

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 7 am & 10:30 am
Monday 8 am
Tuesday 8 am
Thursday 6:30 pm
Friday 8 am
Holy Days: 7 am & 7 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 8:30-9:30 am
Thursday 7-8 pm

Confession

Saturday 4:30 pm (OLOL)
Any time by Appointment



Immaculate Conception

202 E. Green Street
Roberts, IL 60962

Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:30 am

Confession

Sunday 8:15AM (IC)



Parish Office

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General Information
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January 25, 2015

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Diocese of Joliet

THE 2015
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES
ANNUAL APPEAL (CMAA)
IS UNDERWAY

“EXTENDING GOD’S MERCY”

DETAILS BELOW

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Bishop Conlon’s mailing asking for a pledge to the 2015 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) is in the hands of many of our parishioners. If you have received the mailing, please respond as soon as possible. If you have not received it, please contact our parish office at (217)784-4671.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is “Extending God’s Mercy.” Pope Francis recently said that Mercy “goes beyond in such a way that sin is put to the side. It is like heaven. We look at the sky, there are many, many stars; but when the sun rises in the morning, the light is such that we can’t see the stars. God’s mercy is like that: a great light of love and tenderness.”

We are called by the Gospel to be a light unto others. By showing mercy to those in need, by helping build the kingdom of God in our own parish and our own diocese, we are a like the morning light. Please shine bright by making a generous gift to the CMAA.

The CMAA funds the mission and ministries of our diocese. It also funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish. For example, providing materials for RE, marriage preparation, support groups, and seminars.

Please answer the bishop’s request and make a generous pledge. All pledges can be paid in 10 installments. Thank you in advance for your support.



RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY FACTS

DID YOU KNOW???

The Joliet Franciscan foundress, Mother Alfred Moes, who also founded the Rochester Franciscans had a hand in what eventually became the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

Pastor

Rev. Thomas Theneth, CMI
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Deacon

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Parish Secretary

Patti Meunier

Religious Education

Alyce Hafer

Youth Ministry

Bruce Killian

Musicians

Michele Fackler
Corey Fields

Parish Council President

Matt Doran (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 Jan 26	NO MASS
TUE Jan 27	NO MASS
WED Jan 28	NO MASS
THU Jan 29	NO MASS
FRI Jan 30	NO MASS
SAT Jan 31	Robert Benefiel
SUN Feb 1	7:00AM OLOL) Campos Family 8:30 AM (IC) Carey Family 10:30 AM (OLOL) Jody Smith Dr. & Mildred Sunderland



Thank You For Your Gifts OLOL

Envelopes \$1348.65
Loose \$388.00
Capital Imp. \$0

Imm. Conception

Total \$61.00

There is a glass jar on the table at the back of church for any weekly Food Pantry donations.

CMAA Goals
OLOL: \$16,368
Goal: (\$11,786)
IC: \$1,430
(Goal: \$1,149)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
Sat, Jan 31 5:00PM	Caine Jost Giles Volker	Jim Meyer	Lisa Heap	Jerry Brown Paul Obert	Michelle Rosenbaum
Sun, Feb 1 7:00AM	Remi Astronomo	Michelle Rosenbaum			
Sun, Feb 1 10:39AM	Joe Baillie Nick Giroux	Marron Parsons		Jerry Lynch Jerry Lynch, Jr.	

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. Baptismal 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 or Deacon Jeff at (217) 781-8238.

Marriage

Call the Rectory at least six months before. A six month preparation time is required.



Brian & Stacey Helmig (1/27)



Carter Eichelberger (1/26)
Anna Goodin (1/26)
Robert Huppert (1/27)
Mary Geurts (1/28)
Molly Kollross (1/28)
Lee Thomas (1/28)
Mark Doran (1/31)



*Our Condolences to
the Sunderland family
on the death of*

Dr. Paul
Sunderland

Our prayers are with
you at this difficult
time.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, January 26
Sts. Timothy and Titus
Tuesday, January 27
St. Angela Merici
Wednesday, January 28
St. Thomas Aquinas
Thursday, January 29
Servant of God Brother
Juniper
Friday, January 30
Blessed Mary Angela
Truszkowska
Saturday, January 31
St. John bosco
Sunday, February 1
St. Ansgar

INTRODUCING THE KICKOFF OF.....GIBSON AREA FOOD PANTRY

Available twice a month

Mobile food Pantry 1st Saturday of every month
Gibson Area food Pantry 3rd Saturday of every month

WHERE: Gibson Area food Pantry (across from Gibson Area Hospital)
1117 N. Melvin Street, Gibson City, IL 60936

WHEN: February 21st, 2015 from 9AM to 12PM (3rd Saturday of every month)

WHO: Area households meeting income eligibility guidelines

Organized and funded in cooperation with: Gibson Area Hospital, Alliance Grain Co., One Earth Energy, Arends & Sons, and area Churches.

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY New Location and Hours

WHERE: Gibson Area food Pantry (across from Gibson Area Hospital)
1117 N. Melvin Street, Gibson City, IL 60936.

WHEN: February 7, 2015 from 9AM to Noon.

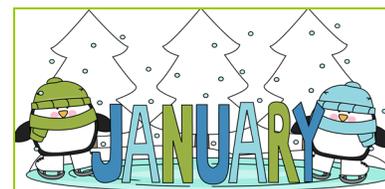
What you need to bring: We don't ask for personal identification of any kind. You must self-attest to meeting the income guidelines below by signature at the giveaway.

WHO: area households meeting income eligibility guidelines:

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Monthly Income	\$1799	\$2425	\$3051	\$3677	\$4303	\$4929	\$5555	\$6181

Maximum monthly income per eligible household (for each additional member over 8, add \$626)
Open to all eligible in Ford County
Organized in cooperation with Birkey's Farm Store.

PARISH EVENTS



Wed, January 28

- **Parish Council Meeting**
7PM

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Tony Coons
Mary Cothorn
Jesse Cervelli
Vicky Stuckey
Dick Walter
Penny Campbell
Loretta Bode
Chuck Kemmer
Vivian Geurts
Mardella Duffy
Joanne Baker
Don Hahn
Dennis Stack

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.

January 25

Conversion of St. Paul

Paul's entire life can be explained in terms of one experience—his meeting with Jesus on the road to Damascus. In an instant, he saw that all the zeal of his dynamic personality was being wasted, like the strength of a boxer swinging wildly. Perhaps he had never seen Jesus, who was only a few years older. But he had acquired a zealot's hatred of all Jesus stood for, as he began to harass the Church: "...entering house after house and dragging out men and women, he handed them over for imprisonment" (Acts 8:3b). Now he himself was "entered," possessed, all his energy harnessed to one goal—being a slave of Christ in the ministry of reconciliation, an instrument to help others experience the one Savior.

One sentence determined his theology: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9:5b). Jesus was mysteriously identified with people—the loving group of people Saul had been running down like criminals. Jesus, he saw, was the mysterious fulfillment of all he had been blindly pursuing.

From then on, his only work was to "present everyone perfect in Christ. For this I labor and struggle, in accord with the exercise of his power working within me" (Colossians 1:28b-29). "For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and [with] much conviction" (1 Thessalonians 1:5a).

Paul's life became a tireless proclaiming and living out of the message of the cross: Christians die baptismally to sin and are buried with Christ; they are dead to all that is sinful and unredeemed in the world. They are made into a new creation, already sharing Christ's victory and someday to rise from the dead like him. Through this risen Christ the Father pours out the Spirit on them, making them completely new.

So Paul's great message to the world was: You are saved entirely by God, not by anything you can do. Saving faith is the gift of total, free, personal and loving commitment to Christ, a commitment that then bears fruit in more "works" than the Law could ever contemplate.



BRAIN HEALTH SERIES ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

Our final seminar on brain health will be this week with a focus on keeping you **HEAD Strong** featuring strategies and games to enhance thinking!

This seminar will be on **Wednesday, January 28th** from **10-11:30 AM** at **Moyer District Library**.

LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION
today will fund seminarian education in Latin America and the Caribbean. The support you give today will provide opportunities for years to come. Please support the Church in Latin American and be generous in today's collection.

dear Padre

January 25, 2015

Do votive candles make a difference ?

At my church, some people take the votive candles out of the holders and place them next to the statues and icons. Does this make the saint or God pay more attention to the petition? And isn't it a fire hazard?

Vigil lights, commonly known as votive candles, are usually lit when a person seeks some favor from the Lord or a saint's intercession. Lighting a candle is a way of extending one's prayer and showing solidarity with the person on whose behalf the prayer is offered.

In the lighting of candles we remember and truly live the words of our Lord, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). We burn candles to symbolize our prayers' rising to heaven day and night; prayers for the saints' intercession are also common because of their friendship with God in heaven. Saints are powerful intercessors.

God hears all prayers uttered in sincerity. Burning a candle as we pray doesn't make that prayer more important than prayers offered without a candle; neither does moving the candle to the front of the line.

If your church has made sure that the placing of the votive candles complies with local fire regulations, you have no worries about setting a fire with vigil lights.

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Monday

January 26
Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
2 Tm 1:1-8 or
Ti 1:1-5
Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday

January 27
Weekday
Heb 10:1-10
Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

January 28
St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Heb 10:11-18
Mk 4:1-20

Thursday

January 29
Weekday
Heb 10:19-25
Mk 4:21-25

Friday

January 30
Weekday
Heb 10:32-39
Mk 4:26-34

Saturday

January 31
St. John Bosco, Priest
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19
Mk 4:35-41

Sunday

February 1
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt 18:15-20
1 Cor 7:32-35
Mk 1:21-28

Good News!

January 25, 2015

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jon 3:1-5, 10 / 1 Cor 7:29-31 / Mk 1:14-20

Whether he knew it or not, Jonah was one of the most powerful prophets in Israel. He had scarcely started on his journey through Ninevah when the entire city under the direction of the king expressed sorrow for their sins and turned God's judgment to mercy. I think we all hope we might be that effective in our jobs.

If we to continue to read the book of Jonah, though, we find that he wasn't so happy about this turn of events—he felt it made him look weak. Did he not predict the destruction of Ninevah if they failed to repent?

But for now, we see a people so moved by the Word of God that they immediately change their behavior. In Mark's Gospel, Christ's invitation is just as compelling for the four fishermen who abandon their nets and their father by the sea and immediately change their direction and their lives.

I have a hard time imagining the words that would make me drop everything to follow a completely different path. Certainly I've taken the advice of friends and family or have responded to circumstances that demanded a new direction, but only after reflection and prayer—but it took considerably longer than a single moment.

The power of the Good News, however, is unlike any other to those who are opened to it. When we really hear God's voice, our hearts yearn to be in his presence and, though not always easily, our souls and minds bend to his will.

How is God's Word calling *you* to change today?

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