

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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August 23, 2015 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

There will be a meeting/training for Eucharistic Ministers THIS Sunday, August 23 after 10:30AM Mass. We ask all Eucharistic Ministers old and new to please attend. If there is anyone that feels the call to this ministry, please come and find out more information.

Another Form of Progress and Development

by Mary Ann Otto, Stewardship Director, Diocese of Green Bay, WI



Finding a balance that includes stewardship in our busy lives can be quite challenging, here are some thoughts to ponder as we juggle our day to day living!

It is not unusual that I have an immediate emotional or spiritual response to something I read. Recently, I had one such reaction when Pope Francis tweeted in June: *"A decrease in the pace of production and consumption can at times give rise to another form of progress and development."* Upon reading those words, my body relaxed and I felt at peace.

Though Pope Francis' comment was an insight directed at environmental and human ecology, the potential outcome of such a decrease overwhelmed me. The thought of living in a world that was not production or consumption driven immediately created an image in my mind of what taking a step closer to the Kingdom might look like and it made me happy.

I imagined what we consistently talk about in stewardship becoming more of a reality. It was about taking time to receive God's gifts gratefully, nurture them responsibly, share them generously and return them to God in abundance. It was about assessing our lives as followers of Jesus and as members of humankind. The statement was a call to set priorities that reflect a God centered way of life and a change in understanding the definition of power and success.

As a baby boomer, I remember Sundays when the stores were closed and my family would take turns entertaining or visiting our cousins. On beautiful summer days we might spontaneously gather with our backyard neighbors (many of them widowed or retired) for a picnic. We scavenged our kitchens for ingredients to make a dish to pass around, put our lawn chairs in a circle and spent the day together. It was simple, but yet some of the most wonderful memories of my childhood.

When I look at my children and grandchildren I would like for progress and development to reflect a faithful simplicity and generosity. It would be a way of life that honors the earth and humankind. We would be able to redistribute the world's resources so no one would go without. In the end, I want my children and grandchildren not to experience instant gratification and great wealth, but to experience lifelong joy. That would be progress!

Do you know??? Is there a deacon(s) in this group? How can you tell? Stay tuned next week for the answer!



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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 August 24	8:00AM	Fanson Family Fetzner Family
<i>St. Bartholomew</i>		
TUE August 25	8:00AM	Fischer Family Fisher Family
<i>St. Louis of France</i>		
WED August 26	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
<i>St. Joseph Calasanz</i>		
THU August 27	6:30PM	Fleming Family Jim Freehill Family
<i>St. Monica</i>		
FRI August 28	8:00AM	Joseph Theneth
<i>St. Augustine of Hippo</i>		
SAT August 29	5:00PM	Marge Carlson
<i>Martyrdom of John the Baptist</i>		
SUN August 30	7:00AM (OLOL) 8:30 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	Fr. Dennis Kollross Parish Family Carla Conlon mother of Bishop R. Daniel Conlon
<i>St. Jeanne Jugan</i>		

**Thank You
For Your Gifts
OLOL**

Envelopes \$2117.50
Loose \$236.54
Capital Imp. \$10.00
Food Pantry \$107.00

Imm. Conception

Total \$125.00

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: \$12,600
Goal: (\$12,576)
IC: \$1,165
(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, Aug 29 5:00PM	Angelica Cullotta Megan Volker	Marj Brown	Stan Alt	Bruce Killian Jerry Lynch	Mary Wurmnest
Sun, Aug 30 7:00AM	Jessica Freehill	Michelle Rosenbaum			
Sun, Aug 30 10:30AM	Andrew Laughery Isabella Helmig	Marron Parsons	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.



In your prayers, please remember
Mrs. Carla Conlon,
mother of Bishop R. Daniel Conlon, who
entered eternal life August 17, 2015



**A LITTLE
CATHOLIC
HUMOR**



- Sarah Sarantakos (8/24)
- Carla Moxley (8/24)
- Sydni Meunier (8/25)
- Michelle Rosenbaum (8/25)
- Lizzie Giroux (8/25)
- Emma Davis (8/26)
- Becky Doran (8/26)
- Lacey Cotter (8/28)



- John & Luella Koopman (8/25)
- Mark & Jane Skinner (8/25)

The Word From Father Thomas

10 Surprising Things That Happen When You Go To Adoration More Often

4. Sometimes you get bored



There are going to be times when Adoration can feel anything but glorious. You get distracted, your mind begins to wander, you can hear someone else sniffing next to you. Maybe in the beginning Adoration was full of wonderful feelings! Regular Adoration is when daily life sets in and it can make it feel not so special. But that doesn't devalue or take away from the truth of what Adoration is. Our faith is more than feelings and God will still be working in you.

This is the beauty of the Incarnation – God made man, coming into all our stresses, fears, problems – and yes, boredom. Know that even if an hour spent in Adoration is a continual returning to Him every few minutes when your mind wanders, you are still giving God the best gift you can – your time and company.

5. You become excited going to Adoration

The more time you spend in Adoration discovering that God is a God who loves you and wants to spend time with you, the more you begin to actually want to go. If Adoration once felt like a chore, you might even find yourself becoming excited to go! Adoration is addictive, not just because of the things we can gain for ourselves, but because we were created to adore. As we say in the Mass, it is "right and just" that we should give thanks to the Lord! Adoration is imprinted on our hearts and "our hearts are restless until they find our rest in Him"! (Thanks, St Augustine!)



6. Grace enters your Life



It's amazing how a simple act of committing to even a short time of regular Adoration makes such a huge difference to the rest of your life. You can carry that moment of being in His presence with you long after you've left the church or chapel. His grace sustains you in every moment, especially in moments of temptation. Temptation becomes easier to resist when you're spending more time in Adoration. Sometimes, it really is that straightforward.

CONTINUED NEXT WEEK.....

PARISH EVENTS



Wednesday, August 26

- Staff Meeting **5PM**
- Parish Council Meeting **5PM**



ALL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
We are in need of your current contact and EMAIL information. Please contact Stan at partsman464@gmail.com.

HOLY FAMILY RADIO-95.7FM



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Food Pantry Food Pantry

Saturday, September 5 from 8 A.M. until noon will be our second scheduled opportunity to supply the labor for the local food pantry. Members of the Presbyterian Church will also be assisting on this date. At least 25 workers will be needed on that Saturday.

If you have not signed up previously, please place your name on the sign-up sheet located in the back of the church if you, your spouse, or your children are willing to assist. The only age qualification is to be in at least 6th grade.

There may also be a need for a few workers for set-up on the evening of Friday, September 4. You can contact Chuck Aubry at cpaubry@mchsi.com for more information.

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
- Ruth Cochran
- Zachary Smith

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.

Good News!

August 23, 2015

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b /

Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32 / Jn 6:60-69

When confronted with a new idea or a new way of doing things, many of us hesitate. There is often a bit of fear in trying something new and, truth be told, changing the way we do things is sometimes uncomfortable. I remember when we moved from an apartment to a new house. I was very unsettled for several days until a new routine could be established and the many boxes were out of the way. It was a change, and I didn't like it at first. (Now, of course, I can't imagine that we would have raised our family anywhere else.)

The many disciples who were following Jesus listened intently as he talked to them about living bread and eating and drinking his flesh and blood. That new way of thinking was as unsettling as our new house had been, maybe more so. The apostles who were closest to him even admitted that it was a hard saying to accept, and John records that many followers left him and "returned to their former way of life." But the apostles were willing to wrestle with it not because they were so wise, smart, or understanding, but because they believed that Jesus was the Holy One of God and that compelled them to follow him even to death. They had nowhere else to go; Jesus alone could give them what they craved: eternal life.

I've often wondered what I might have said had Jesus asked me if I wanted to go away also. I hope I could have overcome my fear long enough to recognize Jesus for who he was and for the gift he was bringing me.

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Monday

AUGUST 24

St. Bartholomew,

Apostle

Rv 21:9b-14

Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday

AUGUST 25

Weekday

1 Thes 2:1-8

Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday

AUGUST 26

Weekday

1 Thes 2:9-13

Mt 23:27-32

Thursday

AUGUST 27

St. Monica

1 Thes 3:7-13

Mt 24:42-51

Friday

AUGUST 28

*St. Augustine,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church*

1 Thes 4:1-8

Mt 25:1-13

Saturday

AUGUST 29

*The Passion of
St. John the Baptist*

1 Thes 4:9-11

Mk 6:17-29

Sunday

AUGUST 30

*Twenty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8

Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

dear Padre

August 23, 2015

What is candlelighting protocol at weddings?

I went to a wedding where the couple lit a unity candle and then extinguished the individual flames. Is that the procedure the Church teaches?

According to the analysis of marriage-preparation policies in 2005 by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), the unity candle is not actually part of the rite of marriage. However, it has become quite popular as an additional ritual. Some dioceses and liturgists recommend that this ritual be done at the reception or in another setting, so as to not duplicate the already abundant symbols of unity within the rite. However, when selected as part of the ceremony, "the couple should light their individual candles from the paschal candle, the individual candles should not be extinguished, and the candle should not be placed on the altar" (from "Celebrating Marriage," Archdiocese of Cincinnati).

The bishops' analysis also mentions several other popular rituals, such as the Hispanic *lazo* (a rosary or rope lasso that is placed over the couple's shoulders as a sign of the bond) and *arras* (coins that are blessed and exchanged by the couple as a sign of their mutual support) and the Filipino *velo* (veil held in place by the *lazo*). Some couples with a strong devotion to Mary will place flowers before her image as a sign of their dedication. While none of these are technically part of the rite, their presence and use remind us that popular culture continues to have an effect on religious celebration.

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