

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 5:30 pm
Friday 8 am
Holy Days: 7 am & 7 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 8:30-9:30 am
Thursday 6-7 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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April 24, 2016 Fifth Sunday of Easter

EXPLORING INDULGENCES WITH "PAT IN THE PEW"



I invite you to enjoy the next weeks as we continue to explore four principles that might help you reconsider the gift of indulgences during the year of MERCY! Last week we focused on RELATIONSHIPS, NOT RULES! This week we will focus on MERCY BEING MORE THAN FORGIVENESS.

It's about mercy being more than mere forgiveness. Merciful love wants to remove all natural consequences of our brokenness so we can flourish. For example, if we allow ourselves to live a lifestyle beyond our means, with month-after-month of deficit spending, finding ourselves on the verge of financial bankruptcy, we can repent and resolve to change our ways (remember, this is a hypothetical example!). We know that the Father of Mercy will certainly forgive our greed or materialism or whatever form of idolatry compelled us to live so recklessly, and we could resolve to balance our budgets moving forward. However, it might take decades—or generations—of frugal savings to climb out of the pit of debt which we've dug.

The idea with the indulgences is that the Father wants us to know both that we are forgiven, and that He is willing to repay the debt for us. This is merciful love. On our part, we would still need to take concrete steps to show our commitment to change, reordering our spending habits. But we know that we could have never earned or deserved such a fresh start.

Next week we will read about HOLINESS BEING MORE THAN MERE NICENESS!

PARISH PICNIC

Our Annual Parish Picnic is
Sunday, MAY 1, 2016
After 10:30AM Mass until 3:30PM

Come enjoy the BOUNCE HOUSE, GAMES, and FELLOWSHIP for the day!! We are asking parishioners to bring a DISH OR DESSERT (meat and drink provided) and any YARD GAMES they might want to share.... Pray for good weather!

If you have not already purchased tickets from our youth for the Catholic Heart Work Camp trip in June, the picnic is a good opportunity to do so! First prize is \$1200, Second prize is \$500 and Third prize is \$300.



ORGANIST/VOCALIST NEEDED

We are in need of more organists/vocalists to lead worship at our weekend Masses. If you feel the call to this ministry, please contact Father Thomas 217-784-4671 or email at pastor@ololgc.org.



Pastor

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Alyce Hafer

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Bruce Killian

Music Director

Michele Fackler

Parish Council President

Eric Rosenbaum (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 April 25	8:00AM	Jim Freehill Family Gerald Freehill Family
<i>St. Mark</i>		
TUE April 26	8:00AM	Mike Freehill Family Gale Family
<i>St. Pedro de San Jose Betancur</i>		
WED April 27	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
<i>St. Louis Mary Grignon de Montfort</i>		
THU April 28	5:30PM	Garard Family Gardner Family
<i>St. Peter Chanel</i>		
FRI April 29	8:00AM	Vivian Geurts Family Paul Geurts Family
<i>St. Catherine of Siena</i>		
SAT April 30	5:00PM	+Robert Benefiel, Jr.
<i>St. Pius V</i>		
SUN May 1	7:00AM (OLOL)	Giroux Family Gonzalez Family
<i>St. Joseph the Worker</i>	8:30 AM (IC)	Ivan Weber Family
	10:30 AM (OLOL)	Parish Family

Thank You For Your Gifts OLOL

Sunday Env.	\$2467.50
Loose	\$502.26
Capital Imp.	\$100.00
Food Pantry	\$52.00
April Total	\$252.00
Yr to Date FP	\$1280.26

Imm Conception

Sunday Env.	\$117.00
Capital Imp.	\$0

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!

2016 CMAA Goals
OLOL: \$7925
Goal: (\$12,712)
IC: \$1120
(Goal: \$905)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
Sat, April 30 5:00PM	Caine Jost	Fran Mardis	Marj Brown	Steve Heavilin Michael Smith	Denis & Cherry Fisher
Sun, May 1 7:00AM	Remi Astronomo	Michelle Rosenbaum			
Sun, May 1 10:30AM	Nathan & Ethan Garard	Paul Sarantakos	Rob Kollross	Dan Kleist Paul Obert	

Volunteers are always needed for our parish ministries. For more information on how to join, contact the parish office.

Baptism

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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Join us in praising God for each of the amazing gospel opportunities packed by all of YOU! Thank you for packing shoebox gifts! Our local East Central Illinois area collected 15,262 (6%growth)! Wow!



Just a note to thank you for participating in Operation Christmas Child 2015. Imagine the joy on the faces of the child that opened the box you packed. We look forward to partnering with you again this year to bless children.

Thank you
Meadowbrook Church OCC Team

Every Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift is an opportunity to touch a child with the love of God, and every Greatest Journey graduate is equipped to share that love!

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Tony Coons
Loretta Bode
Mary Cothorn
Mardella Duffy
Jesse Cervelli
Donovan Gaines
Dick Walter
Mary Masco

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.

The Word From Father Thomas



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

I just wanted to take a minute and thank everyone for their generous capital Improvement donations. We have collected \$54,434.30 since opening this account in the fall of 2012. In the last three years we have completed the following:

- siding on the rectory
- new roof on the church
- new flooring in the parish hall
- painting the parish hall
- seal coating the driveway
- landscaping around campus



Looking forward, we hope to update the parish hall kitchen with sinks and countertops as well as update the bathrooms in compliance with ADA standards.

I ask that you continue to give generously. Steady maintenance is the key to the beauty of our campus and the durability of the buildings.

Many Thanks and God Bless,
Father Thomas Theneth, CMI

PARISH EVENTS



Tuesday, April 26

- Staff Mtg 6PM

Tuesday, May 3

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM

Tuesday, May 11

- K of C Mtg 7PM

Saturday, May 14

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

Tuesday, May 17

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM

Saturday, May 28

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon
- **CONFIRMATION 10:30AM**

Tuesday, May 31

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM

From the RE Desk

On Sunday April 24th 6 of our RE children received Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion. Our Appreciation to second grade teachers Maggie Davis and Sara Tredennick for all the time, talent and prayer that went into preparing the children for this Most Blessed Sacrament.



- Lane Beyers (Brett & Jodi Beyers)*
Peetra Chaddock (John & Lisa Chaddock)
Victoria Davis (Craig & Maggie Davis)
Elizabeth "Lizzie" Goodin (Brian & Jody Goodin)
Aiden Killian (Andrew & Heather Killian)
Griffin Tredennick (Kerry & Sarah Tredennick)

Soul of Christ, sanctify me
 Body of Christ, save me
 Blood of Christ, inebriate me
 Water from Christ's side, wash me
 Passion of Christ, strengthen me
 O good Jesus, hear me
 Within Thy wounds hide me
 Suffer me not to be separated from Thee
 From the malicious enemy defend me
 In the hour of my death call me
 And bid me come unto Thee
 That I may praise Thee with Thy saints
 and with Thy angels
 Forever and ever
 Amen

The Anima Christi is a prayer from around the 14th century. It is still widely used after receiving the body and blood of Our Lord, Jesus Christ in Holy Communion.



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.



- Hannah Schwarz (4/30)
 Sylvia Day (4/30)
 John Chaddock (5/1)
 Eric Rosenbaum (5/1)



- Harry & Dorri Groom (4/25)
 Jerry & Marj Brown (4/28)
 Tom & Sarah McCall (4/28)

dear Padre

April 24, 2016

Use wine wisely

My evangelical friends don't drink and even use grape juice for communion. Catholics use wine and drink all the time. Isn't the Church condoning alcoholism?

The abuse of alcohol is a serious vice, and it has caused untold damage. When we celebrate the Eucharist we are commemorating the Last Supper, at which Jesus offered wine and unleavened bread according to the Jewish Passover tradition, changed it into his Body and Blood, and gave us this command: "'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes" (1 Corinthians 11:25-26).

While the properties of wine remain, including alcohol content, the substance becomes the Precious Blood of Christ. Therefore, the ingestion of a sip or two seems trivial compared to the divine presence received therein. Those with medical or psychological reasons for abstaining should discuss those matters with their pastor and specialist(s).

Jesus turned water into wine at the wedding in Cana (John 2:1-11), but he obviously doesn't condone alcoholism. God has given us many things to enjoy: food, love, and leisure to mention a few. As Catholics we are called to rightly use these gifts for the greater and common good. To abuse them is sinful; to use them as they are intended is a way to give thanks.

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Good News!

April 24, 2016

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

Acts 14:21-27 / Rv 21:1-5a / Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

I was fortunate to do my hospital chaplaincy rotation with a young seminarian who was ordained about three years after our summer experience. Tom and I became good friends. He came to my wedding and I went to his ordination. My children forever referred to him as young Fr. Tom. He has been a blessing to me and my family.

When he was ordained, I tried my hand at writing a song as a gift for him. He was so eager and willing to preach the Gospel wherever he was sent that I wanted to mark that in some way. One lyric I wrote went like this: "Finding our homes where we can share your word, only to leave again when it's been heard...to be your people." Fr. Tom serves in Africa now, training other seminarians, and I often think of him and of that song because I have come to realize that we are all called to share God's word whether we are in a comfortable place or a strange one. Perhaps part of our challenge is to leave the areas where we are comfortable and welcomed for those where the path is rougher and less clear, but the need for the Good News is all the greater.

Today our models are Paul and his companions, who travel from place to place to preach the Gospel and move on when they have done what they can. They follow Jesus' command to love and find the glory of the Lord in that work and in whom they serve. If we are to be God's people, we, too, must spread the hope of God's love to all we meet, even if we have to travel far to do so.

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Monday

APRIL 25

St. Mark,
Evangelist
1 Pt 5:5b-14
Mk 16:15-20

Tuesday

APRIL 26

Easter Weekday
Acts 14:19-28
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday

APRIL 27

Easter Weekday
Acts 15:1-6
Jn 15:1-8

Thursday

APRIL 28

Easter Weekday
Acts 15:7-21
Jn 15:9-11

Friday

APRIL 29

St. Catherine of Siena,
Virgin and Doctor
of the Church
Acts 15:22-31
Jn 15:12-17

Saturday

APRIL 30

Easter Weekday
Acts 16:1-10
Jn 15:18-21

Sunday

MAY 1

Sixth Sunday
of Easter
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23
Jn 14:23-29