

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)



Parish Office

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General Information
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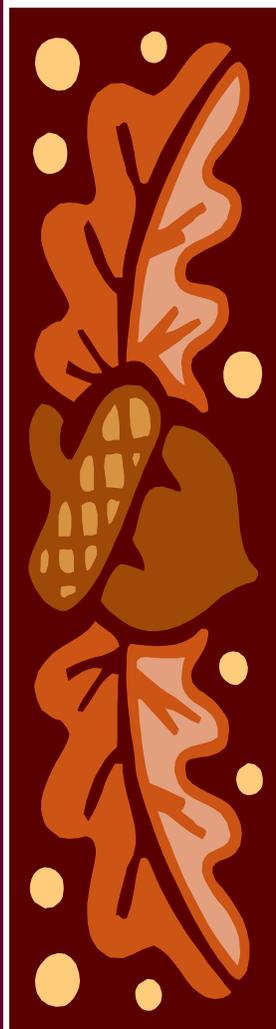
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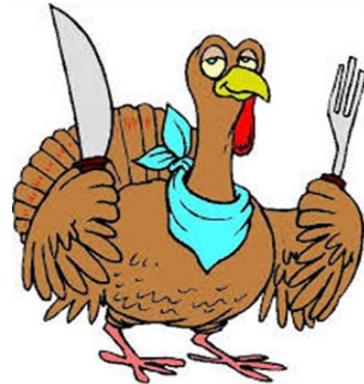
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OCTOBER 30, 2016 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER



JOIN US AT FATHER KIRK HALL
534 N WOOD STREET
GIBSON CITY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2016
11AM-1PM
ADULTS \$8

PURCHASE DINNERS AT THE DOOR

CARRYOUT AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH
BASEMENT

NEEDED FOR TURKEY DINNER...DISHWASHERS. Please contact Stan Alt at 217-727-2131, if you can help with this area for the Turkey Dinner it will be greatly appreciated.

WE INVITE EVERYONE TO LOOK THROUGH THE FEAST OF ALL SOULS BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH AND NOTE ANYONE THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS THIS

NOVEMBER 2 AT THE ALL SOULS MASS AT OLL AT 7PM.

Conscience and Call to VOTE

As we all know, the ideal candidate and party do not exist. The US Catholic bishops have recognized this situation, acknowledging that their moral framework doesn't easily fit the categories of Republican or Democrat: "Some Catholics may feel politically homeless, sensing that no political party and too few candidates share a consistent concern for human life and dignity" Still, the bishops urge people to vote with an informed conscience and to get involved, reminding us that participation in the political process is a moral obligation. That remains our call and challenge in

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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.

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| MON October 31 | 8:00AM | Fanson Family Fetzner Family |
| TUE November 1 | 7:00AM 7:00PM | HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION |
| WED November 2 | 7:00PM | All our Faithful Departed |
| THU November 3 | 5:30PM | +Brooke Martin |
| FRI November 4 | 8:00AM | +John Kollross Jr. |
| SAT November 5 | 5:00PM | Parish Family |
| SUN November 6 | 8:00 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL) | +Dale Schwarz +John Kollross Jr. |

Thank You For Your Gifts OLOL

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|------------------------|------------|
| Sunday Total | \$2679.52. |
| Capital Imp. | \$0 |
| Food Pantry Oct. Total | \$28.82 |
| Yr to Date FP | \$201.57 |
| | \$2697.84 |

Imm Conception

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| Sunday Total | \$ 270.00 |
| 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: \$14,865
Goal: (\$12,712)
IC: \$1370
(Goal: \$905)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

| Date | Altar Servers | Lectors | Euch. Minister | Ushers | Homebound Ministry |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Sat, November 5 5:00PM | Alex Killian Braden Roesch | Fran Mardis | Frank Titus | Frank Titus Michael Smith | Jean Wilhelmi |
| Sun, November 6 10:30AM | Andrew & Aidan Laughery | Maggie Davis | Paul Sarantakos | Tim Fackler Bruce Killian | |

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.

Purgatory in the words of St. Catherine of Genoa

“We must not make purgatory into a flaming concentration camp on the brink of hell—or even a ‘hell for a short time.’ It is blasphemous to think of it as a place where a petty God exacts final punishment. The “fire” of purgatory is God’s love ‘burning’ the soul so that, at last, the soul is wholly aflame. It is the pain of wanting to be made totally worthy of One who is seen as infinitely lovable, the pain of desire for union that is now absolutely assured, but not yet fully tasted.”



- Margaret Bane (11/1)
- Jerry Lynch Sr. (11/2)
- Jessica Freehill (11/2)
- Jody Smith (11/2)
- Miranda Leonard (11/3)
- Robb Fields (11/5)



- Todd & Lee Thomas (11/3)
- Stanley & Terri Davis (11/4)

The Word From Father Thomas



PRAYER BEFORE AN ELECTION

Lord God,

As the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles, and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

AMEN.

November 2

ALL SOULS

The Church has encouraged prayer for the dead from the earliest times as an act of Christian charity. "If we had no care for the dead," Augustine noted, "we would not be in the habit of praying for them." Yet pre-Christian rites for the deceased retained such a strong hold on the superstitious imagination that a liturgical commemoration was not observed until the early Middle Ages, when monastic communities began to mark an annual day of prayer for their departed members.

In the middle of the eleventh century, St. Odilo, Abbot of Cluny (France), decreed that all Cluniac monasteries offer special prayers and sing the Office for the Dead on November 2, the day after the feast of All Saints. The custom spread from Cluny and was finally adopted throughout the Roman Church.

The theological underpinning of the feast is the acknowledgement of human frailty. Since few people achieve perfection in this life but, rather, go to the grave still scarred with traces of sinfulness, some period of purification may be necessary before a soul comes face-to-face with God. The Council of Trent affirmed this purgatory state and insisted that the prayers of the living can speed the process of purification.

Superstition easily clung to the observance. Medieval popular belief held that the souls in purgatory could appear on this day in the form of witches, toads or will-o'-the-wisps. Graveside food offerings supposedly eased the rest of the dead.

Observances of a more religious nature have survived. These include public processions or private visits to cemeteries and decorating graves with flower and lights. This feast is observed with great fervor in Mexico.

PARISH EVENTS



Tuesday, November 1

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM

Friday, November 4

- Adoration following Mass (first Friday only)

Wednesday, November 9

- KofC Mtg 7PM

Thursday, November 10

- St. Peregrine Healing Mass 5:30PM

Saturday, November 12

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

Sunday, November 13

- Turkey Dinner 11AM-1PM

Tuesday, November 15

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM

Sunday, November 20

- YOUTH MASS
- 2nd Collection -CHD

Saturday, November 26

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

Tuesday, November 29

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM

Wednesday, November 30

- Staff Mtg 6PM
- Parish Council Mtg 7PM

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

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 30, 2016

Do I need to stay until the very end of Mass? The short concluding rites feel anticlimactic after Communion.

The Mass is intended to contain “a conscious, active, and full participation of the faithful, ...fervent with faith, hope and charity” (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 18). At Mass, the faithful form one body, a holy people, to “give thanks to God and offer the unblemished sacrificial Victim not only by means of the hands of the Priest but also together” (GIRM 95). This is achieved through “their deep religious sense and their charity toward brothers and sisters who participate with them” (GIRM 95). Thus, reverence for God at Mass includes a proper respect for the people worshipping with you. Remaining until the recessional concludes—as well as arriving on time—is a sign of this reverence. It respects not only God and your neighbors in the pew but also the ministers (ordained or lay), ushers, and everyone present.

After the faithful partake in the Eucharist, there is a communal period of silence to allow for personal prayer. Also, a psalm, canticle of praise, or hymn may be offered and sung (GIRM 88, 164). “There is no prayer more agreeable to God, or more profitable to the soul, than that which is made during the thanksgiving after Communion,” wrote St. Alphonsus in *The Holy Eucharist*. While an early departure or late arrival at Mass may be, at times, unavoidable, it is preferable to celebrate Mass in its entirety, in heart, mind, soul...and body!

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

Calendar

Monday

OCTOBER 31

Weekday

Phil 2:1-4

Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 1

All Saints' Day

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14

1 Jn 3:1-3

Mt 5:1-12a

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 2

All Souls' Day

Wis 3:1-9

Rom 5:5-11 or

Rom 6:3-9

Jn 6:37-40

Thursday

NOVEMBER 3

Weekday

Phil 3:3-8a

Lk 15:1-10

Friday

NOVEMBER 4

St. Charles

Borromeo, Bishop

Phil 3:17-4:1

Lk 16:1-8

Saturday

NOVEMBER 5

Weekday

Phil 4:10-19

Lk 16:9-15

Sunday

NOVEMBER 6

Thirty-second

Sunday in Ordinary
Time

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14

2 Thes 2:16-3:5

Lk 20:27-38 or

20:27, 34-38

Good News!

October 30, 2016

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Wis 11:22-12:2; 2 Thes 1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10

I'm the shortest one in nearly every picture in which I appear. It's not that I'm that short (about three inches below average), but I am surrounded by taller people. Consequently, Zacchaeus has always been a particular favorite of mine. I certainly would have tried to get higher to see Jesus, too. Maybe Zacchaeus and I would have shared a branch. But Zacchaeus inspires me for another reason. When Jesus, whom Zacchaeus knew only by reputation, called to him, his response was immediate. He came down to stand in front of Jesus. In their society, tax collectors were considered traitors and ostracized by all. In the process of working for the Romans, Zacchaeus strengthened Caesar's influence and likely charged more than he should have to support a wealthy lifestyle when most Jews lived in poverty.

Seeing Zacchaeus in the tree, Jesus seized the opportunity to bring conversion to a sinner. Instead of judgment or bitterness from a stranger, Jesus offered him words of welcome. Zacchaeus heard the invitation (literal and spiritual) in Jesus' statement—"I must stay at your house"—and "received him with joy."

When Jesus enters our house, we find the strength to turn from sin. The effect of Jesus' presence on Zacchaeus was immediate. As they stood together, he turned from his sin and promised to care for the poor and make restitution for anything he stole. Let us hurry to receive Jesus into our hearts and turn away from our sin as well.

—Mary Katharine Deeley