

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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June 21, 2015

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



God our Father,
In your wisdom and love you made all things.
Bless these men, that they may be strengthened
as Christian fathers. Let the example of their
faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their
sons and daughters, May honor them always
With a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

June 24

Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist



Jesus called John the greatest of all those who had preceded him: "I tell you, among those born of women, no one is greater than John...." But John would have agreed completely with what Jesus added: "[Y]et the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he" (Luke 7:28).

John spent his time in the desert, an ascetic. He began to announce the coming of the Kingdom, and to call everyone to a fundamental reformation of life.

His purpose was to prepare the way for Jesus. His Baptism, he said, was for repentance. But One would come who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. John is not worthy even to carry his sandals. His attitude toward Jesus was: "He must increase; I must decrease" (John 3:30).

John was humbled to find among the crowd of sinners who came to be baptized the one whom he already knew to be the Messiah. "I need to be baptized by you" (Matthew 3:14b). But Jesus insisted, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15b). Jesus, true and humble human as well as eternal God, was eager to do what was required of any good Jew. John thus publicly entered the community of those awaiting the Messiah. But making himself part of that community, he made it truly messianic.

The greatness of John, his pivotal place in the history of salvation, is seen in the great emphasis Luke gives to the announcement of his birth and the event itself—both made prominently parallel to the same occurrences in the life of Jesus. John attracted countless people ("all Judea") to the banks of the Jordan, and it occurred to some people that he might be the Messiah. But he constantly deferred to Jesus, even to sending away some of his followers to become the first disciples of Jesus.

Perhaps John's idea of the coming of the Kingdom of God was not being perfectly fulfilled in the public ministry of Jesus. For whatever reason, he sent his disciples (when he was in prison) to ask Jesus if he was the Messiah. Jesus' answer showed that the Messiah was to be a figure like that of the Suffering Servant in Isaiah (chapters 49 through 53). John himself would share in the pattern of messianic suffering, losing his life to the revenge of Herodias.

John challenges us Christians to the fundamental attitude of Christianity—total dependence on the Father, in Christ. Except for the Mother of God, no one had a higher function in the unfolding of salvation. Yet the least in the kingdom, Jesus said, is greater than he, for the pure gift that the Father gives. The attractiveness as well as the austerity of John, his fierce courage in denouncing evil—all stem from his fundamental and total placing of his life within the will of God.

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Eric Rosenbaum (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 June 22	8:00AM	Brucker Family Campos Family
TUE June 23	8:00AM	Joseph Theneth
WED June 24	8:00AM	Dr. & Mildred Sunderland
THU June 25	6:30PM	Susan Verdeyn
FRI June 26	8:00AM	Carey Family Carlson Family
SAT June 27	8:00AM	Vickie Stuckey
SUN June 28	7:00AM (OLOL) 8:30 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	Marge Carlson Tom Schwarz Family Fr. Dennis Kollross

Thank You For Your Gifts OLOL

Envelopes \$2460.50
Loose \$410.00
Capital Imp. \$60.00
Food Pantry \$74.00

Imm. Conception

Total \$84.00

There will be a second collection next weekend June 27/28 for Peter's Pence.

CMAA Goals
OLOL: \$10,687
Goal: (\$12,576)
IC: \$1,165
(Goal: \$1,224)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
Sat, June 27 5:00PM	Hannah & Haven Hathaway	Stan alt	Fran Mardis	Robert Bode Jerry Brown	Mary Wurmnest
Sun, June 28 7:00AM	Ben Freehill	Jim Freehill			
Sun, June 28 10:30AM	Brooke Beyers Braden Roesch	Jack Kollross	Paul Sarantakos	Craig Davis Frank Titus	

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

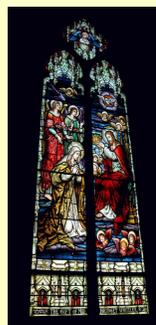
Call the Rectory at least six months before. A six month preparation time is required.



Linda Slavicek (6/24)
Paul Geurts (6/24)
Jody Bane (6/25)
Peggy Grote (6/25)
Matthew Allen (6/27)
Sophia Ray (6/27)
Brooke Beyers (6/27)



Ray & Ellen Hankes (6/27)



STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

We are searching for any historical information on Our Lady of Lourdes Church,

specifically the stained glass windows and the families that donated them. If you can help us out, please contact the office or Denis Fisher at (217)249-1989.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, June 22
St. Thomas More
Tuesday, June 23
St. John Fisher
Wednesday, June 24
**Solemnity of the
Nativity of St. John the
Baptist**
Thursday, June 25
**Blessed Jutta of
Thuringia**
Friday, June 26
Blessed Raymond Lull
Saturday, June 27
St. Cyril of Alexandria
Sunday, June 28
St. Irenaeus

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Next week our diocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering.

THANK YOU...THANK YOU...THANK YOU...THANK YOU...THANK YOU

There are not enough THANK YOU'S in the world to show my appreciation to the 24 SPECIAL ladies who brought forth their best family recipes for Fr. Denis Kollross' memorial luncheon and also for the 5 SPECIAL ladies and young man who helped serve and clean up. To the Knights of Columbus gentlemen who did the heavy lifting and a BIG thank you to John Carlson for getting the air conditioning going. All of you make my job very easy. God Bless you all for your caring support and unselfish efforts to make our funeral luncheons special. I ask God to bless you all and I know he is smiling down on you all saying "Well done my good and faithful servants, well done!

God Bless,
Fran Mardis
Funeral Luncheon Chairman

From the RE Desk

The Parish would like to give a HUGE thanks to Aaron, Miles, Kassie and Ava, the members of the Totus Tuus team from the Diocese of Rockford who traveled to Gibson City and gave a week of their summer to come and share the joy of their faith with the children and youth here at Our Lady of Lourdes. We pray God keeps them safe and continues to bless their lives just as they have ours.



Third photo: Ava-studying Creative Writing at Loras Collage; Kassie-studying Engineering at Marquette; Aaron-4th year Seminary at St. John Vianney Seminary at University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN; Miles-3rd year Seminary at St. Gregory the Great in Seward, NE.

PROJECT READ

VOLUNTEER TUTORS ARE NEEDED throughout Parkland College District 505. Individuals receive Project READ training certification after completing our 15 hour online and in classroom training program. This training will prepare you to help adult learners improve their skills in reading, basic mathematics, or English as a Second Language. Training is offered several times during the year. Tutors and students work together at community-based sites including public libraries, local churches, coffee shops, etc. and in Adult Basic Education or ESL classrooms. All learning materials are provided free of charge. Please contact our office to get started! Call (217)351-2361 or email nknittel@parkland.edu.

DO YOU NEED HELP with reading, math or English? Project READ provides Trained volunteer tutors for those who would like to improve their skills in reading, arithmetic, or English as a Second Language. If you are an adult (17 or older and officially withdrawn from high school) tutors will help you reach your personal goals, such as getting a better job, working towards your GED, or managing your money. All services and learning materials are free of charge. Please contact our office to begin! Call (217)351-2361 or email nknittel@parkland.edu.



PARISH EVENTS



Tues, June 30

- CALM between 6:30-7PM

Sat, June 4

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

Sat, June 18

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon



A Word From Father Thomas

I would like to thank the Youth Group leaders, Bruce Killian and Rob Kollross for the planning, fundraising and preparation that goes into the CHWC trip with our youth, as well as the adult chaperones that drive and attend. Without your commitment and dedication this rewarding experience would not be possible. I also want to thank the parish for their overwhelming support with donations and fundraising. My time with our group in Knoxville, although short, was very rewarding, and it was wonderful to see CHWC first hand!



I feel so very blessed,
Father Thomas

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

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

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.

dear Padre

June 21, 2015

How should we treat sacred art in church?

What is the proper way to treat sacred art in church? It upsets me to see that people place of hymnals, pamphlets, plants, and other objects at the base of a sacred statue.

Catholics are a sacramental people. We use objects and works of art to reveal and remind us of God's presence and love acting in our lives. So we should respect statues, paintings, images, and sacred art. These items are valuable and make our churches beautiful. Sacred art helps us to enter into prayer. We do not adore these items as idols, but they help us to meditate and contemplate on God.

Therefore, we should respect the sensibilities of other people. Too many items around a work of art may distract people or even damage the art. So everything should be kept in its right place. For example, hymnals belong in their proper place.

On the other hand, items near the art may enhance our prayer experience. A prayer card that is associated with a statue may be nearby, or flowers may enhance the beauty of the art. But this should always be done tastefully and with the parish's permission.

In this way, we keep God's house clean and in order. Everything has a reason for where it is, and everything should be in its proper place.

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Monday

June 22

*St. Paulinus of Nola;
Sts. John Fisher, Bishop,
Thomas More, Martyrs*

Gn 12:1-9

Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday

June 23

Weekday

Gn 13:2, 5-18

Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday

June 24

*The Nativity of
St. John the Baptist*

Is 49:1-6

Acts 13:22-26

Lk 1:57-66, 80

Thursday

June 25

Weekday

Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or

16:6b-12, 15-16

Mt 7:21-29

Friday

June 26

Weekday

Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22

Mt 8:1-4

Saturday

June 27

*St. Cyril of Alexandria,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church*

Gn 18:1-15

Mt 8:5-17

Sunday

June 28

*Thirteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24

2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15

Mk 5:21-43 or

5:21-24, 35b-43

Good News!

June 21, 2015

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Jb 38:1, 8-11 / 2 Cor 5:14-17 / Mk 4:35-41

My brother, sister, and I learned to sail when we were young. Of all the lessons we had, the one I remember nearly verbatim was "Signs of an Approaching Storm." I can reel off the list as though it were yesterday: dark, low, fast-moving clouds, a sudden shift in wind direction and velocity, a sudden change in temperature.

To this day, when I experience any of these things, I close windows and make sure everything is inside. I think the apostles who were seasoned fishermen must have had similar training, and I have often wondered why they just didn't make for shore when they noticed the signs. But then I remember that some storms move in very quickly and, if you are in the middle of the sea, you can't make it to shore easily. The apostles may have decided to ride it out and then realized they could not.

It must have struck the apostles as odd that Jesus was peacefully asleep while they battled rising water and fierce wind. They were afraid of losing their lives. When they woke Jesus up, Scripture says that he "rebuked" the wind and the sea. The same word is used when Jesus casts out demons. The result is peace—at least on the sea or in the person who is possessed.

But for the disciples and for us, the act inspires awe and not a little anxiety: "Who then is this?" The answer unfolds for us throughout the Gospels. Jesus is Lord over the wind and sea, over all creation, and over us as well. In storm or calm, he brings his peace and shows us God's glory.

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