

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)



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August 13, 2017

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

**Tuesday, August 15,
Masses at 7AM and 7PM**



The Most Blessed Virgin Mary, when the course of her earthly life was completed, was taken up [“assumed”] body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son’s Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of His Body.

GRACES OF THE ASSUMPTION

The Solemnity of the Assumption in body and soul of Mary into heaven at the heart of the summer season reminds us of what our true and ultimate dwelling place is: heaven. As the Letter to the Hebrews says: Here we have not lasting city, but we seek the city which is to come (Heb 13:14). In the mystery which we contemplate today we find clearly revealed the destiny of every human creature: the victory over death, to live forever with God. Mary is the perfect woman in whom even now the divine plan is fulfilled, as a pledge of our resurrection. She is the first fruit of divine mercy since she was the first to share in the divine covenant sealed and fully realized in Christ who died and rose for us.

Blessed is she who believed in the fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord (Lk 1:45). These words well describe Mary, the Virgin of the Fiat, who with her total availability opened the doors to the Savior of the world. Great and heroic was the obedience of her faith; it was through this faith that Mary was perfectly united to Christ, in death and glory. Looking to her strengthens our faith in what we await, and at the same time, we understand better the meaning and value of our earthly pilgrimage.

O Mary, Mother of hope, strong with your help, we do not fear obstacles and difficulties; fatigue and sufferings do not discourage us, because you accompany us on the path of life, and from heaven you watch over all your children, filling them with grace To you we entrust the destiny of the peoples and the mission of the Church...

Dear brothers and sisters, however dark the shadows that sometimes gather on the horizon and however incomprehensible certain events may appear to be in human history, we must never lose trust and peace. Today’s feast invites us to entrust ourselves to Mary assumed into heaven who, like a shining star from heaven, directs our daily journey on earth.

~Saint John Paul II

Back to School Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for our students. As they begin this school year, help them to use the talents and gifts you’ve given them to do their very best.

May they listen to their teachers with respect and open-minds. Help them to be honest and to always seek the truth. Help them to be kind to everyone at school, and to serve others as they would like to be served.

Help them to make good friends and be a good friend to someone in need. Lastly, help them to remember that You’re always with them and that You’ll never leave their side.

May they love You and follow You with all their hearts, soul, and strength. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen .

HAVE A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR!



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| THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS | | |
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| 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 August 14 | 8:00AM | +Loretta Bode St. Maximilian Kolbe |
| TUE August 15 | 7:00AM 7:00PM | +Mardelle Duffy +Loretta Bode HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION |
| WED August 16 | 8:00AM | Priest Intentions St. Stephen of Hungary |
| THU August 17 | 5:30PM | +Monte Cluver |
| FRI August 18 | 8:00AM | +Mardelle Duffy |
| SAT August 19 | 5:00PM (OLL) | +John Stuckey St. John Eudes |
| August 20 | 8:00AM (IC) | +Gavin Main |
| Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time | 10:30AM (OLL) | +Parish Family |

| Thank You For Your Gifts OLOL | |
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| Sunday Total | \$2391.80 |
| Capital Imp. | \$205.00 |
| Food Pantry August Total Yr to Date FP | \$13.00 \$13.00 \$2232.61 |

Imm Conception

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| Sunday Total | \$212.00 |
| 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: \$12955
 (Goal: \$13,255)
IC: \$570
 (Goal: \$913)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

| Date | Altar Servers | Lectors | Euch. Minister | Ushers | Homebound Ministry |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Sat, August 19 5:00PM | Caine Jost Walter Smith | Jim Meyer | Fran Mardis | Tim Fackler Jerry Brown | Frank Titus |
| Sun, August 20 10:30AM | Ethan Garard Keegan Kutemeier | Maggie Davis | Paul Sarantakos | Greg Laughery Craig Davis | |

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.



Food Pantry Volunteers

Saturday, September 9 from 8:30AM-Noon will be our next scheduled opportunity to supply the labor for the local food pantry. At least 2 workers will be needed on that Saturday. Since this date is the second Saturday of the month, home deliveries will be part of the distribution.

There will be a need for a few workers for set-up on the evening of Friday, September 8. Please feel free to contact Chuck Aubry caubry55@gmail.com with any questions.

FREE

Catholic Lighthouse Media CD's

Please help yourself to the Catholic Lighthouse Media CD's on the back table compliments of Our Lady of Lourdes. I'm sure you will find something for everyone from the kiddos on up!

Enjoy!



The Word From Father Thomas

THE STORM AND OUR FAITH

The sea symbolizes this life and the instability of the visible world; the storm points to every kind of trial or difficulty that oppresses human beings. The boat, instead, represents the Church, built by Christ and steered by the Apostles.

Jesus wanted to teach the disciples to bear life's adversities courageously, trusting in God, in the One who revealed himself to the Prophet Elijah on Mount Horeb *in a still small voice* [the whispering of a gentle breeze] (1 Kgs 19:12)...

St. Augustine, imagining that he was addressing the Apostle, commented: "The Lord leaned down and took you by the hand. With your strength alone you cannot rise. Hold tight to the hand of the One who reaches down to you," and he did not say this to Peter alone but also to us.

Peter walks on the water, not by his own effort but rather through divine grace, in which he believes. And when he was smitten by doubt, when he no longer fixed his gaze on Jesus but was frightened by the gale, when he failed to put full trust in the Teacher's words, it means that he was interiorly distancing himself from the Teacher and so risked sinking in the sea of life.

So it is also for us: if we look only at ourselves we become dependent on the winds and can no longer pass through storms on the waters of life. The great thinker Romano Guardini wrote that the Lord "is always close, being at the root of our being. Yet we must experience our relationship with God between the poles of distance and closeness. By closeness we are strengthened, by distance we are put to the test."

Dear friends...the troubled faith of the Apostle Peter enables us to understand that even before we seek the Lord or invoke him, it is he himself who comes to meet us, who lowers heaven to stretch out his hand to us and raise us to his heights; all he expects of us is that we trust totally in him, that we really take hold of his hand.

Let us call on the Virgin Mary, model of total entrustment to God, so that amidst the plethora of anxieties, problems, and difficulties which churn up the sea of our life, our hearts may resonate with the reassuring words of Jesus who also says to us, *Take heart, it is I; have no fear!*; and may our faith in him grow.

~Pope Benedict XVI



PARISH EVENTS



Tuesday, August 15

- CALM between 6:30-7PM

Saturday, August 26

- Food Pantry 8AM-12NOON

Tuesday, August 29

- CALM between 6:30-7PM

Wednesday, August 30

- Staff Meeting 6PM
- Parish Council Meeting 7PM



Austin Eichelberger (8/15)
 Edna Huppert (8/15)
 Rich Baillie (8/17)
 Jane Skinner (8/18)
 Craig Davis (8/18)
 John Koopman (8/18)
 Jill Andreae (8/19)
 Michael Meunier (8/19)



John & Linda Martin (8/14)
 Jason & Amy Eberle (8/14)
 Gene & Lisa Heap (8/15)

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception



Affectionately referred to as America's Catholic Church, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, has been a century in the making since the laying of its foundation stone in 1920.

Designated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops as a National Sanctuary of Prayer and Pilgrimage, the Basilica is our nation's preeminent Marian Shrine, dedicated to the Patroness of the United States, the Blessed Virgin Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. Mary's Shrine, as it is often called, is the

largest Roman Catholic Church in North America and is one of the ten largest churches in the world.

Pope Francis, Pope Benedict XVI, Saint John Paul II, and Saint Mother Teresa are among the faithful who have visited this magnificent basilica. Now as its one hundredth anniversary approaches, a nationwide effort is underway to complete this great "Hymn in Stone" as its founders envisioned with the mosaic ornamentation of the Trinity Dome.

The Trinity Dome

The Trinity Dome is the central and largest dome of the Basilica. This "Crowning Jewel" will be adorned in mosaic and will depict the Most Holy Trinity, the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Immaculate Conception, and a procession of saints who have an association with America and the Basilica. The Nicene Creed will encircle the base of the dome, while the dome's pendentives will feature the four evangelists: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The Trinity Dome will complete the work of the Great Upper Church according to its original iconographic scheme and bring to a close construction of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception as it approaches its centennial milestone in 2020.



The artistic rendition of the mosaic that will adorn the Trinity Dome.

The National Collection

The Bishops of the United States approved a special one-time second collection for the Trinity Dome. Your prayerful and financial support will not only adorn this "Crowning Jewel" and complete Mary's Shrine, but will also leave a lasting legacy for generations to come in this living monument to our Catholic faith and heritage that is America's Catholic Church.

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Donovan Gaines
 Jeff McGuire
 Linda Ellington
 Greg Delost
 Steve Heavilin
 Dale Enghausen
 Bob Mardis
 Ashley Bode
 Brian Sullivan
 Judy Schall
 Pam Aubry
 Erin Aubry
 Tony Perkins



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

AUGUST 13, 2017

I look at what's going on in our world today and I start to lose faith. How can I keep my faith strong in a time that seems faithless?

Evil isn't a new phenomenon. The Book of Judges, for example, presents a faithless time that may rival what's happening in our world today. Judges' twenty-one chapters are so filled with vandalism and war, murder and assassination, fratricide and suicide, that it makes a grim statement on the worst of humanity. Judges reminds us of humanity's need for salvation. "Left to itself, humanity degenerates into a frightful caricature of what we ought to be. We see such lessons repeated in recent history....In the Book of Judges, we see our need for God" (Oscar Lukefahr, *A Catholic Guide to the Bible*, Liguori Publications, 1998).

It's easy to lose faith when our focus is on how bad the world is rather than on how we can do our part to make it holy. Pope St. John Paul II wrote: "Awareness of our own sinfulness, including that which is inherited, is the first condition for salvation; the next is the confession of this sin before God, who desires only to receive this confession so that He can save man. To save means to embrace and lift up with redemptive love, with love that is always greater than any sin" (*Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, 58, Knopf, 1994). Don't lose Christian hope! While Christ already triumphed over sin and death, the reality of evil remains until God's kingdom is fully realized on earth as it is in heaven (1 John 5:18-20).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

Monday
AUGUST 14
St. Maximilian Kolbe,
Priest and Martyr
Dt 10:12-22
Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday
AUGUST 15
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,
10ab

1 Cor 15:20-27
Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday
AUGUST 16
Weekday
Dt 34:1-12
Mt 18:15-20

Thursday
AUGUST 17
Weekday
Jos 3:7-10a, 11,
13-17
Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday
AUGUST 18
Weekday
Jos 24:1-13
Mt 19:3-12

Saturday
AUGUST 19
Weekday
Jos 24:14-29
Mt 19:13-15

Sunday
AUGUST 20
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 56:1, 6-7
Rom 11:13-15,
29-32
Mt 15:21-28

Good News!

August 13, 2017

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a, Rom 9:1-5, Mt 14:22-33

Lanfranco's *Christ Saves Peter From Sinking in the Water* is placed in a rather hidden place in the Vatican—on purpose. When a newly elected pope walks out of the Sistine Chapel, he processes across the Sala Regia (royal hall) and into the Loggia della Benedizione (blessing hall) to step out onto the façade of St. Peter's and greet the world for the first time. Along the way he passes this painting of Peter sinking in the water. It speaks to that sinking feeling he probably experiences at that time!

This Gospel passage holds a great lesson for us all, even the pope. When Jesus comes walking on the water, he scares the disciples; they think he is a ghost. Sometimes Jesus scares us by what he asks, by how he wants to bless and shape us if we say "yes." Jesus tells us not to be afraid, but Peter says, "Lord if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." That the ghostly figure responds doesn't prove it is Jesus; it just proves whoever it is has heard Peter and answered.

To really know if it is Jesus, Peter has to get out of the boat. He has to walk in faith and take a risk. Only once he steps out on the water, can he do the impossible? Even then, his faith falters and he notices the waves. Such is our experience. Even when we trust, step out, and Jesus does great things, we are still weak! But no need to worry: Jesus loves our effort and will always reach out and grab us. In the end, that is what we want, isn't it? To touch Jesus, to know it is him.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC