

## 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 15, 2015 Fourth Sunday of Lent

## SAINT THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

FEAST DAY  
OCTOBER 1

{Patron saint of aviators, florists, copatron of missions, copatron of France, Doctor of the Church}

Baptized Marie Françoise Thérèse, Thérèse Martin was born in 1873, in Alençon, France. She was the last of nine children, of which only five lived into adulthood. Her parents, Louis and Zélie, raised their children in a warm, loving, and deeply religious environment. Thérèse was a happy child. But that happiness lasted only a few short years.

In 1876, the Martin family received news that Zélie was dying of breast cancer. She prepared her oldest two daughters to take her place. At the time of Zélie's death, Thérèse was four years old.

This sparked a change in Thérèse. The fun-loving and happy child became shy, over-sensitive, and extremely sad. Louis sold the family business and moved to Lisieux, where Zélie's sister and her family lived. They would help to raise the children. Thérèse and Louis spent many hours together, fishing daily and exploring the countryside. They also walked to the nearby chapel at the Carmelite monastery.

Thérèse loved her family immensely but it was her sister, Pauline, who was most like a mother. Pauline prepared Thérèse for her first confession in a unique manner. Instead of emphasizing sin and guilt, Pauline drew attention to love and gratitude. This experience laid the foundation for Thérèse's "little way."

A year after Thérèse started school, Pauline entered Carmel. Separation anxiety affected Thérèse's entire life, especially her health. She became ill, suffering from high fevers, convulsions, hallucinations, as well as immense depression. Thérèse and her sister, Marie, prayed together. Marie noticed Thérèse's eyes, fixated on a statue of Mary. She quickly calmed down, and soon her symptoms

disappeared. Marie asked what happened. Thérèse simply stated that Mary had smiled at her. She was cured.

The next year, Thérèse was ready for her first Communion. She wrote that receiving Jesus was a "kiss of love; I felt that I was loved." But Thérèse's life was filled with suffering, sorrow, and good-byes. Marie announced her intention of entering Carmel. From that point on, Thérèse decided to not take any pleasure from earthly attractions. A deep change was taking place inside her soul.

In 1887, she read *Imitation of Christ* and believed it was written solely for her. God was the central point in her life and the ultimate goal was to please God forever.

By 14, Thérèse decided that she, too, wanted to enter Carmel. Her entry was refused by the ecclesiastical superior. Her father planned a pilgrimage to Rome. Thérèse and Celine accompanied him. Thérèse kissed the pope's hand and in the same breath asked for his permission to approve her entrance, which he ultimately granted.

Thérèse was the ideal novice. She sought a "short and straight" way to reach heaven: with faithfulness and constancy, devote all energy to loving God. Her giving was constant.

Thérèse continued loving God and sacrificing earthly affections until the very end. In 1896, Thérèse's health began deteriorating. She joyfully anticipated her death, and at the age of 24, she died of tuberculosis.

In 1925, with all four of her sisters present, Thérèse was canonized. Two years later, her childhood dreams of being a missionary and a martyr were fulfilled. She was declared copatron of missions. In 1997, Thérèse was declared a Doctor of the Church.



*"The only way to make rapid progress along the path of divine love is to remain very little and to put all our trust in Almighty God. That is what I have done."*

SAINT THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

Her shrine is found in Juneau Alaska

Contact Information for the Volklers: PO Box 210842, Auke Bay, AK 99821-0842  
Best of luck Jeff and Lisa on your journey at the Shrine of Saint Therese...your Our Lady of Lourdes Family will miss you!

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**Music Director**

Michele Fackler

**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.

<b>MON</b> March 16	8:00AM	Jacobs Family Johnson Family
<b>TUE</b> March 17	8:00AM	Kemmer Family Bruce Killian Family
<b>WED</b> March 18	8:00AM	Deacon William Nij
<b>THU</b> March 19	6:30PM	Kleist Family Rob Kollross Family
<b>FRI</b> March 20	8:00AM	Brown Family
STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7:00 PM		DURING LENT
<b>SAT</b> March 21	5:00PM	Irma Grilli
<b>SUN</b> March 22	7:00AM OLOL)	Koopman Family Kurtenback Family
	8:30 AM (IC)	Freehill Family
	10:30 AM (OLOL)	Margaret Carlson

**Thank You For Your Gifts OLOL**

Envelopes \$2078.78  
Loose \$465.00  
Capital Imp. \$195.00  
Food Pantry \$69.00

**Imm. Conception**

Total \$157.00



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 21 5:00PM	Liam & Alex Killian	Lisa Heap	Denis Fisher	John Carlson Stan Alt	Lisa Heap
Sun, March 22 7:00AM	Jessica Freehill	Jim Freehill			
Sun, March 22 10:30AM	Remi Astronomo Joe Baillie	Sarah Sarantakos		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 .

**Marriage**

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

**PARISH PICNIC**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR  
MAY 3, 2015

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS  
TO HELP PLAN THIS PARISH EVENT!!  
(Contact Alyce (217)745-2411)

The Youth Group is also planning another  
**SILENT AUCTION** to take place at the picnic  
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.

**Sunderland Scholarship**

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

## OUR LADY OF LOURDES

"CALM" (caring association of loving mothers)  
will be hosting  
**PREP.FREEZE.COOK.**  
March 28 at 9AM  
At Fr. Kirk Hall

Join us for a couple of hours of fellowship, fun and freezer meal prep! All you have to bring is a laundry basket, everything else is provided!! We will fill ziploc bags with prepped ingredients, and you go home with 10 meals to stock your freezer for those busy nights when you don't have time to cook! Contact Jody Goodin at (217)377-5208 or Jodi Beyers at (815)848-3371 for questions and to RSVP YES!! We will add you to the facebook page for the event, where you can check out the menus. Check out their website <http://www.prepfreezecook.com> for more details.

## TOTUS TUUS

Mark your calendars  
for Totus Tuus  
JUNE 13-19

More details to  
follow as we near  
the event!!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Josie Kleist (3/16)  
Luella Koopman (3/17)  
Brian Helmig (3/17)  
Aiden Killian (3/18)  
Lily Giroux (3/19)  
Fran Mardis (3/19)  
Gary Wilhelmi (3/19)  
Bernadette Campos (3/20)  
Judy Schall (3/20)  
Ann Alt (3/21)  
Gary Gale (3/21)  
Liam Killian (3/21)  
Tim Leonard (3/21)  
Paige Schwarz (3/22)



Rich & Beth Baillie (3/15)



## FAREWELL PARTY

COME JOIN US  
as we send **JEFF AND LISA** off on their  
Alaskan adventure at the  
Shrine of St. Therese!!

We are planning an all parish  
POTLUCK DINNER after 10:30 Mass on Sunday,  
March 15, 2015 at Fr. Kirk Hall. We ask everyone  
to please bring a dish to share!

Anyone that did not receive the all  
parish email with additional  
details, can email Patti at  
[pastor@ololgc.org](mailto:pastor@ololgc.org) and I will get  
them to you!



## Mark your calendars!

Our Lady of Lourdes K of C will host  
**Lenten Fish Fries**  
**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!!

## PARISH EVENTS



### Tues, March 17

- **CALM between 6:30-7PM**

### Sat, March 21

- **Food Pantry Weekend 9AM-12**

### 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**

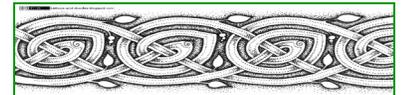
### Sat, March 28

- **CALM Prep.Freeze.Cook 9AM**

### Tues, March 31

- **CALM between 6:30-7PM**

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



## 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  
Paul Volker  
Milt Seyller

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](mailto:pastor@ololgc.org).

# dear Padre

March 15, 2015

## Is faith different from religion?

A friend and I were having a disagreement about the Catholic Church. He ended the conversation by saying, "Spread the faith, not the religion." Is there a difference between faith and religion?

The glossary of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* defines *faith* as "both a gift of God and a human act by which the believer gives personal adherence to God and freely assents to the whole truth that God has revealed." *Religion* is defined as "a set of beliefs and practices followed by those committed to the service and worship of God."

Therefore, we express our faith and put it into action through our religion. So our faith has both a personal and a communal dimension.

The danger lies in making our faith something so personal and individual that it loses this communal context. We do what we do and believe what we believe as members of a *community* of faith. So while my faith requires a personal decision on my part, it's not something so individualized and personal that I can speak of it apart from the Christian community in which I express it.

As baptized Christians, we are members of the living Body of Christ. Since all members of a body are important to the proper function of the body as a whole, it's important that we function as members of a community of believers who hold a common faith.

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### Monday

March 16  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Is 65:17-21  
Jn 4:43-54

### Tuesday

March 17  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Ez 47:1-9, 12  
Jn 5:1-16

### Wednesday

March 18  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Is 49:8-15  
Jn 5:17-30

### Thursday

March 19  
*St. Joseph,  
Spouse of the  
Blessed Virgin  
Mary*  
2 Sm 7:4-5a,  
12-14a, 16  
Rom 4:13,  
16-18, 22  
Mt 1:16,  
18-21, 24a or  
Lk 2:41-51a

### Friday

March 20  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Wis 2:1a, 12-22  
Jn 7:1-2, 10,  
25-30

### Saturday

March 21  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Jer 11:18-20  
Jn 7:40-53

### Sunday

March 22  
*Fifth Sunday  
of Lent*  
Jer 31:31-34  
Heb 5:7-9  
Jn 12:20-33

# Good News!

March 15, 2015

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)**

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 / Eph 2:4-10 /  
Jn 3:14-21

My husband likes to photograph the beauty of creation. He has gotten very good at it, sometimes zooming in to focus on the details of individual flowers or butterflies, other times zooming out to capture the glory of a waterfall, a mountain lake, or the fiery clouds billowing from one of Hawaii's volcanoes into a night sky full of stars.

Several of his photos decorate my office walls. He's justifiably proud of each. They're the work of his artist's eye and hand, so he signs them and takes care to frame them just right.

In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul calls us God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus—not because we were so amazing (we were, in fact, sinners), but because he loved us.

John's gospel echoes the sentiment: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." If a human being like my husband can take pleasure in and be justifiably proud of the work of his own hands, then how much more can God love his own handiwork? The answer, of course, is immeasurably more. God loved us enough to give us himself in Christ Jesus, who lay down his life for us though we had done nothing to deserve it.

The photos my husband creates can't thank him or give anything back to him, but it is in our power to thank our Creator, who filled us with life and redeemed us through Jesus' death and resurrection.

Today, try to love someone else a little more out of sheer gratitude that God so loves you.

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