

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

Phone & Fax:
(217) 784-4671
General Information
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Gibson City, IL 60936
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September 14, 2014

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Lady of Lourdes
Catholic Church



Immaculate Conception
Catholic Mission



EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Early in the fourth century St. Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher over the tomb. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication (September 14, 2014) The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

The cross is today the universal image of Christian belief. Countless generations of artists have turned it into a thing of beauty to be carried in procession or worn as jewelry. To the eyes of the first Christians, it had no beauty. It stood outside too many city walls, decorated only with decaying corpses, as a threat to anyone who defied Rome's authority— including Christians who refused sacrifice to Roman gods. Although believers spoke of the cross as the instrument of salvation, it seldom appeared in Christian art unless disguised as an anchor or the Chi-Rho until after Constantine's edict of toleration.

"How splendid the cross of Christ! It brings life, not death; light, not darkness; Paradise, not its loss. It is the wood on which the Lord, like a great warrior, was wounded in hands and feet and side, but healed thereby our wounds. A tree has destroyed us, a tree now brought us life" (Theodore of Studios).

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.

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| MON Sep15 | 8:00AM | Chase Family Cochran Family |
| TUE Sept 16 | 8:00AM | Stuckey Family |
| WED Sept 17 | 8 :00AM | George W. Sarlitto, Sr. |
| THU Sept 18 | 6:30PM | Cole Family Coons Family |
| FRI Sept 19 | 8:00AM | Cothern Family Cotter Family |
| SAT Sept 20 | 5:00PM | Gerry Gravlin |
| SUN Sept 21 | 7:00AM(OLOL) 8:30 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL) | Culotta Family Cyphert Family Cervelli Family Darrell Volker |

**Thank You
For Your Gifts
OLOL**

Envelopes \$2140.50.

Loose \$414.00

Capital Imp. 363.00

Imm. Conception

Total \$300.00

CMAA Goals

OLOL: \$13,746

Goal: (\$11,786)

IC: \$1,260

(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, Sept 20 5:00PM | Alex Killian Brandon Roesch | Lisa Heap Fran Mardis | Jerry Brown | Jerry Brown Steve Heavilin | Paul & Sarah Sarantakos |
| Sun, Sept 21 7:00AM | Liam Killian | Jim Freehill | | | |
| Sun, Sept 21 10:30AM | Andrew Laughery Joe Baillie | Lisa Volker Sarah Sarantakos | Deacon Jeff | Bruce Killian Steve Killian | |

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.



The Gibson Food Pantry is need of the following items...canned meat, canned fruit, jelly, and paper products. If you are able to help in some way, it will be greatly appreciated.



**TAKING CARE OF YOU:
POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS**

Register by Sept 19, 2014 by calling 217-379-9281
Where: GAH East Board Room
When Six Consecutive Tuesdays
September 23rd-October 28th
6-8PM

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

Tuesday, September 16

St. Cyprian

Wednesday, September 17

St. Robert Bellarmine

Thursday, September 18

St. Joseph of Cupertino

Friday, September 19

St. Januarius

Saturday, September 20

Saints Andrew, Kim Taegon,

Paul Chong Hasang and

Companions

Sunday, September 21

St. Matthew

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!!** Thank you for the emails wanting to participate,, keep them coming, we want to make this an all parish event!!! Anyone interested please email the office at pastor@lolgc.org. We will need time to get ideas together and decorate so please don't delay!!

**"Twas the Twentieth Lighted Night"
Saturday, November 22, 2014**

PARISH EVENTS



Wed, September 17

- Staff Mtg 6PM

Wed, September 24

- 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@lolgc.org.



Nicole Carey (9/15)
Nicholas Meunier (9/16)
Leo Chapman (9/17)
Jodi Beyers (9/18)
Patti Huppert (9/18)
Fred Sarantakos (9/18)
Georgia Lynch (9/19)
Tim Fackler (9/20)
Emma Kurtenbach (9/20)
Kenneth Briggs (9/21)

THOUGHTS

September 14, 2014



Today's second reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Christian community at Philippi offers that beautiful testimony of Christ Jesus who loved us enough to give up his life for us by death on a cross. There is great hope in the cross, yet very few of us will be called today the way Jesus died. Saint Paul helps us understand that to be authentic stewards of our faith we must be willing to lay down our lives for Jesus. To be faithful to the Gospel is to be willing to take up our cross daily and follow him. In that way we will find our dying and our rising equally assured. Reflect this week on how you embrace the cross, and how you, at times, shirk the cross in your daily life.

WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND

Ladies, you are invited to attend the upcoming Women's Cursillo weekend. Cursillo is primarily a lay movement. It is an instrument of renewal by which Christianity can permeate, live and grow in today's world. It proposes a method through which ones spirituality can be strengthened, lived and shared in all areas of one's environment. The weekend will be October 9-12, 2014 at Our Lady of the Lake in Mahomet. Check in is at 7PM, Thursday, the 9th. Please contact Pam Krisman 217-841-0805 or Dick Baxley 217-867-2686 with questions or to reserve your spot.

2ND ANNUAL RUN FOR HUNGER 5K WALK/RUN 1/4 MILE YOUTH FUN RUN

Sponsored by: Loda United Methodist Church
Saturday, September 20, 2014

Guyot Track & Cross Country Course
Paxton, IL

Start time: 8:00AM

Youth Fun Run start time: 9:00AM

All proceeds benefit the Hands of Christ Food Pantry

Registration forms are available at:
www.lodaumc.com; or by calling 217-386-2237

