fresco reveals that Perugino has read his Bible: the scene to the right Jesus is shown preaching to the multitudes. John the Baptist's mission changes, too. He goes from preparing for the coming of the Messiah to following and testifying about him. This is what the baptized do: the new life we are given calls and strengthens us to offer that new life to others.

At our baptism, we were sanctified, forgiven our sins, incorporated into the body of Christ, and given a mission to share this baptism with others. In fact, the last words of Jesus before his ascension were, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19–20).

For Reflection

How willing am I to share about Jesus and what he means to me? Do I have family or friends in doubt about baptizing their child? How can I kindly encourage them?

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC