

## 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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# June 28, 2015

## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 29

## Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul

**Peter (d. 64?).** St. Mark ends the first half of his Gospel with a triumphant climax. He has recorded doubt, misunderstanding and the opposition of many to Jesus. Now Peter makes his great confession of faith: "You are the Messiah" (Mark 8:29b). It was one of the many glorious moments in Peter's life, beginning with the day he was called from his nets along the Sea of Galilee to become a fisher of men for Jesus.

The New Testament clearly shows Peter as the leader of the apostles, chosen by Jesus to have a special relationship with him. With James and John he was privileged to witness the Transfiguration, the raising of a dead child to life and the agony in Gethsemane. His mother-in-law was cured by Jesus. He was sent with John to prepare for the last Passover before Jesus' death. His name is first on every list of apostles.

And to Peter only did Jesus say, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:17b-19).

But the Gospels prove their own trustworthiness by the unflattering details they include about Peter. He clearly had no public relations person. It is a great comfort for ordinary mortals to know that Peter also has his human weakness, even in the presence of Jesus.

He generously gave up all things, yet he can ask in childish self-regard, "What are we going to get for all this?" (see Matthew 19:27). He receives the full force of Christ's anger when he objects to the idea of a suffering Messiah: "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do" (Matthew 16:23b).

Peter is willing to accept Jesus' doctrine of forgiveness, but suggests a limit of seven times. He walks on the water in faith, but sinks in doubt. He refuses to let Jesus wash his feet, then wants his whole body cleansed. He swears at the Last Supper that he will never deny Jesus, and then swears to a servant maid that he has never known the man. He loyally resists the first attempt to arrest Jesus by cutting off Malchus's ear, but in the end he runs away with the others. In the depth of his sorrow, Jesus looks on him and forgives him, and he goes out and sheds bitter tears. The Risen Jesus told Peter to feed his lambs and his sheep (John 21:15-17).

**Paul (d. 64?).** If the most well-known preacher today suddenly began preaching that the United States should adopt Marxism and not rely on the Constitution, the angry reaction would help us understand Paul's life when he started preaching that Christ alone can save us. He had been the most Pharisaic of Pharisees, the most legalistic of Mosaic lawyers. Now he suddenly appears to other Jews as a heretical welcomed of Gentiles, a traitor and apostate.

Paul's central conviction was simple and absolute: Only God can save humanity. No human effort—even the most scrupulous observance of law—can create a human good which we can bring to God as reparation for sin and payment for grace. To be saved from itself, from sin, from the devil and from death, humanity must open itself completely to the saving power of Jesus.

Paul never lost his love for his Jewish family, though he carried on a lifelong debate with them about the uselessness of the Law without Christ. He reminded the Gentiles that they were grafted on the parent stock of the Jews, who were still God's chosen people, the children of the promise.

In light of his preaching and teaching skills, Paul's name has surfaced (among others) as a possible patron of the Internet.

We would probably go to confession to Peter sooner than to any of the other apostles. He is perhaps a more striking example of the simple fact of holiness. Jesus says to us as he said, in effect, to Peter: "It is not you who have chosen me, but I who have chosen you. Peter, it is not human wisdom that makes it possible for you to believe, but my Father's revelation. I, not you, build my Church." Paul's experience of the risen Jesus on the road to Damascus was the driving force that made him one of the most zealous, dynamic and courageous ambassadors of Christ the Church has ever had. But persecution, humiliation and weakness became his day-by-day carrying of the cross, material for further transformation. The dying Christ was in him; the living Christ was his life.

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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> June 29	8:00AM	Dr. & Mildred Sunderland
<b>TUE</b> June 30	8:00AM	Chaddock Family Chapman Family
<b>WED</b> July 1	8:00AM	John Stuckey & Family
<b>THU</b> July 2	6:30PM	Joseph Theneth
<b>FRI</b> July 3	8:00AM	John & Vickie Stuckey Anniversary
<b>SAT</b> July 4	5:00PM	Marge Carlson
<b>SUN</b> July 5	7:00AM (OLOL) 8:30 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	Chase Family Cochran Family Smith Family Fr. Dennis Kollross

**Thank You  
For Your Gifts  
OLOL**

Envelopes	\$2557.20
Loose	\$489.00
Capital Imp.	\$0.00
Food Pantry	<b>\$63.00</b>

**Imm. Conception**

Total	\$308.00
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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, July 4 5:00PM	Angelica Culotta Megan Volker	Lisa Heap	Stan Alt	Paul Obert John Carlson	Fran Mardis
Sun, July 5 7:00AM	Jessica Freehill	Erin Nuss			
Sun, July 5 10:30AM	Joe Baillie Caine Jost	Michael Smith	Paul Sarantakos	Chuck Aubry Sam Baillie	

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.



Darrin Ray (6/30)  
Chris Garard (7/3)  
Heather Killian (7/4)



Baillie Killian (7/5)  
Frank & Lynne Titus (6/30)  
Mike & Gina Medernach (7/1)

**SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

- Monday, June 29  
**Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul**
- Tuesday, June 30  
**Blessed Raymond Lull**
- Wednesday, July 1  
**Blessed Junipero Serra**
- Thursday, July 2  
**St. Oliver Plunkett**
- Friday, July 3  
**St. Thomaas the Apostle**
- Saturday, July 4  
**St. Elizabeth of Portugal**
- Sunday, July 5  
**St. Anthony Zaccaria**

**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.

July 3

# St. Thomas the Apostle

Poor Thomas! He made one remark and has been branded as "Doubting Thomas" ever since. But if he doubted, he also believed. He made what is certainly the most explicit statement of faith in the New Testament: "My Lord and My God!" (see John 20:24-28) and, in so expressing his faith, gave Christians a prayer that will be said till the end of time. He also occasioned a compliment from Jesus to all later Christians: "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" (John 20:29).



Thomas should be equally well known for his courage. Perhaps what he said was impetuous—since he ran, like the rest, at the showdown—but he can scarcely have been insincere when he expressed his willingness to die with Jesus. The occasion was when Jesus proposed to go to Bethany after Lazarus had died. Since Bethany was near Jerusalem, this meant walking into the very midst of his enemies and to almost certain death. Realizing this, Thomas said to the other apostles, "Let us also go to die with him" (John 11:16b).

Thomas shares the lot of Peter the impetuous, James and John, the "sons of thunder," Philip and his foolish request to see the Father—indeed all the apostles in their weakness and lack of understanding. We must not exaggerate these facts, however, for Christ did not pick worthless men. But their human weakness again points up the fact that holiness is a gift of God, not a human creation; it is given to ordinary men and women with weaknesses; it is God who gradually transforms the weaknesses into the image of Christ, the courageous, trusting and loving one.

## Quote:

"...Prompted by the Holy Spirit, the Church must walk the same road which Christ walked: a road of poverty and obedience, of service and self-sacrifice to the death.... For thus did all the apostles walk in hope. On behalf of Christ's Body, which is the Church, they supplied what was wanting in the sufferings of Christ by their own trials and sufferings (see Colossians 1:24) (Vatican II, *Decree on the Church's Missionary Activity*, 5).

## Patron Saint of:

Architects, Construction workers, Cooks

Thank you all 'sooo much' once again for all your wonderful salads and desserts, and also to the ladies who helped serve and clean up for Fr. Thomas father's Memorial luncheon, and Stan for the heavy lifting ! All your unselfish efforts and support to these luncheons are 'greatly appreciated'. May God's blessings be with you all always, for your kindness and caring ! Fran Mardis \*\*\*\*\*

Thank you for praying for my Dad and who gave Mass intentions. Also I would like to thank Fran Mardis and her crew for arranging a wonderful luncheon on Saturday following Dad's Memorial Mass. .....God Bless you all ! Father Thomas



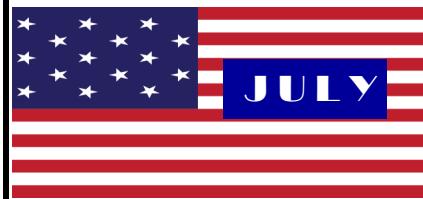
## PROJECT READ

**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](mailto:nknittel@parkland.edu).



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## PARISH EVENTS



Tues, June 30

- CALM between 6:30-7PM

Sat, June 4

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

Sat, June 18

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

## WIC

(Women, Infants, & Children)

WIC is a food assistance program for women, infants, and children. It helps pregnant women, new mothers and young children eat well and stay healthy.

Call today for an appointment or for more information to see if your family qualifies.

Gibson Area Hospital  
WIC Program  
711 E. Pells Street  
Paxton, IL 60957  
(217)579-1087



## 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@ololg.org](mailto:pastor@ololg.org).

# dear Padre

June 28, 2015

## What does the Church teach about animal cruelty?

What constitutes cruelty to animals? I think rodeos are cruel to animals, others don't. My sister thinks I'm cruel when I leave my two dogs in cages while at work. Does the Church teach anything about this?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (2416–2418) talks about how we should treat animals. In short, animals are God's creatures and we owe them kindness. However, we may use animals for food, clothing, and to help us in our work and leisure. Therefore, it is morally acceptable to use animals for medical and scientific experiments within reasonable limits if they contribute to caring for and saving human lives. But we should not cause animals to suffer or die needlessly, and we should not spend excessive money on them that could go toward relieving human misery or love animals with the same affection due only to persons.

Thus, using animals in rodeos could be justified as entertainment. No one tries to injure the animals on purpose. In fact, people often go out of their way to keep the animals healthy.

As for caging your dogs, there are tiny cages that could inflict cruelty and other types that afford comfort, space, and safety. But if you cage your dogs, also make certain they get adequate exercise.

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**Monday**  
June 29  
*Sts. Peter and Paul Apostles*  
Acts 12:1–11  
2 Tm 4:6–8, 17–18  
Mt 16:13–19

**Tuesday**  
June 30  
*The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church*  
Gn 19:15–29  
Mt 8:23–27

**Wednesday**  
July 1  
*Blessed Junípero Serra, Priest*  
Gn 21:5, 8–20a  
Mt 8:28–34

**Thursday**  
July 2  
*Weekday*  
Gn 22:1b–19  
Mt 9:1–8

**Friday**  
July 3  
*St. Thomas, Apostle*  
Eph 2:19–22  
Jn 20:24–29

**Saturday**  
July 4  
*Independence Day*  
Gn 27:1–5, 15–29  
Mt 9:14–17

**Sunday**  
July 5  
*Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Ez 2:2–5  
2 Cor 12:7–10  
Mk 6:1–6a

# Good News!

June 28, 2015  
**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**  
Wis 1:13–15; 2:23–24 / 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13–15 /  
Mk 5:21–43 or 5:21–24, 35b–43

A fourth-century legend from Catholics in the Eastern part of the Roman Empire tells us the name of the woman in today's Gospel is Beronike. A woman of great faith, she knew that the Law considered her unclean because she had a flow of blood and no one could touch her. When she saw Jesus, she didn't ask him to touch or even speak to her. She didn't want him to feel what she felt—outcast and isolated. She simply believed that touching his garment would bring her relief.

A couple of weeks ago, St. Paul told us that we walk by faith, not by sight. Faith was all this woman had to go on; everything else had failed. What she heard about Jesus stirred something in her soul, and she followed her convictions. She wasn't disappointed. The power of Christ, who heals us of whatever deeply wounds us, went out immediately to her who dared to hope. When he called out to see who touched him, her fear didn't keep her away. She was saved by faith.

Being saved doesn't always mean miraculous cures, but it does involve standing before Christ as we are—bleeding, broken, sinful—and trusting that he is our answer. We don't know for sure what happened to the woman. But her legend continued.

When Jesus carried his cross to his crucifixion, a woman stepped out to stop the flow of blood and sweat streaking his face. We know her by the Latin translation of Beronike—Veronica—which carries with it an additional meaning: "true icon," in reference to the facial image that Jesus left on her cloth.

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