

## 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

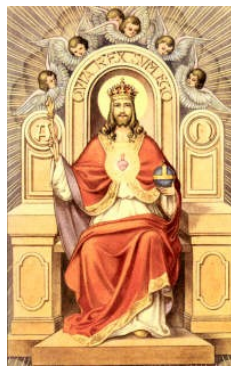
Sunday 7:45 am (IC)



### Parish Office

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## NOVEMBER 26, 2017 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, is celebrated on the last Sunday in Ordinary Time. It recognizes the messianic Kingship and eternal Priesthood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. This idea appears and is repeated in all prayers and readings of the day. The celebration of Christ the King directs our attention to Jesus Christ as Universal king and Eternal Priest.

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, formerly referred to as "Christ the King," was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as an antidote to secularism, a way of life which leaves God out of man's thinking and living and organizes his life as if God did not exist. The feast is intended to proclaim in a striking and effective manner Christ's royalty over individuals, families, society, governments, and nations.

Today's Mass establishes the titles for Christ's royalty over men: 1) Christ is God, the Creator of the universe and hence wields a supreme power over all things; "All things were created by Him"; 2) Christ is our Redeemer, He purchased us by His precious Blood, and made us His property and possession; 3) Christ is Head of the Church, "holding in all things the primacy"; 4) God bestowed upon Christ the nations of the world as His special possession and dominion.

Today's Mass also describes the qualities of Christ's kingdom. This kingdom is: 1) supreme, extending not only to all people but also to their princes and kings; 2) universal, extending to all nations and to all places; 3) eternal, for "The Lord shall sit a King forever"; 4) spiritual, Christ's "kingdom is not of this world." — Rt. Rev. Msgr. Rudolph G. Gandas

#### PRAYER

*Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*



### The 2018 COLLECTION ENVELOPES

are available to pick up in the back of the church.

If you have not registered with the parish, or if there are not envelopes in your name and you would like them, please contact the office.

(217)784-4671.

Also, please let us know of address, additional children or other contact information changes, by emailing pastor@ololgc.org

### 2018 FLOWERS

Please sign up for altar flowers for 2018. The sign up sheet is on the table at the back of the church. Flowers are provided by County Market and are \$30. You may have already signed up for a permanent date--if you wish to make any changes, please note them on the sheet. Christmas and Easter signups are on the back two pages. Many thanks in advance for contributing to keeping our church beautiful week to week!



### 2017 PARISH CALENDARS

Our Parish Calendars are available for 2018. Thank you Day Drainage for providing them for our Parishes. Feel free to pick some up after Masses over the next few weekends. It is hard to believe 2018 is a few short weeks away.

**Pastor**  
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**Youth Ministry**  
Bruce Killian

**Music Director**  
If interested contact  
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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.

|   |                              |                                |
|---|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>MON</b> November 27                          | 8:00AM                       | +Mardelle Duffy                |
| <b>TUE</b> November 28                          | 8:00AM                       | Titus Family<br>Tjardis Family |
| <b>WED</b> November 29                          | 8:00AM                       | Priest Intentions              |
| <b>THU</b> November 30<br>St. Andrew            | 5:30PM                       | +Luella Koopman                |
| <b>FRI</b> December 1                           | 8:00AM                       | +Loretta Bode                  |
| <b>SAT</b> December 2<br>(OLL)                  | 5:00PM                       | +Sandy Roberts                 |
| <b>SUN</b> December 3<br>First Sunday of Advent | 8:00AM (IC)<br>10:30AM (OLL) | +Jeff Zick<br>Parish Family    |

**Thank You  
For Your Gifts  
OLOL**

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| Sunday Total   | \$1622.50 |
| Capital Imp.   | \$300.00  |
| Food Pantry    | \$52.00   |
| November Total | \$174.41  |
| Yr to Date FP  | \$3096.02 |

**Imm Conception**

|              |          |
|--------------|----------|
| Sunday Total | \$170.00 |
| 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: \$14365  
(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, December 2<br>5:00PM  | Spencer Kleist<br>Caine Jost    | Stan Alt       | Stan Alt              | Joe Allen<br>John Carlson        | Frank Titus               |
| Sun, December 3<br>10:30AM | Hannah Hathaway<br>Will Baillie | Dennis Fisher  | Paul Sarantakos       | Andrew Laughery<br>Greg Laughery |                           |

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.

**From the RE Desk**

In the event that we would need to cancel RE classes due to inclement weather, you can tune in to WCIA, channel 3 as well as WGCY Radio at 106.3.

**MESSIAH PERFORMANCE**

The Gibson Area Music Foundation will present its annual Messiah performance at 3PM on Sunday, December 3 at the Gibson City Bible Church. No admission charged.

**AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH COOKIE WALK**

Saturday December 2 from 8AM –12 Noon in the parish hall. Decorated cookies will be sold for \$6/dozen and un-decorated cookies for \$5/dozen. For more information call 217-784-4841.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

*Phillip & Taylor Poppe*



*November 25, 2017*

*May you be blessed with a lifetime of love and happiness.*

# The Word From Father Thomas

## CHRIST THE KING



Christ came to gather the scattered and to lead them back to the proper state of man or to the practice of the one religion (cf. Jn 4:20-23, Eph 1:10). For the people were subjected to different kings, adopted different laws, and were corrupted by different errors. We read in Judges 17: *In those days there was no king in Israel* (Jgs 17:6) and in Hosea 3:4: *Many days the children of Israel sat down, without a king or a ruler (as well as without sacrifice or altar, as without priestly garb or house gods).*

And therefore Christ came, in order to be the one reigning King of the whole world himself, whose dominion would be universal, whose empire universal, and whose reign eternal. And this is shown clearly in his birth, because then he manifested himself as the king of the people when kings adored him (Mt 2:11): as the king of the angels playing on their stringed instruments as they rejoiced (Lk 2:13-14); as king of the [Jews] awaiting him because the shepherds listened (Lk 2:15-16); as king of the heavenly bodies because the stars knew him (Ps 148:4)...

Furthermore, he came so that there would be one law moving the people of the whole world forward...Therefore, because there was an imperfect law, another legislator had to come whose task would be to give a general law for all, as we read in the last chapter of Mark (16:15): *Go into the whole world, preach the Gospel to every creature, et cetera.*

Moreover, a spiritual law is written in the hearts of the people, as it says in Jeremiah 31: *I will put my law within them and I will write it in their hearts* (Jer 31:33).

Even more, the law of love (amor) which speaks of heavenly things: *Do penance; the Kingdom of heaven has drawn near*, as Matthew 3:2 reads, and Isaiah 33:22: *The Lord, our king, the Lord, our lawgiver*. And the Psalmist says: *Establish, O Lord, a legislator over them, so that they may know that they are mere human beings* (Ps 9:1).

~Saint Thomas Aquinas

## POPE NAMES AUXILIARY BISHOP JOSEPH SIEGEL AS NEW BISHOP OF EVANSVILLE, INDIANA



In a statement, Bishop R. Daniel Conlon said, "I am grateful for the appointment of Bishop Joseph M. Siegel as the sixth Bishop of Evansville, Indiana. Over the past six years, I have come to appreciate Bishop Siegel's many gifts and talents. It has been a blessing to work with him. He has been a great asset to the Church of Joliet, both as a priest and a bishop. I am confident that he will prove to be an effective and loving pastor in Evansville. Bishop Siegel's installation for the Diocese of Evansville will take place on Friday, Dec. 15, 2017. May God bless him and the people he has been called to serve."

Bishop Siegel was ordained a priest for the Joliet Diocese in 1988 and then completed his Licentiate in Sacred Theology at the University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, IL. He was ordained a bishop in 2010.

The Diocese of Evansville, Indiana, comprises 5,010 square miles. It has a total population of 52,870 people, of which 76,218, or 15 percent, are Catholic.

We at Our Lady of Lourdes and Immaculate Conception offer Congratulations and may blessings to Bishop Siegel on this new journey!

## PARISH CALENDAR



### Wednesday, November 29

- Staff Meeting 6PM
- Parish Council Meeting 7PM



### Friday, December 1

- Adoration following 8AM Mass

### Saturday, December 2

- Patriotic Rosary 4:30PM

### Saturday, December 9

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon

### Wednesday, December 13

- K of C Mtg

### Thursday, December 14

- St. Peregrine Mass for Healing

### Sunday, December 17

- YOUTH MASS

### Saturday, December 23

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon



Lane Beyers (11/27)  
Sandy Freehill (11/28)  
Helen Haynes (11/29)  
Joan Cole (11/30)  
Alayna Miller (12/2)  
Teri Eichelberger (12/2)

## Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Donovan Gaines  
Jeff McGuire  
Linda Ellington  
Greg Delost  
Steve Heavilin  
Dale Enghausen  
Bob Mardis  
Brian Sullivan  
Tony Perkins  
Emma Davis  
Marilyn Fischer



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

NOVEMBER 26, 2017

**When I was younger the stance of the Catholic Church was that if you were not baptized, you did not get into heaven. Is this still the case?**

The Gospels present to us various passages that, when looked at together, give us a sense of whether or not baptism is necessary for salvation. Jesus says, "No one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit" (John 3:5), and "whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:16). These passages show that salvation is the combination of baptism and believing. Those who "see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ," but who also purposely reject it, remain in darkness (see 2 Corinthians 4:3-4, 6).

The First Letter of John 4:7 tells us that "everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God." Here the gift of salvation comes to us in loving. Also, in Matthew 25, we have the great scene of the Last Judgment, where people are saved because they ministered to Christ in the poor and the hungry, even though they might not even have been aware of Christ's presence. Salvation here comes because of kind action. Baptism, then, combined with believing is certainly one of the means to salvation, but it's not the only means. In God's goodness, other roads can lead us into the kingdom. God's mercy and goodness are not limited to the sacrament of baptism (see the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1257-1260).

— Adapted from *Dear Padre: Questions Catholics Ask*,  
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## Monday

November 27  
Weekday  
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20  
Lk 21:1-4

## Tuesday

November 28  
Weekday  
Dn 2:31-45  
Lk 21:5-11

## Wednesday

November 29  
Weekday  
Dn 5:1-6, 13-14,  
16-17, 23-28  
Lk 21:12-19

## Thursday

November 30  
St. Andrew,  
Apostle  
Rom 10:9-18  
Mt 4:18-22

## Friday

December 1  
Weekday  
Dn 7:2-14  
Lk 21:29-33

## Saturday

December 2  
Weekday  
Dn 7:15-27  
Lk 21:34-36

## Sunday

December 3  
First Sunday  
of Advent  
s 63:16b-17, 19b;  
64:2-7  
1 Cor 1:3-9  
Mk 13:33-37

# Good News!

November 26, 2017

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

This amazing scene that takes up the whole of the wall of the Sistine Chapel is a reminder of the dramatic moment of Christ's Second Coming, when he will judge the living and the dead. The Father has given all authority to the Son (John 5:22). Michelangelo places in the upper register the symbols of Christ's passion as a way to highlight the instruments of Christ's victory and ours, as well as to show that it was through his loving sacrifice that he has earned the authority to judge the living and the dead.

Christ comes riding on the clouds with his Mother at his side, head turned and eyes cast down, as the days of her intercession have come to an end. Our chance to appeal to his mercy has passed. We will stand naked before him, and our actions will be the gown that dresses us for the feast of the Lamb (Matthew 22:11).

Jesus, in his mercy, wants no surprises and personally reveals the material to be covered by this final exam. Today's passage highlights that our charity and kindness will go a long way toward him recognizing us at the last day. Scripture even goes so far as to say that this "love covers a multitude of sins" (1 Peter 4:8). Those who know his love and spread it with their actions will be preparing themselves for a blessed judgment.

Jesus makes it clear that our faith will also be a theme upon which he will search our hearts. He desires not mere words but loving listening and the heeding of his will. "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven" (Matthew 7:21).

This is a great source of consolation for those who love him sincerely, even if imperfectly.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC