

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)



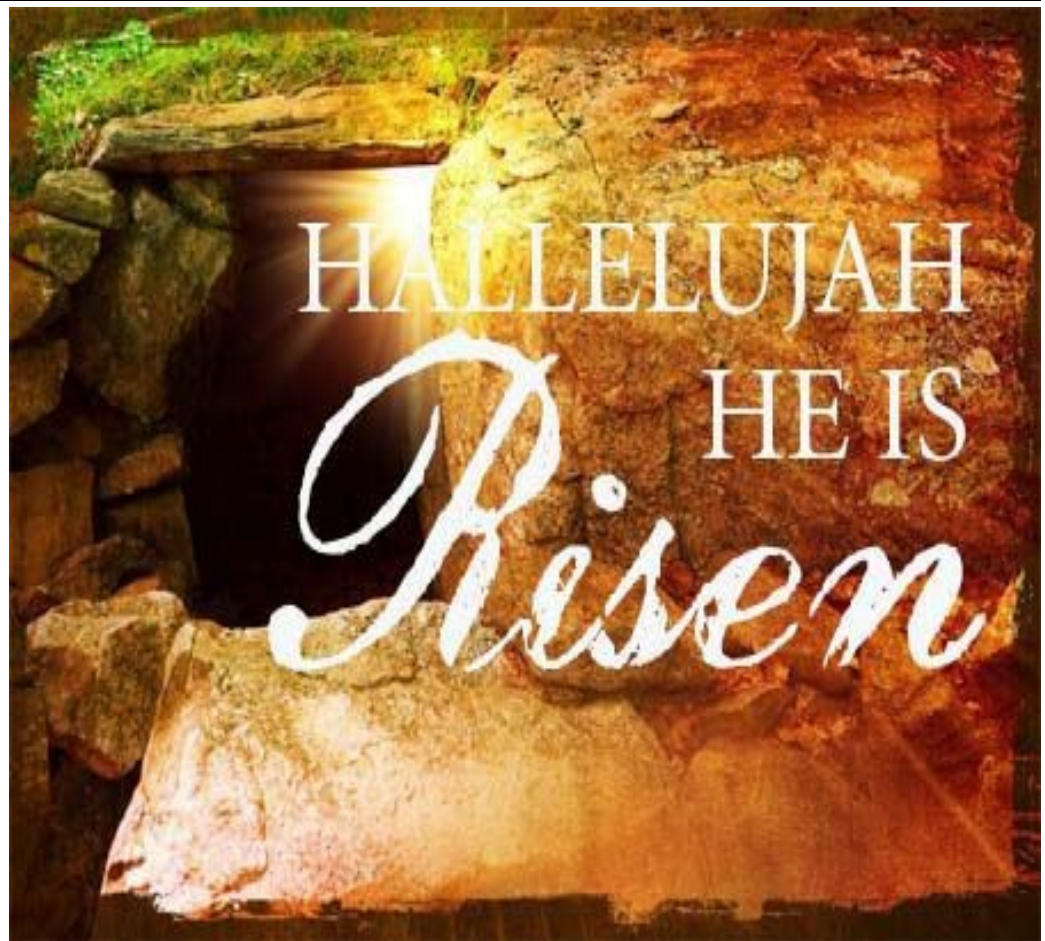
Parish Office

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APRIL 1, 2018 EASTER SUNDAY



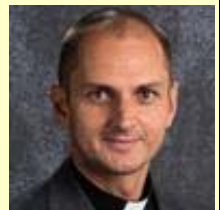
NEW PRIEST FOR OUR LADY OF LOURDES/ST. MARY PAXTON/ST. JOSEPH LODA

It has been announced that our new priest will be joining us from Queenship of Mary in Glen Ellyn. We will welcome Fr. Dong van Bui on June 20. In addition to our new priest, Our Lady of Lourdes will be combined with St. Mary, in Paxton and St. Joseph in Loda. Please keep our priests in your prayers as they learn about and transition to their new parishes over the coming months.



NEW PRIEST FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ROBERTS, IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GILMAN AND ST. PETER PIPER CITY

Fr. Marek Herbut will make the move to central Illinois from Sts. Peter & Paul in Naperville.



KEYBOARD COLLECTION

We have recently purchased a new keyboard with the ability to record voices and music so that we may enjoy music at Masses when someone is not available to play. This \$11,000 investment was purchased with memorial donations from the Shambrook and Mardis families. Additionally, we have a parishioner willing to donate dollar for dollar up to \$2500. We are asking for your prayerful consideration of additional donations to help offset this cost. Additional donations can be dropped in the basket in an envelope addressed to Patti with a note indicating "keyboard donation". **We will also offer a second collection for this purpose on the NEXT weekend April 7/8.**

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**Parish Council
President**
Michael Smith (OLOL)

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 April 2	8:00AM	NO MASS
TUE April 3	8:00AM	NO MASS
WED April 4	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
THU April 5	5:30PM	+Dick Walter
FRI April 6	8:00AM	+Mardelle Duffy
SAT April 7	5:00PM (OLL)	+Bob Mardis
SUN April 8	8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL)	Parish Family +Dick Walter

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR GIFTS
OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$2661.00
Capital Imp.	\$25.00
Food Pantry	\$81.00
March Total	\$262.00
Yr to Date FP	\$722.96

Imm Conception

Sunday Total	\$188.00
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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: \$3981
(Goal: \$12,200)
IC: \$1405
(Goal: \$1,000)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
Sat, April 7 5:00PM	Alex Killian Spencer Kleist	Jim Meyer	Marj Brown	Steve Killian Stan Alt	Helen Haynes
Sun, April 8 10:30AM	Molly & Seth Kollross	Denis Fisher	Paul Sarantakos	Nathan Garard Ethan Garard	

CONGRATULATIONS
to IC on already meeting
their CMAA Goal!

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.



PARISH PICNIC

Mark your calendars for our Annual Parish Picnic

Sunday, May 6, 2018
following 10:30AM Mass

Come join in fun and fellowship at Fr. Kirk Hall.

Our Knights of Columbus will be grilling burgers and hot dogs and we ask those with last names A- M to bring a side dish and N-Z dessert.

More details to follow in coming weeks!!



- Amy Veneto (4/2)
- Linda Martin (4/2)
- Doris Fleming (4/3)
- Norm Shcall (4/4)
- Giavanna Chaddock (4/4)
- Greg Laughery (4/4)
- Margie Rock (4/5)
- Sandy Kollross (4/5)
- Theodore Smith(4/6)
- Mary Giroux (4/8)



- Carl & Beth Hornstein (4/3)
- Paul & Sarah Sarantakos (4/5)
- Basilio & Bernadette Campos (4/8)

The Word From Father Thomas

CHRIST IS RISEN!



Today the Church repeats, sings, shouts: “Jesus is Risen!” But why is this? Peter, John, the women went to the sepulcher and it was empty. He was not there. They went away with their hearts closed in sadness, the sadness of defeat: the Teacher, their Teacher, the One whom they loved so much, had been put to death; he is dead. And there is no return from death. This is the sepulcher. But the Angel says to them, *He is not here, he is Risen.*

It is the first announcement: “He is Risen.” And then the confusion, the closed hearts, the apparitions. But the disciples stayed locked in the Upper Room the entire day because they were afraid that what happened to Jesus would happen to them. The Church does not cease to say before our losses, our closed and fearful hearts: “Stop, the Lord is Risen.” But if the Lord is Risen, why is it that these things happen? Why is it that there is so much adversity: illness, human trafficking, human slavery, war, destruction, mutilation, vengeance, hatred? Where is the Lord then?...

Yesterday I phoned a young man with a grave illness, an educated young man, an engineer, and while talking to him, to give him a sign of faith, I said: “There are no explanations for what is happening to you. Look at Jesus on the cross. God did this to his Son, and there is no other explanation.” And he answered: “Yes, but he asked his Son and the Son said ‘yes.’ I was not asked if I wanted this.” This moves us. None of us is asked: “Are you happy with what is happening in the world? Are you willing to carry this cross further?” And the cross goes forth and faith in Jesus comes down from it. Today, the Church continues to say: “Stop, Jesus is Risen.” And this is not a fantasy. The Resurrection of Christ is not a celebration with many flowers. This is beautiful, but this is not it. It is something more. It is the mystery of the discarded stone which becomes the foundation of our existence, . Christ is Risen. This is what it means.

In this throwaway culture where what is not needed is just used and disposed of, where what is not needed is thrown away, that stone—Jesus the source of life—, is discarded. And with faith in the Risen Christ, we too, pebbles on this earth of pain, tragedy, acquire meaning amid so many calamities. The sense to look beyond, the sense to say: “Look, there is no wall; there is a horizon, there is life, there is joy, there is the cross with this ambivalence. Look ahead, do not close within yourself. You pebble, acquire meaning in life because you are a pebble near that rock, that stone which the evil of sin discarded.” What does the Church tell us today before so many tragedies? Simply this: the discarded stone is not really discarded. The pebbles which believe and stick to that stone are not discarded. They have meaning and it is with this sentiment that the Church repeats from the bottom of her heart: “Christ is Risen.”

Let us think for a while, each of us, think about the daily problems, the illnesses we have been through or of one that a relative has; let us think about wars, human tragedies, and with simplicity, with a humble voice without flowers, alone, before God, before us, let us say, “I do not know how this is, but I am certain that Christ is Risen and I have put a wager on it.” Brothers and sisters, this is what I wanted to say to you. Go home today repeating in your hearts: “Christ is Risen.”

~Pope Francis



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY



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.

This will be the final fish fry of the season

#PrayTogether

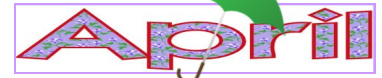
Prayer Service with American Lutheran Church

APRIL 29 AT 2:30pm

Our Lady of Lourdes Church Fellowship to follow at Fr. Kirk Hall with Coffee and Pastries

Please mark your calendars to attend and give a huge Catholic welcome to our Lutheran friends!

PARISH CALENDAR



Friday, April 6

- Adoration following 8AM Mass

Saturday, April 7

- Patriotic Rosary

Wednesday, April 11

- K of C Mtg. 7PM

Saturday, April 14

FIRST COMMUNION

Thursday, April 12

- St. Peregrine Healing Mass 5:30PM

Saturday, April 14

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon

Wednesday, April 25

- Staff Mtg 6PM
- Parish Council Mtg 7PM

Saturday, April 28

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon

Sunday, April 29

- YOUTH MASS
- Prayer Service with Lutheran Church 2:30PM at OLL followed by coffee and pastries at the hall.

A HUGE thank you to **Michele Fackler** for her knowledge and time setting up the new keyboard and recording music for Masses! It sounds FANTASTIC!

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

- Jeff McGuire
- Linda Ellington
- Greg Delost
- Steve Heavilin
- Dale Enghausen
- Brian Sullivan
- Emma Davis
- Terry Hutchcraft
- Norma Thompson
- Rich Meunier



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

April 1, 2018

I've just returned from a visit to the Holy Land. When we visited the tomb of Jesus, we saw a simple marble slab in a small chapel. Is our faith based on an empty tomb?

I am happy to answer your question on this highest truth of our faith—the resurrection of Jesus. Our faith in the resurrection is not based on an empty tomb or a little marble slab. There are many explanations for an empty tomb, most which would not contribute to the belief in Jesus' resurrection.

Our faith in the resurrection rests not only on the physical reality of the empty tomb but, more importantly, on the eyewitness accounts of those who saw Jesus, talked to him, and walked with him after his resurrection.

There are many reports in the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles that chronicle the appearance of Jesus after the resurrection. Details vary, but one constant is found in all the accounts: Those who saw the risen Lord had such a powerful experience that they couldn't keep it to themselves. They had to run and tell somebody.

Think of this as a Christian "big bang theory." Jesus' followers had such a tremendous initial experience of the risen Lord that they could not hold it in. They told their friends, neighbors—anyone who would listen. Excitement spread to neighboring villages and hamlets, then to surrounding countries and cultures. Eventually, Christianity expanded, sometimes under great persecution, throughout the world. Could such endurance and dynamism result from only an empty tomb? No. Only an experience of the risen Jesus could bring this about.

Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Monday

April 2

Octave of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22–33

Mt 28:8–15

Tuesday

April 3

Octave of Easter

Acts 2:36–41

Jn 20:11–18

Wednesday

April 4

Octave of Easter

Acts 3:1–10

Lk 24:13–35

Thursday

April 5

Octave of Easter

Acts 3:11–26

Lk 24:35–48

Friday

April 6

Octave of Easter

Acts 4:1–12

Jn 21:1–14

Saturday

April 7

Octave of Easter

Acts 4:13–21

Mk 16:9–15

Sunday

April 8

Second Sunday

of Easter

Sunday of

Divine Mercy

Acts 4:32–35

1 Jn 5:1–6

Jn 20:19–31

Good News!

April 1, 2018

Easter (B) Acts 10:34a, 37–43; Col 3:1–4
or 1 Cor 5:6b–8; Jn 20:1–9 or Mk 16:1–7

Domenico Cresti's painting, *The Resurrection*, was placed by Fr. Lorenzo Ricci, SJ, in the chapel on the spot outside Rome where Ignatius had a vision confirming his desire to ask the pope to found the Jesuit order. It's significant because Fr. Lorenzo enthroned this painting as a symbol just before the order was suppressed throughout the Portuguese and Spanish Empires. It was one of their darkest hours.

We all have dark moments in our histories. It seems death will swallow us; that God has abandoned us, and there is no solution. The darkness in the painting suggests just that—the world of darkness and despair without the light of Christ. The soldiers sleep, the cold world waits below, and a once-strong trunk is dry and sapped of vigor.

Above, the beautiful Christ figure is surrounded in light, while he hoists the victory standard: the blood-red cross of martyrdom set upon the pure white of resurrection. He, like a new Moses, is leading them into the promised land of eternal life.

These contrasts of darkness and light are the message of the painting and of the resurrection itself. Peter, John, and Mary Magdalene had locked themselves at home, engulfed in darkness, fear, and sadness. The next morning they arrive at the tomb only to find it open and the body of their beloved Savior gone. Victory was being won even as they slept.

Entrust your ways to the Lord and he will act. God is at work winning your salvation! Do not let hope be vanquished! Hold on. Trust in him. Victory is right around the corner! —Fr. Mark Haydu, LC