

## 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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# November 16, 2014 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Lady of Lourdes  
Catholic Church



Immaculate Conception  
Catholic Mission

November 21

## Presentation of Mary



Mary's presentation was celebrated in Jerusalem in the sixth century. A church was built there in honor of this mystery. The Eastern Church was more interested in the feast, but it does appear in the West in the 11th century. Although the feast at times disappeared from the calendar, in the 16th century it became a feast of the universal Church.

As with Mary's birth, we read of Mary's presentation in the temple only in apocryphal literature. In what is recognized as an unhistorical account, the *Protoevangelium of James* tells us that Anna and Joachim offered Mary to God in the Temple when she was three years old. This was to carry out a promise made to God when Anna was still childless.

Though it cannot be proven historically, Mary's presentation has an important theological purpose. It continues the impact of the feasts of the Immaculate Conception (December 8) and of the birth of Mary (September 8). It emphasizes that the holiness conferred on Mary from the beginning of her life on earth continued through her early childhood and beyond.

It is sometimes difficult for modern Westerners to appreciate a feast like this. The Eastern Church, however, was quite open to this feast and even somewhat insistent about celebrating it. Even though the feast has no basis in history, it stresses an important truth about Mary: From the beginning of her life, she was dedicated to God. She herself became a greater temple than any made by hands. God came to dwell in her in a marvelous manner and sanctified her for her unique role in God's saving work. At the same time, the magnificence of Mary enriches her children. They, too, are temples of God and sanctified in order that they might enjoy and share in God's saving work.

"Hail, holy throne of God, divine sanctuary, house of glory, jewel most fair, chosen treasure house, and mercy seat for the whole world, heaven showing forth the glory of God. Purest Virgin, worthy of all praise, sanctuary dedicated to God and raised above all human condition, virgin soil, unplowed field, flourishing vine, fountain pouring out waters, virgin bearing a child, mother without knowing man, hidden treasure of innocence, ornament of sanctity, by your most acceptable prayers, strong with the authority of motherhood, to our Lord and God, Creator of all, your Son who was born of you without a father, steer the ship of the Church and bring it to a quiet harbor" (adapted from a homily by St. Germanus on the Presentation of the Mother of God)

### Pastor

Rev. Thomas Theneth, CMI  
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### 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.

<b>MON</b> Nov 17	8:00AM	NO MASS
<b>TUE</b> Nov 18	8:00AM	NO MASS
<b>WED</b> Nov 19	8:00AM	NO MASS
<b>THU</b> Nov 20	6:30PM	NO MASS
<b>FRI</b> Nov 21	8:00AM	NO MASS
<b>SAT</b> Nov 22	5:00PM	Perkins Family Ray Family
<b>SUN</b> Nov 23	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 \$1872.50  
Loose \$447.00  
Capital Imp. \$1045.00

## Imm. Conception

Total \$300.00

There will be a second collection for Campaign for Human Development (CHD) on the weekend of November 22/23.

**CMAA Goals**  
**OLOL: \$15,165**  
Goal: (\$11,786)  
**IC: \$1,450**  
(Goal: \$1,149)

## MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
Sat, Nov 22 5:00PM	Giles Volker Joe Allen	Jim Meyer Fran Mardis	Marj Brown	John Carlson	Lisa Heap
Sun, Nov 23 7:00AM	Liam Killian	Kathleen Reum			
Sun, Nov 23 10:30AM	Braden Roesch Alex Killian	Chuck Weber	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.



**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@ololg.org](mailto:pastor@ololg.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](mailto: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.

**Please keep Father Thomas, Carla Moxley and Pat Haskins in your prayers in the coming week as they travel to Rome on their Pilgrimage.**

## SAINTS OF THE WEEK

**Monday, November 17**  
**St. Elizabeth of Hungary**  
**Tuesday, November 18**  
**Dedication of Churches of**  
**Sts. Peter & Paul**  
**Wednesday, November 19**  
**St. Agnes of Assisi**  
**Thursday, November 20**  
**St. Rose of Philippine Duchesne**  
**Friday, November 21**  
**Presentation of Mary**  
**Saturday, November 22**  
**St. Cecilia**  
**Sunday, November 23**  
**Solemnity of Christ the**

# A Word From Father Thomas



Through the parable of "Talents" Jesus teaches his followers a great lesson. The disciples are reminded that one day they too will have to give an account of life they received from God. God's grace and gifts can neither be wasted, nor can they remain static, nor be hidden. They have to be put to use for the purpose they have been given and should bear fruits. What is evaluated at the coming of the master is not 'how much' a worker has made but how hard he has worked and how committed he was to the gifts given to him. In the parable, the first and the second servants doubled the amount they received. No doubt these two servants had to exercise considerable shrewdness and astuteness in investing the money. The third servant, showing no imagination or industry, took an easy path and hid the resources given to him. He was found lazy and unproductive and was fired from his job.

For us this parable communicated the message that each one of us is given a share in the mission of Christ. Our failure to live up to the call and produce fruits for the kingdom will invite punishment from God. Though the master does not specify how much we should produce, he does not compromise on anything less than the best from us.

## PARISH EVENTS

November

**Wed, November 19**  
 • **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

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).



### RELATING TO THE PERSON WITH ALZHEIMER'S

Monday, November 24, 2014  
 1PM-2:30PM  
 5:30-7:30PM  
 Moyer District Library  
 618 S Sangamon  
 Gibson City, IL 60936

To register for one of the sessions, call 217-784-4076.

Feeling unsure or ill at ease spending time with a person with memory loss? By understanding the disease and how it affects the brain, you can more easily make meaningful connections with a person with Alzheimer's disease. This program will provide insight into memory loss and dementia and the effect on communication and behavior. It will also introduce participants to techniques that can be used to make visits more comfortable and meaningful. This program will include time for questions and answers.

### THOUGHTS

November 16, 2014

The "worthy wife" described in today's first reading is a perfect example of active stewardship, reaching out her hands to the poor and extending her arms to the needy.

### "WHO WILL FILL THESE SHOES?"

Friday, November 28, 2014  
 11AM-3PM

Cathedral of St. Raymond  
 604 N Raynor Avenue, Joliet, IL

Who: All young men ages 16-40 and their parents.  
 What: A day for men to hear more about the priesthood.

11AM: Mass  
 12PM Lunch

1PM breakout session with seminarians and parents of seminarians  
 2PM Holy Hour for Vocations (open to everyone in the diocese)  
 3PM dismissal

Many of our priests in the Diocese of Joliet have retired or are near retirement age. The question is: Who will fill their shoes? Who will bring the Eucharist and the other Sacraments to future generations? Maybe God is calling you.

The day will begin with Mass at 11AM, followed by lunch. Then the young men will break up into small groups with our current seminarians to hear their vocation stories and what life is like in the seminary. Parents will be able to speak to our current seminarian parents about their experiences. We will finish with a Holy Hour for Vocations in the Cathedral to which all people in the diocese are invited.

To register or for more information contact:  
 Fr. Burke Masters (815)221-6171.

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.



**Walter Smith (11/17)**  
**Kim Cotter (11/18)**  
**Rob Schmitt (11/19)**  
**Jacklyn Campos (11/20)**  
**Kathleen Reum (11/20)**  
**Lori Gale (11/22)**  
**Tammy Parsons (11/23)**



**John & Ann Carlson (11/17)**  
**Jim & Donna Ruddy (11/21)**