

## 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 10:30 am

Monday 8 am

Tuesday 8 am

Wednesday 8am

Thursday 5:30 pm

Friday 8 am

Holy Days: 7 am & 7 pm

## Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 8:30-9:30 am

Thursday 6-7 pm (except first Thursday of month-no Adoration)

First Friday of Month 8:30-9:30

## Confession

Saturday 4:30 pm (OLOL)

Any time by Appointment



## Immaculate Conception

202 E. Green Street  
Roberts, IL 60962

## Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 am

## Confession

Sunday 7:45 am (IC)



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# OCTOBER 2, 2016 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

## October: The Month of the Holy Rosary



October is traditionally known as the month of the Most Holy Rosary. Early in the month, on October 7th, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. It was originally instituted to celebrate the victories of the Papal Forces over the Turkish invaders in the Battle of Lepanto in the year 1573. The victory was attributed to the praying of the Rosary. The development of the Rosary has a long history. First, a practice was developed of praying 50 Our Fathers in imitation of the 150 Psalms. Then there was a parallel practice of praying 150 Hail Marys. Soon a mystery of Jesus' life was attached to each Hail Mary. Through the legend, which tells of Mary giving the Rosary to St. Dominic, the Dominicans have done much to spread the devotion of the Rosary throughout the world. In the 16th century the Rosary developed into its present form ~ The 15 joyful, sorrowful and glorious mysteries. The purpose of the Rosary is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of salvation. Pope Pius XII called it a compendium of the Gospel.

The main focus is on the Lord Jesus ~ His birth, life, death and resurrection. The Our Father reminds us that Jesus' Father is the initiator of salvation. The Hail Marys remind us to join with Mary in contemplating these mysteries. They also make us aware that Mary was and is intimately joined with her Son in all the mysteries of His earthly and heavenly existence. The Glories remind us that the purpose of all life is the glory of the Holy Trinity. The Rosary appeals to many. It is simple. The constant repetition of words helps create an atmosphere in which to contemplate the mysteries of God. We sense that Jesus and Mary are with us in the joys and sorrows of life. We grow in hope that God will bring us to share in the glory of Jesus and Mary forever.

During this month of the Holy Rosary, remember to pray the Rosary alone and with your family. It is a beautiful meditation upon the mysteries of our redemption: And just as the Blessed Virgin Mary was immersed into the mysteries of the Lord's life, we too are invited into the those same events so that we can inherit the promise of eternal life in Heaven with Him. During this month of October, pray... and ask the Blessed Virgin Mary to pray for you, that you may be made worthy of the promises of Christ! Let this month of the Most Holy Rosary help you to form a life-long, daily habit.

We will have 10 days of the Rosary October 22-31. On these days, the Rosary will be said on the weekends before Mass and on weekdays after regular Mass. **JOIN US!!**

## From the RE Desk

### RE PROGRAM AND THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY—OCTOBER

October is the month dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. On October 2nd the children in the RE program will be making Rosaries while learning the prayers of the Rosary.

There are no classes on Sunday October 9th.

On Sunday October 16th at 9:55AM the children will gather in the hall to recite the Joyful Mysteries.

Parents and parishioners please joins us on Sunday, October 23rd at 9:50AM in the church for recitation of the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary before Mass.

Finally, on Sunday October 30th at 9:40AM the RE children will be walking over to the North park in Gibson City for a special recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries. Parents join us if you can to commemorate Mary and the memory of her Son in the Rosary.

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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> October 3	8:00AM	NO MASS
<i>Theodora Guerin</i>		
<b>TUE</b> October 4	8:00AM	NO MASS
<i>Francis of Assisi</i>		
<b>WED</b> October 5	8:00AM	NO MASS
<i>Maria Faustina Kowalska</i>		
<b>THU</b> October 6	5:30PM	NO MASS
<i>Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher</i>		
<b>FRI</b> October 7	8:00AM	NO MASS
<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>		
<b>SAT</b> October 8	5:00PM	+Poor Souls in Purgatory
<b>SUN</b> October 9	8:00 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	+Margaret Rock Chapman Family Chase Family
<i>Blessed Henry Newman</i>		

### Thank You For Your Gifts OLOL

Sunday Total	\$2168.75
Capital Imp.	\$0
Food Pantry	\$52.00
Sept. Total	\$318.00
Yr to Date FP	\$2496.27

### Imm Conception

Sunday Total	\$167.00
Capital Imp.	\$0

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!

**2016 CMAA Goals**  
OLOL: \$14,093  
Goal: (\$12,712)  
IC: \$1370  
(Goal: \$905)

## MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
Sat, October 8 5:00PM	Caine Jost Daxter Chaddox	Lisa Heap	Jean Wilhelmi	Robert Bode Stan Alt	Marj Brown
Sun, October 9 10:30AM	Hannah Hathaway Keegan Kutemeier	Ray Hanks	Paul Sarantakos	Brett Beyers Craig Davis	

Beginning in **NOVEMBER**, the first Friday of the month adoration will follow 8AM Mass. The remaining weeks of every month Adoration will be on the usual Thursday evening following 5:30PM Mass and always Tuesday following 8AM Mass.

### Baptism

Call the Rectory at least four weeks before the baptism. 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.



**"WHITE MASS"**  
Cathedral of St. Raymond  
Sunday, October 9, 2016 11:00AM

This annual White Mass celebrated by Bishop Conlon recognizes the guardians and servants of human life and their families. You are invited to arrive at 10:30AM when the Rosary will be prayed with special intentions for all health care professionals. Refreshments to follow in the Commons.

Contact the Respect Life Office at (815) 221-6251 or [prolife@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:prolife@dioceseofjoliet.org).



I would like to extend a big thank you to the ladies that helped to water the flowers this summer. Your commitment kept campus looking beautiful.

Joan Cole  
Paula Cyphert  
Mary Fairfield  
LeaAnn Seymour

Dear Parishioners,

It is Turkey Dinner time. Sunday, November 13, 2016 will be the annual OLOL Turkey Dinner. Please be ready to assist where you can.

Thank you.



# The Word From Father Thomas



Baseball, perhaps more than any other sport, is heavy on ritual. Consider the player in the on-deck circle. He swings the bat a few times to loosen up. He adjusts his helmet. Perhaps he scans the infield or tries to get a read on the pitcher. He may even make a hurried sign of the cross. Only then is he prepared to step into the box.

In the words of Pope Francis, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a “moment of intense prayer” and “source of true interior peace” (Misericordiae Vultus 17). Since that is what the sacrament offers us, perhaps before we “step into the box” for confession we should do two things: “Stop” and “Go”.

**STOP:** Stop lying to ourselves that we aren’t in need of confession— regardless of whether it’s been two weeks or twenty years. Stop making excuses: “Father’s too busy. Father’s too mean! I went when I made confirmation. Confession’s only for little old ladies.” Stop pretending that our sinful actions are just bad habits, idiosyncrasies, or justified responses to how others treat us.

**GO:** Go get a guide to confession, especially if it’s been a while. Next, “Go to your inner room,” says Jesus (Mt 6:6). In prayer, ask the Father for the honesty you need to examine your conscience and to make a good confession. Finally, just go, running like a batter rounding third into home, or like the prodigal son into the arms of our all forgiving Father.

~Father Tim S. Hickey

October 2

## Guardian Angels

Perhaps no aspect of Catholic piety is as comforting to parents as the belief that an angel protects their little ones from dangers real and imagined. Yet guardian angels are not only for children. Their role is to represent individuals before God, to watch over them always, to aid their prayer, and to present their souls to God at death.

The concept of an angel assigned to guide and nurture each human being is a development of Catholic doctrine and piety based on Scripture but not directly drawn from it. Jesus’ words in Matthew 18:10 best support this belief: “See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father.”

Devotion to the angels began to develop with the birth of the monastic tradition. St. Benedict (July 11) gave it impetus and St. Bernard of Clairvaux (August 20), a great twelfth-century reformer, was such an eloquent spokesman for the guardian angels that angelic devotion assumed its current form in his day.

A feast in honor of the guardian angels was first observed in the sixteenth century. In 1615 Pope Paul V added it to the Roman calendar.

Devotion to the angels is, at base, an expression of faith in God’s enduring love and providential care extended to each person day-in and day-out until life’s end.

QUOTE: “May the angels lead you into paradise; may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem”

## PARISH EVENTS



### Tuesday, October 4

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM

### Saturday, October 8

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

### Wednesday, October 12

- K of C Mtg 7PM

### Thursday, October 13

- St. Peregrine Healing Mass 5:30PM

### Tuesday, October 18

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM

### Saturday, October 22

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

### Wednesday, October 26

- Staff Mtg 6PM
- Parish Council Mtg 7PM



Joseph Brown (10/3)  
Vivian Geurts (10/3)  
Kaitlynn Volker (10/5)  
Kathy Bittner (10/7)  
Ava Kurtenbach (10/9)



Judy & Delbert Tjarks (10/4)  
Mark & Becky Doran (10/9)

## Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Tony Coons  
Loretta Bode  
Mary Cothorn  
Mardelle Duffy  
Donovan Gaines  
Dick Walter  
Mary Masco  
Jeff McGuire  
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

OCTOBER 2, 2016

## **Why does the priest break off a small piece of the consecrated host and drop it into the chalice before Communion is distributed?**

This action has a spiritual and historical meaning. Let's look at the historical significance first.

In the first centuries of Christianity, it was important for churches in outlying areas to express their unity with Rome. The pope would send a small piece of the consecrated bread to each church. During Mass, the priest would place the portion in the chalice to recognize the union between Rome and the local church.

But sending pieces of consecrated bread from Rome to each church became impractical as Christianity grew, so a practice was adopted to allow each priest to drop a piece of the host he had just consecrated into the chalice.

Spiritually, this action serves to remind us that Christ is wholly and truly present in both eucharistic forms: the host and the wine. When we receive the Most Holy Body or the Precious Blood, we partake in the entire person of Christ, the same Jesus Christ who lived, died, and rose from the dead.

The Real Presence, the singularity of the Mass, and the unity of the Church are all realities that point to the communion of saints and life beyond death. These things are not merely beliefs or promises; they are God's greatest gifts to us.

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## Calendar

### Monday

OCTOBER 3

*Weekday*

Gal 1:6-12

Lk 10:25-37

### Tuesday

OCTOBER 4

*St. Francis*

*of Assisi*

Gal 1:13-24

Lk 10:38-42

### Wednesday

OCTOBER 5

*Weekday*

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14

Lk 11:1-4

### Thursday

OCTOBER 6

*Weekday*

Gal 3:1-5

Lk 11:5-13

### Friday

OCTOBER 7

*Our Lady*

*of the Rosary*

Gal 3:7-14

Lk 11:15-26

### Saturday

OCTOBER 8

*Weekday*

Gal 3:22-29

Lk 11:27-28

### Sunday

OCTOBER 9

*Twenty-eighth*

*Sunday in*

*Ordinary Time*

2 Kgs 5:14-17

2 Tm 2:8-13

Lk 17:11-19

# Good News!

October 2, 2016

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)  
Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4 2; Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

I have a little jar of mustard seeds on the bookcase in my office. They were given to me as a going-away present by a priest I knew, a little reminder to keep the faith. Every time I hear the Gospel about the mustard seed, I am reminded of him. He was a mentor and friend, one of the many people who have inspired my faith from young adulthood until now. He is also the example of what I hope to be for the students I teach. The faith which we explore is a rich inheritance, indeed, and I can only hope to influence my students as much as he influenced me.

Being a faith-filled person isn't for cowards. As Paul tells Timothy, God gave us gifts of power and love to be able to stand against evil and to love those who seem unlovable. God called us to a holy life which means that we occasionally have to turn away from what the world has to offer and embrace a different way of living. Christ's disciples are called to help make the world holy through word and example, by inviting others to know Christ and acting in such a way that knowing Christ seems the only possible response. Finally, God gives us the Holy Spirit, who makes it possible for us to live lives that are worthy of the calling to which we have been called.

"Stir into flame the gift of God," Paul exhorts. Fire is the perfect metaphor. It lights our way and gives us warmth. It also purifies us for the work ahead. Who inspired you in your faith? How will you become a better disciple today because of them? —*Mary Katharine Deeley*