# 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**

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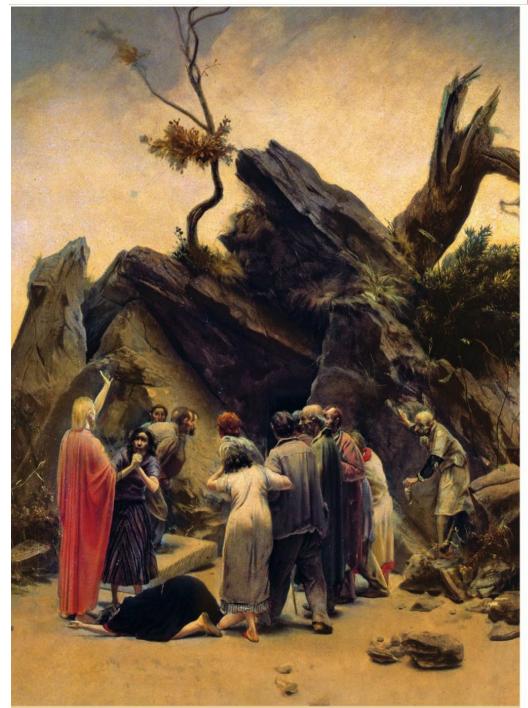
Mass Schedule Sunday 8:00 am Confession Sunday 7:45 am (IC)

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# **APRIL 30, 2017** THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

"If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you" (Romans 8:11).



# For Reflection

How is your Lenten journey bringing you deeper in faith and closer to new life in Jesus? Has Jesus raised you from destruction or despair? How?

<b>Pastor</b> Rev. Thomas Theneth, CMI	THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONSIf 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 May 18:00AMNO MASS			Thank You For Your Gifts OLOL		
(217)784-4671 ttheneth@ololgc.org				Sunday Total	\$2184.50	
<b>Deacon</b> Paul Sarantakos				Capital Imp.	\$0	
p.sarantakos@hotmail.com	TUE May 2	8:00AM	NO MASS			
Parish Secretary				Food Pantry April Total	\$40.00	
Patti Meunier pastor@ololgc.org	WED May 3	8:00AM	NO MASS	Yr to Date FP	\$1324.35	
<b>Religious Education</b> Alyce Hafer	THU May 4	5:30PM	+Loretta Bode		Imm Conception	
<b>Youth Ministry</b> Bruce Killian	FRI May 5	8:00AM	Priest Intentions	– Sunday – Total Capital Imp.	264.00 \$0	
<b>Music Director</b>						
If interested contact pastor@ololgc.org	SAT May 6 5:00PM (OLL) PATRIOTIC ROSARY BEFORE MASS		+Mary Cothern	When we meet our CMAA Goals! OLOL and IC will get back <b>70%</b> of every dollar received above our goals. Reaching our goals is a		
<b>Parish Council</b> <b>President</b> Eric Rosenbaum (OLOL)	SUN May 7	8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL)	+William Schwarz Parish Family	2017 CMAA Goals OLOL: \$8890 (Goal: \$13,255) IC: \$550		
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<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound</u> <u>Ministry</u>
Sat, May 6 5:00PM	Caine Jost Walter Smith	Lisa Heap	Stan Alt	Robert Bode Frank Titus	Denis & Cherry Fisher
Sun, May 7 10:30AM	Ethan Garard Keegan Kutemeier	Marron Parsons	Paul Sarantakos	Sam Baillie Joe Allen	

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.

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# PATRIOTIC ROSARY

We will be saying a PATRIOTIC ROSARY for our country and service men and women on the first Saturday of every month. This will be at the same time and in placed of the regular rosary at 4:30PM. Please join us in prayer.

# 100 YEAR FATIMA ANNIVERSARY ROSARY

On May 13, at 3:30PM we encourage you to join in the Fatima Anniversary Rosary Rally at Our Lady of Lourdes. America is at a historic crossroad. Secularists are trying to push God from the public square. They reject His beneficial action upon society. But without God, where will our leaders get the wisdom to solve the great problems we face! Stay tuned for more details about this Rosary Rally.



John Chaddock (5/1) Eric Rosenbaum (5/1)

Gina Medernach (5/2)

Amy Killian (5/2)

Steve & Martha Heavilin (5/3)

# **The Word From Father Thomas**

### The Graces of Emmaus

The Gospel from this Sunday...is that of the disciples of Emmaus. They were two of Jesus' disciples who, after his death and the Sabbath was past, leave Jerusalem and return, sad and dejected, to their village, which was named Emmaus. Along the way the Risen Jesus draws near to them, but they don not

recognize him. Seeing them so sad, he first helps them to understand that the Passion and Death of the Messiah were foreseen in the plan of God and announced in the Sacred Scriptures: and thus he rekindled a fire of hope in their hearts. At that point, the two disciples experienced an extraordinary attraction to the mysterious man, and they invited him to stay with them that evening. Jesus accepted and went into the house with them. When, at table, he blessed the bread and broke it, they recognized him, but he vanished out of their sight, leaving them full of wonder. After being enlightened by the Word, they had recognized the Risen Jesus in the breaking of the bread, a new sign of his presence. And immediately they felt the need to go back to Jerusalem to tell the other disciples about their experience, that they had met the living Jesus and recognized him in the act of the breaking of the bread.

The road to Emmaus thus becomes a symbol of our journey of faith: the Scriptures and the Eucharist are the indispensable elements for encountering the Lord. We too often go to Sunday Mass with our worries, difficulties and disappointments...Life sometimes wounds us and we go away feeling sad, towards our "Emmaus,"" turning our backs on God's plan. We distance ourselves from God. But the Liturgy of the Word welcomes us: Jesus explains the Scriptures to us and rekindles in our hearts the warmth of faith and hope, and in Communion he gives us strength. The Word of God, the Eucharist. Read a passage of the Gospel every day. Remember it well: read a passage of the Gospel every day, and on Sundays go to Communion, to receive Jesus. This is what happened to the disciples of Emmaus: they received the Word; they shared the breaking of Bread and from feeling sad and defeated they became joyful. Dear brothers and sisters, the Word of God and the Eucharist fill us with joy always. Remember it well! When you are sad, take up the Word of God. When you are down, take up the Word of God and go to Sunday Mass and receive Communion, to participate in the mystery of Jesus. The Word of God, the Eucharist: the fill us with joy.

Through the intercession of Most Holy Mary, let us pray that every Christian, in reliving the experience of the disciples of Emmaus, especially at Sunday Mass, may rediscover the grace of the transforming encounter with the Lord, with the Risen Lord, who is with us always There is always a Word of God that gives us guidance after we slip; and through our weariness and disappointments there is always a Bread that is broken that keeps us going on the journey.

~Pope Francis



THE PARISH COUNCIL INVITES EVERYONE TO THE ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

SUNDAY, MAY 21 FOLLOWING 10:30AM MASS BRING A DISH OR DESSERT TO PASS!

Be prepared for great food, fun and games and most of all FELLOWSHIP with our parish family as we kick off the summer and wrap up another successful RE year! FIRST COMMUNION PRAYERS Please pray for our 2nd and 3rd Graders as they make the final preparations this week to receive the Sacrament of First Communion next Sunday May 7 at 10:30AM Mass.

> Isabella Woodward Kolbie Eichelberger Josephine Kleist Graydon Leonard Tate Jeckel Evan Killian Andriana Cullotta Walter Smith Noah Roy Kate McCall Mikey Volker

(Remember the church will be full of family of the children for that 10:30AM Mass so you may want to consider an alternate Mass on this weekend.)





#### Tuesday, May 2

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM
- Saturday, May 6
  - Patriotic Rosary 4:30PM

#### Wednesday, May 10

- K of C Meeting 7PM
- Parish Council Meeting 7PM

#### Thursday, May 11

• St. Peregrine Healing Mass 5:30PM

#### Saturday, May 13

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon
- Fatima Anniversary Rosary Meet at OLL at 3:30PM

#### Sunday, May 14

• MOTHER'S DAY

#### Tuesday, May 16

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM
- Wednesday, May 17
- Finance Council Meeting 7PM

#### Sunday, May 21

 PARISH PICNIC after 10:30am Mass

#### Saturday, May 27

Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

#### Tuesday, May 30

CALM between 6:30PM-7PM

#### Wednesday, May 31

• Staff Meeting 6PM

#### Pray for the Sick & Homebound

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



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. Bulletin submissions should be received by Wednesdays at 5:00 pm. Call the parish at 784-4671 or email to pastor@ololgc.org.

# Dear Padre

APRIL 30, 2017

# What does it mean when someone says the Eucharist contains the "glorified" body of our Lord Jesus Christ?

In 1551, the Council of Trent definitively taught that "in the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist 'the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained'" (CCC 1374).

I'm not sure what "the glorified body of our Lord Jesus Christ" might refer to in your question, but I can make an educated guess. Since Jesus has suffered, died, and risen from the dead, the sacramental presence contains the reality of the fullness of the experience of the paschal mystery. Every experience of the risen Jesus is an experience of the fullness of the mystery and, as such, must include the fact that he has been glorified through his resurrection from the dead.

References to the Lord's appearances after his resurrection might be helpful here. "Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself" (Luke 24:39), Jesus told his disciples. The *Catechism* tells us that "Christ 'will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body,' into a 'spiritual body'" (*CCC* 999). The reality of the resurrection "exceeds our imagination and understanding; it is accessible only to faith" (*CCC* 1000).

Source: Liguorian, April 2007

**Monday** May 1 Easter Weekday

Acts 6:8–15 Jn 6:22–29

**Tuesday** May 2 St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Acts 7:51–8:1a Jn 6:30–35

Wednesday May 3 Sts. Philip and James, Apostles 1 Cor 15:1–8 Jn 14:6–14

Thursday May 4 Easter Weekday Acts 8:26–40 Jn 6:44–51

Friday May 5 *Easter Weekday* Acts 9:1–20 Jn 6:52–59

Saturday May 6 Easter Weekday Acts 9:31-42 Jn 6:60-69

Sunday May 7 Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14a, 36–41 1 Pt 2:20b–25 Jn 10:1–10

# Good News!

April 30, 2017 Third Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14, 22-23, 1 Pt 1:17-21, Lk 24:13-35

Discouragement and exhaustion are familiar to many of us. When we are young, we are full of life, vigor, hopes, and dreams. But the challenges of life can lead us down rough and narrow streets with few exits. When a fresh hope—an opportunity or a new love—appears but doesn't pan out, we are even more discouraged than before.

The two disciples returning home were convinced Jesus was the Messiah, but it doesn't seem to be. Jesus isn't surprised by their dissolution. He catches up to them and takes an interest in their story. When he asks, "What things?" they unburden their hearts, and Jesus listens and cares.

With their eyes blinded, they do not recognize their companion. Their faith is dead, their hope is dimmed, their love is cold. The mystery of the cross makes no sense without an experience of the resurrection. They simply can't understand why it had to be this way.

Arriving in Emmaus, their newfound friend needs to go on. But they insist, as should we in our prayer, "Stay with us!" We need God's presence to enlighten our faith, rekindle our hope, and inflame our love. Jesus accepts; there is nothing he wants more. He has promised to be with us, and we need to be with him. Jesus offers us his presence not for a moment but for an eternity.

The tapestry of Pieter van Aelst depicts this scene at the precise moment of the disciples realizing who Jesus is. Meditate on what this moment says to you.

### **For Reflection**

Am I discouraged with God in some area of my life? Talk through these areas in prayer. It was necessary that the Messiah suffer. Do I accept suffering? Am I willing to die with Christ to live with him?

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC