

## 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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# September 17, 2017

## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### How Can You Keep Your Kids Catholic? (Part 1 in a 4 part series)

#### *“Parents have the first responsibility”*

So many families are overwhelmed with stress, disappointment, trauma and doubt. They are assaulted by divorce, unemployment and displacement, coupled with a pervasive identity crisis and seemingly fruitless search for meaning. Other issues include substance abuse, accelerating inclinations toward the occult and a variety of sexual addictions. Whether a symptom or a result of their unfulfilling lives, directionless young adults often subscribe to the trendy new faith: none.

Kids are caught in a perfect storm of physical, emotional and spiritual shipwreck. Unsurprisingly, U.S. suicide rates today, especially among teens and young adults, are at their highest in 30 years. Conversely, over the past two decades, numerous studies have determined that those who pray regularly and practice their Christian faith are less stressed, healthier, happier, more financially stable, more compassionate and more optimistic than those who don't. And these studies aren't from Catholic think tanks, but rather from notable polling groups such as Pew Research and others.

So how can Catholic parents ensure their kids will end up in the latter category, especially during and after college, a time when many routinely abandon their faith? Teach them personally, from day one.

Giving kids the unblemished truth about Catholicism, at each stage of development, shapes their early understanding of God, affection for Him and conscience, and helps them develop a spiritual “eye.” Parents — beyond Catholic schools, CCD programs, books, apps, Church youth organizations, etc. — have the primary responsibility before God to ground their children in the faith. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says, “Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children” (No. 2223) and “should begin in the child's earliest years” (No. 2226).

Kids should understand why Catholicism is the true faith instituted by Christ, so they don't fall prey to religious indifferentism, believing one Christian denomination is as good as another, or that counterfeit religions are OK. Only Catholicism has the True Presence of Christ in the holy Eucharist, and six additional sacraments given by Christ for salvation. It's the only one with papal authority for teaching clarity, long-standing apostolic tradition and unchangeable doctrine.

When quandaries arise in their lives, kids need their parents' clarification and added information on why the Church teaches what it does. They cherish and feel safeguarded by their parents' direction.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION  
AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017  
9AM-10AM

All retired and semi-retired folks are invited to meet for coffee and conversation with our guest speaker Jeremy Darnell, the GCMS School District Superintendent.  
We look forward to see you then!

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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> September 18	8:00AM	+Loretta Bode
<b>TUE</b> September 19	8:00AM	Helmig Family Hornstein Family
<b>WED</b> September 20	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
<b>THU</b> September 21 <i>St. Matthew</i>	5:30PM	+Mardelle Duffy
<b>FRI</b> September 22	8:00AM	Huppert Family Hutchcraft Family
<b>SAT</b> September 23 <i>St. Pius</i>	5:00PM (OLL)	+Stuckey Family
September 24 <i>Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time</i>	8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL)	+Parish Family +Loretta Bode

**Thank You  
 For Your Gifts  
 OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$2300.50
Capital Imp.	\$200.00
Food Pantry	\$73.00
September Total	144.00
Yr to Date FP	\$2551.61

**Imm Conception**

Sunday Total	\$277.00
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: \$13255**  
 (Goal: \$13,255)  
**IC: \$920**  
 (Goal: \$913)

**MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
Sat, September 23 5:00PM	Cain Jost Walter Smith	Jim Meyer	Jerry Brown	Stan Alt Frank Titus	Lisa Heap  2nd Collection next weekend 9/23 & 9/24 for Christ is Our Hope Magazine
Sun, September 24 10:30AM	Hannah & Haven Hathaway	Sarah Sarantakos	Paul Sarantakos	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.

**A Prayer for Catechists**

Loving God, Creator of all things,  
 you call us to be in relationship with you and others.

Thank you for calling me to be a catechist,  
 for the opportunity to share with others  
 what you have given to me.

May all those with whom I share the gift of faith  
 discover how you are present in all things.

May they come to know you, the one true God,  
 and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.  
 May the grace of the Holy Spirit guide my heart and lips,  
 so that I may remain constant in loving and praising you.

May I be a witness to the Gospel and a minister of your truth.  
 May all my words and actions reflect your love.

*Amen.*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Fred Sarantakos (9/18)  
 Jodi Beyers (9/18)  
 Patti Huppert (9/18)  
 Georgia Lynch (9/19)  
 Kayla Raney (9/19)  
 Emma Kurtenbach (9/20)  
 Tim Fackler m(9/20)  
 Amy Stoltz (9/22)  
 Tom Hathaway (9/24)  
 Martha Heavilin (9/24)

## The Word From Father Thomas



This year, the Church will **celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 17, 2017**. The 2017 theme will be "Living as Missionary Disciples." Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

### What Does the Word "Catechetical" Mean?

The word might be more familiar than you think. Many Catholics have used the word "catechism" for years, and they know it has something to do with the compendium of the Church's teachings. The root word, "catechesis," is from a Greek word meaning "to echo, or resound." Catechesis is the act of resounding or bringing the Church's teachings to the world. A catechist is one who teaches in the name of the Church.

### Why do we have a special day set aside to commission catechists?

Catechesis is a distinct and special ministry in the Church. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church makes clear, "Catechesis is intimately bound up with the whole of the Church's life . . . her inner growth and correspondence with God's plan depend essentially on catechesis" (no. 7). This ministry of teaching in the name of the Church has a profound dignity, which is why catechists are formally commissioned by the Church. It is only fitting that we set aside a day to highlight this ministry and invite the entire church community to think about our responsibility to share our faith with others.

### STATEMENT OF BISHOP R. DANIEL CONLON - DIOCESE OF JOLIET

August 25, 2017

On August 23, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops established an Ad Hoc Committee against Racism. This action was taken in response to recent incidents in our country, most notably in Charlottesville, Virginia, that indicate a heightened tension over racial concerns.

In one sense, it seems remarkable that such a decision by the bishops was considered necessary. As someone who, as a teenager and a young adult, witnessed the race riots and civil rights movement of fifty years ago, I hoped that our country had moved beyond such attitudes as white supremacy. On the other hand, it is not surprising that generations of legalized slavery, both before and after the constitutional establishment of the United States, would have an enduring legacy.

It is not just bigotry that troubles our nation. There are pockets of disrespect for Jews and Muslims, for immigrants, for persons who are aging and handicapped, for homosexuals, even for unborn children. A lack of respect for those who are different from oneself goes all the way back to Cain and Abel, one who was a shepherd, the other who was a crop farmer.

This effect of Original Sin, although to be expected, is never right and never acceptable. As children of the same God, with the same dignity and rights, we have an obligation to treat each other with fairness and respect.

When we Catholic leaders speak out on this subject it is from this perspective, the fundamental dignity of the human person as a child of God. Our position is based on long-standing Catholic social teaching. It is not motivated by political affiliation, economic advantage, sectarianism or any other bias, other than our belief in God and the love of Jesus Christ.

I call on others, especially the Catholics of the Diocese of Joliet, to join my brother bishops and me in thinking, speaking and acting in ways that will help to heal the divisions currently affecting our country. Of course, we must also seek divine assistance. We can – and must – do better for the sake of everyone.

## PARISH EVENTS



### **Tuesday, September 19**

- CALM between 6:30-7PM

### **Wednesday, September 20**

- K of C 7PM

### **Saturday, September 23**

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

### **Wednesday, September 27**

- Staff Meeting 6PM
- Parish Council Meeting 7PM

## CONGRATULATIONS Greg & Angie Martin



*September 9, 2017*

*May you be blessed with a  
lifetime of love and happiness.*

### **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  
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](mailto:pastor@ololgc.org).

# Dear Padre

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

**Pope Francis said, "Who am I to judge?" But aren't we supposed to hold each other to a higher standard of living and judge actions as moral or sinful?**

Pope Francis is not the only one to warn about judging. He is likely drawing his guidance from Jesus in Matthew 7:1–2. Both the Lord and the pope warn us about judging others and looking down upon those we consider "more sinful." That sort of comparison can easily lead us to arrogance and hypocrisy.

The Lord teaches us there will be a final (or particular) judgment each of us will have to face. We will all have to stand before God and give an account of our actions. This teaches us that God is the only one qualified to fully know a person's heart and intentions. If we begin to act as a judge of people, then we are playing God.

However, your question also implies that among believers we are to hold one another accountable in our Christian community. This is correct (Matthew 18:15–17). In the body of Christ, there is a responsibility to help and encourage each other to follow Jesus. Among the baptized, there should be the sharing of virtues and some accountability to the Church. We call one another higher, not through accusation, but through love and service. It is my duty to help fellow believers in their discipleship, as it is their duty to help me with mine. I find that I appreciate those who care enough about me to want to help me be a better Catholic, priest, or person. In community, we should build up in fellowship, not tear down in judgment.

**Monday**  
SEPTEMBER 18  
*Weekday*  
1 Tm 2:1–8  
Lk 7:1–10

**Tuesday**  
SEPTEMBER 19  
*Weekday*  
1 Tm 3:1–13  
Lk 7:11–17

**Wednesday**  
SEPTEMBER 20  
*Sts. Andrew Kim  
Tae-gŏn, Priest, and  
Paul Chŏng Ha-sang,  
and Companions,  
Martyrs*  
1 Tm 3:14–16  
Lk 7:31–35

**Thursday**  
SEPTEMBER 21  
*St. Matthew,  
Apostle and  
Evangelist*  
Eph 4:1–7, 11–13  
Mt 9:9–13

**Friday**  
SEPTEMBER 22  
*Weekday*  
1 Tm 6:2c–12  
Lk 8:1–3

**Saturday**  
SEPTEMBER 23  
*St. Pius of  
Pietrelcina, Priest*  
1 Tm 6:13–16  
Lk 8:4–15

**Sunday**  
SEPTEMBER 24  
*Twenty-Fifth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*  
Is 55:6–9  
Phil 1:20c–24, 27a  
Mt 20:1–16a

# Good News!

September 17, 2017

*Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)*  
Sir 27:30–28:7; Rom 14:7–9; Mt 18:21–35

Often when we think of a judge, we think of severity or cold justice. Courtroom and criminal-justice dramas—even some news coverage of major crimes and scandals—love depicting the offender as receiving his or her just rewards, with the judge or prosecutor smugly reflecting or sighing in relief.

But in the scriptural sense, a judge is much more. A good judge is an educator, teacher, and parent. Good judges promote wise living and respect for authority and the law. Their tools are sometimes mercy, sometimes penance, but always prompted by love.

A better image to understand the judge's role is a parent educating his or her child. Sometimes education means letting something slide; sometimes it means holding the child accountable. Both can be expressions of love.

Today's readings caution us against selfish passions that prompt us to judge. One who has been forgiven much but is then harsh with others will be severely punished—or as Sirach puts it, God "remembers their sins in detail."

Mercy toward others is key to the Gospel message. Some think they are good Christians because they don't steal and haven't killed anyone. They may even be active in their parish but are highly critical of others.

Remember, as Jesus said: "The measure with which you measure will be measured out to you" (Matthew 7:2). And, "So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart."

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC