

## 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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# September 21, 2014

## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

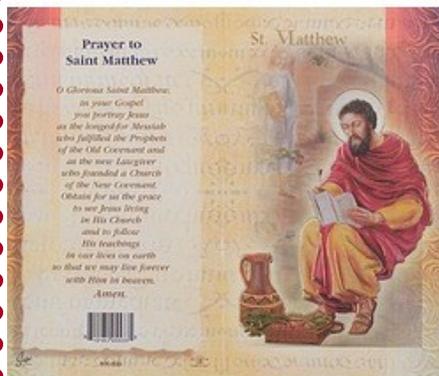


Our Lady of Lourdes  
Catholic Church



Immaculate Conception  
Catholic Mission

## ST. MATTHEW



Matthew was a Jew who worked for the occupying Roman forces, collecting taxes from other Jews. The Romans were not scrupulous about what the "tax farmers" got for themselves. Hence the latter, known as "publicans," were generally hated as traitors by their fellow Jews. The Pharisees lumped them with "sinners" (see Matthew 9:11-13). So it was shocking to them to hear Jesus call such a man to be one of his intimate followers.

Matthew got Jesus in further trouble by having a sort of going-away party at his house. The Gospel

tells us that "many" tax collectors and "those known as sinners" came to the dinner. The Pharisees were still more badly shocked. What business did the supposedly great teacher have associating with such immoral people? Jesus' answer was, "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' I did not come to call the righteous but sinners" (Matthew 9:12b-13). Jesus is not setting aside ritual and worship; he is saying that loving others is even more important.

We imagine Matthew, after the terrible events surrounding the death of Jesus, going to the mountain to which the risen Lord had summoned them. "When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them [we think of him looking at each one in turn, Matthew listening and excited with the rest], 'All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age' " (Matthew 28:17-20). Matthew would never forget that day. He proclaimed the Good News by his life and by his word. Our faith rests upon his witness and that of his fellow apostles.

From such an unlikely situation, Jesus chose one of the foundations of the Church, a man others, judging from his job, thought was not holy enough for the position. But he was honest enough to admit that he was one of the sinners Jesus came to call. He was open enough to recognize truth when he saw him. "And he got up and followed him" (Matthew 9:9b).

### Patron Saint of:

Accountants/Bankers/Bookkeepers/Tax collectors

### 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.

<b>MON</b> Sep 22	8:00AM	Stanley Davis Family Craig Davis Family
<b>TUE</b> Sep 23	8:00AM	Emma Davis Family Fred Davis Family
<b>WED</b> Sep 24	8:00AM	NO MASS
<b>THU</b> Sep 25	6:30PM	NO MASS
<b>FRI</b> Sep 26	8:00AM	NO MASS
<b>SAT</b> Sep 27	5:00PM	Dan Day Family Mark Doran Family
<b>SUN</b> Sep 28	7:00AM(OLOL) 8:30 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	Matt Doran Family Mardella Duffy Tim Freehill Family Rose Astronomo Denis Fisher

### Thank You For Your Gifts OLOL

Envelopes \$1652.50.  
Loose \$491.00  
Capital Imp. \$165.00

There will be a collection for Food for the Poor Sept. 27/28. The collection for Christ is Our Hope will be moved to Oct 4/5

### Imm. Conception

Total \$195.00

**CMAA Goals**  
**OLOL: \$13,911**  
Goal: (\$11,786)  
**IC: \$1,260**  
(Goal: \$1,149)

### MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
Sat, Sept 27 5:00PM	Rucker & Hattie Parsons	Marj Brown Sophie Hafer	Fran Mardis	Jerry Brown Steve Heavilin	Lisa Heap
Sun, Sept 28 7:00AM	Brooks Schmitt	Michelle Rosenbaum			
Sun, Sept 28 10:30AM	Alex Killian Ethan Garard	Marron Parsons Denis Fisher	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.

### 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.

### THOUGHTS

September 21, 2014

From an early age, we tend to distort the concept of "fairness": "I am good. I deserve good things. I am not receiving good things. Something must be wrong. Who's going to fix it?" We also know the age-old expression: "Who ever said life was fair?" Jesus knew this expression when he offered his parable in today's Gospel reading. Christian stewards acknowledge, with humility, that they receive good things from the Lord in abundance; even if these gifts are not the ones they think they need when they need them. Consider which servants you identify with most in the Gospel reading, the ones who demand "fairness", or that final servant who, seemingly, deserves the least.

### SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, September 22

St. Lorenzo Ruiz and  
Companions

Tuesday, September 23

St. Pio of Pietrelcina

Wednesday, September 24

Blessed John Henry Newman

Thursday, September 25

Blesseds Louis Martin and  
Zelie Guerin

Friday, September 26

Sts. Cosmas & Damian

Saturday, September 27

St. Vincent de Paul

Sunday, September 28

St. Wenceslaus

# A Word From Father Thomas

The parable of the laborers in the vineyard invites us to be fully immersed and committed to the mission for the realization of the kingdom of God. The measure in which we accomplish this mission will be the measure of the realization of the God's plan in our lives. The hiring of the laborers by the owner highlights God's initiative in saving the world. The owner goes out at different times of the day in search of workers. Hence it is important to remember that before we search for God, God is already in search of us. The call of the laborers at different times of the day reveals God's patience. The owner does not stop his search at nine o'clock in the morning, but extends it until the end of the day; he is dynamic and untiring; he gave ample time and opportunities to all. The invitation of the laborers to the vineyard portrays the universal character of the owner because it is extended to all. The invitation of the land owner even at the last hour of the day may seem strange, but in reality it reveals the goodness and generosity of God. At times we interpret God's generosity as injustice. But in reality, it is a generosity which goes beyond the rigid law of justice. His generosity goes beyond that which we merit. Working for the realization of the Kingdom of God is an indispensable part of Christian life. Nobody can or should excuse himself or herself from it. One can begin to work at any time of the day, but the most suitable moment is the present moment.

## 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](mailto: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

## From the RE Desk

CATECHETICAL  
SUNDAY  
2014

Teaching about  
**God's Gift of Forgiveness**



This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 21, 2014, and will focus on the theme "Teaching About God's Gift of Forgiveness." Those whom the community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. Remember your Catechists in your daily prayers.

Pre K Kindergarten	Miranda Leonard & Beth Baillie
First Grade	Jennifer Freehill & Sara Tredennick
Second Grade	Maggie Davis, Bernie Campos & Ericka Foltz
Third & Fourth Grade	Roberta Larkin & Cherry Fisher
Fifth & Sixth Grade	Parker Hathaway & Brian Carey
Seventh & Eighth Grade	Deacon Jeff Volker & Michael Smith



Deacon Jeff will host a new **ALTAR SERVER** training on October 5th immediately following 10:30 Mass, anyone in 5th grade or older is invited to attend as well as any altar servers wanting a "tune up".

## PARISH EVENTS



**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](mailto:pastor@lolgc.org).



**Amy Stoltz (9/22)**  
**Martha Heavilin (9/24)**  
**Denis Fisher (9/26)**



**Mike & Patti Meunier (9/28)**