

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 29, 2018 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the True Vine and My Father is the Vindresser.



#PrayTogether

Prayer Service
with American Lutheran Church

THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 29 AT 3:00PM
Our Lady of Lourdes Church

*Fellowship to follow at Fr. Kirk Hall
with Coffee and Pastries*

**Please plan to attend if at all possible. It is important to
give our Lutheran friends a huge welcome!**

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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 April 30 <i>St. Pius V</i>	8:00AM	NO MASS
TUE May 1 <i>St. Joseph the Worker</i>	8:00AM	NO MASS
WED May 2 <i>St. Athanasius</i>	8:00AM	NO MASS
THU May 3 <i>Sts. Philip & James</i>	5:30PM	+Bob Shambrook
FRI May 4 <i>First Friday Adoration</i>	8:00AM	+Mardelle Duffy
SAT May 5	5:00PM (OLL)	+Alt Special Intention
SUN May 6 <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL)	Parish Family Allen Family Aubry Family

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR GIFTS
OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$2183.50
Capital Imp.	\$0
Food Pantry April Total Yr to Date FP	\$14.00 \$245.00 \$867.96

Imm Conception

Sunday Total	\$185.00
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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: \$6841
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, May 5 5:00PM	Walter Smith Spencer Kleist	Marj Brown	Stan Alt	Tim Fackler Frank Titus	Paul & Sarah Sarantakos
Sun, May 6 10:30AM	Isabella & Sophia Helmig	Jack Kollross	Paul Sarantakos	Dan Day Keegan Kutemier	

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, 20
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.

Enjoy Fun and Games and the Bounce House!

YOUTH MINISTRY CHWC AUCTION

The youth group will be holding an auction during the Parish Picnic on May 6. They are asking for donations to be auctioned off at this time. Any new or newer items, goods or services from local businesses, gift baskets, or home made baked goods are welcome and very appreciated. Donations can be dropped off in the rectory basement on Sunday, April 15, 22, or 29 between 9AM and 10:15AM. Please contact Janet Townsend at (217) 621-4812 if these drop off times won't work for you.

Please help support the Youth Group as they prepare for their trip to Louisville, KY in June.

The Word From Father Thomas

Fifth Sunday of Easter



A vine connects the nutrient earth with the flowering branches. It is a medium, a conduit between a greater reality and the fruit that greater reality is able to produce in its derivative forms. In a similar way, Jesus is also a vine, a mediator, the connection between the divine source and the creation. The divine-creation connection is always present, but it is not in the consciousness of all people. Jesus is true because he is conscious of this connection. This means that the True Vine lives simultaneously in the flux of time and in the Eternal Now.

“The Father” is ultimately directing the life and love that flows through Jesus. Therefore the Father is the vine grower whose ultimate goal is to produce vintage wine. With this goal in mind, he cuts away fruitless branches and prunes fruitful branches to produce more.

The laws that govern biological life are not the laws that govern spiritual life. Biological life goes on under its own steam. In spiritual development there is a need for desire and effort. If desire is missing, spiritual life recedes. The vine grower knows these laws of spiritual development. His cutting away of dead branches is not a whim or lack of compassion. But if people are trying, and trying is the operative word, then pruning is opportune. Spiritual development is just that, development.

The disciples who are at supper with Jesus know the pruning process. Jesus’ word has “cleansed” them. It has stripped away whatever would block the flow of life between them and Jesus and the Father. This “cutting away” makes them unencumbered, ready for the next step. The possibility of a mutual and reciprocal indwelling emerges. This is the essence of discipleship. Jesus abides in them and them in Jesus. This forms a new horizon to everything they see, and consequently changes everything they see. This is not an automatic mental transformation. They must personally welcome and cooperate with Jesus. Jesus is pointing to a spiritual possibility. But this possibility depends on the highest levels of human participation.

Consciousness illumines and directs actions. If spiritual consciousness is present (mutual abiding), then the acting person is able to discern the divine direction in all things and act in accord with its intentions. If you are abiding in the true vine, your desires will be purified, because the desires coincide with the divine will. Since your desire is purified, you will abide in the will of the Father, you will bear fruit. It is through this fruit bearing process that you become disciples-in-the-making. Discipleship is not a status; it is a never-ending process.

St. Catherine of Siena Feast celebrated April 30

Catherine, the youngest of twenty-five children, was born in Siena on March 25, 1347. During her youth she had to contend with great difficulties on the part of her parents. They were planning marriage for their favorite daughter; but Catherine, who at the age of seven had already taken a vow of virginity, refused. To break her resistance, her beautiful golden brown tresses were shorn to the very skin and she was forced to do the most menial tasks. Undone by her patience, mother and father finally relented and their child entered the Third Order of St. Dominic.

Unbelievable were her austerities, her miracles, her ecstasies. The reputation of her sanctity soon spread abroad; thousands came to see her, to be converted by her. The priests associated with her, having received extraordinary faculties of absolution, were unable to accommodate the crowds of penitents. She was a helper and a consoler in every need. As time went on, her influence reached out to secular and ecclesiastical matters. She made peace between worldly princes. The heads of Church and State bowed to her words. She weaned Italy away from an anti-pope, and made cardinals and princes promise allegiance to the rightful pontiff. She journeyed to Avignon and persuaded Pope Gregory XI to return to Rome. Even though she barely reached the age of thirty-three her accomplishments place her among the great women of the Middle Ages. The virgin Catherine was espoused to Christ by a precious nuptial ring which, although visible only to her, always remained on her finger.

Patron: Against fire; bodily ills; Europe; fire prevention; firefighters; illness; Italy; miscarriages; nurses; nursing services; people ridiculed for their piety; sexual temptation; sick people; sickness; Siena, Italy; temptations.

Symbols: Cross; heart; lily; ring; stigmata.



PARISH CALENDAR



Sunday, May 6

- **ALL PARISH PICNIC** following 10:30AM Mass

Wednesday, May 9

- K of C Meeting 7PM

Saturday, May 12

- Food Pantry 8AM-12 Noon

Wednesday, May 16

- Finance Council Meeting 7PM

Saturday, May 26

- Food Pantry **OLL PARISH**



- Hannah Schwarz (4/30)
- Sylvia Day (4/30)
- John Chaddock (5/1)
- Eric Rosenbaum (5/1)
- Amy Killian (5/2)
- Gina Medernach (5/2)
- Beth Hornstein (5/5)
- Nathan Garard (5/5)
- Tyler Killian (5/6)



Steve & Martha Heavilin(5/3)

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 29, 2018

Just last week, my parish ran a "join up" campaign at all the Masses. I felt guilty because I didn't sign up for anything. Do I have an obligation to join any of the parish organizations?

When you join any of your parish organizations, you will experience a network of people dedicated to building up the body of Christ through the various parish ministries.

According to the Code of Canon Law, the baptized are fundamentally united in the *communio fidelium*, "a dynamic reality requiring the active participation of all the faithful in the Church's life and mission" (Canon 209). It finds visible expression through public worship and through the exercise of obligations and rights. As a parish member, you are obligated to maintain communion with the Church; to fulfill your particular duties to the universal Church and your parish church; to live a holy life and promote the growth of the Church; to work to spread the gospel; and to follow what the pastor and bishops declare as teachers of the faith and leaders of the Church (Canons 209–212).

Laypeople are called to infuse their faith in Christ through all their undertakings in the secular world and within the Church. The various organized ministries of the parish offer ways that you, as a parishioner, can fulfill some of those obligations as you are able, in the Church's life and mission inside and outside your parish. Perhaps you will rethink your decision to not sign up for anything. It's never too late to become a parish volunteer!

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Monday

April 30

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:5–18

Jn 14:21–26

Tuesday

May 1

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:19–28

Jn 14:27–31a

Wednesday

May 2

*St. Athanasius,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church*

Acts 15:1–6

Jn 15:1–8

Thursday

May 3

*Sts. Philip and
James, Apostles*

1 Cor 15:1–8

Jn 14:6–14

Friday

May 4

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:22–31

Jn 15:12–17

Saturday

May 5

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:1–10

Jn 15:18–21

Sunday

May 6

*Sixth Sunday
of Easter*

Acts 10:25–26,
34–35,
44–48

1 Jn 4:7–10

Jn 15:9–17 or

Acts 10:25–26,
34–35, 44–48

1 Jn 4:11–16

Jn 17:11b–19

Good News!

April 29, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 9:26–31; 1 Jn 3:18–24; Jn 15:1–8

Jesus himself picked the image of the vine to describe the reality of our being united to him and the Father. And this was not lost on early Christians. One of the first images they used to mark their graves was the vine and branches.

An amazing thing about a vine and its branches is that you can't tell the difference between them. Look at a grapevine and try to determine which is the branch and which is the vine or trunk. You can't, since it appears as one seamless reality. Jesus invites us to be so close to him that we appear to be just like him—"other Christs," as our name Christian suggests!

Second, the sap that springs from the vine, runs through the branches, and matures in the fruit is all the same. The life in Jesus and the life in us as Christians are the same. He has given us the same Spirit that animated him, the Holy Spirit.

This is why Jesus can guarantee that, if we remain in him by listening to his word and following his Spirit, we will definitely bear much fruit. His word and Spirit cannot remain sterile in us.

The most important result of being united to Jesus and bearing fruit is that not only will we be united to him in this life, but this friendship will last for all eternity. That's why early Christians put vines on their tombs.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC