

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)



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March 8, 2015 Third Sunday of Lent

Reconciliation

IN THE TIME OF JESUS

Reconciliation, which consists of conversion of heart, forgiveness of sins, and restoration of relationships, was central to the ministry of Jesus. Jesus came to call people to repentance (see Mt 9:13). The reconciliation ministry of Jesus also made clear that God's healing and mercy are communicated in a human, visible, and tangible way. Understanding this incarnate aspect of Jesus' ministry is essential for our understanding of the Church and the sacramental aspects of Christianity.

IN THE EARLY CHURCH

The apostolic community believed Jesus had given it the power to forgive sins (see Jn 20:22-23). Some of the ways the early Church continued Jesus' ministry of reconciliation were participation in the Eucharist (Jesus had poured out his blood for the forgiveness of sins — see Mt 26:28 — and his eating with sinners was also a sign of reconciliation); anointing of the sick (Jas 5:15); works of charity and fasting (Lk 7:47; 1 Pt 4:8); and fraternal correction (Mt 18:15-20) and group pressure (2 Thes 3:14-15).

IN TODAY'S CHURCH

While sin may be secret, it is never private. When we fail to be what God wants us to be, not only are our links in the chain weakened but the strength of the community chain is also weakened. Penitents are asked to reflect deeply in preparing themselves for the sacrament.



The underlying aim is to get in touch with our spiritual life, and with attitudes and patterns of behavior that are destructive to our relationship with God, with others, and with ourselves. Ideally, we participate in the sacrament in response to the promptings of the Holy Spirit calling us to conversion in some specific areas in our lives.

Perhaps too often, this sacrament is used as a means to rid ourselves of guilt feelings. Under such circumstances, the primary focus is on self rather than on reconciliation with God and others. We confess; we do penance; we fail to reconcile. If seen in this narrow and individualistic manner, and not in the broader context of our call to be reconcilers in a divided world, the sacrament of reconciliation loses much of its power and meaning.

The sacrament helps us to celebrate and to deepen our ongoing efforts to be people of reconciliation in our world. As ambassadors of reconciliation, we are called to be God's instruments in removing the barriers that keep people from communicating with and caring for each other. Participation in this sacrament also infers that, as God freely forgives us our transgressions, we too are willing to freely give and receive forgiveness.

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Please remember our children making their First Reconciliation this weekend, and may we all prepare our hearts for the sacrament of Reconciliation during this Lenten season. Reconciliation is available Saturday evenings at 4:30PM, during Lent on Tuesday's & Thursday's at the time of Adoration and there will be a Penance Service, Thursday, March 26 following the 6:30PM Mass and any time by appointment.

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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 March 9	8:00AM	Hansen Family Harper Family
TUE March 10	8:00AM	Hartford Family Haskins Family
WED March 11	8:00AM	Hathaway Family Heap Family
THU March 12	6:30PM	Heavilin Family Helmig Family
FRI March 13	8:00AM	Hornstein Family
STATIONS OF THE CROSS	7:00 PM	DURING LENT
SAT March 14	5:00PM	First Reconciliation children & their families
SUN March 15	7:00AM OLOL)	Richard Huppert Family Roger Huppert Family
	8:30 AM (IC)	Cervelli Family
	10:30 AM (OLOL)	Hutchcraft Family Huth Family

Thank You For Your Gifts OLOL

Envelopes	\$2024.50
Loose	\$448.11
Capital Imp.	\$278.00
Food Pantry	\$0

Imm. Conception

Total \$160.00

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

There will be a second collection next weekend March 14/15 for Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

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 14 5:00PM	Giles Volker Caine Jost	Marj Brown	Deacon Volker	Leo Chapman Stan Alt	Paul & Sarah Sarantakos
Sun, March 15 7:00AM	Brooks Schmitt	Kathleen Reum			
Sun, March 15 10:30AM	Molly Kollross Baillie Killian	Denis Fisher	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.



- Donovan Gaines (3/9)
- Stan Alt (3/11)
- Joe McGuire (3/11)
- Michael Smith (3/11)
- Caine Jost (3/13)
- Terry Hutchcraft (3/14)
- Allison Kleist (3/14)
- Lauren Leonard (3/14)
- Doug Parsons (3/14)



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.



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.

From the RE Desk

Please pray for our 2nd grade children who enter into the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday March 7th. Mass in honor of the children and their families will be at the Saturday 5PM Mass. All parishioners are most welcome.

AMANDA FREEHILL
QUINN LOZIER
MATTHEW ALLEN
CARTER EICHELBERGER
PAUL BAILLIE
SPENCER KLEIST
CHARLEY ULRICH

GAINES PARSONS
VICTORIA CULOTTA
SOPHIA RAY
AIDAN HELMIG
WILLIAM BAILLIE
ELIZABETH "LIZZIE" GIROUX
RYAN WEBER

PRAYER

Merciful God, as we prepare for First Reconciliation, help us to ask forgiveness when we need to. Help us to forgive others who have wronged us. And let us be peacemakers in our school and in our family. We thank you for the gift of your forgiveness and love.
Amen.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone that helped make mom's funeral mass a beautiful tribute to her life. Father Thomas, Deacon Jeff, and Father Denny Kollross, altar servers Remi Fisher and Hannah Kollross, musicians, Michele, Bill, Jack, Margy and Janet and all that sent flowers and condolences, as well as those who were present at the Rosary and/or her Mass. And, of course, the ladies who prepared and served a wonderful luncheon.

Bless you all,
Carla, John and Ann
and the family of
Margaret "Marge" Carlson

And, as mom always says....
KEEP SMILIN'



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 and I will get them to you!



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!!



We would also like to Congratulate and Welcome

DIANE PERKINS

to the Parish Council!! Thank you for volunteering to serve on this very important Parish Board.

PARISH EVENTS



Wed, March 11

- **K of C Mtg 7PM**
- **Finance Council 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

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

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

March 8, 2015

Who wrote the Lord's Prayer?

I know the Lord's Prayer comes from Scripture, but who composed it as we say it today?

When the disciples asked the Lord to teach them to pray, he taught them the prayer we know as the Our Father. Various versions of that prayer appear in the gospels of Matthew and Luke.

The version used in the Church's liturgies is from Matthew 6:5-13. In fact, citing St. Thomas Aquinas's *Summa Theologiae*, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* calls the Lord's Prayer the most perfect prayer, teaching us not only what things to pray for in our prayer but also in what order or priority we should desire them. "It is at the heart of every individual and communal prayer" (2776). We pray the Our Father bearing in mind and heart the intimate relationship we have with our God as sons and daughters by adoption through our baptism.

As for wording, it's important to note that, as in any language, the language we use for prayers is a work in progress. It's normal and understandable that the specific wording of our prayers would reflect what makes the most sense for a prayer form used in a communal setting—that's why we use plural pronouns instead of the singular pronouns used in the gospel account of the Lord's teaching his disciples to pray.

What's most important is that the substance of the prayer reflects the same matter the Lord used in the prayer.

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Monday

March 9
Lenten
Weekday
2 Kgs 5:1-15b
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday

March 10
Lenten
Weekday
Dn 3:25, 34-43
Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday

March 11
Lenten
Weekday
Dt 4:1, 5-9
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

March 12
Lenten
Weekday
Jer 7:23-28
Lk 11:14-23

Friday

March 13
Lenten
Weekday
Hos 14:2-10
Mk 12:28-34

Saturday

March 14
Lenten
Weekday
Hos 6:1-6
Lk 18:9-14

Sunday

March 15
Fourth Sunday
of Lent
2 Chr 36:14-16,
19-23
Eph 2:4-10
Jn 3:14-21

Good News!

March 8, 2015

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 /
1 Cor 1:22-25 / Jn 2:13-25

The license plate on a friend's car reads "56789." When someone asked him about it, he said, "Those are the commandments I'm good at." We all had a laugh but, in truth, the commandments bear deeper reflection.

To pretend that our obedience of the Ten Commandments is limited to the literal words themselves is spiritually shallow. We may not have killed someone, but have we ever thought how much better it would be if someone weren't in our workplace or school? Have we ever hated someone with a passion that interferes with our actions?

We may not have stolen something from a retail store, but have we ever taken anything that doesn't belong to us—ideas, supplies from work? These don't belong to us. Are there ways in which we really want what a friend has or fail to remain faithful in body, mind, and spirit? The Ten Commandments impact us far more than we realize.

In today's gospel, Jesus demonstrates how far the moneychangers in the temple area have strayed from the true spirit of the worship of God. They probably hadn't given it much thought—it was the way they'd always done business. But their action made things difficult for others.

God demands a transformation that deals not only with the wrong everyone can see, but with the subtle ways we violate God's laws and fail to love.

The middle of Lent is a good time for us to examine—and repent of—all the ways in which we do this.

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