

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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October 26, 2014 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Lady of Lourdes
Catholic Church



Immaculate Conception
Catholic Mission

November 2

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

The Church has encouraged prayer for the dead from the earliest times as an act of Christian charity. "If we had no care for the dead," Augustine noted, "we would not be in the habit of praying for them." Yet pre-Christian rites for the deceased retained such a strong hold on the superstitious imagination that a liturgical commemoration was not observed until the early Middle Ages, when monastic communities began to mark an annual day of prayer for the departed members.

In the middle of the 11th century, St. Odilo, abbot of Cluny, France, decreed that all Cluniac monasteries offer special prayers and sing the Office for the Dead on November 2, the day after the feast of All Saints. The custom spread from Cluny and was finally adopted throughout the Roman Church.

The theological underpinning of the feast is the acknowledgment of human frailty. Since few people achieve perfection in this life but, rather, go to the grave still scarred with traces of sinfulness, some period of purification seems necessary before a soul comes face-to-face with God. The Council of Trent affirmed this purgatory state and insisted that the prayers of the living can speed the process of purification.

Superstition easily clung to the observance. Medieval popular belief held that the souls in purgatory could appear on this day in the form of witches, toads or will-o'-the-wisps. Graveside food offerings supposedly eased the rest of the dead.

Observances of a more religious nature have survived. These include public processions or private visits to cemeteries and decorating graves with flowers and lights. This feast is observed with great fervor in Mexico.

Whether or not one should pray for the dead is one of the great arguments which divide Christians. Appalled by the abuse of indulgences in the Church of his day, Martin Luther rejected the concept of purgatory. Yet prayer for a loved one is, for the believer, a way of erasing any distance, even death. In prayer we stand in God's presence in the company of someone we love, even if that person has gone before us into death.

Quote:

"We must not make purgatory into a flaming concentration camp on the brink of hell—or even a 'hell for a short time.' It is blasphemous to think of it as a place where a petty God exacts the last pound—or ounce—of flesh..." St. Catherine of Genoa, a mystic of the 15th century, wrote that the 'fire' of purgatory is God's love 'burning' the soul so that, at last, the soul is wholly aflame. It is the pain of wanting to be made totally worthy of One who is seen as infinitely lovable, the pain of desire for union that is now absolutely assured, but not yet fully tasted" (Leonard Foley, O.F.M., *Believing in Jesus*).

Pastor

Rev. Thomas Theneth, CMI
(630)639-0502

Deacon

Jeff Volker

Parish Secretary

Patti Meunier

Religious Education

Alyce Hafer

Youth Ministry

Bruce Killian

Musicians

Michele Fackler
Corey Fields

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 Oct 27	8:00AM	Sister Ansa Paul
TUE Oct 28	8:00AM	Roger Huppert Family Terry Hutchcraft Family
WED Oct 29	8 :00AM	Huth Family Jacobs Family
THU Oct 30	6:30PM	Johnson Family Kemmer Family
FRI Oct 32	8:00AM	Steve Killian Family Andrew Killian Family
SAT Nov 1	5:00PM	George W. Sarlitto Jr.
SUN Nov 2	7:00AM(OLOL) 8:30 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	Bruce Killian Family Rob Kollross Family Richardson Family Kleist Family Jack Kollross Family

Thank You For Your Gifts OLOL

Envelopes \$2534.72

Loose \$268.00

Capital Imp. \$100.00

Imm. Conception

Total \$170.00

CMAA Goals
OLOL: \$14,614
 Goal: (\$11,786)
IC: \$1,405
 (Goal: \$1,149)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
Sat, Nov 1 5:00PM	Nathan & Ethan Garard	Fran Mardis Patti Huppert	Marj Brown	John Carlson	Deacon Jeff
Sun, Nov 2 7:00AM	Remi Astronomo	Michelle Rosenbaum			
Sun, Nov 2 10:30AM	Andrew Laughery Joe Baillie	Jack Kollross Sarah Sarantakos	Deacon Jeff	Frank Titus Chuck Weber	

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.



**OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH
WILL BE HOSTING THEIR ANNUAL TUR-
KEY DINNER AT FATHER KIRK HALL.**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2014

11AM-1PM

ADULTS \$8

KIDS 12 UNDER

\$4

PURCHASE DINNERS AT THE DOOR

**CARRYOUT AND DELIVERY ARE AVAILABLE. FOR DELIVERY
RESERVATIONS PRIOR TO
NOVEMBER 10, PLEASE CALL BRIAN LOZIER AT 784-2600 AND
LEAVE YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, AND HOW MANY
DINNERS YOU NEED.**

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, October 27

**Blessed Bartholomew of Vi-
cenza**

Tuesday, October 28

Sts. Simon & Jude

Wednesday, October 29

St. Narcissus of Jerusalem

Thursday, October 30

St. Alphonsus Rodriguez

Friday, October 31

St. Wolfgang of Regensburg

Saturday, November 1

Solemnity of all Saints

Sunday, November 2

**Commemorate of all the
Faithful Departed**

A Word From Father Thomas

Jesus clubbed Deut. 6:4-9 and 19:18 together in answer to the question thrown to him by the Pharisees: "Which is the greatest commandment?" it reads like this: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and with all your mind, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself". With this answer Jesus made it very clear to the Pharisees that one can neither love God without loving one's neighbor nor can one love one's neighbor without loving God. For Jesus love is the ultimate commandment that determines one's value and worth. This was a new teaching which challenged the religious leaders' understanding of observing the commandments of God. It is essential that our life and religious practices are motivated by these two commandments, loving God and loving one's neighbor.

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM THE DIOCESE

The Retired and Infirm Priests of the Diocese send their most sincere appreciation for the generous response to the Fathers' Day Second Collection. Approximately \$290,000 was collected to help ensure the care and support of these men who have

THOUGHTS

October 26, 2014

We fulfill the commandment to love our neighbor when we exercise good stewardship—joyfully sharing our gifts of life, abilities, and resources to meet our neighbor's need.

REQUEST FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

This year marks the Gibson Area Chamber of Commerce 20th Annual Lighted Christmas Parade and the Parish Council has asked for volunteers to create a float and participate as a parish in this fun event.

We have participated in the past and been the Grand Prize Winner!! **WE NEED MORE PARTICIPATION TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN** so please email the office at pastor@ololgc.org.

We will need time to get ideas together and decorate so please don't delay!!



USHER MINISTRY: We are in need of someone to head this important ministry.

We are also calling all men (from high school up) in the parish to consider joining the Usher team. Please contact the office at pastor@ololgc.org if you are able to help with this very important ministry or would like more information.

LECTOR MINISTRY: The Lector ministry is always looking for new members! If you are interested in being a Lector and need more information, please contact Lisa Volker at lmv3161@hotmail.com or 217.781.1738 as soon as possible to be on the new schedule. Lectors are needed for all Masses and duties are usually every 3 to 4 weeks.

We invite everyone to look through the feast of all souls book of remembrance at the back of church and note anyone that they would like to remember this November.

PARISH EVENTS



Wed, October 29

- **Parish Council Mtg 7PM**

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Tony Coons
Mary Cothorn
Jesse Cervelli
Vicky Stuckey
Dick Walter
Doris Benter
Penny Campbell
Loretta Bode
Rita Benefiel
Chuck Kemmer
Vivian Geurts
Mardella Duffy
Joanne Baker
Don Hahn
Dennis Stack
Kathy Bittner

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.



Allison Woolums (10/28)
Brian Carey (10/29)
Lillahanna Burnes (10/29)
Tom Hartford ((10/29)
Bob Mardis (10/29)
Caroline Thomas (10/29)
Cecilia Goodin (10/30)
Rob Kollross (10/30)
Ed Briggs (11/1)
Peg Bane (11/1)
Jessica Freehill (11/2)
Gerald Lynch (11/2)



Bob & Kathy Bittner (10/29)