

## 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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General Information

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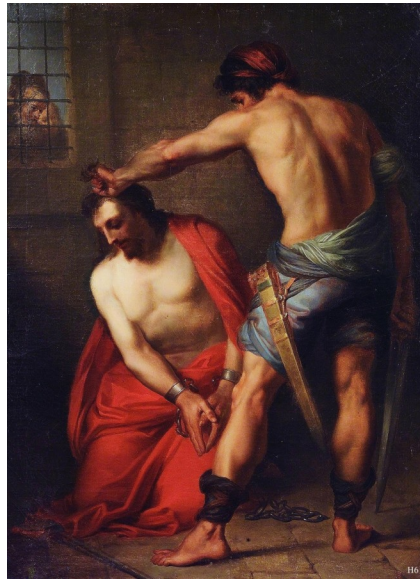
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# August 27, 2017

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### A Word From Pope Francis

*"Peter knocks at the door. Behold! There is joy, there is fear...*

*'Do we open, do we not?'...Fear paralyzes us, it always paralyzes us; it makes us close in on ourselves, closed to*

*God's surprises. This detail speaks to us of a constant temptation for the Church, that of closing in on herself*

*in the face of danger. But we also see the small openings through which God can work....Prayer enables grace to open a way out from closure to openness, from fear to courage, from sadness to joy...from division to unity."*

*—Mass and blessing of the sacred pallium for new archbishops,  
Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, June 29, 2016*

## THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

### Feast Day August 29

The Church celebrates the passion of St. John the Baptist who died approximately A.D. 30. We know from the Bible that he was the cousin of Jesus, the son of St. Elizabeth, and also the nephew of our Lady. King Herod knew that John was a holy man, and he liked to hear John's words, although he didn't take them to heart. He knew that he had to get control of him because of the crowds he was starting to build. He was afraid to kill him, so instead he had him imprisoned.

According to the Gospels, Herod had imprisoned John because he spoke out about Herod divorcing his wife, and unlawfully taking the wife of his brother. On Herod's birthday, his new wife's daughter danced before the king and his guests. Her dancing pleased Herod so much that in his drunkenness he promised to give her anything she desired, up to half of his kingdom. When the daughter asked her mother what she should ask for, she was told to ask for the head of John the Baptist on a platter. Herod was appalled by the request but reluctantly agreed and had John the Baptist executed in prison. St. John the Baptist was beheaded, and his head was placed on a platter and given to Herod's daughter.

Herod also feared that St. John's influence and power over the people might cause a rebellion. Over time, Herod had suffered military disaster at the hands of Aretas his father-in-law, and many believed it was God's punishment for his unrighteous behavior, and for taking the life of John the Baptist.

St. John the Baptist spoke the truth with great courage in calling others to a true change of heart, and to embrace the ways of God. He did this not only by preaching, but also by example. He fasted in the desert, and prepared the way for Jesus. He had such a great courage, that he wasn't fearful of speaking out about the immoral activities of his day. This was the reasoning that led to his death, but he continued. We can learn a lot from his life. We too, can embrace the ways of God and speak out of the immorality of our day, and with the help of St. John the Baptist, we can prepare the way for Jesus to those around 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.

<b>MON</b> August 28	8:00AM	Stoltz Family Stroh Family
<b>TUE</b> August 29	8:00AM	Swearingen Family Thomas Family
<b>WED</b> August 30	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
<b>THU</b> August 31	5:30PM	+Loretta Bode
<b>FRI</b> September 1	8:00AM	+Mardelle Duffy
<b>SAT</b> September 2	5:00PM (OLL)	+Luella Koopman
September 3	8:00AM (IC)	+Mardelle Duffy
Twenty-Second Sunday 10:30AM (OLL) In Ordinary Time		Parish Family

**Thank You  
For Your Gifts  
OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$2172.50
Capital Imp.	\$50.00
Food Pantry August Total	\$45.00
Yr to Date FP	\$156.00
	\$2375.61

**Imm Conception**

Sunday Total	\$230.00
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: \$13140  
(Goal: \$13,255)  
IC: \$570  
(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, September 2 5:00PM	Alex Killian	Patti Huppert		Stan Alt Frank Titus	Jean Wilhelmi
Sun, September 3 10:30AM	Andrew & Aidan Laughery	Jack Kollross		Brett Beyers Sam Baillie	

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.

**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.



**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!**



Tom Schwarz (8/28)  
Monique Cullotta (8/31)  
Delbert Tjarks (8/31)  
Paul Baillie (9/3)  
Will Baillie (9/3)



# The Word From Father Thomas

## WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?



Today, too, “many times we hear within ourselves” the same question that Jesus addressed to the Apostles. Jesus “turns to us and asks us: **who am I for you?** Who is Jesus Christ for each of us, for me? Who is Jesus Christ?” Surely, Pope Francis said, “we will respond as Peter did, as we learned in the Catechism: You are the Son of the living God, you are the Redeemer, you are the Lord!”...

Therefore, in order “to respond to that question which we all hear in our hearts—Who is Jesus for us?—what we have learned and studied in the Catechism does not suffice.” Certainly “it is important to study and to know it, but it is not enough,” the pope insisted. For in order to know him truly, “we need to travel the path that Peter traveled”...

The pope repeated that, in order to know Jesus, “what is needed is not a study of notions but rather a life as a disciple.” For “in journeying with Jesus we learn who he is...we come to know Jesus as disciples.” We come to know him “in the daily encounter with the Lord, each day. Through our victories and through our weaknesses.” It is precisely “through these encounters” that “we draw close to him and come to know him more deeply.” For it is “in these everyday encounters that we acquire what Saint Paul calls the mind of Christ, the hermeneutic to judge all things”...

Therefore we come to know Jesus “as disciples on the path of life, following behind him.” But this “is not enough,” the pope said. In reality, this “is a work of the Holy Spirit, who is a great worker: he is not a union organizer, he is a great worker. And he is always at work in us: and he carries out this great work of explaining the mystery of Jesus, and of giving us the mind of Christ.”

Pope Francis concluded his reflection by posing Jesus’ question: **Who am I for you?** “As disciples,” he said, “let us ask the Father to grant us a deeper knowledge of Christ, and let us ask the Holy Spirit to explain to us this mystery.”

~From a Homily by Pope Francis

## PARISH EVENTS



### **Tuesday, August 29**

- CALM between 6:30-7PM

### **Wednesday, August 30**

- Staff Meeting 6PM
- Parish Council Meeting 7PM

### **Saturday, September 2**

- Patriotic Rosary 4:30PM

## RE CLASSES BEGIN

**DON'T FORGET RE CLASSES BEGIN  
SEPTEMBER 10 AT 9AM.**

If you were unable to register last weekend, please contact Alyce at [joanelyceh@cawi.org](mailto:joanelyceh@cawi.org).

**WE ARE IN NEED OF TEACHERS!**



## 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@ololg.org](mailto:pastor@ololg.org).

## 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](mailto:caubry55@gmail.com) with any questions.



# Dear Padre

AUGUST 27, 2017

***I am a huge fan of Pope Francis. However, I know some people feel his messages to be against Church teachings. How can the people criticize the pope when we believe our Lord has put Pope Francis in the chair of St. Peter?***

Spoiler alert: I'm a big fan of Pope Francis, too! I believe he's doing much to bring people back to the Church. If you look closely at the pope's message, I think you'll find the difference is not one of content but of emphasis. Pope Francis has not changed any Church teaching, but he is shining the spotlight on some areas in particular.

Pope Francis has put a great deal of emphasis on mercy, simplicity, the poor, and immigrants. These things have always been part of the Catholic Church. Our pope has decided that today these things need to be brought to the forefront.

As Catholics, we are free to say things like, "I wish the pope would put more emphasis on doctrine," or, "I wish he would talk more about what we need to do to be saved." There's even nothing wrong in saying, "I liked Pope Benedict better." But, because Francis is in Peter's chair, we must always first ask ourselves, "What is Jesus saying to me through the messages of Pope Francis?"

*Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR*  
*Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org*

**Monday**  
AUGUST 28  
*St. Augustine,  
Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church*  
1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10  
Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday**  
AUGUST 29  
*Passion of St. John  
the Baptist*  
1 Thes 2:1-8  
Mk 6:17-29

**Wednesday**  
AUGUST 30  
*Weekday*  
1 Thes 2:9-13  
Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday**  
AUGUST 31  
*Weekday*  
1 Thes 3:7-13  
Mt 24:42-51

**Friday**  
SEPTEMBER 1  
*Weekday*  
1 Thes 4:1-8  
Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday**  
*September 2*  
*Weekday*  
1 Thes 4:9-11  
Mt 25:14-30

**Sunday**  
*September 3*  
*Twenty-Second  
Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*  
Jer 20:7-9  
Rom 12:1-2  
Mt 16:21-27

# Good News!

August 27, 2017

*Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)*  
Is 22:19-23 Rom 11:33-36 Mt 16:13-20

Saint Peter's Basilica is built on the tomb of Peter, which literally serves as the rock on which the church is built. Peter states his faith, acknowledging Jesus as Messiah and Son of God, in the name of the other apostles. In reply, the Lord reveals his intended mission for Peter: to become the visible foundation of the Church.

This account also tells us that Peter's act of faith did not come through "flesh and blood," that is, through his human abilities, but through a particular revelation from God. By contrast, right afterward, as Jesus foretells his passion, death, and resurrection, Peter "began to rebuke him," denying that this would ever happen (Matthew 16:22). Jesus scolds him in return.

Peter shows his human weakness and what he is: a stone along the path on which men can stumble. In this scene, the drama of each soul and the history of the papacy and Church itself are anticipated. There is the joint presence of divine assistance by which the papacy constitutes the Church's foundation throughout history, and human weakness, which is also evident through the centuries and can be transformed only through abandonment to God's action.

In today's Gospel, Jesus clearly promises the forces of evil will not prevail. Prophets such as Jeremiah (1:18-19) were threatened only by human enemies, whereas Peter will have to be defended from a supernatural evil. Jeremiah receives a promise that affects him as a person and his prophetic ministry; Peter receives assurances concerning the future of the Church and the new community founded by Christ "upon this rock."

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC