

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 6:30 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
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Immaculate Conception

202 E. Green Street
Roberts, IL 60962

Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 am

Confession

Sunday 7:45 am (IC)
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APRIL 2, 2017
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



PRAYING THROUGH LENT WITH POPE FRANCIS

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MONDAY, WEEK 5

LUKE 9:23

O God, may your loving gaze touch me so that I may return to you with all my heart, rejecting any compromise with sin. Help me to better understand that being a disciple means placing my feet in the footsteps left by the Master, the footprints of divine grace that restore life for all.

CELEBRATING YOUR FAITHFUL LOVE

TUESDAY, WEEK 5

PSALM 25:7

O God, help me to rediscover with faith the beauty and richness of the Eucharist and other sacraments, which render present your faithful love for me, and so in this way ever more in love with the Lord Jesus and to go to meet him with joyous faith, thus becoming his witnesses in the world.

OUT OF MY DARKNESS

WEDNESDAY, WEEK 5

COLOSSIANS 1:13 -14

Jesus, you are the master of life and want that we all may have it abundantly. You insistently to come out of the darkness of the prison in which I am enclosed, from a false, selfish and mediocre life. Free me from the pride that makes me a slave to so many idols, to so many things.

TRUSTING IN YOUR WORD

THURSDAY, WEEK 5

SIRACH 17:29

O God, help me to truly trust in your Word and, knowing I am a sinner, not to be discouraged by my failures and defeated by my mistakes because I know that since your Word is greater than my sins, I need not be afraid.

LIFELONG CONVERSION

FRIDAY, WEEK 5

ISAIAH 45:22

O God, you call me to change my life, a conversion that is not just for a moment during the year, but is an undertaking that lasts my entire lifetime. Help me to abandon my behavior of sin and fix my gaze on what is essential.

LETTING GO TO LIVE JOYFULLY

SATURDAY, WEEK 5

PSALM 16:11

O God, help me listen to the words of Jesus, who made mercy an ideal of life and a criterion of the credibility of our faith, and to let go of anger, wrath, violence and revenge as the necessary conditions to living joyfully.

SHARING IN SUFFERING

PASSION/PALM SUNDAY OF LENT

1 PETER 4:13

O God, help me not to seek my own interests but share the suffering and the joy of my brothers and sisters, ready to carry the weight of the poorest and the weakest among us.

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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 April 3		+Anthony Coons
TUE April 4		Lawless Family Shilts Family
WED April 5	8:00AM	Priest Intentions St. Vincent Ferrer
THU April 6		+Loretta Bode PENANCE SERVICE
FRI April 7		St. John Baptist de la Salle 7:00PM U * k' o† ' ' 'ou' u@Vo'
SAT April 8	5:00	Parish Family
SUN April 9	8:00AM 10:30AM (OLL)	+Margaret Rock +Mary Cothorn Palm Sunday of the Passion of the L

Thank You For Your Gifts OLOL

Sunday Total	\$3125.00
Capital Imp.	\$0
Food Pantry	\$96.00
March Total	\$257.00
Yr to Date FP	\$1027.35

Imm Conception

Sunday Total	\$260.00
Capital Imp.	\$0

When we meet our CMAA Goals OLOL and IC will get 100% 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
Sat, April 8 5:00PM	Alex Killian	Marj Brown	Marj Brown	Jerry Brown John Carlson	Helen Haynes
Sun, April 9 10:30AM	Molly & Seth Kollross	Jack Kollross Peyton Leonard	Paul Sarantakos	Dan Kleist Dan Day	

The first Friday of the month adoration will be on the usual Thursday

will follow 8AM Mass. The remaining weeks of every month will follow evening following 5:30PM Mass and always Tuesday following

Baptism

Call the Rectory at least four weeks before the baptism. Instruction for the parents and Godparents 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) 635-0202

Marriage

Call the Rectory at least six months before. A six month preparation time is required.

HOLY THURSDAY ADORATION SIGN UPS STILL NEEDED

We will be having Holy Thursday Adoration again this year from 8:30PM to 12 Midnight.

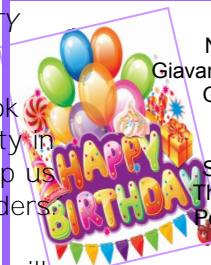
We will need AT LEAST one person per half hour shift to remain with the



PRAYER FOR CITY AND COUNTY ELECTIONS

Dear God, we beg you to look kindly upon our city and county in the upcoming election and help us to wisely choose our new leaders.

May we elect honest and trustworthy candidates who will always uphold the common good and protect our God-given rights while making decisions in the best interests of our communities. We ask this in your name AMEN.



- Doris Fleming (4/3)
- Norman Schall (4/4)
- Giavanna Chaddock (4/4)
- Greg Laughery (4/4)
- Jason Eberle (4/5)
- Margie Rock (4/5)
- Sandy Kollross (4/5)
- Theodore Smith (4/6)
- Peyton Leonard (4/8)
- Mry Giroux (4/8)
- Jean Wilhelmi (4/9)

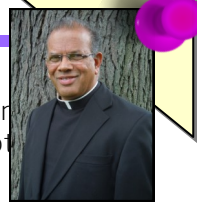


- Carl & Beth Hornstein (4/9)
- Paul & Sarah Sarantakos (4/5)
- Basilio & Bernadette Campos (4/8)
- Jim & Jennifer Freehill (4/9)

The Word From Father Thomas

THE FAITHFULNESS OF THE ROYAL OFFICIAL

The greatest privilege attached to virtue is the care which God exercises over those who serve him. From this, as from a fountainhead, flow all our graces.



This protection not only delivers the just from evil and leads them to good, but turns to their profit the sins into which they are sometimes permitted to fall. For after a fall they acquire greater prudence, greater humility, and love God more tenderly for pardoning their offenses and

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 would be healed of your wounds, he is a Physician; if you thirst, he is a living Fountain; if you are dead, he is your Life; if you are weary of the burden of sin, he is your Justification; if you are in darkness, he is uncreated Light; if you would reach heaven, he is the Way; if you hunger, he is your

~ Venerable Father Louis of Granada

The Gift of Confession

As Catholics we have been given a great aid to forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance. Confession serves several important aspects. First, although we can and should ask those whom we have offended to forgive us, there is a corporate aspect to sin that must be addressed. No sin exists in isolation. Its effects ripple out like waves to distant lands. The Sacrament of Reconciliation allows us to ask for, and be granted, forgiveness from those we have harmed that we might not even realize have been effected by our actions. In short, it allows us to be "reconciled" to the entire Body of Christ.

Second, while it's hard enough to forgive another, forgiving oneself can be the most difficult of all. Confession gives us the assurance we need that we are, indeed, forgiven our trespasses. The Lord offers to us the promise from Jesus that our sins are indeed "loosed on earth," allowing us to do the interior healing work we need. Third, the Sacrament of Reconciliation can be the means through which we experience forgiveness ourselves and can therefore learn what it means to truly forgive another. By being forgiven, we learn what it truly means to forgive.

Finally, through the sacrament, we are restored to unity with God, which is ultimately our goal of both asking and extending forgiveness. By confessing our sins and accepting the penance assigned, we are able to have a fresh start in our relationship with Our Lord, no matter what we might have done.

Confessions are heard:

**Lenten Penance Service Thursday, April 6 following 5:30 PM Holy Mass
 During Lent any weekday after the Holy Mass**

- on Saturday afternoons at 4:30 PM (OLL)
- Sunday morning at 7:45 AM (IC)
- and any time by appointment.

Come and encounter the forgiving Christ in this wonderful Sacrament of mercy and forgiveness!
SEE THE INSERT FOR A SHORT GUIDE TO CONFESSION.

LENTEN PARISH EVENTS TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

- Sacrament of Confession any weekday after the Holy Mass. There will be a special Penance Service on Thursday, April 6 following 5:30 PM Holy Mass or any time by appointment.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 PM Holy Mass

GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 PM Stations of the Cross

3:30 PM Day 1 of the Divine Mercy Novena

7:00 PM Passion Service

HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL

7:00 PM Day 2 of Divine Mercy Novena

7:30 PM Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 AM Holy Mass at IC

10:00 AM Day 3 of Divine Mercy Novena

10:30 AM Holy Mass

PARISH EVENTS



Tuesday, April 4

- CALM –between 6:30PM-7PM

Thursday, April 6

- Penance Service 6PM following 5:30PM Holy Mass

Friday, April 7

- Adoration following 8AM Mass
- Stations of the Cross 7PM

Saturday, April 8

- Food Pantry-9AM-12Noon

Wednesday, April 12

- K of C Mtg 7PM

Thursday, April 13 Holy Thurs.

- HOLY THURSDAY MASS 7PM

Friday, April 14 Good Friday

- Stations of the Cross 3PM
- Day 1 Divine Mercy Novena 3:30PM
- PASSION SERVICE 7PM

Saturday, April 15 Holy Sat.

- Day 2 Divine Mercy Novena 7:00PM
- VIGIL MASS 7:30pm

Sunday, April 16 EASTER

- Holy Mass 8:00AM (IC)
- Divine Mercy Novena 10:00AM (OLL)
- Holy Mass 10:30AM (OLL)

Sacrament of Confession any time by appointment

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

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



If you wish to add the name of a loved one who is sick, please contact the parish office at 217-7844671 or pastor@ololgc.org

Dear Padre

APRIL 2, 2017

What happened to “hellfire and brimstone” preaching, like I remember from parish missions in my younger years?

Hellfire and brimstone recalls Genesis 19:24: “The Lord rained down sulfur upon Sodom and Gomorrah, fire from the Lord out of heaven.” It refers to a harsh preaching style and “doom and gloom” content focused on God’s wrath, punishment, and hell. Puritans—those English Calvinists who colonized Massachusetts in the 1600s—adhered strongly to their belief in eternal damnation, innate sin, and diabolical power. Likewise, American Baptists were known to “out-Calvin Calvin” in their preaching.

While Catholics also adhere strongly to our belief in the possibility of eternal damnation, innate sin, and evil forces, we believe in the grace of baptism to remove original sin, the outpouring of God’s grace to strengthen our weakness due to original sin, and in the extraordinary power of conversion to prevent everlasting damnation. To that end, parish missions and revivals strengthen the spiritual life of the faithful and welcome lapsed Catholics.

Preaching orders have been conducting missions since their earliest days in America. Saint Alphonsus encouraged his Redemptorist missionaries to be lions in the pulpit and lambs in the confessional. One preacher in the 1850s described the fires of hell with such intensity that the nearby fire engine crew was mistakenly dispatched to the church to extinguish the conflagration. Yet the fire most desirable during a mission is the one in people’s hearts for God. “Fear of God” means a dread for God’s judgment, but it can also mean a reverential marvel for God. Many preachers today prefer to instill that awe for God’s inviting mercy instead of a paralyzing fear of God’s anger

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Monday

April 3

Lenten Weekday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17,
19-30, 33-62

Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday

April 4

Lenten Weekday

Nm 21:4-9

Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

April 5

Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:14-20,
91-92, 95

Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

April 6

Lenten Weekday

Gn 17:3-9

Jn 8:51-59

Friday

April 7

Lenten Weekday

Jer 20:10-13

Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

April 8

Lenten Weekday

Ez 37:21-28

Jn 11:45-56

Sunday

April 9

Palm Sunday

Is 50:4-7

Phil 2:6-11

Mt 26:14-27:66

Good News!

April 2, 2017

Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)

Ez 37:12-14, Rom 8:8-11, Jn 11:1-45

The raising of Lazarus is a decisive miracle in Christ’s public ministry. It leads to increased hostility and gives the Jewish leaders both an excuse and a motivation to actively seek the death of Jesus. This Gospel episode is so important that John dedicates an entire chapter to the story.

What is the most important message of this miracle? Without faith in Jesus, there is no resurrection. A fitting message for an artist painting in Europe right after World War II.

Looking at the painting of Annigoni, Mary is at the feet of Jesus while Martha is on her feet pouring out her heart. The artist evokes a landscape of death and destruction, one too often observed in postwar Europe. Colors of decay abound. Stones are piled up like rubble. The trees are burnt, scrawny, and twisted as if after an air raid. It is ugly, rugged, barren, and dry. A small group of people have gathered to weep at the tomb.

Jesus is the only source of color and life. After Martha affirms her faith in Jesus and the resurrection, he lifts up his hand and calls out. The onlookers peer inside, perhaps having heard the sounds of rustling coming from the cave.

The message of this artwork is clear to anyone struggling with the bondage of a destructive past. Jesus wants to speak words of life and raise us from the grips of death, war, and despair.

Believe in Jesus and he will raise you up!

For Reflection

How is your Lenten journey bringing you deep