

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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FEBRUARY 26, 2017

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY



March 3
March 17
March 31



Dinner will be served from 4:30PM-6:30PM. The cost will be \$8 with children under 12 free. Carryout's are available.

PLEASE PARTICIPATE! YOUR GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

This weekend at each Mass you will be asked to participate in our diocesan-wide Commitment/In-Pew Weekend for the 2017 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). The CMAA is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a one-time gift or pledge your gift over ten (10) months to support the good works of the Diocese.

A gift to the CMAA will touch the lives of many in our Diocese in a positive way. Each gift makes a difference! Together, the gifts of many enable our Diocese to deliver needed education, ministry and services to those who need it most. As you listen to Bishop Conlon's homily today, please reflect on God's gifts to you. We are all "Held in God's Hands" and he has given you all that you have. We can give thanks to Him for our blessings through a gift to the CMAA.

For those of you who were unable to make a decision about your commitment this weekend, please prayerfully consider doing so online at jolietdioceseappeal.org or by returning a Commitment/In-Pew Weekend envelope to our parish next week.

If you received a pledge form in the mail, you may return it via mail.

After our parish exceeds its CMAA goal of \$13,255 for Our Lady of Lourdes and \$913 for Immaculate Conception in paid pledges, 70% of any additional funds are returned for use in our parish.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.



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.

Ash Wednesday collection or Eastern Europe

This collection will help restore the Church and build the future in 20 countries, many of which still struggle to recover in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Funds from this collection help support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/ccce. Thank you for your generosity.

HELP NEEDED IN OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

If there is anyone interested in helping out with light cleaning, weekly grocery shopping and occasional transportation to chemotherapy treatments for a family in our Catholic Community, please contact the office at pastor@ololgc.org or (217)784-4671. This does not have to be just one person for all areas. They are willing to pay for your time, they just need the help. Let us know if you are called to help with these needs.

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Music Director
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**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.

MON February 27	8:00AM	+Tharaniyil Family Souls in Purgatory
TUE February 28	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
WED March 1	7:00AM	+Albert Bode
ASH WEDNESDAY	7:00PM	
THU March 2	5:30PM	+Tharaniyil Family Souls in Purgatory
FRI March 3	8:00AM	+Tharaniyil Family Souls in Purgatory
St. Katharine Drexel		
SAT March 4	5:00PM (OLL)	+Loretta Bode
St. Casimir		
SUN March 5	8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL)	+Margaret Rock Parish Family
First Sunday of Lent		

**Thank You
For Your Gifts
OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$1657.50
Capital Imp.	\$100.00
Food Pantry Feb. Total	\$68.00
Yr to Date FP	\$200.00
	\$685.95

Sunday Total	\$318.00
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!

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
Wed, March 1 ASH WEDNESDAY 7AM & 7PM	TBA	TBA		TBA	
Sat, March 4 5:00PM	Caine Jost	Lisa Heap	Lisa Heap	Stan Alt Frank Titus	Denis & Cherry Fisher
Sun, March 5 10:30AM	Andrew & Aiden Laughery	Ray Hanks	Paul Sarantakos	Jerry Lynch Jerry Lynch, Jr.	

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.



PALM COLLECTION

We will be glad to dispose of your old palms. There is a basket at the back of the church that you can drop them in at any time during Lent.

During the Lenten season, we will offer Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7PM at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.



INTRODUCTION



Pope Francis reminds us that "We too re asked to listen to God who speaks to us, and to accept God's will. Nothing is more productive and fruitful than listening to and accepting God's Word. The Lord is always speaking to us!"

And during this Lenten season one of the best ways to listen to God speaking to us is to read a line or a passage from Scripture, spend some time reflecting on it and then speak back to God. As Pope Francis pointed out, "reading a Scripture passage, you will find Jesus, and everything takes on new meaning when you find your treasure in the Gospel. Jesus calls it the kingdom of God, that is, God who reigns in your life and mine—God who is love, peace and joy in every person and in all persons."

So we invite you each day first to find and read the selected scripture verse lon the next page in your Bible and then use the short prayers by Pope Francis on the next page as the starting point for your prayerful dialogue with God who has spoken to you. Then in your own heartfelt words you can continue speaking to God and to your loving friend, Jesus.

The Word From Father Thomas

IN THE SACRAMENTS WE ENCOUNTER CHRIST THE SAVIOR

~Pope Francis

THE CERTAINTY THAT MAKES US GROW

How did original sin originate? The tempter inserted doubt into the mind of our first parents, making them uncertain about God's love for them.

Uncertainty about God becomes uncertainty about life. Without God who creates and sustains us with a loving purpose, what meaning would life have? What goal does life have if all is headed toward nothingness? If I am uncertain about the foundations of my existence, I will not be certain of anything.

We are made for love. This is evidenced as much by human experience as it is by faith. If I am not certain that I am loved, I am susceptible to any approximation of love that proposes itself. I am easily manipulated by those who want to exploit my need for friendship and belonging.

The first thing people noticed about Jesus was his authority. He was certain of God the Father's love and presence. This certainty expressed itself in Jesus' untiring love and mercy. For those who betrayed him, or who tried to tempt or trap him, could never shake the unbreakable bond of love between the Father and the Son.

Through the grace of baptism, we become sons and daughters of God, and are thus invited to the same filial certainty that Jesus has. It is certainty in the love of God that comes to us in Christ Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit which allows each son and daughter of God to flourish in unimaginable ways.

~Father Richard Veras

Father Richard Veras is director of pastoral formation at St. Joseph's Seminary in New York. He is author of *Jesus of Israel: Finding Christ in the Old Testament and Wisdom for Everyday Life* from the book of Revelation.



PARISH EVENTS



Wednesday, March 1

- **ASH WEDNESDAY 7AM & 7PM**

Tuesday, March 7

- CALM-between 6:30PM-7PM

Wednesday, March 8

- K of C Mtg 7PM

Thursday, March 9

- St. Peregrine Healing Mass 5PM

Saturday, March 11

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

Tuesday, March 21

- CALM-between 6:30PM-7PM

Saturday, March 25

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

Sunday, March 26

- **YOUTH MASS**

Wednesday, March 29

- Staff Mtg 6PM
- Parish Council Mtg 7PM

PRAYING THROUGH LENT WITH POPE FRANCIS

YOU INVITE ME TO CONVERSION

ASH WEDNESDAY

Joel 2:12

O God, you know me by name, you care for me and seek me out whenever I turn away from you. But because something now is not right in me, in society or in the Church I need to change, to go in a new direction. You invite me to conversion, so let me now waste this season of Lent, so favorable a time for conversion!

CALLED TO BE A DISCIPLE

THURSDAY, AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

MARK 10:21

Jesus, you call me to follow you and to become your disciple. Help me respond to your call with a humble and sincere heart. Being a Christian does not render me flawless. We are all sinners, and I have sinned and am in need of your pardon. But I trust in your grace regardless of my sins.

LISTENING IN SILENCE

FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

PASLM 62:1

O God, help me listen to your Word by rediscovering the value of silence in order to meditate on your Word that comes to me. In this way, it will be possible to contemplate your mercy and adopt it as my own lifestyle and attend to you whom I love and who wishes to speak to me.

LISTENING TO JESUS' VOICE

SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

JOHN 10:27

Jesus, you live and walk along the paths of ordinary life in order to draw near to everyone, beginning with the least, and to heal us of our infirmities and illnesses. I listen to your voice to understand what my vocation is. Help me listen to and follow you, and to be transformed interiorly by your words.

SHARING JESUS' MISSION

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

ACTS 4:29

Jesus, help me to share in your mission to bring a word and gesture of consolation to the poor, to proclaim liberty to those bound by new forms of slavery in modern society, to restore sight to those who can see no more because they are caught up in themselves, to restore dignity to all those from whom it has been robbed.



Pam Aubry (2/27)
Brian Goodin (2/27)
Dan Allen (2/28)
Corey Fields (2/28)
Lisa Heap (2/28)
Ray Hanks (3/1)
Keaton Beyers (3/1)
Ted Grote (3/2)
Molly Killian (3/2)
Victoria Medemach (3/3)
Colleen Davis (3/4)
Adnrea Killian (3/4)
Eva Acree (3/5)



Laura & Adam Burns (3/1)

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Mardelle Duffy
Donovan Gaines
Dick Walter
Mary Masco
Jeff McGuire
Jesse Cervelli
Linda Ellington
Greg Delost
Steve Heavilin
Dale Enghausen

Dear Padre

FEBRUARY 26, 2017

I'm an active Catholic but feel torn between two sides of myself: one that is faithful in prayer and charitable to others, another that is poorly disciplined, selfish, and given to sensuality and pornography. It seems God is holding on to me, but I don't know why.

I am reminded of Paul's personal struggle as expressed in Romans: "What I do, I do not understand. For I do not do what I want, but I do what I hate....Now if [I] do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me....Miserable one that I am! Who will deliver me...?" (7:15, 20, 24).

Remain faithful to your religious practices, and don't get down on yourself. Having immoral tendencies does not make you a hypocrite; it makes you human. All people experience the struggle between good and evil within themselves in one way or another. It may be helpful to find a spiritual director or counselor who can help you deal with your weaknesses. You could learn how to be more disciplined in prayer and how to overcome your preoccupation with pornography. Keep trying to accentuate the positive and deal with the negative.

You say God is holding on to you. Remember that Francis Thompson called God "the Hound of Heaven." God does not let go easily.

*Fr. Daniel L. Lowery, CSsR
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Monday

February 27
Weekday
Sir 17:20-24
Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday

February 28
Weekday
Sir 35:1-12
Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday

March 1
Ash Wednesday
Jl 2:12-18
2 Cor 5:20-6:2
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

March 2
Thursday after
Ash Wednesday
Dt 30:15-20
Lk 9:22-25

Friday

March 3
Friday after
Ash Wednesday
Is 58:1-9a
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday

March 4
Saturday after
Ash Wednesday
Is 58:9b-14
Lk 5:27-32

Sunday

March 5
First Sunday
of Lent
Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Rom 5:12-19
Mt 4:1-11

Good News!

February 26, 2017

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Is 49:14-15, 1 Cor 4:1-5, Mt 6:24-34

There is no place children feel safer than in their mother's arms. Since she provides them with all they need, both physically and emotionally, their trust and confidence is total. God tells us not to worry and gives us the reason: *I will never ever forget you. I know your needs and I will take care of them. Do you think a mother can forget her child? Even if she were to forget, I won't!*

In the Gospel, Jesus doesn't just suggest not to worry, he commands it: "Do not worry," he says more than once. He knows what preoccupies us—food, clothing, work, and money. Why worry? What good will it do? Can you eat better, increase your wealth, or change your appearance by worrying? Can you add a day to your life fretting about your health?

Sure, we need to think about providing for our physical needs. We need to make good, informed, and healthy decisions. The key is to reflect and decide, not to worry and obsess. Keep it all in perspective. Life is much more than material goods and personal aspirations.

God loves us so much, like a mother loves her child. He provides for all his creatures, even for the lily that only blooms for a day. He knows everything you need and, like a good parent, desperately wants to give it to you!

For Reflection

What worries me most right now? Make a list and entrust it all to Jesus.

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



CURRENT CHURCH REGULATIONS ON FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

- Fasting is required of all Catholics age 18-59 only two days each year: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (it is recommended that the Good Friday fast carry over to Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil service, as well).
- ON these days only one full meal is allowed, with two smaller meals as needed.
- Eating solid food between meals is not allowed.
- Abstinence from meat is required of all Catholics over age 14 on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- In the United States, the bishops have asked Catholics over the age of 14 to abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent, as well.

These regulations are considered to be a serious obligation for all Catholics. However, those who are ill, pregnant, on medication or special diets for health concerns, or those who must work at extremely physical jobs may be exempt from these regulations.