

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)



Parish Office

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OCTOBER 15, 2017

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CHRISTMAS CARE PACKAGE MINISTRY FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS GIFT CARD DONATION



This is the second year initiative by the Parish Council and RE Program to provide care packages to our Youth who have gone off to college. A box to collect this year's gift cards will be available at the back of the church beginning October 7 and the ideal increment for the gift cards is \$10 each. Meanwhile, our RE students will prepare encouraging cards and make Rosaries to send with your gift cards in the individual packages. We received thank you cards from college students who received your packages last year and you will find them available to read at the back of the church next to the gift card drop box.

We are also providing an opportunity for our college students to connect to a Newman Center near them (Newman Center, Newman Houses, or Newman Clubs are Catholic ministry centers at non-Catholic universities found throughout the world).

The last weekend to collect gift cards will be November 25/26. The mailing to college students will go out the first week in December to reach students before Christmas breaks.

Thank you for supporting this new ministry for our parish!



BOX OF JOY CAMPAIGN

Previously, our RE children have participated in a shoe box program (Operation Christmas Child by Samaritan's Purse) for needy children that sent out gifts internationally. This year, we are changing things up! We are partnering with Cross Catholic Outreach in their Box Of Joy campaign, and we would like to expand to include the whole parish as well as our generous RE kids. We

will be kicking off our program next week (October 21st-22nd), with a "Christmas Tree" of shoe boxes in the church. Please take one (or more) to fill!

The box will have inside a sheet of gift guidelines, and a letter a child can fill out to include in their box. We ask that you fill and return your boxes on or before the deadline of November 5th. They will be kept in Father Kirk Hall, but can be returned to either the Church or the hall. During Mass on November 5th, Father Thomas will be blessing the boxes before they begin their journey to the arms of a child who wished for just one gift.

Want to help, but shopping not your thing? We have the perfect solution! Each box requires a \$6.00 shipping fee (that's less expensive than the fee of \$7 required by Samaritan's Purse). There will be a donation box by our shoe box tree if you would like to help!

Please open your hearts this Christmas!

Any questions, email, call or text Berni Campos. bnbcmpos@gmail.com or (217)898-3448



Joe Allen (10/18)
Sidney Schwarz (10/20)
Jerry Brown (10/22)



Gary & Lori Gale (10/17)

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**Parish Council
President**
Michael Smith (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 October 16 <i>St. Hedwig</i>	8:00AM	+Mardelle Duffy
TUE October 17 <i>St. Ignatius</i>	8:00AM	Lange Family Laughery Family
WED October 18 <i>St. Luke</i>	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
THU October 19 <i>Sts. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues</i>	5:30PM	+Loretta Bode
FRI October 20 <i>St. Paul of the Cross</i>	8:00AM	Lawless Family Lutterbie Family
SAT October 21	5:00PM (OLL)	+Luella Koopman
SUN October 22 <i>Twenty-Ninth</i> <i>Sunday In Ordinary Time</i>	8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL)	+Genevieve Schwarz Parish Family

**Thank You
For Your Gifts
OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$2367.50
Capital Imp.	\$105.00
Food Pantry	\$99.00
October Total	\$133.00
Yr to Date FP	\$2724.61

Imm Conception

Sunday Total	\$120.00
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: \$13690
(Goal: \$13,255)
IC: \$1620
(Goal: \$913)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
Sat, October 21 5:00PM	Alex Killian	Marj Brown	Jean Wilhelmi	Jerry Brown Stan Alt	Frank Titus
Sun, October 22 10:30AM	Andrew & Aidan Laughery	Ray Hanks	Paul Sarantakos	Dan Day Dan Kleist	Second Collection for World Missions next weekend 10/21-10/22

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

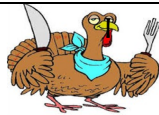
Call the Rectory at least four weeks before the baptism. Instruction for the parents and God-parents is required.

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



IT'S TURKEY DINNER TIME!!
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017
11AM-1PM

PLEASE BE READY TO ASSIST WHERE YOU CAN!
IF WE SOMEHOW MANAGED TO MISS YOU WITH A PHONE CALL, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE (217)784-4671 AND SEE WHERE WE CAN USE HELP. THERE'S SOMEWHERE FOR EVERYONE...AND ALWAYS DISHES TO WASH!!

OUR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT DOLLARS AT WORK!

The hall bathroom renovation is underway and will be completed in time for the Annual Turkey Dinner.

We ask that the RE children use the restroom prior to arriving at the Hall on Sunday mornings for the next few weeks to avoid trekking to the Church for a bathroom facility.

Thank you for your patience as we power through this project for more functional and ADA standard facilities.



Stay tuned for more progress pictures!!



The Word From Father Thomas

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE...

The goal of Christian hope is the Kingdom of God, that is, the union of world and man with God through an act of divine power and love. The immediate aim that shows us the way and confirms the rightness of the ultimate goal is the perpetual presence of this love and this power that accompanies us in what we do and takes us up at the point where the potential of our own ability to act comes to an end...

The aim of Christian hope... is a gift, the gift of love, which is given us beyond all our activity: to vouch for the fact that this thing that we cannot control or compel and that is yet the most important thing of all for human beings does exist, and that we are not clutching at thin air in waiting insatiably for it, we have the interventions of God's love in history, most powerfully in the figures of Jesus Christ in whom God's love encounters us in person.

But this means that the product of the promise of optimism is something that we must ultimately produce ourselves, trusting that the blind process of development in connection with our own activity will finally lead to the right goal. The gift of the promise of hope, on the other hand, is precisely that, a gift that is something already bestowed, something we await from him who alone can really give: the God who in the midst of history has already begun his age through Jesus. This in turn means that in the first case there is in reality nothing to hope for, because what we are awaiting we must bring about ourselves, and nothing will be given us beyond what we can achieve ourselves. But in the second case real hope does exist beyond all our potential and possibilities, hope in the unbounded love that at the same time is unbounded power...

Human beings are by their nature directed toward the future. We cannot live if this fundamental element of our being becomes void...

The hope of faith, on the other hand, reveals to us the true future beyond death, and it is only in this way that the real instances of progress that do exist become a future for us, for me, for every individual.

~Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI)

Cardinal Ratzinger was elected pope in 2005. His Holiness Benedict XVI reigned until 2013.



PARISH EVENTS



Friday, Oct 6—Sunday Oct 15

- 10 day Rosary w/Adoration

Tuesday, October 17

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM

Wednesday, October 18

- Finance Council Meeting 7PM

Sunday, October 22

- YOUTH MASS

Wednesday, October 25

- Staff Meeting 6PM
- Parish Council Meeting 7PM

Saturday, October 28

- Food Pantry 8AM-12 Noon

ALL SOULS BOOK

ALLS SOULS DAY MASS will be on **November 2 at 7PM.** Please write any loved ones that you want remembered during that Mass in the book on the podium in the entryway of the church.



ALTAR SERVER (NOTE DATE CHANGE) 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 22nd** 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 contact Paul Sarantakos 217-781-1440 or Fr. Thomas 630-639-0502.

CATHOLIC STUDY OF OUR FAITH/BIBLE

We would like to start a weekly opportunity for our parish to learn and deepen their faith.

We need to know when would be convenient to meet. Some suggested ideas are Sunday late afternoons or Wednesday evenings, but we are open to other suggestions.

Please reply to the parish email (pastor@ololgc.org) at your earliest convenience on your interest in participating and a day/time that would work best for you as we want this to be a success!

This program is ideal for High School age thru adult. We are also willing to check into babysitting if there is a need!



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
Emma Davis



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 15, 2017

I try my best to live as God asks, but I make a lot of mistakes and I don't always feel God's presence. How can I know that God loves me?

Most people, at one time or another, find themselves asking this very question. There comes a time in any developing spirituality and awareness of God when it is necessary to ask the question and then come to a faith conviction that we are, indeed, loved.

When we ask ourselves the question, "Does God love me?" we are also asking ourselves, "Do I love me?" It is very hard for the average person to answer that question, but for those who have a tendency to dwell on every mistake, even after receiving forgiveness through the sacrament of reconciliation or who hold themselves to a standard of perfection, it can be even more difficult. They may find themselves asking, "How can God love me when I have all of these thoughts and these feelings? Surely my life is displeasing to God."

God loved you first. God's love started everything off. Because God first loved you, he gave you life. God does love you, no matter what you have done, and he offers forgiveness and mercy through reconciliation when you are truly sorry. There is nothing you can possibly do to make God stop loving you. When God loves, he loves for keeps. He will not change. He will always be faithful in his love for you. That is why the Bible tells us: "God is love."

*Adapted from Understanding Scrupulosity
by Fr. Thomas Santa, CSSR*

Monday
October 16
Weekday
Rom 1:1-7
Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday
October 17
*St. Ignatius of
Antioch, Bishop
and Martyr*
Rom 1:16-25
Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday
October 18
*St. Luke,
Evangelist*
2 Tm 4:10-17b
Lk 10:1-9

Thursday
October 19
*Sts. John de
Brébeuf and Isaac
Jogues, Priests,
and Companions,
Martyrs*
Rom 3:21-30
Lk 11:47-54

Friday
October 20
Weekday
Rom 4:1-8
Lk 12:1-7

Saturday
October 21
Weekday
Rom 4:13, 16-18
Lk 12:8-12

Sunday
October 22
*Twenty-Ninth
Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Is 45:1, 4-6
1 Thes 1:1-5b
Mt 22:15-21

Good News!

October 15, 2017

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Is 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14

Life can make us think we are in control of our lives. We plan, think, execute, and succeed (or fail). Then along comes an illness, an accident, a job loss, or one of countless other things, and we realize we really aren't in control of much. This famous phrase sums it up: Man proposes, God disposes.

We can transfer this same false assumption into our relationship with God and expect Mass, prayer, and liturgy to work for us, fill us, and entertain us. But liturgy and prayer are about giving God his glory above all else.

When we pray, and especially when we enter into communal liturgy, we are reminded once again that it is all about what God is doing. Isaiah says the Lord will provide for all people. God will provide! We might prepare, serve, or participate, but the director, producer, and main actor is God. We are the supporting cast. That is why liturgy is not so much about our planning, participation, or entertainment but about entering into harmony with God's action and praising him as he asks.

The same point can be found in the Gospel. The king sends out invitations for his son's wedding and prepares the feast. He adjusts to the unexpected lack of interest and invites others. The ones who arrive are the ones the master has invited.

It would be foolish for one of the invited guests to vaunt their importance. Their role is to humbly enjoy and gracefully help the king and the newlyweds to shine on their night! —Fr. Mark Haydu, LC