

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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September 13, 2015

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Importance of Work

Pope Francis I

With the celebration of Labor Day fresh in our minds, Pope Francis I shares his thoughts on The Importance of Work

Human labor is an important aspect of the dignity of the person. Likewise, there is a need for creativity and solidarity to face the economic crisis that faces our world. Employment is necessary for society, for families and for individuals. Its primary value is the good of the human person, as it allows the individual to be fully realized as such, with his or her attitudes and intellectual, creative and manual capacities. Therefore, it follows that work has not only the economic objective of profit, but above all a purpose that regards man and his dignity. And if there is no work, this dignity is wounded! Indeed, the unemployed and underemployed risk being relegated to the margins of society, becoming victims of social exclusion.

What can we say, when faced with the very serious problem of unemployment that affects various nations? It is the consequence of an economic system that is no longer able to create work, because it has placed at its center the idol of money. Therefore, the various political, social and economic actors are called upon to promote a different approach, based on justice and solidarity, to ensure the possibility of dignified work for all. Work is an asset for all, and must be available to all. Phases of serious difficulties and unemployment must be faced with the tools of creativity and solidarity. The creativity of courageous businesspeople and craftspeople, who look to the future with trust and hope. And solidarity between all the elements of society, who all give something up, adopting a more sober lifestyle, to help those in need. This great challenge requires the involvement of the Christian community as a whole. The first challenge is to revive the roots of faith and of our adhesion to Jesus Christ. This is the inspiring principle in the choices of a Christian faith. Faith moves mountains! Christian faith is able to enrich society through the concrete element of the brotherhood it embodies.

Never cease to hope for a better future. Do not let yourselves be trapped in the vortex of pessimism! If everyone does his part, if we all put the human person and his dignity at the center, and if we consolidate an attitude of solidarity and fraternal sharing, inspired by the Gospel, we can emerge from the swamp of this difficult and burdensome period of economic turmoil.



It won't be long and Pope Francis will be here for his first ever visit to the United States. During his visit Pope Francis will highlight our faith's family foundations.

The Pope will be in Philadelphia the last weekend in September to attend the World Meeting of Families. This congress, started in 1994 and held every three years, is the biggest gathering of Catholic families in the world. The aim is to celebrate families and to fortify the bonds that keep them strong because FAITH starts at HOME!

You can see the itinerary for Pope Francis at <http://www.dailylocal.com/general-news/20150718/what-you-can-try-and-see-during-popes-visit>.

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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 September 14	8:00AM	NO MASS	Roger & Edna Huppert
Exaltation of the Holy Cross			
TUE September 15	8:00AM	NO MASS	
Our Lady of Sorrows			
WED September 16	8:00AM	NO MASS	
St. Cornelius			
THU September 17	6:30PM	NO MASS	
St. Robert Bellarmine			
FRI September 18	8:00AM	NO MASS	
St. Joseph of Cupertino			
SAT September 19	5:00PM	Marge Carlson	
St. Januarius			
SUN September 20	7:00AM (OLOL)	Ding Astronomo	
	8:30 AM (IC)	Parish Family	
	10:30 AM (OLOL)	Fr. Dennis Kollross	

**Thank You
For Your Gifts
OLOL**

Envelopes \$2732.50
Loose \$196.77
Capital Imp. \$170.00
Food Pantry \$124.00

Imm. Conception

Total \$195.45

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: \$12,775
Goal: (\$12,675)
IC: \$1,165
(Goal: \$1,224)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
Sat, September 19 5:00PM	Angelica Cullotta Caine Jost	Fran Mardis	Jerry Brown	Bob Mardis John Carlson	Janet Townsend
Sun, September 20 7:00AM	Ben Freehill	Kathleen Reum			
Sun, September 20 10:30AM	Nathan & Ethan Garard	Maggie Davis	Jean Wilhelmi	Paul Obert 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.

A LITTLE CATHOLIC HUMOR

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Jeff and Bil Keane



"Who wants to listen to me recite God's top ten commandments?"

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- Alex Rosenbaum (9/14)
- Laura Lynch (9/14)
- Jerry Stoltz (9.14)
- Noah Roy (9/14)
- Benjamin Roesch (9/14)
- Nicole Carey (9/15)
- Nicholas Meunier (9/16)
- Leo Chapman (9/17)
- Jodi Beyers (9/18)
- Patti Huppert (9/18)
- Georgia Lynch (9/19)
- Tim Fackler (9/20)
- Emma Kurtenbach (9/20)

The Word From Father Thomas

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

I am in Poland from September 7 until September 22. I will be visiting the places where St. John Paul II was born, raised, and worked. I will also be spending 5 days, from September 11–15 in prayer and recollection in the Divine Mercy campus. Please pray for me and I will be praying for you as well.



From the RE Desk

Catechetical Sunday Sept 20th 2015

"Safeguarding the Dignity of Every Human Person."

This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 20, 2015, and will focus on the theme "Safeguarding the Dignity of Every Human Person." Those whom the community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. (USCCB). Today we thank the teachers of OLOL who will be teaching our children over the coming year. Please join together in saying the Catechist Prayer in your pews.

PreK-K: Jean Wilhelmi. Sandy Kollross - room mother

1st Grade: Miranda Leonard and Allison Kleist

2nd Grade: Maggie Foltz and Sara Tredennick

3rd & 4th Grade: Cherrie Fisher and Roberta Larkin

5th & 6th Grade: Beth Baillie & Jennifer Freehill

7th & 8th Grade: Mike Smith

HS Youth Group: Bruce Killian and Rob Kollross

WHAT IS A NEW EVANGELIZATION?

For many Catholics, the word "evangelization" conjures images of fundamentalist Christians knocking on doors and asking if we are "saved." But when Pope Benedict XVI uses the phrase "New Evangelization," he means something very different: The New Evangelization is, first of all, an invitation to Catholics to renew their own faith. It starts inside each one of us. Only when that renewal happens are we ready to share our faith with others in a way that is neither threatening nor intrusive, but inviting. Stay tuned next week for more on the New Evangelization.

The Diocese is offering some Adult Faith Formation Classes and the first on **September 24** deals with this exact topic.

Julianne Stanz

"ADULT FAITH FORMATION THROUGH THE LENS OF THE NEW EVANGELIZATION:

10am-3pm (\$20 per person includes lunch)

Julie will discuss how can parishes attract adults (including young adults) out from disconnection and into engagement? Julianne is Director of New Evangelization, Diocese of Green Bay.

For more information, check the table at the back of church.

PARISH EVENTS



Tuesday, September 15

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM

Saturday, September 19

- Food Pantry 9AM-12PM

Tuesday, September 29

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM

Wednesday, September 30

- Staff Meeting 6PM
- Parish Council Meeting 7PM

"The Church needs you, your enthusiasm, your creativity and the joy that is so characteristic of you."

"GO. BE NOT AFRAID. SERVE!"

Pope Francis, World Youth Day 2014

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

There will be an altar server training on October 4th following 10:30AM Mass for any child interested in this ministry. All current altar servers are also encouraged to attend.



Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Tony Coons
Mary Cothorn
Jesse Cervelli
Dick Walter
Loretta Bode
Vivian Geurts
Mardella Duffy
Chuck Freehill
Milt Seyller
Ruth Cochran
Zachary Smith

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@ololg.org.

Good News!

September 13, 2015

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Is 50:5-9a / Jas 2:14-18 / Mk 8:27-35

The undergraduate students with whom I work are part of a generation whose opportunities to serve others began in grade school. Regardless of religious affiliation, culture, or race, these students raised money, contributed to canned food drives, helped at food pantries, or built houses with their classmates or fellow club members. Now in college, they have hundreds of opportunities to help those less fortunate which are sponsored by this nonreligious institution alone, let alone the many more offered by their respective religious houses and communities. For the most part, they serve willingly, even eagerly. But I find that few of them sit down to reflect on the good work they do. They rarely consider the call to solidarity with the poor or the command of Christ to love one another. They just have a felt sense that they should.

For Catholics, as for all Christians, this felt sense has its roots in the faith we proclaim. If we truly believe that Christ is the Son of God and our Savior, our faith compels us to do what he did and to love as he loved. And it is more than that. Many people do service work because it's the right thing to do or because they want to give back. Those are good reasons. But we are called to be in a relationship of love with those we serve. We are challenged to see not only how we might serve them but to see the gifts they bring to us and how they shape our lives. We are called to accept them as our brothers and sisters.

Mary Katharine Deeley
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Monday
SEPTEMBER 14
*The Exaltation
of the Holy Cross*
Nm 21:4b-9
Phil 2:6-11
Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday
SEPTEMBER 15
Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Tm 3:1-13
Jn 19:25-27
or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday
SEPTEMBER 16
*Sts. Cornelius, Pope,
and Cyprian, Bishop,
Martyrs*
1 Tm 3:14-16
Lk 7:31-35

Thursday
SEPTEMBER 17
Weekday
1 Tm 4:12-16
Lk 7:36-50

Friday
SEPTEMBER 18
Weekday
1 Tm 6:2c-12
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday
SEPTEMBER 19
St. Dominic, Priest
1 Tm 6:13-16
Lk 8:4-15

Sunday
SEPTEMBER 20
*Twenty-fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Wis 2:12, 17-20
Jas 3:16-4:3
Mk 9:30-37

dear Padre

September 13, 2015

"I have asked but have not received. Why?"

John 14:13 states, "Whatever you ask in my name, I will do..." Matthew 7:7 says, "Ask and it will be given to you." Well, I've been asking, and I haven't received. Did Jesus lie?

When reading sacred Scripture, it is always important to avoid interpreting the text too literally and to bear in mind the larger context of the passage. The purpose of both Gospel verses you mention is to remind us that God, our heavenly Father, is well aware of our wants and needs and abundantly generous at all times and in all things. However, as with any good parent, God also knows the difference between our wants and our truest, greatest needs. Most parents will not give their children everything they ask for simply because they say they want it, even when they ask nicely and say please.

Our requests of God may well reflect legitimate needs, but we must allow for the fact that God is not just considering our will in the request, but his will as well. We are all, after all, part of a plan that is much bigger than any individual person or need. So did Jesus lie? I assure you that he did not. God benefits from knowing the "big picture," from a complete knowledge and wisdom. By submitting ourselves in faith to this mystery, we benefit as well.

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