

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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January 24, 2016

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE 2016 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

“Chosen by God’s Grace”



Bishop Conlon’s mailing asking for a pledge to the 2016 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) is in the hands of many of our parishioners. If you have received the mailing, please respond as soon as possible. If you have not received it, please contact the Diocesan Development Office at 815-838-8515.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is “*Chosen by God’s Grace.*” Can you imagine anything more precious? How did you feel when you were chosen to be on a team? Picked for a lead part in a play? Pretty special, I would imagine. Greater than anything you have or ever will be chosen for, God has chosen you to join Him and fulfill the plan He has uniquely created for you.

How do we acknowledge God’s grace and show Him our gratitude? One way is to give back to God the gifts He shared with us. We can support our parish, our diocese and the Church throughout the world with gifts of time, talent and treasure.

The CMAA funds the mission and ministries of our diocese. It also funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish. For example, funds support our RE program with material and training.

Our goals this year are \$12,712 for Our Lady of Lourdes and \$905 for Immaculate Conception.

Please answer the bishop’s request and make a generous pledge. All pledges can be paid in ten (10) installments. Thank you in advance for your support.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY **Diocese of Joliet Council of Catholic Nurses**

The Diocese of Joliet Council of Catholic Nurses is pleased to announce the acceptance of applications for the annual \$500 nursing education scholarship. Applicants should plan to be enrolled in their senior year of a Baccalaureate nursing program for Fall 2016 and be registered in a Catholic parish in the Joliet diocese and an active member participating in the Catholic faith. The deadline for submitting all paperwork is April 1, 2016. Application documents and specifications can be obtained by emailing Nanci Reiland, RN MSN at reilanna@lewisu.edu.



SCOUT DAY OF REFLECTION RETREAT

The Diocese of Joliet will hold their annual Scout Day of Reflection Retreat on Saturday, February 20, 2016, at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. The retreat will start at 9AM and end at 1PM and is open to BOYS AND GIRLS alike. This year there will be TWO separate sessions, one for OLDER scouts (grade 6+) and one for YOUNGER scouts (grades 1-5). The event is for ALL scouts (male or female) in 1st grade or older. For further information, registration, & permission forms please visit: www.dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting/sectioncontent.php?secid=6.

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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 intentions are \$10.

MON January 25 8:00AM Marge & Pinkie Carlson
[Conversion of St. Paul](#)

TUE January 26 8:00AM Susan Verdeyen
[Sts. Timothy and Titus](#)

WED January 27 8:00AM Priest Intentions
[St. Angela Merici](#)

THU January 28 6:30PM Robert Boyce
[St. Thomas Aquinas](#)

FRI January 29 8:00AM Marge Carlson
[Servant of God Brother Juniper](#)

SAT January 30 5:00PM Molck Family
[St. Hacintha of Mariscotti](#)

SUN January 31 7:00AM (OLOL) Parish Family
[St. John Bosco](#) 8:30 AM (IC) Genevieve Schwarz
10:30 AM (OLOL) Marvin Kemmer

Thank You For Your Gifts OLOL

Sunday Env. \$2016.50

Loose \$212.50

Capital Imp. \$2.00

Food Pantry \$96.00

Imm. Conception

Sunday Env. \$85.00

Thank you to all that have fulfilled their Annual Appeal commitment and I encourage those outstanding to complete their commitment in the coming months. OLL received a check for \$712.00 for meeting our goal to date.

2015 FINAL CMAA
CMAA Goals
OLOL: \$15,182
Goal: (\$12,576)
IC: \$1,315
(Goal: \$1,224)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
Sat, January 30 5:00PM	Braden Roesch Baillie Killian	Marj Brown	Marj Brown	Jerry Brown Robert Bode	Jack Kollross
Sun, January 31 7:00AM	Liam Killian	Erin Nuss			
Sun, January 31 10:30AM	Gavin Tredennick Caine Jost	Ray Hanks	Lisa Heap	Brett Beyers Craig Davis	

CONGRATULATIONS,
both OLL and IC have
exceeded their
CMAA goal!

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.

PILGRIMAGE WITH BISHOP CONLON



During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis calls on Catholics to rediscover the merciful love of the Father. This worldwide celebration provides us with the opportunity to experience our faith through prayer and the Sacraments. In a special way, the opportunity for pilgrimage offers Catholics a chance to experience God's grace.

From April 2-7, 2016, including Divine Mercy Sunday, **Bishop R. Daniel Conlon** will be the spiritual director for a pilgrimage journeying to some of the shrines of Mexico, including Our Lady of Guadalupe. The cost of the six-day pilgrimage (including air, fees, accommodations and most meals) will be \$1,328 (double-occupancy). For more information, please visit the bishops' website at <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/bishop> or contact Alex Rechenmacher at arechenmacher@dioceseofjoliet.org or (815) 221-6180.



The Word From Father Thomas



Jesus tells of a debtor whose large debt is forgiven by the king, but who refuses to forgive someone who owes him so much less (Mt 18:21-35).

A longtime friend yelled at me because I had said something that touched a nerve and set him off. His reaction was over the top and unjustifiable.

The next day I expected a phone call of apology. Would I yell back? Would I offer a half-hearted forgiveness, the thin appearance of mercy wrapped around a chewy center of accusation? Would I feed on some juicy resentment?

There is a sick sweetness in hanging onto hurt; a feeling of superiority when you are owed an apology; a sense of power in thinking you can hold someone hostage to their sin; and it is all an empty lie!

How many times had I yelled or snapped or hurt people simply because they caught me at the wrong time in the wrong mood. Were I held bound to these sins, there is no way I could ever pay the debt.

I picked up the phone, called a friend, and said to him, "About last night, it was not a big deal." He thanked me and we spoke briefly.

After we hung up, I realized I had just thrown away my superiority, my power, my "right" to resentment.

And I walked out of prison, a free man!

I hope such a short sentence will become the rule in my life, rather than the exception.

Father Richard Veras

PARISH EVENTS



Wednesday, January 27

- Staff Mtg 6PM
- Parish Council Mtg 7PM

NEW LOCKS

We have installed new locks on the buildings campus wide. If someone needs the hall, all requests need to go through Pat Fields at (217)784-5824.



Annabelle Goodin (1/26)
Carter Eichelberger (1/26)
Mary Geurts (1/28)
Molly Kollross (1/28)
Lee Thomas (1/28)
Mark Doran (1/31)

From the RE Desk

CALL TO TEACH?

Our Lady of Lourdes is in need of a teacher for the 3rd and 4th grade class. If you have ever felt the call to teaching in one of our RE classes...or are not sure...please contact Alyce at 217-745-2411 or joenalyceh@cawi.org.

RE  CLASS

Unfortunately it is winter again and in the event that we may need to cancel RE classes, you can locate this information in a number of ways. Cancellations for Religious Education classes are announced on WGCY 106.3 or on Channel 3 WCIA. The posting will also be on the weather board of the Illinois Home Page: <http://www.illinoishomepage.net/closings>.

BEGINNING IN FEBRUARY WEEKLY MASS ON THURSDAY EVENING WILL BE AT 5:30PM. WE HOPE THIS EARLIER TIME BETTER ACCOMODATES MORE SCHEDULES. WE WILL ALSO BEGIN A MONTHLY HEALING MASS IN HONOR OF ST. PEREGRINE EVERY 2ND THURSDAY.



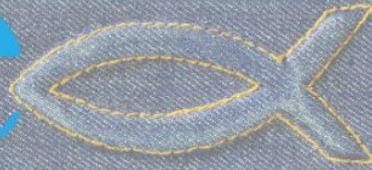
Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Tony Coons
Mary Cothorn
Jesse Cervelli
Dick Walter
Loretta Bode
Mardella Duffy
Donovan Gaines
Mary Masco

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@olcgc.org.

January 24, 2016

Dear Padre



Broadcasting our beliefs



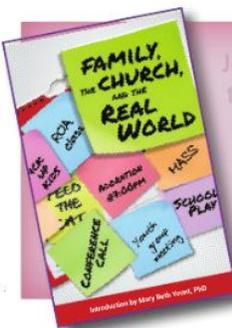
We're supposed to spread the Good News every chance we get, but what about on bumper stickers, clothing, social media, and other places? I see religious street art and think it's disgraceful, but my son says you have to get people's attention any way you can. What do you think?

Decorum and respect have their lines and limits, but sometimes it's hard to say exactly where they are. Years ago there was an outrage over a clothing manufacturer that stitched Jesus' words on the seat of their line of blue jeans: "Come, follow me!"

We should enjoy our freedoms of speech and religious expression in morally and legally acceptable ways. I think the wearers of T-shirts and the drivers of cars with Christian words on them are sincere. In fact, it takes some nerve to publicly display "I love Jesus." Surely many of the eyes that see this quietly say, "I do, too." And what do we do: leave the field of messaging to people who corrupt our eyes with lies and indecency?

Just remember: Before shirts and stickers, it is God who converts people, very often through those who live and breathe the words—those who really, quietly, and clearly know and love Jesus. He has always relied on flesh-and-blood witnesses to lovingly share his name. This is what it really means to bear witness to Jesus Christ.

FR. JOHN M. HAMROGUE, CSSR
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Join your children in adding regular prayer moments to your family's days together. Gather over breakfast or on the way to school for a brief morning offering. Bless your meals and end your busy days with quiet bedtime prayers that recall the day and seek God's protection through the night. —From *Family, the Church, and the Real World*, a Redemptorist Pastoral Publication

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Monday
JANUARY 25
Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Acts 22:3–16 or 9:1–22
Mk 16:15–18

Tuesday
JANUARY 26
Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
2 Tm 1:1–8
or Ti 1:1–5
Mk 3:31–35

Wednesday
JANUARY 27
Weekday
2 Sm 7:4–17
Mk 4:1–20

Thursday
JANUARY 28
St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
2 Sm 7:18–19, 24–29
Mk 4:21–25

Friday
JANUARY 29
Weekday
2 Sm 11:1–4a, 5–10a, 13–17
Mk 4:26–34

Saturday
JANUARY 30
Weekday
2 Sm 12:1–7a, 10–17
Mk 4:35–41

Sunday
JANUARY 31
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 1:4–5, 17–19
1 Cor 12:31–13:13
or 13:4–13
Lk 4:21–30

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