

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
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Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:30 am

Confession

Sunday 8:15AM (IC)



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Divine Mercy Sunday

What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

When and why did the church begin celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday?

The world was in the midst of the Great Depression in 1931 and the memories of World War I were still very much alive in the minds of Europeans when in Poland a sister of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), is said to have been personally visited by Jesus.

According to her diary, which was listed on the Index of Forbidden Books for more than 20 years, an image was revealed to her of the risen Lord, from whose heart shone two rays, one red (representing blood) and the other "pale" (symbolizing water), with the words "Jesus, I trust in you" at the bottom. Faustina wrote in her diary that Jesus told her, "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish."

When she was canonized in 2000 under the direction of fellow countryman Pope John Paul II, he proclaimed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday, thereby widely promoting the devotional practices associated with Faustina's visions, already popular in many communities.

St. Faustina, a poorly educated daughter of a humble Polish family, kept a 600-page diary of the apparitions she claimed continued for years. Her entries focus on God's mercy, the call to accept God's mercy and to be merciful, the need for conversion, and the call to trust in Jesus. It had been Jesus' own wish, she wrote, to establish a feast day: "I [Jesus] desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls. . . . I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy."

Among the practices associated with the devotion are its novena, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy (a series of prayers organized similarly to a rosary), the Hour of Great Mercy (a time of prayer traditionally celebrated at 3 p.m.), and the plenary indulgence granted to those who receive the Eucharist and celebrate reconciliation on Divine Mercy Sunday.

But the road to the universal recognition and institutionalization of the devotion was anything but smooth. Since Sister Faustina's diary, which she claimed Jesus himself had asked her to keep, had been previously listed on the Index of Forbidden Books, it curtailed the exercise of the devotional practices. Detractors claimed that her writing contained theological errors, while her defenders attribute mistakes to a faulty translation from Polish to Italian. While the diary is no longer on the Index and her canonization has officially put away concerns regarding the orthodoxy of her writings, critics remain.

The celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday is an opportunity to reflect on the theme of how God's mercy can overcome sin and, as the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments states, "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind [sic] will experience in the years to come."

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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 April 13	8:00AM	Miguel Family Randy Miller Family
TUE April 14	8:00AM	Andrew Miller Family Molck Family
WED April 15	8:00AM	Paul Moxley
THU April 16	6:30PM	Obert Family Josh Parsons Family
FRI April 17	8:00AM	Pearson Family Perkins Family
SAT April 18	5:00PM	Marge & Pinkie Carlson
SUN April 19	7:00AM (OLOL) 8:30 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	Ray Family Reum Family Howell Family Lyla Hutchcraft

Thank You For Your Gifts OLOL

Envelopes \$3279.73
Loose \$559.00
Capital Imp. \$322
Food Pantry \$87.00

Imm. Conception

Total \$340.00

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: \$3765
Goal: (\$12,576)
IC: \$270
(Goal: \$1,224)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
Sat, April 18 5:00PM	Alex Killian Braden Roesch	Patti Huppert	Frank Titus	Paul Obert Bob Mardis	Frank Titus
Sun, April 19 7:00AM	Ben Freehill	Jim Freehill			
Sun, April 19 10:30AM	Giles Volker Joe Allen	Michael Smith		Dan Day Tim Fackler	

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kasi Schwarz (4/13)
Evan Killian (4/17)
Jack Kollross (4/17)
Chris Giroux (4/18)
Tim Bane (4/19)

TOTUS TUUS

Mark your calendars
for Totus Tuus
JUNE 14-19
REGISTRATION WILL
BE AVAILABLE AT THE
PARISH PICNIC!

GIBSON AREA FOOD PANTRY

Checks for the Gibson Area Food Pantry can be made out to OLL. Feel free to drop them in the jar at the back of church. For anyone wanting this to appear on their year end statement, please use a blank envelope with your envelope number indicated on the outside. Thank you for your commitment to this very important ministry for our Gibson City residents in need.



SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, April 13
St. Martin
Tuesday, April 14
Blessed Peter Gonzalez
Wednesday, April 15
Blessed Julie Billiart
Thursday, April 16
St. Bernadette
Soubirious
Friday, April 17
St. Benedict Joseph Labre
Saturday, April 18
Blessed James Oldo
Sunday, April 19
St. Gianna Beretta Molla



HOW TO PRAY THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

1. Make the Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

2. Optional Opening Prayers

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.
(Repeat three times)
 O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

3. Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen.

4. Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

5. The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

6. The Eternal Father

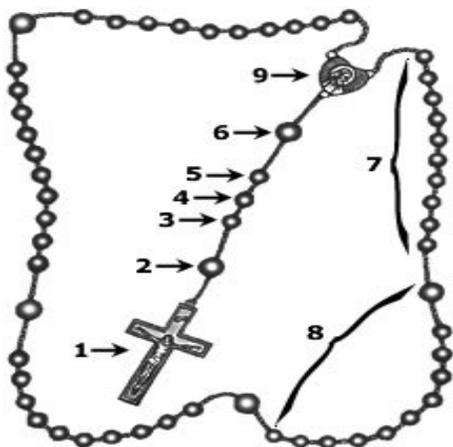
Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

7. On the Ten Small Beads of Each Decade

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

8. Repeat for the remaining decades

Saying the "Eternal Father" (6) on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (7) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.



9. Conclude with Holy God (Repeat three times)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

10. Optional Closing Prayer

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

PARISH EVENTS



Sat, April 18

• **Food Pantry 9AM-12PM**



Condolences

To
Ann and Stan Alt
 On the passing of
Ann's Mother
Vicky Stuckey



Congratulations

John & Lisa Chaddock
 On the baptism of
Daisy Vera

WELCOME
 to our
Our Lady of Lourdes
 Parish Family

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Tony Coons
 Mary Cothorn
 Jesse Cervelli
 Dick Walter
 Penny Campbell
 Loretta Bode
 Chuck Kemmer
 Vivian Geurts
 Mardella Duffy
 Dennis Stack
 Chuck Freehill
 Paul Volker
 Milt Seyller
 Judy Schall

dear Padre

April 12, 2015

What are archangels?

What are archangels? Who named them? They were never human, so how can they be saints?

The ancient Babylonians believed God has attendants who are spiritual beings. Judaism maintained this belief, and thus the Catholic religion teaches that “purely spiritual creatures” called angels exist (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 330).

The word *angel* comes from the Hebrew word *malakh*, which means “to send.” The Bible has many references to different kinds of angels. Some angels are messengers. The prefix *arch-* means “important.” Thus, archangels are entrusted with very important messages from God. For example, the archangel Gabriel announced to Mary that she was to be the mother of God (Luke 1:26).

Three archangels are mentioned in the Bible. Biblical writers named them in reference to the messages they delivered: *Michael* (“who is like God”), *Gabriel* (“power of God”), and *Raphael* (“God has healed”). Their feast day is September 29.

Archangels are not human, but they fit the definition of a saint. Therefore, the Roman Catholic Church added the archangels to the canon (list) of saints, because a saint is anyone who is holy. If someone is holy, he or she lives in the presence of God and exists to serve God.

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Monday

April 13
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:23-31
Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday

April 14
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:32-37
Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday

April 15
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:17-26
Jn 3:16-21

Thursday

April 16
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:27-33
Jn 3:31-36

Friday

April 17
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:34-42
Jn 6:1-15

Saturday

April 18
Easter Weekday
Acts 6:1-7
Jn 6:16-21

Sunday

April 19
Third Sunday
of Easter
Acts 3:13-15,
17-19
1 Jn 2:1-5a
Lk 24:35-48

Good News!

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY (B)

Acts 4:32-35 / 1 Jn 5:1-6 / Jn 20:19-31

In the first few days after our first child was born, I wasn't conscious of time. I'd sit still and look at this miracle of life, knowing that I loved her with all my heart and that our lives would never be the same. I'd get to the end of the day and wonder where the time had gone. And when she was married last year, I remembered those days like they were yesterday.

Something like that is happening now, but the first week of Easter is more than a recollection of the empty tomb. Each day's Gospel reading refers to appearances of the risen Christ to his disciples. In this way we mark the “new creation” brought about by Christ's resurrection.

For many of us, the week was another round of work or school. Our busyness might have kept us from giving much thought to the feast we just celebrated. But in our spiritual lives, time has stood still for a little while so we might ponder this miracle of life. It's a reminder that we're born new in this moment, an invitation to savor the experience and allow ourselves to be changed by it.

In today's reading, St. Paul gives us a glimpse of what life reborn looked like for the new Christian community. There was unity of heart and mind and generosity toward those who were in need. After the resurrection, their lives would never be the same.

The Church takes its time with Easter so that, no matter how old we get, we'll remember it like it was yesterday and live accordingly.

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