

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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MAY 6, 2018 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



PARISH PICNIC

THIS 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.

Come 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. To drop donations off in the rectory basement please contact Janet Townsend at (217) 621-4812.

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

ITEMS TO AUCTION TO DATE:

SPEAK EASY	Chair Massages for up to 18. One Hour full-body Swedish Massage
VIVID STUDIOS	One family mini session
PIOLETTI'S SPABHETTI	One catered pasta dinner for up to 6 delivered within 25 miles of GC.
FASHION SHOP	Scented Candles
LINDA SCHMITT	Baked Pies Flower Arrangement
RAILSIDE	4 18 hole & cart passes (value \$144)
ACT THEATER CO.	2 tickets summer show 2 tickets winter show
DICK'S SPORTING GOODS	Gift Card
EMERALD SHEARS	Pedicure
PHEASANTS FOREVER	Pollinator Seed
BLACK & WHITES	Mixed Donation
KATELYN SCANLON	Personal Art Project
CASEY'S	\$50 Gas Card
HUSTEDT'S JEWELERS	\$20 Gift Card
CORNER STORE	Gift Bag
BETH BAILLIE	Gift Basket
SARANTAKOS FAMILY	Antique Rocker & Round Table
BRADBURY'S AUTO	Free Auto Detail
HARVEST MOON DRIVE-IN	2 Free Tickets & Snacks
OUR LADY OF LOURDES	Piano in the Hall

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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 May 7	8:00AM	+Arlene Jacobs
TUE May 8	8:00AM	+Bob Shambrook
WED May 9	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
THU May 10	5:30PM	+Mary Cothern St. Damien de Veuster
FRI May 11	8:00AM	Meunier Family Heavilin Family
SAT May 12	5:00PM (OLL)	+Mary Cothern Sts. Nereus and Archilleus
SUN May 13	8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL)	Parish Family +Roman Falter Lord MOTHER'S DAY

**THANK YOU FOR
 YOUR GIFTS
 OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$3102.50
Capital Imp.	\$0
Food Pantry	\$22.00
April Total	\$267.00
Yr to Date FP	\$889.96

Imm Conception

Sunday Total	\$225.00
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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: \$8,316
 Goal: \$12,200
IC: \$1,215
 (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 12 5:00PM	Alex Killian	Stan Alt	Marj Brown	Tim Fackler Frank Titus	Lisa Heap
Sun, May 13 10:30AM	Molly & Seth Kollross	Ray Hanks	Paul Sarantakos	Dan Day Keegan Kutemeier	

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.

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY. WE INVITE YOU TO ENJOY THE INSERT, PART 1 OF A FOUR PART SERIES "MIRACLE AT MEDJUGORJE."

Food Pantry Volunteers

Saturday, May 26 from 8:30AM-Noon will be our next scheduled opportunity to supply labor for the local food pantry. If you are available to help or have any questions , please contact Chuck Aubry at caubry55@gmail.com .

FUTURE PARISH DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

Saturday, August 11—OLL and Rotary Club (no delivery weekend)

Saturday, November 24—OLL and GCMS High School Interact Club (no delivery weekend)

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

The Word From Father Thomas

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you: abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love."



Some philosophers are convinced that the human person is naturally religious. This is not same as belonging to a religion or being thoroughly convinced of a personal God. It means that an examined life discovers an intuitive sense that there is higher order of things, and that human well-being depends on people aligning themselves with that order. To be separated from this higher order is to be lost; to positively participate in this order to be found.

In the Christian revelation this higher order is a proactive love that is embodied and revealed in Jesus. People must learn to live in their sphere in the way this proactive love lives. Once the love is accepted, a chain effect takes place. As Jesus received the love of the Father, he loved his disciples with that same love. This is not an isolated moment but a steady state of affairs. Jesus abides in the love of the Father because he keeps his commandment to pass that love on to the disciples. The disciples will abide in Jesus' love if they keep his commandment. His commandment is same as the Father's commandment: love as you have been loved.

The purpose of this revelation of how the higher order works is joy. Jesus's joy, the activation of his essential nature, is to pour the love he has received from the Father into his disciples. Therefore, they share not only the love but the joy of the love giver. But this communicated joy of Jesus is only an initial taste. The law of completion means that you give it away. Therefore, the disciples will enter into the fullness of joy when they love one another as Jesus has loved them. It enters more deeply into its own joy when the love it gives is received and then given to another. This is eternal life: the endless receiving and giving of life.

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

If people grasp and understand themselves as like in the love chain – from the Father to Jesus, for Jesus to them, from them to one another. If you know this, in the deep sense of having comprehended and enacted this law of the love chain, you have grasped what Jesus is ultimately about. And if you know what Jesus is ultimately about, you will know what Father is ultimately about. This thoroughly realized and integrated knowledge collapses separation of the higher order from the lower order. There are no more servants who are ignorant of the ways of the higher order. There are only friends moving effortlessly in the Father's love.

You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go forth and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

They have been chosen by Jesus and the Father to enact the love chain. And the Father does not ask people to do things for which they are unprepared. Therefore, if they ask the Father for what they need to make this happen in the way Jesus made it happen, the Father will respond. After all, it is an adventure that the Father started – this loving one another.

Can we tell ourselves the story that Jesus tells his disciples and that he wants them to tell to others? Can we tell our story as a link in the love chain? If we do, will it be persuasive enough to modify our negative interior stories that are so prevalent that they seem to tell themselves? In the language of the Gospel, can we actually experience ourselves as chosen for love?

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**



- Katrina Medernach (5/8)
- Brett Beyers (5/9)
- Aidan Helmig (5/11)
- Theresa Volker (5/12)
- Joe Baillie (5/13)



Dan & Jane Lange (5/13)
Fr. Thomas 34 years in Priesthood

MENS CURSILLO WEKEND

BRING YOUR FAITH TO A NEW LEVEL!!

Any man interested in information on attending Cursillo the weekend of June 22, can contact Michael Smith at (309)893-0073. The deadline to sign up is Tuesday, May 8. Forms are available at the back of church.

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

- Linda Ellington
- Greg Delost
- Steve Heavilin
- Dale Enghausen
- Brian Sullivan
- Emma Davis
- Terry Hutchcraft
- Norma Thompson
- Judy Schall
- 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.

THANK YOU
A huge thanks to our Knights of Columbus for a scrumptious pancake and sausage breakfast from all of us in the RE program. The smiles say it all!



Dear Padre

May 6, 2018

Is it acceptable for a Catholic health-care professional to be employed by a hospital that performs abortions, provided she has nothing to do with these procedures?

You raise an important issue about intentional involvement in wrongdoing, and my response extends to many other life situations.

A person may work in a hospital that performs abortions, provided that he or she is not involved with the procedures. Because performing abortions is only one part of what the hospital does, a person may work there contributing his or her expertise to other areas of health care. If the circumstances were different, and the place of employment was dedicated to terminating pregnancies through abortion, it would be wrong to work there.

My response is guided by the principle of cooperation. It asserts that we may never intentionally cooperate approvingly in the morally wrong action of another person. To help another and approve of his immoral action is termed formal cooperation. Cooperating with another reluctantly, disapproving of what he is doing, is called material cooperation. A person may never cooperate formally in another's wrongdoing because, in doing so, he or she also knowingly performs an immoral action. Some material cooperation may be morally justified, but not if a person's cooperation is necessary for an immoral action to occur.

The Church advises Catholics to avoid any level of moral cooperation. While many don't have the luxury to consider employment elsewhere, other considerations include: Is the individual creating scandal by employment at this hospital? Has the individual made his or her moral understanding known to this hospital?

Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

May 7

Easter Weekday
Acts 16:11-15
Jn 15:26-16:4a

May 8

Easter Weekday
Acts 16:22-34
Jn 16:5-11

May 9

Easter Weekday
Acts 17:15,
22-18:1
Jn 16:12-15

May 10

Easter Weekday
Acts 18:1-8
Jn 16:16-20

May 11

Easter Weekday
Acts 18:9-18
Jn 16:20-23

May 12

Easter Weekday
Acts 18:23-28
Jn 16:23b-28

May 13

*Seventh Sunday of
Easter Ascension
of the Lord*

SEVENTH SUNDAY
READINGS:
Acts 1:15-17, 20a,
20c-26

1 Jn 4:11-16
Jn 17:11b-19

ASCENSION OF THE
LORD READINGS:

Acts 1:1-11
Eph 1:17-23 or
Eph 4:1-13 or
4:1-7, 11-13
Mk 16:15-20

Good News!

May 6, 2018

Sixth Sunday of Easter (B) Acts 10:25-26, 34-35,
44-48, 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16, Jn 15:9-17 or
Jn 17:11b-19

There is a painting by Aldo Carpi (1886-1973) showing the Virgin Mary bringing the Baby Jesus to visit the poor. She doesn't make distinctions. Mary understood that Jesus didn't come just for the rich and powerful but for everyone.

Peter learns this lesson when speaking to Cornelius and his household. Until this time, the apostles were preaching to the Jewish people, but when Peter speaks to these Romans, the Holy Spirit comes upon them just as he had upon the Jews. They repent and believe. This for Peter was essential, because it showed that Jesus wanted to send his Spirit and teachings to everyone, not just the chosen race. God doesn't show favoritism.

The same goes for us. It's natural to want to love our own: our family and those sharing our social status, political party, club, school, or parish. But our love has to spread to all peoples, especially those in the most moral, material, and spiritual need. God is love, and those who love show they come from God.

Another element of love is that it is free, wanting nothing in return. Recently, while sitting at an outdoor café, a woman walked up and gave me a small wrapped gift. "I like to give gifts to complete strangers, just to make their day," she said. What a beautiful gesture.

We should also note that Cornelius accepted God's love, was baptized, and began following the Way. He and his family didn't take that free love of God for granted. They responded to it in joyful obedience. God's generous love asks for an equally generous response.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

HEARTFELT THANK YOU FOR A BEAUTIFUL PRAYER SERVICE

Thank you to everyone that helped prepare and most importantly to all those that attended the beautiful Prayer Service with our brothers and sisters in Christ from the Lutheran Church. What a wonderful memory made for our parish families!

