

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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JANUARY 14, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME FR. MICHAEL GOODAVISH FOOD FOR THE POOR

We welcome Fr. Michael Goodavish this weekend as he talks about the Food for the Poor ministry. This ministry provides direct relief to the poor throughout Latin American and the Caribbean. Father Goodavish looks forward to sharing his personal witness about Food for the Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

St. Sebastian: Daring Christian Soldier

January 20, 2017

[St. Sebastian](#) was an undercover Christian for most of his life. He was born into the nobility and joined the Roman Imperial army to keep his cover as a typical noble pagan so that he could minister to persecuted Christians. He moved through the ranks of the army and quickly became a captain of the guard and an imperial officer.

Sebastian spent much of his time encouraging and converting countless prisoners of the Roman army. He was a gifted healer—using the Sign of the Cross—and also converted his fellow soldiers, as well as the governor of Rome. Saint Sebastian was eventually caught and martyred for his faith.

WHAT MAKES ST. SEBASTIAN SO SPECIAL?

Sebastian was discovered to be a Christian when he converted the Roman governor, Chromatius, to Christianity. Upon his conversion Chromatius resigned from his post and freed sixteen fellow converts from prison. Roman Emperor Diocletian came to the conclusion that Sebastian was a Christian and ordered him to be tied to a stake in a field and shot to death by arrows. Sebastian endured the arrows and was soon to die until St. Irene of Rome recovered his body and succeeded in nursing him back to health.

How did Saint Sebastian respond to being healed? He marched up to Diocletian and preached the Gospel to him! Diocletian was shocked to see the man he thought was dead presumably come back to preach to him in the middle of the day.

It's one thing to survive an attempted martyrdom and go on living your life, but it's another thing to turn around and preach to the man who signed your death warrant!

The story doesn't end there, as if the story isn't marvelous enough! Upon preaching to Diocletian, St. Sebastian was ordered to be martyred again! And this time he was to be beaten to death with clubs and his body tossed into the sewers. Diocletian was certainly not prepared to have St. Sebastian return once more.

FACTS ABOUT ST. SEBASTIAN

He is the patron of archers (obviously), athletes (for his energetic evangelization), and dying people (he was dying before being saved by St. Irene).

One can find [St. Sebastian medals](#) for just about every sport, as popular modern intercession of St. Sebastian has centered on his patronage of athletics.

- St. Sebastian is typically represented with arrows in his flesh, or being saved by Saint Irene.
- He is buried along the Appian Way in Rome, and one of the seven principal churches of Rome is built over his relics and burial site.
- St. Sebastian is also a patron against plagues, as once a plague was afflicting the Lombards. When they built an altar to St. Sebastian in the Church of Saint Peter in the Province of Pavia, the plague ended.

Saint Sebastian was an incredible healer, evangelist, and model Christian soldier. He was martyred in 288 A.D., and his feast day is celebrated on January 20th.

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**Parish Council
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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 January 15 9:00AM NO MASS

TUE January 16 8:00AM NO MASS

WED January 17 8:00AM NO MASS
St. Anthony

THU January 18 5:30PM NO MASS

FRI January 19 8:00AM NO MASS

SAT January 20 5:00PM (OLL) +Bill Johnson
Sts. Fabian & Sebastian

SUN January 21 8:00AM (IC) Parish Family
Third Sunday in 10:30AM (OLL) +Sandy Roberts
Ordinary Time

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR GIFTS
OLOL**

Sunday Total January 1	\$182.00
January 6/7	\$2497.00
Capital Imp.	\$
Food Pantry January Total	\$50.00
Yr to Date FP	\$50.00

Imm Conception

Sunday Total	\$186.00
Capital Imp.	\$0

We will welcome
FR DENNIS WHITE
next weekend

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
Sat, January 20 5:00PM	Alex Killian Spencer Kleist	Patti Huppert	Marj Brown	Steve Killian Jerry Brown	Helen Haynes
Sun, January 21 10:30AM	Molly & Seth Kollross	Maggie Davis	Jack Kollross	Chuck Aubry Craig Davis	Latin American collection next weekend 1/20-1/21.

Volunteers are always needed for our parish ministries. For more information on how to join, contact the parish office.

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.

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES
December 23-24**

Sunday Total	\$2989.50
Capital Imp.	\$0
Food Pantry December Total Yr to Date FP	\$55.00 \$192.25 \$3325.27

**IC
December 23-24**

Sunday Total	\$220.00
Capital Imp.	\$0

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES
December 25-Christmas**

Christmas Total	\$2860.50
Capital Imp.	\$0
Food Pantry December Total Yr to Date FP	\$ \$ \$3325.27

**IC
December 25-Christmas**

Sunday Total	\$431.00
Capital Imp.	\$0

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES
December 30-31**

Sunday Total	\$2271.50
Capital Imp.	\$0
Food Pantry December Total Yr to Date FP	\$61.00 \$253.25 \$3386.27

**IC
December 30-31**

Sunday Total	\$267.50
Capital Imp.	\$0

The Word From Father Thomas



“WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?”

They followed him from a distance, afraid and embarrassed, yet strangely, profoundly, obscurely, magnetically moved to curiosity. Those two disciples, hearing him speak like that, followed Jesus. Jesus turned around, saw that they were following him, and said, What are you seeking? They answered, Rabbi, where do you live? He said to them, Come and see. Come and see. This is the Christian formula, the Christian method. They came and saw where he was staying; and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour...

It is obvious that after listening to that Man for hours, watching him speak (“Who is he who is speaking like this? Who else has ever spoken like this? Who has ever said these things? I’ve never seen or heard anyone like him!”), a precise impression had slowly formed in their heart: If I don’t believe this man, I’ll not believe anyone, I’ll not believe my own eyes! They did not spell it out, perhaps they did not form the thought, but they certainly felt it. That man must have affirmed, among other things, that he was the Messiah, the One who was to come. He was so clear in making this exceptional affirmation that they accepted it as something simple, easy to understand. It was something simple!

~ Servant of God Monsignor Luigi Giussani



All RETIRED AND SEMI-RETIRED FOLKS ARE INVITED TO MEET At American Lutheran Church (905 East First Street) in Gibson City for Coffee and Conversation on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, from 9:00-10:00AM. Our guest will be Judy Jepsen-Popel, President of the Ford County Historical Society. Bring your friends and neighbors and learn about the history of Ford County.

WHAT DOES I MEAN TO BE CONTEMPLATIVE TODAY?

Today we understand that contemplation, rather than being opposed to a busy, active life, is a level of attentiveness to God which accompanies and nourishes, our community life, our prayer, and our service in the church. The cell and silence are interiorized. Contemplation is a deep listening as we go about our activities. It is an attitude of openness and trust, being available to the Lord.

This openness to God’s transforming love, no matter what the context, is every Christian’s vocation. Every Christian is called to be a contemplative, to make a hermitage of the heart where he or she stands at the door awaiting the Lord’s approach.

The contemplative person is an ordinary Christian who acknowledges God’s presence in life, who is open to experiencing that presence in daily events and who humbly allows God’s love to lead the way. Contemplation has been described as a “long, loving look at the real.” A test of contemplative prayer is a growing compassion for our wounded world.

Food Pantry Volunteers

Saturday, February 10 from 8:30AM-Noon will be our next scheduled opportunity to supply the labor for the local food pantry.

Workers will be needed on that Saturday

Please feel free to contact Chuck Aubry caubry55@gmail.com with any questions.

NOTE: THE FOOD PANTRY IS NOW LOCATED IN THE OLD ALCO BUILDING (NEXT TO BIG R ON ROUTE 9).

PARISH CALENDAR



Saturday, January 27

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon

Sunday, January 28

- YOUTH MASS

NO STAFF/PARISH COUNCIL



Marj Brown (1/18)
Nora McCall (1/18)
Donald Hansen (1/19)



Steve & Lucy Shilts (1/18)
Jerry & Georgia Lynch (1/18)
Doug & Tammy Parsons (1/20)
Joe & Alyce Hafer (1/21)



Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Jeff McGuire
Linda Ellington
Greg Delost
Steve Heavilin
Dale Enghausen
Brian Sullivan
Tony Perkins
Emma Davis
Marilyn Fischer
Terry Hutchcraft
Norma Thompson



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

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Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

Monday

January 15
Weekday

1 Sm 15:16-23
Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday

January 16
Weekday

1 Sm 16:1-13
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday

January 17
St. Anthony,
Abbot

1 Sm 17:32-33,
37, 40-51
Mk 3:1-6

Thursday

January 18
Weekday

1 Sm 18:6-9;
19:1-7
Mk 3:7-12

Friday

January 19
Weekday

1 Sm 24:3-21
Mk 3:13-19

Saturday

January 20
Weekday

2 Sm 1:1-4,
11-12, 19, 23-27
Mk 3:20-21

Sunday

January 21
Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Jon 3:1-5, 10
1 Cor 7:29-31
Mk 1:14-20

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