

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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MARCH 4, 2018 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



"Take these out of here,
and stop making
my Father's house
a marketplace."



On Friday, March 9 and Saturday, March 10, the GCMS High School Choral Department will present Disney's Beauty and the Beast. Show times are 7PM both nights at the High School Gymnasium.

Senior Citizens are invited to Breakfast on Broadway on the morning of Friday, March 9. This is a FREE event for Senior Citizens. A light breakfast will be served at 8:30AM followed by Act 1 of Beauty and the Beast.

Reserved tickets \$7.00 (217)784-4292 General Admission \$5.00 Adults and \$3.00 Students.

Participants from our parish family include: Alex Killian, Liam Killian, Hattie Parsons, Ethan Garard, Remi Astronomo and Haven Hathaway.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL RETREAT

BE HEALED-Encountering the Powerful Love of Jesus in Your Life
Saturday, April 7, 2018, 7:30AM-Sunday, April 8, 2018, 12:30PM
Our Lady of Angels Retreat Center
13820 Main Street, Lemont, IL 60439

Fr. Burke Master & Fr. Dennis Spies, and leading women's speakers in the Joliet Diocese. This Retreat will be an engaging weekend based on the book by Bob Schuchts. This day and a half retreat includes Spirit filled talks, small group discussions, and opportunities for faith-filled reflection, Mass and confessions. Enjoy Our Lady of Angels' beautiful grounds for long walks and great food prepared by the Sisters of St. Francis of Christ the King. This weekend will assist you in taking the next step in your faith journey. We look forward to seeing you there!

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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 March 5	8:00AM	+Bob Shambrook
TUE March 6	8:00AM	+Bob Mardis
WED March 7 Sts. Perpetua & Felicity	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
THU March 8 St. John of God	5:30PM	Fetzner Family Mardis Family
FRI March 9 St. Frances of Rome	8:00AM	+Mardelle Duffy
SAT March 10	5:00PM (OLL)	+Loretta Bode
SUN March 11 Fourth Sunday of Lent	8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL)	Parish Family +Donald, Ruby & Donald Kemmer

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR GIFTS
OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$3511.50
Capital Imp.	\$0
Food Pantry February Total Yr to Date FP	\$32.00 \$290.00 \$460.96

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Sunday Total	\$207.00
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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!

2018 CMAA Goals
OLOL: \$
(Goal: \$12,200)
IC: \$
(Goal: \$1,000)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
Sat, March 10 5:00PM	Alex Killian Spencer Kleist	Patti Huppert	Lisa Heap	Frank Titus Bob Bode	Paul & Sarah Sarantakos
Sun, March 11 10:30AM	Daxter Chaddock Aidan Laughery	Maggie Davis	Paul Sarantakos	Jerry Lynch Sr. Jerry Lynch Jr.	

**Second Collection
for Catholic Relief
Services 3/10-3/11**

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.



**During the Lenten
season we will offer
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
on Friday evenings at 7PM
at
Our Lady of Lourdes
Church**



**Sunderland
Scholarship**

The Sunderland Scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating senior from Our Lady of Lourdes. To make a donation toward this year's scholarship award, please use the red offertory envelope marked for this purpose and drop it in the collection basket. Your generosity toward helping our parish youth is greatly appreciated.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

**MARCH 16
APRIL 6**

Dinner will be served from 4:30PM-6:30PM. The cost will be \$8 with children under 12 free. Carryout's are available.



The Word From Father Thomas

Third Sunday of Lent

“Stop making my Father’s house a market place.”

Deal making is hard wired into the human condition. It permeates social arrangements. “If you do that, I will do this” or “If you give me that, I will give you this” is implicit in much human interaction. Therefore, it is no surprise that “dealing” is easily transferred from the social to the spiritual sphere.



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The worship of the temple traffics in physical (animals) and social (money changing) life. In fact, physical and social life defines and restricts its mode of worship. Slaughtered animals are essential intermediaries between God and worshipers. God and worshipers relate commercially. Worshipers give God a sacrificial animal and, in turn, God gives the worshiper forgiveness for sins and help in various endeavors. This basic exchange is flexible enough to accommodate all the spinoffs. For example, the more perfect the sacrifice (without blemish) the more assurance of forgiveness and help. In this way the mentality of the marketplace so permeates Temple worship that it degenerates into deal making.

The type of worship that goes on in the temple is not appropriate for “my Father’s house.” Jesus’s Father is not a deal maker. He does not exchange favors for sacrifices. The Father is a free flow of spiritual life and love that cannot be bought, bartered, bargained, or bribed. Therefore, animals and money are inappropriate for two reasons. First, they belong to the physical and social spheres and so mask the spiritual nature of the relationship between the Father and worshipers. Second, they are gifts of the worshipers and so mask the priority of the Father’s free gift of love.

There is a deeper implication of Jesus’ actions and words. When the Samaritan woman asks Jesus about where to worship (Jn. 4:7), he replies that “true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.” (John 4:23) Since Jesus is the fullness of grace and truth from whom all receive, his presence naturally initiates the acknowledgement of the divine (Jn. 1:14, 16). In this sense Jesus may be doing more than cleansing the temple, he may be replacing it.

Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”

To the religious authorities, Jesus’s words and actions imply he is the Messiah. Only the Messiah has the right to cleanse the temple. But the Messiah will be accompanied by mighty signs that legitimize his actions. So they request a sign. Their consciousness is confined to the physical and social dimensions of life and therefore, what they want from Jesus is physical and social signs. The literal minds that cannot move from physical and social realm to spiritual perception were confused when they heard from Jesus about the raising of the temple in three days. They were incapable of following the wordplay and so incapable of reading the sign as a spiritual revelation. The same thing happened when Jesus was talking with Nicodemus and Jesus answered him and said, “Amen, Amen I say to you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” (John 3:3) and he was perplexed and asked, How can these things be?

When Jesus starts with the word “destroy,” he is talking directly to the authorities, though they miss the clue. “In three days” symbolizes the power of God and not exactly a timeframe. Jesus’ physical life will be reestablished through a process of resurrection, a process he is capable of because of his communion with the Father. They will kill him, but their malicious efforts will only reveal the Father’s power of resurrection. This is both the sign they seek and the sign they cannot read.

It is also a sign that confused the disciples. It was only after Jesus died and rose that they remembered and grasped the fullness of what he had said. In the light of the resurrection, they saw how the Scriptures and Jesus’ words illuminated each other. The Scriptures foretold the Temple cleansing would lead to his death (see Ps 69:9) and Jesus foretold his death would lead to the Resurrection. Both predictions were fulfilled, so the disciples came to believe both in the Scriptures and in Jesus’ word.

PARISH CALENDAR



Thursday, March 8

- St. Peregrine Healing Mass 5:30PM

Saturday, March 10

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon

Wednesday, March 14

- K of C Mtg 7PM

Friday, March 16

- K of C Fish Fry 4:30PM-6:30PM

Sunday, March 18

- YOUTH MASS

Saturday, March 24

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon

Wednesday, March 28

- Staff Meeting 6PM
- PC Meeting 7PM

**Stations of the Cross Fridays
7PM during Lent at OLL**



- Eva Acree (3/5)
- Amanda Freehill (3/6)
- Andrew Laughery (3/6)
- Seth Kollross (3/8)
- Axel Doran (3/8)
- Jim Fetzner (3/8)
- Michael Smith (3/11)
- Stan Alt (3/11)
- Joe McGuire (3/11)



Roger & Kathleen Reum (3/6)

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

- Jeff McGuire
- Linda Ellington
- Greg Delost
- Steve Heavilin
- Dale Enghausen
- Brian Sullivan
- Emma Davis
- 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@olc.org.

St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Churches
Cordially invite you and your family and friends to our Lenten Mission:
Our Lenten Journey as Instruments of Peace - Reflections on the Peace Prayer
Presented by Friar Johnpaul Cafiero, OFM

When: March 4, 5, 6, 2018
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Where: St. Mary Catholic Church, Paxton

Friar Johnpaul is a Franciscan Priest of the Sacred Heart of Chicago/St. Louis. He is the oldest in an Italian/Polish Catholic family from the New York Metro area, and is a former police officer who has worked as a counselor and chaplain at the Cook County Juvenile Detention Center in Chicago. Friar Johnpaul has lectured, preached, and conducted pilgrimages throughout the United States and internationally. He is currently at Holy Family Parish in Inverness and serves as chaplain for the Illinois State police – District 15 & District Chicago. Friar’s storytelling and humor bring to life the message of Jesus’ words to us, his disciples today. Topics such as: being Instruments of Peace in a war-torn world, faith and doubt, happiness versus joy, depression and surrender, death and new life will be explored. An enjoyable and faith strengthening experience for all! Please join us!

Friar Johnpaul will be the celebrant at all Masses Saturday March 3rd through Tuesday March 6th and will provide a preview of the Mission at the weekend Masses. Please come and see what Friar may have to offer to help you find peace this Lenten season! We would love to see you!

Dear Padre

March 4, 2018

Much time is given to purify the vessels after Communion. At another parish, two people bring the cloth and unfold it on the altar before the gifts are presented. Shouldn't the preparation and cleanup of the table be less significant than the Eucharist itself?

Our liturgy is a beautiful expression of our faith, and we value its simplicity and grace. When we celebrate a liturgy, we keep in mind the nature of a particular part and its relationship to the whole celebration. We want the Eucharist to be the clear, central part of the liturgy.

The preparation of the gifts is a practical rite that gets us set for the eucharistic prayer; it is done with simplicity and few additional gestures. *The Roman Missal* says an "acolyte or another lay minister arranges the corporal on the altar" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 139) and places the chalice and other vessels. It seems appropriate for laypeople to help dress the altar, especially if they assist the entire Mass. Their actions should be inconspicuous and not extend the rite. These ministers can be lay faithful because they are encouraged to present the bread and wine, emphasizing the inclusive nature of the Eucharist (*GIRM* 140, 141).

The purification of vessels is tricky because it must be done by a priest, a deacon, or an instituted acolyte. Since churches use several vessels, this action can take time and be overemphasized. However, its placement in the Mass is flexible, taking place "after Communion, or after Mass" (*GIRM* 279) and should be "done briefly and inconspicuously" (*Introduction to the Order of Mass*, 138). These pastoral suggestions enable us to leave the purification of the vessels until after Mass so we maintain a proper focus on the Eucharist and the meditation that follows.

—Fr. John K. Schmidt, CSSR

Monday

March 5

Lenten Weekday

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab

Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday

March 6

Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:25, 34-43

Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday

March 7

Lenten Weekday

Dt 4:1, 5-9

Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

March 8

Lenten Weekday

Jer 7:23-28

Lk 11:14-23

Friday

March 9

Lenten Weekday

Hos 14:2-10

Mk 12:28-34

Saturday

March 10

Lenten Weekday

Hos 6:1-6

Lk 18:9-14

Sunday

March 11

*Fourth Sunday
of Lent*

2 Chr 36:14-16,
19-23

Eph 2:4-10

Jn 3:14

Good News!

March 4, 2018

Wisdom, Strength

A ceiling painting by Laureti is found in the Constantine Room of the papal apartments. It is a symbolic celebration of the triumph of Christianity over paganism, set in a classical architectural space. The remains of a crushed Hermes lies broken in pieces on the floor, while a crucifix of Jesus Christ sits upon the pedestal.

It is fitting that the painting crowns the papal hall honoring Constantine, the first Roman emperor to leave paganism and be baptized a Christian. Constantine had four basilicas built in Rome—including St. Peter's—and gave Christians freedom of religion in the Roman Empire.

The message is clear. The Romans worshiped statues of gods who were mere human creations and projections. In the statue's place is not just another statue but a crucifix that reminds us of a reality, a historical event. God himself became human in Jesus Christ and showed his divine strength by emptying himself and being crushed by our sins in order to forgive and win back a rebellious humanity.

This show of godly power through weakness is foolishness to the Gentiles and inconceivable to the Jews. Yet this humility and love is the wisdom that confounds and the strength that saves.

Religion isn't a business or human invention for personal enthronement. Jesus overturns this idea like he overturns the moneychangers' tables. Worship of God is all about accepting his initiative and humbly responding in the obedience of faith and the purifying joy of love.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC