

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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February 8, 2015 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



THE 2015 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL IS UNDERWAY

“EXTENDING GODS MERCY”

PLEASE MAKE A GENEROUS GIFT...CONSIDER
PLEDGING.

DETAILS INSIDE....

February 11

Our Lady of Lourdes

On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in the apostolic constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*. A little more than three years later, on February 11, 1858, a young lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous. This began a series of visions. During the apparition on March 25, the lady identified herself with the words: “I am the Immaculate Conception.”

Bernadette was a sickly child of poor parents. Their practice of the Catholic faith was scarcely more than lukewarm. Bernadette could pray the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Creed. She also knew the prayer of the Miraculous Medal: “O Mary conceived without sin.”

During interrogations Bernadette gave an account of what she saw. It was “something white in the shape of a girl.” She used the word *aquero*, a dialect term meaning “this thing.” It was “a pretty young girl with a rosary over her arm.” Her white robe was encircled by a blue girdle. She wore a white veil. There was a yellow rose on each foot. A rosary was in her hand. Bernadette was also impressed by the fact that the lady did not use the informal form of address (*tu*), but the polite form (*vous*). The humble virgin appeared to a humble girl and treated her with dignity.

Through that humble girl, Mary revitalized and continues to revitalize the faith of millions of people. People began to flock to Lourdes from other parts of France and from all over the world. In 1862 Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions and authorized the cult of Our Lady of Lourdes for the diocese. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes became worldwide in 1907.

Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage and healing, but even more of faith. Church authorities have recognized over 60 miraculous cures, although there have probably been many more. To people of faith this is not surprising. It is a continuation of Jesus’ healing miracles—now performed at the intercession of his mother. Some would say that the greater miracles are hidden. Many who visit Lourdes return home with renewed faith and a readiness to serve God in their needy brothers and sisters. There still may be people who doubt the apparitions of Lourdes. Perhaps the best that can be said to them are the words that introduce the film *The Song of Bernadette*: “For those who believe in God, no explanation is necessary. For those who do not believe, no explanation is possible.”

Patron Saint of:
Bodily ills



As we prepare for the Easter season, we have provided a basket at the back of the church for your old Palms. We will properly dispose of them if you bring them by February 15.

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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.

MON Feb 9	8:00AM	Craig Davis Family Emma Davis Family
TUE Feb 10	8:00AM	Fred Davis Family Day Family
WED Feb 11	8:00AM	FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES
THU Feb 12	6:30PM	Dr. & Mrs. Sunderland
FRI Feb 13	8:00AM	Mark Doran Family Matt Doran Family
SAT Feb 14	5:00PM	Nancy Thomas Taylor
SUN Feb 15	7:00AM OLOL) 8:30 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	Duffy Family Eberle Family Ivan Weber Family Eichelberger Family Fackler Family

Thank You For Your Gifts OLOL

Envelopes	\$1834.50
Loose	\$435.84
Capital Imp.	\$513.00

Imm. Conception

Total \$85.00

When we meet our CMAA Goals! OLOL and IC will get back 65% of every dollar received above our goals. Reaching our goals is a great achievement, and continuing to give is even greater!

CMAA Goals
OLOL: \$
 Goal: (\$12,576)
IC: \$
 (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, Feb 14 5:00PM	Molly & Hannah Kollross	Lisa Heap	Ann Alt	Jerry Lynch Jerry Lynch, Jr.	Mary Wurmnest
Sun, Feb 15 7:00AM	Jessica Freehill	Kathleen Reum			
Sun, Feb 15 10:30AM	Nathan & Ethan Garard	Jack Kollross		Greg Laughery Bob Bode	

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.



Paul & Carol Obert (2/11)
Bob & Cheryl Bode (2/14)
Janey & Donald Hansen (2/15)



Mary Laughery (2/13)

There is a glass jar on the table at the back of church for any weekly Food Pantry donations. Many thanks in advance.



Are you interested in helping with the Gibson

City Recycling on **March 7th or 21st.** We would like to fill two shifts of four people each,

8:00 to 9:45 and
9:45 to 11:30.

If you are interested please contact Kevin Seymour at kcmor36@gmail.com.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

- Monday, February 9**
St. Jerome Emiliani
- Tuesday, February 10**
St. Scholastica
- Wednesday, February 11**
Our Lady of Lourdes
- Thursday, February 12**
St. Apollonia
- Friday, February 13**
St. Giles Mary of St. Joseph
- Saturday, February 14**
Sts. Cyril & Methodius
- Sunday, February 15**
St. Claude de la Colombiere

2015 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Please Make a Generous Gift – Consider Pledging

This week, you are asked to review the 2015 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) materials that you will receive with your bulletin today. The CMAA is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a pledge and pay it in 10 payments.

A significant gift to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal will touch the lives of many others in a very positive way. The Annual Appeal provides a significant portion of the budget of our Diocese of Joliet. Most dioceses in the country conduct an appeal, once a year, to help with the costs of providing services and programs to their parishes and people. The Diocese of Joliet is no exception.

As you review the work enabled by your contribution to the CMAA, please reflect on God's gifts to you. He has given you all that you have. Your gifts to our parish, to the diocese and to the work of the church throughout the world should be given in gratitude for the continuing gifts that God gives you. God extends His mercy to us each day, and you can be a part of "Extending God's Mercy" to others through the CMAA.

Sometimes it is difficult to envision how one pledge can help an organization the size of our diocese, how it can make a real difference. But each pledge does make a difference, because all parishes participate in the campaign, and the gifts of many enable our diocese to deliver needed education, ministry, and services. Our combined gifts not only signify our gratitude to God, they glorify Him by enabling the work of our diocese.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you who did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our Commitment/In-Pew Weekend process at all Masses next weekend.

After our parish exceeds its CMAA goal of **\$12,576.00** for Our Lady of Lourdes and **\$1,224.00** for Immaculate Conception, in paid pledges, 65% of any additional funds are returned for use in our parish.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

PARISH EVENTS



Wed, February 11

- Staff Mtg 6PM
- K of C Mtg 7PM

Tues, February 17

- CALM between 6:30-7

Wed, February 25

- Parish Council Mtg 7PM

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Tony Coons
Mary Cothorn
Jesse Cervelli
Vicky Stuckey
Dick Walter
Penny Campbell
Loretta Bode
Chuck Kemmer
Vivian Geurts
Mardella Duffy
Joanne Baker
Don Hahn
Dennis Stack
Marge Carlson

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.

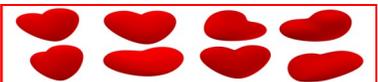
A Word From Father Thomas

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH MINISTRY SIGNUP



As we all know, what makes Our Lady of Lourdes Parish run smoothly is 100% participation of our church family. Knowing that we all have very busy schedules, it is important that we remember service to our Lord is always a priority in whatever capacity we can give! We ask that you reflect prayerfully on what ministry would best fit your time and fill out the parish ministry signup information found in the pews. As many of our ministries are down in numbers, we feel that we need to take action and encourage EVERYONE to choose at least one area of interest. Make 2015 a year of service, commitment and rejuvenation for Our Lady of Lourdes Parish!

PLEASE DROP THE FORMS IN THE COLLECTION BASKET FOR PATTI!!



The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the Parish for their generosity. The Knights were able to present a \$1500 check to the Gibson Area Food Pantry following the collection in January. The Food Pantry kicked off this weekend!

dear Padre

February 8, 2015

What does the Church teach about predestination?

A friend told me not to worry about salvation because we're predestined to be saved or condemned. Why try to be a good person if God has already decided where I'll end up?

The idea that some people are predestined to be saved and others are damned is contrary to Catholic teaching.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says that "When therefore [God] establishes his eternal plan of 'predestination,' he *includes in it each person's free response to his grace* [600; emphasis added].

The *Catechism* (1038) also cites the parable of the separation of the sheep from the goats (Matthew 25:31-46), in which the sheep and goats are separated not randomly, but based on their actions: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory,...all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father'....And [those on the left] will go off to eternal punishment."

God wants to save all people. The way we respond to God's gift of salvation is called *free will*. Unfortunately, not everyone accepts that gift.

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Monday
February 9
Weekday
Gn 1:1-19
Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday
February 10
*St. Scholastica,
Virgin*
Gn 1:20-2:4a
Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday
February 11
Weekday
Gn 2:4b-9,
15-17
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday
February 12
Weekday
Gn 2:18-25
Mk 7:24-30

Friday
February 13
Weekday
Gn 3:1-8
Mk 7:31-37

Saturday
February 14
*Sts. Cyril, Monk,
and Methodius,
Bishop*
Gn 3:9-24
Mk 8:1-10

Sunday
February 15
*Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time*
Lv 13:1-2, 44-46
1 Cor 10:31-11:1
Mk 1:40-45

Good News!

February 8, 2015

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 / 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 /
Mk 1:29-39

Illness, depression, and misfortune can make us feel alone and afraid. We wonder whether anyone can understand what we're going through or help us.

The first five chapters of Mark's Gospel give us several healing stories in which Jesus, by touch or word, restores individuals to wholeness. He casts out demons, as we heard last week. He cures the sick, like Simon's mother-in-law. The stories confirm what our faith tells us—that God's healing power is for all people and that Good News lifts us and gives us joy.

But for those touched by the loneliness of infirmity of mind, body, or spirit, the stories alone might not be enough. Instead, the fervent prayer of the psalmist might be our grace: "The Lord... [heals] the broken-hearted" (Psalm 147:2-3). Or, our peace might rest in the simple knowledge of two often overlooked lines in the Gospel: "They brought him many who were possessed by demons" (Mark 8:16) and "The whole town was gathered at the door" (Mark 1:33).

Simply put, everyone came, and no one was alone. No matter *what* our condition, we are not alone. Christ is there in our pain and suffering to give us the grace to endure. We're not always cured by human standards, but Christ helps us find wholeness no matter what we suffer—and in him we find our peace and our joy.

Isaiah told us that the name given to the Messiah was *Emmanuel*, which means "God with us."

In Christ, we see the evidence that God's promise has come true.

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RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY FACTS

DID YOU KNOW??? Sacred Heart Monastery was founded in Chicago in 1895. The Sisters' home/school was adjacent to St. Vitus Paris Church in Chicago

