

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
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Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 am

Confession

Sunday 7:45 am (IC)



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OCTOBER 1, 2017

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

How Can You Keep Your Kids Catholic? (Part 3 in a 4 part series)

DARE TO DISCIPLINE

A kid who has it stands out. There's no mistaking a young adult exuding humility, modesty, temperance, acceptance of criticism and a healthy work ethic. Sometimes that kid will beat out another from a loftier school for the same job—his character is simply more impressive.

"Allowing kids to grow up in idleness or immorality or in wasting inordinate time with TV, internet, cell phones, or with friends makes them lazy and irresponsible," says Father Chad Ripperger, Ph.D., a theologian, psychologist and exorcist in the Diocese of Tulsa, in a recent lecture on Catholic parenting mistakes. "Not only should kids be made accountable for their errors and behavior, they should have ongoing commitments in the form of chores or work. Failure of parents to make them answerable and productive when they're young will yield the 35-or 40 year old who still lives at home, doing the same thing—nothing."

Kids need an exacting sense of sin, knowing their true place before God and self-imposed boundaries in their lives, Father Ripperger says. They should know that demonic influences gain entree to people through prevalent mortal sins—such as alcohol and drugs, illicit sexual stimuli and behavior, dabbling in the occult, pornography and suggestive entertainment, and corrupt music and shows involving diabolic and paranormal. The demonic aren't entities to poke, he says—they dissipate people's lives.

The Old Testament lays out a few basics for successful parenting and discipline. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way that he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it" (RSV). Simply put, teach him faith and character basics when he is young and he'll be loyal to them for life. Proverbs also says, "Discipline your son and he will give you rest; he will give delight to your heart" (29:17, RSV). And the Book of Sirach advises: "He who disciplines his son will profit by him... He who teaches his son will make his enemies envious. He who spoils his son will bind up his wounds and his feelings will be troubled at every cry... a son unrestrained turns out to be willful. Discipline your son and take pains with him, that you may not be offended by his shamelessness" (30:2-3, 7-8, 13, RSV).

Effective discipline has another benefit: the youngster will be accustomed to boundaries on his wants and desires and be in the habit of exercising self-restraint over negative influences. This is a life-skill crucial for success in every personal, professional and social setting. When they have reached the age for college, choose a school with a Catholic support system. Even if a secular college is home to your child, ensure there's a good Catholic center that offers Mass and the sacraments, and, ideally, other Catholic group activity. This helps kids continue in the communal life of the Church while they're away. In addition to Mass, other faith activities could provide a vital stability to them, bridging faith traditions from home.

ALTAR SERVER AND LECTOR TRAINING

Altar Server training **for current Altar servers and children in the 5th grade and up who want to serve our Lord at the Altar**— Sunday, October 15th during RE class time which is 9AM-10AM. This will be an excused absence from the class for the day. All current Altar servers and those wanting to learn how to serve at the altar are to come to the training.

Lector training is Sunday, October 29th at 9AM in the church. This is a call to the Lector ministry for adult parishioners as well as students in the 7th grade and up.

PLEASE NOTE: We have also had some of our younger children express a strong desire to read at Mass and serve at the Altar. This may also be possible. Parents, please come with your younger children to the training to discern if this could be a young start to ministry for them!!

Please contact Paul Sarantakos 217-781-1440 or Fr. Thomas 630-639-0502.

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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 October 2	8:00AM	NO MASS <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>
TUE October 3	8:00AM	NO MASS
WED October 4	8:00AM	NO MASS <i>St. Francis of Assisi</i>
THU October 5	5:30PM	NO MASS
FRI October 6	8:00AM	+Mardelle Duffy
SAT October 7	5:00PM (OLL)	+Luella Koopman <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>
SUN October 8	8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL)	+Mardelle Duffy Parish Family <i>Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time</i>

**Thank You
 For Your Gifts
 OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$2522.50
Capital Imp.	\$1620.00
Food Pantry	\$19.00
September Total	184.00
Yr to Date FP	\$2591.61

Imm Conception

Sunday Total	\$525.00
Capital Imp.	\$0

When we meet our CMAA Goals! OLOL and IC will get back **70%** of every dollar received above our goals. Reaching our goals is a great achievement, and continuing to give is even greater!

2017 CMAA Goals
OLOL: \$13010
 (Goal: \$13,255)
IC: \$1620
 (Goal: \$913)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
Sat, October 7 5:00PM	Alex Killian	Patti Huppert	Jean Wilhelmi		Marj Brown
Sun, October 8 10:30AM	Keegan Kutemeier	Maggie Davis	Paul Sarantakos	Dan Day Dan Kleist	

**2nd Collection
 today for victims
 of Hurricane Irma**

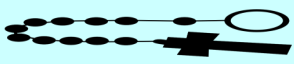
The first Friday of the month adoration will follow 8AM Mass. The remaining weeks of every month Adoration will be on the usual Thursday evening following 5:30PM Mass and always Tuesday following 8AM Mass.

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.

**October —
 month of the Rosary**



We will celebrate with a 10 day rosary beginning Friday, October 6 through Sunday, October 15. The rosary will be said BEFORE weekend Masses and AFTER weekday Masses. The Blessed Sacrament will also be exposed during daily rosary. We will conclude on the 15th with a RE osary procession.


Congratulations
 On the baptism of
 Ava McGuire
 Daughter of Abby McGuire



WELCOME to
 Our Lady of Lourdes
 Parish Family

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Vivian Geurts (10/3)
 Kaitlynn Volker (10/5)



Happy Anniversary

Rich & Diane Perkins (10/2)
 Judy & Delbert Tjarks (10/4)

The Word From Father Thomas

BEING THOSE WHO WELCOME JESUS

Why are you here? Why were you born into a Christian family? Why were you baptized? Why have you learned to know Jesus, to love him since your earliest childhood? Because he has chosen you and preferred you from all eternity, to heap these graces upon you.

Recall your first prayers, your confirmation, your first Communion, that first union of your soul with him, your infidelities, small or great, Jesus picking you up again, becoming for you so many times the Good Shepherd, running after his little lamb, carrying it back in his arms; the absolution you have received so often in the Sacrament of Penance, this pouring out of his divine blood, which purifies you in an instant. Why again do you have this grace of being chosen to be a part of a Christian elite, called to make retreats? Because you have been loved with predilection. There is no other explanation. And if there are any converts among you, you must unite yourselves with the thanksgiving of a Saint Paul or a Saint Augustine. What confidence he had in you, to give himself in this way. One could say that you were in some way a need of his heart.

Many among you have always been faithful, others perhaps have resisted his calls for a long time, others may have fallen very low...

If you have been loved like this, you must love in return, give love for Love. "I have loved you, you must love. I have given you my heart without reserve, in order to have your heart without reserve; I have put no limit on my love, you must put no limit on yours."

~Father Jean Du Ceur de Jesus d Elbee

Father dElbee (+1982) was a French priest and a spiritual author.



THE ROSARY

To linger in the domain of Mary is a divinely great thing. One does not ask about the utility of truly noble things, because they have their meaning within themselves. So it is of infinite meaning to draw a deep breath of this purity, to be secure in the peace of this union with God...

Man needs a place of holy tranquility that the breath of God pervades and where he meets the great figures of the Faith. This place is the inaccessibility of God himself, which only Christ opens to man.

All prayer begins by man becoming silent—recollecting his scattered thoughts, feeling remorse at his trespasses, and directing his thoughts toward God. If man does all this, this place is thrown open, not only as a domain of spiritual tranquility and mental concentration, but as something that comes from God.

We are always in need of this place, especially when the convulsions of the times make clear something that has always existed but which is sometimes hidden by outward well-being and a prevailing peace of mind: namely, the homelessness of our lives. In such times, a great courage is demanded from us; not only a readiness to dispense with more and to accomplish more than usual, but to persevere in a vacuum we do not otherwise notice. So we require more than ever this place of which we speak, not to creep into as a hiding place, but as a place to find the core of things, to become calm and confident once more.

For this reason the rosary is so important in times like ours—assuming, of course, that all slackness and exaggeration are done away with, and that it is used in its clear and original forcefulness. This is all the more important because the rosary does not require any special preparation, and the petitioner does not need to generate thoughts of which he is not capable at the moment or at any other time. Rather, he steps into a well-ordered world, meets familiar images, and finds roads that lead him to the essential

~Monsignor Romano Guardini

Monsignor Guardini (+1968) was born in Italy and became a renowned liturgist and professor of philosophy and theology in Germany..

PARISH EVENTS



Tuesday, October 3

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM

Friday, October 6

- Adoration after 8AM Mass

Friday, Oct 6—Sunday Oct 15

- 10 day Rosary w/Adoration

Saturday, October 7

- Patriotic Rosary 4:30PM

Thursday, October 12

- St. Peregrine Mass

Saturday, October 14

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon

Tuesday, October 17

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM

Wednesday, October 18

- K of C 7PM

Sunday, October 22

- YOUTH MASS

Wednesday, October 25

- Staff Meeting 6PM
- Parish Council Meeting 7PM

Saturday, October 28

- Food Pantry 8AM-12 Noon

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Donovan Gaines
Jeff McGuire
Linda Ellington
Greg Delost
Steve Heavilin
Dale Enghausen
Bob Mardis
Ashley Bode
Brian Sullivan
Erin Aubry
Tony Perkins



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.

Dear Padre

OCTOBER 1, 2017

Why do we offer Mass for a specific intention? Aren't Masses offered for the intentions of all present?

The Eucharist makes present, in this moment, the memorial sacrifice of Christ; the source of the Church's life and the focus of the Church's prayer (see the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [*Sacrosanctum Concilium*], 10). Mass always includes the intentions of a local community as well as the needs of all people throughout the world. In the eucharistic prayer, we pray for the community and those "scattered throughout the world."

What does a renewed liturgical practice mean for specific Mass intentions? Canon law speaks of applying the Mass for anyone living and dead (see Canon 901). The practice also has roots in history, especially during medieval times, when participation at Mass was at a low. Asking the priest to remember an intention kept people active and connected their needs to those of the wider Church. Vatican II stressed active participation in its liturgical renewal, so asking specific intentions needs a renewed understanding.

Special intentions provide a value—we become aware of others' needs and troubles. If we are aware of how these troubles affect a member of our parish, we can not only pray for that person but reach out and help. However, the Eucharist does not give grace only to those named in special intentions. The grace God gives through the Eucharist is meant for the whole Church. God's grace builds us up in holiness. Since people find special intentions important, the response from pastors is important in helping people understand how God's grace affects everyone.

—Fr. John Schmidt, CSsR

Monday
October 2
The Holy Guardian Angels
Zec 8:1-8
Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday
October 3
Weekday
Zec 8:20-23
Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday
October 4
St. Francis of Assisi
Neh 2:1-8
Lk 9:57-62

Thursday
October 5
Weekday
Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6,
7b-12
Lk 10:1-12

Friday
October 6
Weekday
Bar 1:15-22
Lk 10:13-16

Saturday
October 7
Our Lady of the Rosary
Bar 4:5-12, 27-29
Lk 10:17-24

Sunday
October 8
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 5:1-7
Phil 4:6-9
Mt 21:33-43

Good News!

October 1, 2017

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

We can really relate to God when he repeats the people's blame and accusations at him for not being fair. In moments of suffering or injustice, it's easy to pass judgment and blame it all on God. It's especially difficult when innocent and good people (ourselves included) suffer. We're tempted to ask, "Aren't you supposed to treat your friends better?"

We only need to look at Marco Palmezzano's painting *Christ Bearing the Cross* to reconsider our complaints. How have we treated God?

Jesus was and is the most innocent of souls; no other being was or is as good as Jesus. No one was asked to suffer like him, and he suffered not to gain for himself but to pay our debt. Relating it to today's Gospel lesson, Jesus is the son who, when asked to work in his Father's vineyard, promptly said "yes" and went. Always obedient, always docile, always loving.

Watching Jesus, we hear the echo of St. Paul's letter. Jesus humbly regarded his brothers and sisters as more than himself and was willing to go to the cross and win them back for the Father. Keep in mind, those siblings had destroyed family unity, squandered away their inheritance, sold their birthright, sold him into slavery with their sin, and very often refused his love. Yet "God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

God knows his merciful justice well and can kindly and provokingly ask in Ezekiel 18:25, "Is it my way that is unfair? Are not your ways unfair?"

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC