

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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July 25, 2015

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 29

St. Martha

Martha, Mary and their brother Lazarus were evidently close friends of Jesus. He came to their home simply as a welcomed guest, rather than as one celebrating the conversion of a sinner like Zacchaeus or one unceremoniously received by a suspicious Pharisee. The sisters feel free to call on Jesus at their brother's death, even though a return to Judea at that time seems almost certain death.

No doubt Martha was an active sort of person. On one occasion (see Luke 10:38-42) she prepares the meal for Jesus and possibly his fellow guests and forthrightly states the obvious: All hands should pitch in to help with the dinner.

Yet, as biblical scholar Father John McKenzie points out, she need not be rated as an "unrecollected activist." The evangelist is emphasizing what our Lord said on several occasions about the primacy of the spiritual: "...[D]o not worry about your life, what you will eat [or drink], or about your body, what you will wear.... But seek first the kingdom [of God] and his righteousness" (Matthew 6:25b, 33a); "One does not live by bread alone" (Luke 4:4b); "Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness..." (Matthew 5:6a).

Martha's great glory is her simple and strong statement of faith in Jesus after her brother's death. "Jesus told her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world'" (John 11:25-27).

Scripture commentators point out that in writing his account of the raising of Lazarus, St. John intends that we should see Martha's words to Mary before Lazarus was raised as a summons that every Christian must obey. In her saying "The teacher is here and is asking for you," Jesus is calling every one of us to resurrection—now in baptismal faith, forever in sharing his victory over death. And all of us, as well as these three friends, are in our own unique way called to special friendship with him.

Quote:

"Encouraged by so great a cloud of witnesses, we may run as victors in the race before us and win with them the imperishable crown of glory through Christ our Lord" (*Roman Missal*, Preface of Saints I).

Patron Saint of:

Housewives
Waiters, waitresses

Pastor

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Alyce Hafer

Youth Ministry

Bruce Killian

Music Director

Michele Fackler

Parish Council President

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

MON July 27	8:00AM	NO MASS
TUE July 28	8:00AM	Thomas Maliekal
WED July 29	8:00AM	NO MASS
THU July 30	6:30PM	Alvin Bode
FRI July 31	8:00AM	Joseph Theneth
SAT Aug 1	5:00PM	Vickie Stuckey
SUN Aug 2	7:00AM (OLOL) 8:30 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	Fr. Dennis Kollross Zick Family Marge Carlson

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Imm. Conception

Total \$308.00

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CMAA Goals
OLOL: \$11,540
Goal: (\$12,576)
IC: \$1,165
(Goal: \$1,224)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
Sat, Aug 1 5:00PM	Angelica Cullotta Megan Volker	Fran Mardis	Stan Alt	Bruce Killian Jerry Lynch	Paul & Sarah Sarantakos
Sun, Aug 2 7:00AM	Liam Killian	Andrew Killian			
Sun, Aug 2 10:30AM	Andrew Laughery Caine Jost	Jack Kollross	Paul Sarantakos	Greg Laughery 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.



Congratulations

Austin & Teri Eichelberger
On the baptism of

Jackson Lucas Eichelberger

WELCOME

to our
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
Family

From the RE Desk

We are in need of RE teachers for the 2015-2016 school year. I ask you to prayerfully consider sharing your time to guide our children on a path that brings them closer to our great God! Please contact Alyce Hafer at (217)745-2411 if you feel the call to this very important ministry. Thank you and God Bless

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, July 27
Blessed Antonio Lucci

Tuesday, July 28
St. Leopold Mandic

Wednesday, July 29
St. Martha

Thursday, July 30
St. Peter Chrysologus

Friday, July 31
St. Ignatius of Loyola

Saturday, August 1
St. Alphonsus Liguori

Sunday, August 2
St. Peter Julian Eymard

The Word From Father Thomas

This week we have featured St. Martha, I thought it appropriate to share her novena for comfort and intercession.

Novena to Saint Martha

The prayer that follows must be recited for nine consecutive Tuesdays, lighting a candle on each Tuesday. This miraculous Saint has been known to grant anything, no matter how difficult it is, before the ninth Tuesday.



Saint Martha,
I resort to thy aid and protection.
As proof of my affection and faith,
I offer thee this light,
which I shall burn every Tuesday.

Comfort me in all my difficulties
and through the great favors thou did enjoy
when the Savior was lodged in thy house,
intercede for my family,
that we be provided for in our necessities.

I ask of thee, Saint Martha,
to overcome all difficulties
as thou did overcome the dragon
which thou had at thy feet.
In the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Recite the following prayers...

Our Father...
Hail Mary...
Glory Be...

A LITTLE CATHOLIC HUMOR



THINGS EASED UP ON GUARDIAN ANGELS AFTER AIR BAGS WERE INVENTED

HYMN FESTIVAL...SUNDAY AUGUST 16 AT 3PM

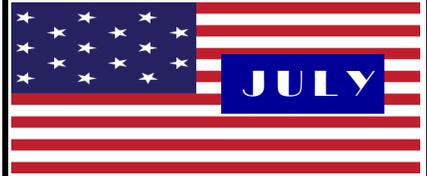
The popular Hymn Festival sponsored by Gibson Area Music Foundation will be held at the United Methodist Church of Gibson City. As always, attendees at the eighty annual event will enjoy singing selected hymns with background information given about each. This year's theme will make connections between worship music and popular culture.

Janet McCumber of Villa Grove is directing this year's festival, with Angela Yang as organist. Both are earning graduate degrees at the University of Illinois. McCumber is currently a doctoral student in Choral Conducting and Literature at the University of Illinois. She holds a Master of Arts degree in Choral and Orchestral Conducting from Eastern Illinois University. Her master's thesis was the 2010 winner of the Thesis Award of Excellence for EIU's College of Arts and Humanities. Her background includes serving as a director and instructor at EIU, 14 years as high school music teacher at Villa Grove High School, and various positions with the Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA) and Illinois American Choral Directors Association. She has directed choral festivals throughout the state including the 2012 ILMEA District V Senior Chorus.

There is no admission charge for the event, but a free-will offering will be taken in support of the foundation's mission to bring quality musical events to area residents and summer music camp scholarships to high school students.



PARISH EVENTS



- John Carlson (7/27)
- Chuck Freehill (7/27)
- Jennifer Freehill (7/28)
- Remy Garard (7/28)
- Robert Bode (7/29)
- Marcus Miguel (7/31)
- Gaines Parsons (7/31)
- Abigail Miller (8/1)



Dan & Allison Kleist (7/31)

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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

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

July 26, 2015

Is there alcohol in the Precious Blood?

If consecrated wine is truly the Precious Blood, how can it have any alcohol content? I have seen Eucharistic ministers drink what remains in their cup. Isn't the priest supposed to drink any that remains?

Catholics believe in transubstantiation. In short, this means that the bread and wine change at a substantial level, but the accidents remain. The bread becomes the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ. The wine becomes the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ. Christ is not divided. So if someone receives just the host, he has received the fullness of Jesus Christ. And if someone only drinks from the chalice, he also receives the fullness of Jesus Christ.

However, the accidents remain. Accidents are anything that your physical senses could perceive. This is in contrast to the substance that is what something really is. So it looks like wine, it tastes like wine, and all the physical properties of wine—including the alcohol content—remain. But it really is the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus.

This is a profound mystery. The Eucharist can only be understood by trusting in the words of our Savior.

A celebrating or con-celebrating priest must receive both species, but he does not have to be the last to drink. However, all of the Precious Blood must be consumed at the service.

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Monday

July 27

Weekday

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34

Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday

July 28

Weekday

Ex 33:7-11; 34:

5b-9, 28

Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday

July 29

St. Martha

Ex 34:29-35

Jn 11:19-27

or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday

July 30

Weekday

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38

Mt 13:47-53

Friday

July 31

*St. Ignatius of Loyola,
Priest*

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16,

27, 34b-37

Mt 13:54-58

Saturday

August 1

*St. Alphonsus Liguori,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church*

Lv 25:1, 8-17

Mt 14:1-12

Sunday

August 2

*Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

Eph 4:17, 20-24

Jn 6:24-35

Good News!

July 26, 2015

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

2 Kgs 4:42-44 / Eph 4:1-6 / Jn 6:1-15

My Irish aunt's motto was, "If there aren't leftovers, somebody went away hungry." The motto is shared by aunts, mothers, and grandmothers in nearly every culture. During holidays, our table was a groaning board of food prepared by my mother and aunt, brought by other family members, and shared with everyone. On the many occasions when we had more guests than we realized, the whispered command, "FHB," would make its way through our house. The initials stood for "Family, Hold Back," because our first duty was to make sure that our guests had enough to eat, and there were always peanut butter sandwiches and apples for us later.

Whenever I think of the miracle of the loaves and fishes, I think about holidays at our house. Impossibly, it seemed, everyone had more than enough to eat. There were always leftovers. But Jesus started with far less than we did. The five barley loaves and two fish were a meager beginning, food of the poor. That food became abundant in Jesus' hand. It wasn't the first miraculous multiplication. The Old Testament prophets, Elijah and Elisha, both multiplied scarce resources, but not for so many. Jesus outdoes them all. It is John's way of saying that Jesus isn't just another prophet. He is more powerful than any who came before him. As we will hear in the coming weeks, he is life itself. This is John's eucharistic story. The life that Jesus brings is abundant—we will all be satisfied. Think about that when you next receive Communion.

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