

## 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)



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# October 25, 2015

## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Our Lady of Lourdes RE classes will be participating in this wonderful program again this year. Last year, several classes packed gift shoe boxes for children who may otherwise have had no Christmas. Our goal this year is to have each class participate by filling one box for a boy, and one box for a girl. The age range can be the same as the age of the students in that class. Please have each child bring one, unwrapped gift (\$5 or less), plus \$1 (to pay for the shipping of each box).

Since 1993, over 100 million boys and girls in over 130 countries have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas child.

I know it seems early to be thinking about Christmas already, but the season will be upon us before we now it! National Collection Week will be November 16-23, 2015 this year. In the past couple of years, the Gibson City Bible Church has been an Operation Christmas Child Drop-off station, and our second grade class has taken a short trip there to drop off their boxes and see where they go from there. It is a wonderful learning/serving experience for them.

We will include a short note to each child in our shoe boxes, telling them who we are, and sending our love to them. With return address, it is possible that we may hear from them one day.

Samaritan's Purse will include an introduction to the gospel and Jesus Christ, in the language of our boxes' destination.

We will send more information on what we can put (or not put) in our boxes. If you want to look further, more info is at: <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operaton-christmas-child/>

We are very excited for our classes to experience the wonderful feeling they'll get showing God's love to another!

More info to come! Questions? Bernie Campos (217)898-3448

November 1

## Solemnity of All Saints

The earliest certain observance of a feast in honor of all the saints is an early fourth-century commemoration of "all the martyrs." In the early seventh century, after successive waves of invaders plundered the catacombs, Pope Boniface IV gathered up some 28 wagonloads of bones and reinterred them beneath the Pantheon, a Roman temple dedicated to all the gods. The pope rededicated the shrine as a Christian church. According to Venerable Bede, the pope intended "that the memory of all the saints might in the future be honored in the place which had formerly been dedicated to the worship not of gods but of demons" (*On the Calculation of Time*). But the rededication of the Pantheon, like the earlier commemoration of all the martyrs, occurred in May. Many Eastern Churches still honor all the saints in the spring, either during the Easter season or immediately after Pentecost. How the Western Church came to celebrate this feast, now recognized as a solemnity, in November is a puzzle to historians. The Anglo-Saxon theologian Alcuin observed the feast on November 1 in 800, as did his friend Arno, Bishop of Salzburg. Rome finally adopted that date in the ninth century.

This feast first honored martyrs. Later, when Christians were free to worship according to their consciences, the Church acknowledged other paths to sanctity. In the early centuries the only criterion was popular acclaim, even when the bishop's approval became the final step in placing a commemoration on the calendar. The first papal canonization occurred in 993; the lengthy process now required to prove extraordinary sanctity took form in the last 500 years. Today's feast honors the obscure as well as the famous—the saints each of us have known.

Have a blessed



All Saints' Day!

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**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> October 26	6:30PM	Francis and Mary Cothern <i>St. Peter of Alcantara</i>
<b>TUE</b> October 27	6:30PM	Sr. Ansa Paul <i>Bl. Bartholomew of Vicenza</i>
<b>WED</b> October 28	6:30PM	Priest Intentions <i>Sts. Simon and Jude</i>
<b>THU</b> October 29	6:30PM	Marge Carlson <i>St. Narcissus of Jerusalem</i>
<b>FRI</b> October 30	6:30PM	Bruce Killian Family Johnson Family <i>St. Alphonsus Rodriguez</i>
<b>SAT</b> October 31	5:00PM	<b>Confession 4PM</b> <b>Rosary 4:30PM</b> <i>St. Wolfgang of Regensburg</i> Maria de Jesus Gonzalez
<b>SUN</b> November 1	7:00AM (OLOL) 8:30 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	George W. Sarlitto Jr. Parish Family Maria de Jesus Gonzalez

**Thank You  
For Your Gifts  
OLOL**

Envelopes	\$3212.50
Loose	\$458.00
Capital Imp.	\$200.00
Food Pantry	\$48.00

**Imm. Conception**

Total \$110.00

Thank you to all that have fulfilled their Annual Appeal commitment and I encourage those outstanding to complete their commitment in the coming months. OLL received a check for \$712.00 for meeting our goal to date.

Immaculate Conception is just \$59.00 from meeting goal. It would be wonderful to see that goal met!

**MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
Sat, October 31 5:00PM	Baillie Killian Braden Roesch	Lisa Heap	Fran Mardis	Robert Bode Michael Smith	Frank Titus
Sun, November 1 7:00AM	Liam Killian	Jim Freehill			
Sun, November 1 10:30AM	Isabella & Sophia Helmig	Marron Parsons	Janet Townsend	Sam Baillie Tim Fackler	

**CMAA Goals**  
**OLOL: \$13,880**  
Goal: (\$12,675)  
**IC: \$1,165**  
(Goal: \$1,224)

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.

**Marriage**

Call the Rectory at least six months before. A six month preparation time is required.

**Liguorian**

A Redemptorist Pastoral Publication

Did you sign up for Liguorian yet? Last week you heard a special presentation about Liguorian magazine. Did you return your envelope? If not, please take a minute to fill it out and drop it in the collection basket. Take advantage of Auto-Renewal by credit card and lock in a great rate. Remember, your print subscription supports the Redemptorists and includes FREE access to Liguorian Online Digital Edition with registration at Liguori.org.

**Pray for the Sick & Homebound**

Tony Coons  
Mary Cothern  
Jesse Cervelli  
Dick Walter  
Loretta Bode  
Vivian Geurts  
Mardella Duffy  
Chuck Freehill  
Milt Seyller

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.

# The Word From Father Thomas



## NOVEMBER DEVOTION

Our Mother Church dedicated November to remember all those who have gone to eternal life and especially our ancestors. Whoever we are or whatever we have is because of the hard work and prayers of our parents, grandparents, and great grandparents. This line continues back to many generations and we have an obligation to remember them and pray for them. When these people die, we say that they are in God's hands. They might be, that is what we long for as Catholics. However, they were human beings with limitations. There could be sins unforgiven or stains of sins not completely wiped out, though God is infinitely merciful and a Just God.

God being infinitely pure, nothing impure can join Him. So everyone who goes to eternal life must be pure like crystal to join God. If not there is a stage of purification. The month of November is the time we remember those souls who could not be with God and it is only through our prayers and penance that they can be with God.

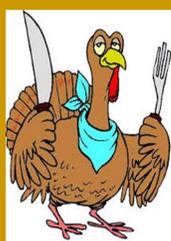
There are two ways to help these souls. Our prayer and penance is one of them. The other is offering Holy Masses for them. We know Holy Mass has infinite power to cleanse the sins and stains of sins and that will help these souls who are in the state of purification. This also will have effect on us to wipe away the stains of our sins.

I would like to advise you to offer Holy Masses for your ancestors. Remember also that there are souls that have no one to pray for them. Those souls we call "poor souls in purgatory". God asks us to help them also. So it is good to offer one or two or more Masses for our ancestors and for the poor souls in purgatory. We do not have to wait for November, we can do this any time of the year.

### ALL SOULS DAY MASS— MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2015 at 7PM

The book of names for the November 2, All Souls Mass is located on the table at the back of the church. We would like to take the month of October to collect the names of our departed friends and family for All Souls Day Mass. Please feel free to add any names to the book that you would like included in prayer intentions for this Mass on Monday November 2 at 7PM.

**IN ADDITION, PLEASE BRING A PHOTO OF YOUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES TO PLACE IN FRONT OF THE ALTAR BEFORE MASS ON AN TO BE TAKEN HOME FOLLOWING MASS.**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

TURKEY DINNER TIME IS HERE.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2015**

**11AM-1PM**

**FATHER KIRK HALL**

## PARISH EVENTS



### Wednesday, October 28

- Parish Council Meeting 7:30PM

### Tuesday, November 3

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM

### Saturday, November 7

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

### Wednesday, November 11

- K of C Mtg. 7PM



- Carl Hornstein (10/26)
- Harry Groom (10/26)
- Richard Huppert (10/26)
- Allison Woolums (10/28)
- Lillihanna Burnes (10/29)
- Brian Carey (10/29)
- Tom Hartford (10/29)
- Caroline Thomas (10/29)
- Bob Mardis (10/29)
- Cecilia Goodin (10/30)
- Rob Kollross (10/30)
- Peg Bane (11/1)

## A LITTLE CATHOLIC HUMOR

I'm pretty sure God created only 6 days, Monday was definitely made by Satan.



HOTTENKARDS

# Good News!

October 25, 2015  
**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**  
Jer 31:7-9 / Heb 5:1-6 / Mk 10:46-52

When my mother was alive and Thanksgiving rolled around, my siblings and I would pack up our respective families and travel home for the traditional holiday dinner. There was something so right and satisfying about seeing one another, sharing what had happened since we saw each other last and eating the good food that was part of the feast. Of course as we got older, we helped out with the cooking, serving, and cleaning up, and with entertaining the frequent guests that showed up. On that day we were all family.

The year my mother died, my brother, sisters, and I were not sure what to do. Her house had been sold, and we were scattered to different parts of the country. Thanksgiving was a very different feast that year, as it often is when matriarchs and patriarch pass. We talked about what we missed and wanted, and now we celebrate Thanksgiving at my house with all who can make it. The tradition has become ours, and we look forward to it every year.

Imagine being unable to celebrate any of your traditions for forty years. That's what the Jews faced during their long exile. They were unable to gather as a family and worship God in their own way. Jeremiah's vision of their joyful return holds out the hope that God will once again gather them up and bring them home. There, God will restore them to wholeness just as Jesus restored Bartimaeus, who courageously called out to him and asked for what he most desired.

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**Monday**  
OCTOBER 26  
*Weekday*  
Rom 8:12-17  
Lk 13:10-17

**Tuesday**  
OCTOBER 27  
*Weekday*  
Rom 8:18-25  
Lk 13:18-21

**Wednesday**  
OCTOBER 28  
*Sts. Simon and Jude,  
Apostles*  
Eph 2:19-22  
Lk 6:12-16

**Thursday**  
OCTOBER 29  
*Weekday*  
Rom 8:31b-39  
Lk 13:31-35

**Friday**  
OCTOBER 30  
*Weekday*  
Rom 9:1-5  
Lk 14:1-6

**Saturday**  
OCTOBER 31  
*Weekday*  
Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12,  
25-29  
Lk 14:1, 7-11

**Sunday**  
NOVEMBER 1  
*All Saints*  
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14  
1 Jn 3:1-3  
Mt 5:1-12a

# dear Padre

October 25, 2015  
**May I come home?**

I became a member of the Catholic Church in 1961 when I married a Catholic man. I divorced him and left the Church in 2007. Now I am a member of the United Methodist Church. Is it possible for me to rejoin the Catholic Church, and if so, what are the requirements? I miss "the church of my heart," the Catholic Church.

**It certainly is possible** for you to come back, and now is the time to do it. Simply return to your local parish and begin attending Mass regularly. Before you receive the Eucharist again, you should make an appointment to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation. If you are not quite ready to do that, at least begin with coming to church regularly. Introduce yourself to the priest and tell him that you would like to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation because you have been away from the Church for a number of years. The priest might encourage you to come to confession at a regularly scheduled time or perhaps make an appointment so you can spend more time together. It is not necessary to go to classes or to rejoin the RCIA, but there may be some adult faith formation classes you could participate in. Again, your priest or parish could guide you.

That tug you are feeling is nothing less than the Holy Spirit. Welcome Home!

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