

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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MARCH 5, 2017 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY



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.

TOTUS TUUS 2017

Our Lady of Lourdes has been invited to join Immaculate Conception Parish in Gilman for Totus Tuus this year! The dates are June 24-30 with a registration deadline of Sunday, April 6. Please contact Jenni McTaggart at (815)383-2933 for more information and registration forms. The cost is \$25

PRAYING THROUGH LENT WITH POPE FRANCIS

SALVATION IS A GIFT

MONDAY, WEEK 1

EPHESIANS 1:13

O God, I know that no human effort, however good it may be, can enable me to merit so great a gift as salvation. By your grace, draw me to yourself and make me one with you. Jesus, show me the way, and with your Spirit help me follow you.

JESUS, ENTER MY LIFE

TUESDAY, WEEK 1

MATTHEW 8:8

Jesus, I am waiting for you to embrace me, to pardon me. I am not afraid. You are waiting for me. I take heart, I have courage! I want to enter into your life and to let you enter my life, so that you may transform it, renew it and give it full and enduring joy. I know that if I take a step towards you, you are already there, waiting for me with open arms.

LIVING AS YOUR DISCIPLE

WEDNESDAY, WEEK 1

LUKE 4:18

Jesus, help me to reawaken my conscience and enter more deeply into the heart of the Gospel, where the poor have a special experience of God's mercy. Help me to know whether or not I am living as your disciple and help me witness to my love for you by the love I bear for others.

CHANGE MY HEART

THURSDAY, WEEK 1

PSALM 51:10

Jesus, you invite me to change my heart, to make a radical about-face on the path of my life, to abandon compromises with evil in order to decidedly take up the path of the Gospel. Stay with me and never rush to leave me.

TRANSFORM MY LIFE

FRIDAY, WEEK 1

JOHN 10:17

Jesus, the encounter with your Word is capable of completely transforming my life. It is impossible to hear your Word and remain unmoved, stuck in my old habits. Help me overcome the selfishness in my heart to resolutely follow you who gave your life for your friends. With your word change me, transform me, forgive me, as I open my heart and ask for forgiveness.

YOU ARE MY GOD

SATURDAY, WEEK 1

ISAIAH 25:1

O God, you are my God. You love me and do not forget me. By your covenant bond you give me eternal life. The life that you prepare for me is not a mere embellishment of the present one. It surpasses my imagination, for you continually amaze me with your love and with your mercy.

GIVE ME YOUR GRACE

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

JOHN 1:16

O God, allow me to be touched by the grace of the risen Christ and let him change me in all that is not good and can hurt me and others. Help me affirm Christ's victory in my life and broaden its beneficial action. This is the power of grace! Without grace I can do nothing. And with grace I can become an instrument of our mercy.

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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.

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| MON March 6 | 8:00AM | +Loretta Bode |
| TUE March 7 | 8:00AM | Ray Family Reum Family |
| <i>Sts. Perpetua & Felicity</i> | | |
| WED March 8 | 8:00AM | Priest Intentions |
| <i>Saint John</i> | | |
| THU March 9 | 5:30PM | Roesch Family Romshek Family |
| <i>Saint Frances of Rome</i> | | |
| FRI March 10 | 8:00AM | +Anthony Coons |
| SAT March 11 | 5:00PM (OLL) | +Rick Nally |
| SUN March 12 | 8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL) | +Dale Schwarz Parish Family |
| <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i> | | |

**Thank You
 For Your Gifts
 OLOL**

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| Sunday Total | \$2893.75 |
| Capital Imp. | \$20 |
| Food Pantry Feb. Total | \$85.00 |
| Yr to Date FP | \$285.00 |
| | \$770.95 |

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| Sunday Total | \$217.00 |
| 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

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Altar Servers</u> | <u>Lectors</u> | <u>Euch. Minister</u> | <u>Ushers</u> | <u>Homebound Ministry</u> |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sat, March 11 5:00PM | Alex Killian | Marj Brown | Lisa Heap | Stan Alt Frank Titus | Frank Titus |
| Sun, March 12 10:30AM | Molly & Seth Kollross | Denis Fisher | 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



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.

LENTEN PRAYER

Jesus, teach me to see with your eyes, to live life as you lived, to understand life as you understood it.

Give me a new perception of others, close and far, seen always as brothers and sisters in you to be respected and loved

AMEN.

~Pope Francis

The Word From Father Thomas

ON TEMPTATION



Even "Jesus' life was a battle: he came to conquer evil, to conquer the prince of this world, to conquer the devil." Jesus battled against the devil, who many times sought to tempt him.

"During his earthly life, he experienced temptation and persecution." Thus, Pope Francis observed, "we who want to follow Jesus, and who by our baptism have taken to the Lord's path, must be well aware of this truth: we too are tempted, we too are objects of the demon's attacks," for "the spirit of evil does not want us to become holy, it does not want us to bear witness to Christ, it does not want us to be disciples of Christ."

The pope then asked: "What does the spirit of evil do to snatch us away from Jesus' path through temptation?" He replied: "The devil's temptations have three main characteristics, and we have to be aware of them in order not to fall into his trap." First, "the temptation begins subtly but then it grows and increasingly grows stronger." Then "it infects someone else; it spreads to another and seeks to take root in the community." Finally, "to calm the soul, it seeks to justify itself." In short: it "grows, spreads, and justifies itself."...

"When we are tempted, we travel down this same road," the pope warned. "We are tempted and it grows and spreads to others." Just think of gossip: if we are "a little envious of one person or another," we don't contain our envy but sometimes share it with others by speaking badly about the person. This is how gossip "seeks to grow and spread to another person and yet another."... This "is the way gossip works, and we have all been tempted to gossip." Pope Francis then confided: "I too have been tempted to gossip! It is a daily temptation," that "begins slowly, like a trickle of water."

This is why we have to be careful when we feel something in our heart that would lead to destroying people, destroying reputations, destroying our lives, leading us into worldliness and sin." We must be "careful because if we do not stop ourselves in time, that trickle of water, when it grows and spreads, will become a tidal wave that leads us to justify ourselves." ...

"We are all tempted, because...our spiritual life, our Christian life, is a battle," the pope said. This comes from the fact that "the devil does not want us to become holy, he does not want us to follow Jesus." "Of course one of you will say: But Father, you are so old-fashioned, speaking about the devil in the 21st century! To this Pope Francis replied: "Watch out, the devil exists! The devil exists even in the 21st century. And we must not be naïve. We must learn from the Gospel how to battle against him."

~Based on a homily by Pope Francis

His Holiness Pope Francis was elected to the See of Saint Peter in 2013.

PARISH EVENTS



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

Monday, March 20

- *Shrine of Christ's Passion trip*
Sign up and info in vestibule

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



Amanda Freehill (3/6)
Andrew Laughery (3/6)
Jim Fetzner (3/8)
Seth Kollross (3/8)
Axel Doran (3/8)
Michael Smith (3/11)
Stan Alt (3/11)
Joe McGuire (3/11)



Roger & Kathleen Reum (3/6)
Mark & Jill Andreae (3/8)

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

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PAINT NIGHT

Thank you to our CALM ladies for planning a wonderful winter evening of FUN! It looks like we have a lot of talent in our Parish!



Dear Padre

FEBRUARY 5, 2017

Does the Church give guidelines for what we should and shouldn't watch on TV and in theaters?

The Communications Department of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops provides "Catholics, especially families, with information they can use to evaluate entertainment media programming from a Catholic perspective." Along with its "Family Guide for Using Media," it provides up-to-date movie reviews and ratings through the Catholic News Service (catholicnews.com) and access to archives dating from 2010 into the 1930s.

As part of forming their children in the faith, parents must educate them about the media's influence, monitor the content each member interacts with, and model appropriate media use. All our media choices—print, digital, or otherwise—should affirm and support Christian values. Consider these questions:

- Does this piece portray human life as a gift from God? Is sexuality linked to life and marriage? How is dying presented?
- Does it promote healthy friendships and lasting commitments within marriage? Does it affirm gratitude, stewardship or charity, and obedience to proper authorities?
- Does it connect moral consequences with the characters' actions? Is exploitation, oppression, or neglect of any group condoned? Is respect shown for a variety of cultures?
- Does it foster a sense of the divine, of human destiny beyond this life, and of our obligation to forgive and seek forgiveness?

It is advisable to balance your use of suitable media with human interaction..

Source: Dear Padre: Questions People Ask, Liguori, 2003, sundaybulletin@liguori.org

Monday

March 6

Lenten Weekday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18

Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday

March 7

Lenten Weekday

Is 55:10-11

Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

March 8

Lenten Weekday

Jon 3:1-10

Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

March 9

Lenten Weekday

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25

Mt 7:7-12

Friday

March 10

Lenten Weekday

Ez 18:21-28

Mt 5:20-26

Saturday

March 11

Lenten Weekday

Dt 26:16-19

Mt 5:43-48

Sunday

March 12

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 12:1-4a

2 Tm 1:8b-10

Mt 17:1-9

Good News!

February 5, 2017

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Is 58:7-10, 1 Cor 2:1-5, Mt 5:13-16

Saint Paul says he came to the Corinthians in weakness and that he didn't use eloquent or persuasive words; rather he evangelized them in humility and with signs of the power of God. He doesn't claim to be a powerful or influential preacher. He was a humble and convinced apostle; thus, it was the power of God at work in him.

This doesn't mean he didn't make the best case possible for the faith. On the contrary, we are all called to profess and witness to the truth and to develop and use all our gifts and talents. Paul is simply stating that what is most important is that we remain open to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit within us and maintain our confidence in God and not in our own qualities or abilities.

If we are humble servants of the truth, then God's power will be shown. Isaiah prophesies that if we live charity in a real way—offering food to hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked—then our light will shine strongest. Not only that, but our own personal wounds, whatever they are, will be healed. Truly, loving others is the best way to heal our own soul.

Isaiah proclaims further that if we live this way, God will have our backs. In biblical terms, "the glory of the Lord shall be [our] rear guard." The Lord will be a soldier who walks behind us, covers our blind spots, curtails our weaknesses, and protects and defends us. If God is for us, who can be against us? Let your light shine!

For Reflection

How do I live out God's love at home? In my workplace? In public? How can my light shine even brighter this week?

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC