

## 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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# August 24, 2014 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Lady of Lourdes  
Catholic Church



Immaculate Conception  
Catholic Mission

## Prayer-Conditioning

In today's world, it isn't easy to bring up a family within a Christian framework. The values of a consumer society are so often opposed to the values of Jesus. The hectic pace of our lives cries out for time to be together, to pray together. Families need to be "prayer-conditioned."

Prayer is not a thing we "take out" of our hearts on schedule, then tuck away for another day. Real prayer is an ongoing dialogue with our loving God. But this sort of spontaneous conversation does not come naturally to most. We all sometimes need coaching in the art of just "being with God," praying without words and listening for God with quiet minds. To practice this, include a moment of silent prayer in every family prayer plan.

As we "prayer-condition" our family, we need to help our children "connect" with God. This really isn't difficult. When we share a spontaneous prayer, such as "Thank you, God, for giving us such a nice day for our picnic," we make a quick connection with God for our children to both witness and imitate.

Opportunities to make our children more aware of God's presence can happen quite naturally. Before a big test, for example, we can invite God to study with them. As they leave the house for school, we can send them off with a blessing. At bedtime, we can ease their fears with assurances of God's constant care. Using such common everyday feelings and events, we make God present; we actually create occasions for growth of relationship with God, not only for our children, but also for ourselves.

Family prayer will not always be a "great experience." Sometimes, we won't like to pray. Often, we'd rather be doing something else at any given time. But prayer is precious, because God, who is always faithful, touches our hearts. when we



**Pastor**  
Rev. Thomas Theneth, CMI

**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> Aug 25	8:00AM	
<b>TUE</b> Aug 26	8:00AM	
<b>WED</b> Aug 27	8:00AM	
<b>THU</b> Aug 28	6:30PM	
<b>FRI</b> Aug 29	8:00AM	
<b>SAT</b> Aug 30	5:00PM	
<b>SUN</b> Aug 31	7:00AM(OLOL) 8:30 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	For Parishioners For Parishioners For Parishioners

**Thank You  
For Your Gifts  
OLOL**

Envelopes \$1967.50

Loose \$340.00

Capital Imp. \$35.00

**Imm. Conception**

Total \$157.00

**CMAA Goals**  
**OLOL: \$13,002**  
Goal: (\$11,786)  
**IC: \$1,215**  
(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, Aug 30 5:00PM	Andrew Laughery Joe Baillie	Fran Mardis Marj Brown	Frank Titus	Jerry Freehill John Carlson	Deacon Volker
Sun, Aug 31 7:00AM	Brooks Schmitt	Andrew Killian			
Sun, Aug 31 10:30AM	Caleb & Lacey Cotter	Lisa Volker Sarah Sarantakos	Deacon Volker	Paul Volker Brett Beyers	

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.



*A heartfelt thank you to the ladies of our parish for the beautiful funeral dinner provided for our mother, Geraldine Gravlin. The meal was delicious and very much appreciated.*

*The family of Geraldine Gravlin*



**Anyone needing to talk to Father Thomas directly, feel free to call or text his cell number at 630-639-0502.**



**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@ologc.org.

# A Word From Our Pastor

Jesus tests his disciples with crucial questions: who do men say that I am and who do you say that I am? He was widely recognized in Israel as mighty man of God, even being compared with the greatest of prophets, John the Baptist, Elijah, and Jeremiah. Peter, always quick to respond, exclaimed that he was the Christ, the Son of the living God. No mortal being could have revealed this to Peter, but only God. Jesus then on Peter authority to govern the Church that Jesus would establish a Church that no powers would overcome. Jesus plays on Peter's name which is the same word for "rock" in both Aramaic and Greek. To call someone a "rock" is one of the greatest compliments. Through faith Peter grasped who Jesus truly was. He was the first Apostle to recognize Jesus as the Anointed One and the only begotten Son of God. Faith in Jesus Christ makes us into rocks or spiritual stones. The Lord Jesus tests each of us personally with the same question: who do you say that I am? Our answer will depend on how well we know God and his Son Jesus and the efforts we make to make them known to others. Does my life-style reveal my faith-experience of Jesus, and who is Jesus for me?

## St. Monica, Mother of St. Augustine Feast Day August 27

**The circumstances of St. Monica's life could have made her a nagging wife, a bitter daughter-in-law and a despairing parent, yet she did not give way to any of these temptations. Although she was a Christian, her parents gave her in marriage to a pagan, Patricius, who lived in her hometown of Tagaste in North Africa. Patricius had some redeeming features, but he had a violent temper and was licentious. Monica also had to bear with a cantankerous mother-in-law who lived in her home. Patricius criticized his wife because of her charity and piety, but always respected her. Monica's prayers and example finally won her husband and mother-in-law to Christianity. Her husband died in 371, one year after his baptism.**

**Today, with Internet searches, email shopping, text messages, tweets and instant credit, we have little patience for things that take time. Likewise, we want instant answers to our prayers. Monica is a model of patience. Her long years of prayer, coupled with a strong, well-disciplined character finally led to the conversion of her hot-tempered husband, her cantankerous mother-in-law and her brilliant but wayward son, Augustine.**

## FAMILY MASS INTENTIONS

Beginning in September, we will choose two families daily and offer mass for members of those families. We always pray for our parish family at every mass, however, thought this would be a nice addition to parish traditions. If there is a specific day or any special intention that you have in mind, please feel free to email Patti at pastor@ololgc.org or call the office on Monday's at (217)784-4671.

## AN EVENING WITH HIGH COTTON & JAKE'S BOYS

Sunday, August 24, 2014

American Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Bluegrass meets Southern Gospel

Picnic Dinner- \$6.00 (fried chicken, brats and picnic fare) @5:00PM  
Concert will start @ 7:00PM

To make reservations for dinner, please call the church office: 217-784-4841 with your

## PARISH EVENTS



August

### Wed, August 27

- Staff Mtg 6PM
- Parish Council Mtg 7PM



## THOUGHTS

August 24, 2014

In today's readings, St. Paul reminds the Romans-and us-that all things come from God: "For from Him and through Him and for Him all things are." good stewards understand that all is gift and share generously the gifts of time, talent, and treasure with which they've been blessed.



Martha Heavilin (8/24)  
Carla Moxley (8/24)  
Sarah Sarantakos (8/24)  
Lizzie Giroux (8/25)  
Sydni Meunier (8/25)  
Michelle Rosenbaum (8/25)  
Corey Volker (8/25)  
Emma Davis (8/26)  
Becky Doran (8/26)  
Lacey Cotter (8/28)  
William Kemmer (8/30)  
Monique Cullotta (8/31)  
Delbert Tjarks (8/31)



Mark & Jane Skinner (8/25)  
John & Luella Koopman (8/25)  
Ed & Carla Briggs (8/31)