

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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March 1, 2015 Second Sunday of Lent

Why Catholics Fast

But emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself and became
obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Philippians 2:7-8



WHENEVER WE ARE invited to a banquet or to someone's home for dinner, we do not eat a big lunch late in the afternoon or stop for a hamburger on the way to their house. Instead, we hold back from eating so that we have room for and can enjoy the "feast" our host puts before us. In the same way, we fast before receiving holy Communion as a symbolic way of preparing ourselves to appreciate the spiritual nourishment of the Lord's body and blood.

SINCE EASTER IS the greatest Christian feast of all, we spend forty days

fasting, or going "lite" on our food and other pleasures in order to prepare ourselves to enjoy the great celebration that commemorates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Through fasting we get in touch with our soul's earnest hunger for God by experiencing real hunger in our bodies. All God's gifts to us are good. But sometimes they take over and begin to rule our lives. We can even be controlled by some of our desires. Fasting is a death to those things we think we want. While we are fasting we begin to discover what it is we *really* need and desire most. Fasting is a prayer that stays with us all day long. We don't say "Amen" to this prayer until the next time we eat. It is said that an empty stomach makes room deep down inside of us—room for prayer and room for God.

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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 March 2	8:00AM	Gale Family Garard Family
TUE March 3	8:00AM	Marge Carlson
WED March 4	8:00AM	Goodin Family Groom Family
THU March 5	6:30PM	Groover Family Grote Family
FRI March 6	8:00AM	Hafer Family
STATIONS OF THE CROSS	7:00 PM	DURING LENT
SAT March 7	5:00PM	Rita Benefiel
SUN March 8	7:00AM OLOL)	Hall Family Hankes Family
	8:30 AM (IC)	Burnes Family
	10:30 AM (OLOL)	Catherine Spellmeyer

Thank You For Your Gifts OLOL

Envelopes	\$2793.85
Loose	\$459.00
Capital Imp.	\$110.00
Food Pantry	\$181.00

Imm. Conception

Total \$287.87

When we meet our CMAA Goals! OLOL and IC will get back 65% of every dollar received above our goals. Reaching our goals is a great achievement, and continuing to give is even greater!

CMAA Goals
OLOL: \$
 Goal: (\$12,576)
IC: \$
 (Goal: \$1,224)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
Sat, March 7 5:00PM	Nathan & Ethan Garard	Patti Huppert	Denis Fisher	Leo chapman Stan Alt	Denis & Cherry Fisher
Sun, March 8 7:00AM	Remi Astronomo	Andrew Killian			
Sun, March 8 10:30AM	Caleb & Lacey Cotter	Ericka Foltz	Deacon Volker	Brett Beyers Paul Volker	

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.



Are you interested in helping with the Gibson City

Recycling on
March 7th or 21st.
We would like to fill two shifts of four people each,

8:00 to 9:45 and
9:45 to 11:30.

If you are interested please contact Kevin Seymour at

kcmor36@gmail.com.



We would like to CONGRATULATE the newest members of our Parish Council!!

MICHAEL SMITH
BERNIE CAMPOS
JANET TOWNSEND
BETH BAILLIE
TAMMY PARSONS

Thank you all for volunteering to serve on this very important Parish Board.



Our Condolences to the families of

Carla Moxley and John Carlson

On the death of their mother

Margaret
(Marge)
Carlson

Our prayers are with you at this difficult time.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ted Grote (3/2)
Molly Killian (3/2)
Amy Eberle (3/3)
Victoria Medernach (3/3)
Carla Briggs (3/4)
Andi Killian (3/4)
Eva Acree (3/5)
Amanda Freehill (3/6)
Andrew Laughery (3/6)
Axel Doran (3/8)
Jim Fetzner (3/8)
Seth Killross (3/8)



Roger & Kathleen Reum (3/6)
Mark & Jill Andreae (3/8)

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
Don Hahn
Dennis Stack
Chuck Freehill

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.

PARISH EVENTS



Tues, March 3

- CALM between
- 6:30-7PM

Wed, March 11

- K of C Mtg 7PM

Fri, March 13

- K of C Fish Fry
4:30-6:30 PM
Fr. Kirk Hall

Tues, March 17

- CALM between
- 6:30-7PM

Wed, March 25

- Staff Mtg 6PM
- Parish Council Mtg 7PM

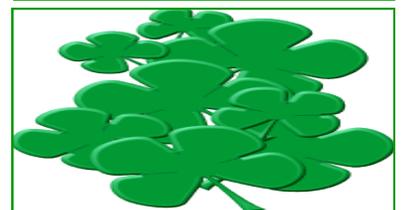
Fri, March 27

- K of C Fish Fry
4:30-6:30 PM
Fr. Kirk Hall

Tues, March 31

- CALM between
- 6:30-7PM

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
AT 7PM EVERY FRIDAY
DURING LENT**



Sunderland Scholarship

The Sunderland Scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating senior from Our Lady of Lourdes. To make a donation toward his 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.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, March 2

St. Agnes of Bohemia

Tuesday, March 3

St. Katharine Drexel

Wednesday, March 4

St. Casimir

Thursday, March 5

St. John Joseph of the Cross

Friday, March 6

St. Mary Ann of Jesus of Paredes

Saturday, March 7

Sts. Perpetua and Felicity

Sunday, March 8

St. John of God

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

Thank you for your commitment to our newest Parish Ministry!



Mark your calendars!

Our Lady of Lourdes K of C will host

Lenten Fish Fries

3/13, 3/27 & 4/10

from 4:30 to 6:30 pm.

Dinners are \$8.00, children under 12 free.

Any questions can be directed to chairpersons Matt or Mark Doran

We would be grateful if anyone bringing a dessert or salad would use a disposable container., unless you plan to take your dish home that evening, and many thanks in advance for your culinary donation!!



During the Lenten season, we will offer

Stations of the Cross

on Friday evenings at 7PM

Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

The Youth Group is planning another **SILENT AUCTION** to benefit the Catholic Heart Work Camp (CHWC).

Anyone with items to donate please drop off at the hall after RE classes on Sunday mornings or contact Sophie (217)379-7255 or Alyce

Hafer for alternate arrangements.



dear Padre

March 1, 2015

Why cover the crucifix during Lent?

Why do some parishes cover the crucifix during Lent? This seems like an odd time to do this. Shouldn't we be focusing on Christ's death?

Lent is a penitential season, and some parishes choose to have their liturgical environment reflect the austerity and simplicity that exemplify that penitential nature by removing flowers and floral arrangements, covering statues and, in some parishes, even covering the body on the crucifix.

Doing so can enhance our own forty-day experience of journeying in the desert, much as our Lord did at the outset of his ministry when he spent forty days and forty nights in the desert being tempted by Satan.

During the three-day celebration of the Triduum (from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday)—especially during the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday, when the lights come on as the Gloria is sung—the previously darkened church is revealed in its fully decorated splendor.

The difference is dramatic and striking when compared to the scarcely adorned church we've seen during Lent.

We can most definitely see and sense the change from a season of repentance to one of celebration as we celebrate our Lord's resurrection—and our own salvation and redemption from sin.

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Monday

March 2
Lenten Weekday
Dn 9:4b-10
Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

March 3
Lenten Weekday
Is 1:10, 16-20
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday

March 4
Lenten Weekday
Jer 18:18-20
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday

March 5
Lenten Weekday
Jer 17:5-10
Lk 16:19-31

Friday

March 6
Lenten Weekday
Gn 37:3-4,
12-13a,
17b-28a
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday

March 7
Lenten Weekday
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20
Lk 15:1-3,
11-32

Sunday

March 8
*Third Sunday
of Lent*
Ex 20:1-17
or 20:1-3,
7-8, 12-17
1 Cor 1:22-25
Jn 2:13-25

Good News!

March 1, 2015

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 / Rom 8:31b-34 / Mk 9:2-10

The apostle Paul was absolutely certain the love of God would find us no matter what happened and that if we had any role model and ancestor in faith, it was Abraham.

The stories are familiar. Abraham left his ancestral home to find a land promised him by a God who had only recently revealed himself. Abraham believed a child would come to him and Sarah, though both were old. Finally, he showed he would give everything in obedience to God when he was asked to sacrifice his beloved son, Isaac.

This last story is troublesome to us. Would God require human sacrifice?

We can understand this as a story of faith in two ways. The traditional interpretation is that God requires everything from us and wants nothing to come between us and our love of God. God's "test" of Abraham is a test of obedience. Will we give our "all"?

The second way of seeing the story begins with our understanding that many of the surrounding nations practiced child sacrifice. It may not have been a surprise when God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son, since his neighbors were doing it too. But at the critical moment, when the angel calls out to tell Abraham to stop, he does. The Lord wants a different relationship with his people.

Abraham's faith is shown as much in his obedience to the second order as to the first. God doesn't want us to be just like everyone else. Rather, God wants us as his own people, following the path he carves for us—even if it means going against the tide.

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