

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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December 6, 2015 Second Sunday of Advent



**PLEASE NOTE THE IMPORTANT INFORMATION BELOW
THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED AS WE NEAR THE END OF 2016**

FAMILY INFORMATION UPDATE

If each family could PLEASE fill out the form found in each pew and drop it in the collection basket. It is the most basic information needing to be updated in the office. Thank You



The **2016 COLLECTION ENVELOPES** are available to pick up in the back of the church.

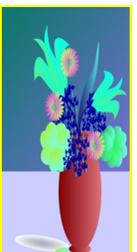
NOTE: We had to do some renumbering so your envelope number MAY be different from last year.

If you have not registered with the parish, please contact the office.
(217)784-4671.

Also, please let us know of address or other contact information changes on the sheet in the pews.

2016 FLOWERS

There are still available dates to sign up for altar flowers for 2016. The sign up sheet is at the back of the church. Flowers are provided by County Market and are \$30. You may have already signed up for a permanent date--if you wish to make any changes, please note them on the sheet.



2016 PARISH CALENDARS

Our Parish Calendars are available for 2016. Thank you Day Drainage for providing them for our Parishes. Feel free to pick some up after Masses over the next few weekends. It is hard to believe 2016 is 6 short weeks away.



Just a friendly reminder to try to complete any Annual Appeal pledges before Christmas. Your support and generosity of the Annual Appeal s greatly appreciated !!

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President**
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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.

MON December 7	8:00AM	Moxley Family Nunnink Family
TUE December 8	7:00AM 7:00PM	HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION Priest Intentions
Solemnity of the Imm. Conception		
WED December 9	8:00AM	Obert Family Ortiz Family
St. Juan Diego		
THU December 10	6:30PM	Durlene Lawless
Bl. Adolph Kolping		
FRI December 11	8:00AM	Chuck Freehill
St. Damascus I		
SAT December 12	5:00PM	Donald & Ruby Kemmer
Our Lady of Guadalupe		
SUN December 13	7:00AM (OLOL) 8:30 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	Marge Carlson Parish Family Fisher Family
St. Lucy		

**Thank You
For Your Gifts
OLOL**

Envelopes \$1742.50
Loose \$539.84
Capital Imp. \$50.00
Food Pantry \$66.76

Imm. Conception

Total \$209.00

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.

CMAA Goals
OLOL: \$14,625
Goal: (\$12,675)
IC: \$1,315
(Goal: \$1,224)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
Sat, December 12 5:00PM	Alex Killian Baillie Killian	Lisa Heap	Stan Alt	John Carlson Frank Titus	Denis & Cherry Fisher
Sun, December 13 7:00AM	Ben Freehill	Michelle Rosenbaum			
Sun, December 13 10:30AM	Isabella & Sophia Helmig	YOUTH MASS	Denis Fisher	YOUTH MASS	

CONGRATULATIONS,
both OLL and IC have exceeded their CMAA goal!

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.

FOOD PANTRY WITH BISHOP CONLON

Saturday, January 9, 2016 (second Saturday in January) from 8:30AM until noon will be our third scheduled opportunity to supply the labor for the local food pantry.

Bishop Conlon will be visiting our parish and the food pantry during this weekend. As in the past, at least 25 workers will be needed to work on that Saturday.

If you have not signed up previously, please email me at caubry55@gmail.com. Include your name, phone number, and email address. The only age qualification is to be in at least 6th grade. We would really love to see the kids get involved!

There may also be a need for a few workers for set-up on the evening of Friday, January 8, 2016.

Thank you,
Chuck Aubry



BLESSING OF THE BAMBINOS

DECEMBER 12/13 we will be blessing our nativity bambinos. Bring your baby Jesus from your nativity scene, clearly label it and place it in the manger in front of the altar. Please take them after Mass.

The Word From Father Thomas



Our focus tends to be on gifts. Society tells us that in order to prepare to celebrate for Christmas we need to go forth and buy gifts. But God reminds us that this season is not about going out and buying gifts but rather being open to receive the gifts that God has to offer us. The gifts will help us to prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ. The season of Advent is a great gift that God offers to us. But do we truly take the time focus on how important this gift is. It is time for us to prepare by seeking the peace that God has to offer us in our lives. The gifts are the wisdom the understanding the gift our faith and being in a relationship with God. But do we take this gift seriously? Do we take the time each day to recognize the presence of God in our life? Do we take time in our life each day to offer ourselves to God in prayer? So we can be open to the message that God has to share with us. The message that will help us to prepare the birth of Christ. The message that will help us to fully experience the peace that God has to offer us. That peace we are called to celebrate each and every day. The peace that we are called to go forth as disciples to serve those in need in God's name.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Plan ahead...attend Mass, December 8th... Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, [Holy Day of Obligation]

On Tuesday, December 8th we will celebrate with the Universal Church this great solemnity in honor of the most Blessed Virgin Mary. All Catholics are obligated to attend Mass this day. It is a serious sin to miss Mass on this day.

This Solemnity that we celebrate this day teaches that in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin. This doctrine is often misunderstood by Catholics and non-Catholics, alike. The dogma has to do with the conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary within the womb of Her mother ~ NOT the conception of Jesus within the womb of Mary.

Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 8th at 7:00AM and 7:00PM.

Join us as we celebrate "Our Mother's Joy!"

UNIVERSAL PRAYER FOR THE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

December 8, 2015 thru November 20, 2016

For our Holy Father

That his proclamation of the Holy Year of Mercy Be heard as the inspired call to be merciful like the Father.

For the Church

That we might recognize in Mary's Immaculate Conception God's tender mercy from the very beginning of the history of humankind.

For our Nation

That we temper our pursuit of justice with forgiveness and attention to the poor, the oppressed and the forgotten.

For our Priests

That their commitment to the Gospel will reveal the mystery of divine love in its fullness

For all the Faithful

That we will come to know mercy as the ultimate act by which God comes to meet us.

For our Parish

That our spiritual and corporal works of mercy will manifest the visible face of Jesus.

PARISH EVENTS

DECEMBER

Wednesday, December 9

- K of C 7PM

Tuesday, December 15

- CALM between 6:30-7PM

Sunday, December 13

- YOUTH MASS

Saturday, December 19

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon



- Catherine Cimino (12/7)
- Jim Freehill (12/7)
- Adam Burnes (12/8)
- Lisa Chaddock (12/10)
- Robert Bittner (12/10)
- Jody Goodin (12/11)
- Ian Miller (12/12)
- Cali Roy (12/13)
- John Martin (12/13)



Paul & Mary Geurts (12/13)

RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Please show your appreciation for the senior Catholic Sisters, Brothers, and Religious Order Priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the **RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS.**

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

- Tony Coons
- Mary Cothorn
- Jesse Cervelli
- Dick Walter
- Loretta Bode
- Mardella Duffy
- 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@lolgc.org.



December 6, 2015

dear Padre

Monday
DECEMBER 7

*St. Ambrose, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church*
Is 35:1–10
Lk 5:17–26

Tuesday
DECEMBER 8

*The Immaculate
Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*
Gn 3:9–15, 20
Eph 1:3–6, 11–12
Lk 1:26–38

Wednesday
DECEMBER 9

Advent Weekday
Is 40:25–31
Mt 11:28–30

Thursday
DECEMBER 10

Advent Weekday
Is 41:13–20
Mt 11:11–15

Friday
DECEMBER 11

Advent Weekday
Is 48:17–19
Mt 11:16–19

Saturday
DECEMBER 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zec 2:14–17 or
Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab
Lk 1:26–38 or Lk 1:39–47

Sunday
DECEMBER 13

Third Sunday of Advent
Zep 3:14–18a
Phil 4:4–7
Lk 3:10–18

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Santa Claus: Christian or secular?



I have two friends—one atheist, the other a Christian fundamentalist. Neither is carrying on the tradition of Santa with their children. The atheist claims he is a Christian symbol; the Christian thinks he's a secular figure. Who's right?

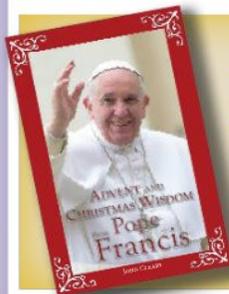
As strange as it may sound, both are correct. The myth of Santa Claus is based on the real life of St. Nicholas, a Catholic bishop. Born in the third century, his parents were wealthy but died when Nicholas was very young. His faith led him to dedicate his life to the service of God and others. He gave away his entire inheritance to help the poor and suffering.

Like Christ himself, Nicholas is known as a giver of gifts. Stories of St. Nick's generosity form the basis for some of our current Christmas traditions. According to one story, the bags of gold he tossed through an open window landed in stockings hanging above the fire to dry. Some put food for Nicholas and straw for his donkey outside their homes, hoping he will replace their gifts with his.

December 6 is now an annual feast commemorating this saint. Most today know Santa as coming from the North Pole with his red-nosed reindeer Rudolph and bringing toys and treats made by elves. This is certainly a secular image, but however we celebrate Advent and Christmas, we must remember and lead others to their true purpose and meaning.



FR. PAUL BOROWSKI, CSSR
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During this Advent season, "remember the real gift: God giving himself to us through the Incarnation. Reflect on yourself. In how many ways can you become a gift from God to those you know and to those you do not?"

—From *Advent and Christmas Wisdom From Pope Francis* by John Cleary

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