

## 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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# NOVEMBER 13, 2016 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## ALBERT THE GREAT

Albert the Great was a thirteenth-century German Dominican who influenced decisively the Church's stance toward Aristotelian philosophy brought to Europe by the spread of Islam.

Students of philosophy know him as the teacher of Thomas Aquinas. Albert's attempt to understand Aristotle's writings established the climate in which Thomas Aquinas developed his synthesis of Greek wisdom and Christian theology. But Albert deserves recognition on his own merits as a curious, honest, and diligent scholar.

He was the eldest son of a powerful and wealthy German lord of military rank. He was educated in the liberal arts. Despite fierce family opposition, he entered the Dominican novitiate.

His boundless interests prompted him to write a compendium of all knowledge: natural science, logic, rhetoric, mathematics, astronomy, ethics, economics, politics, and metaphysics. His explanation of learning took twenty years to complete. "Our intention," he said, "is to make all the aforesaid parts of knowledge intelligible to the Latins."

He achieved his goal while serving as an educator at Paris and Cologne, as Dominican provincial, and even as bishop of Regensburg for a short time. He defended the mendicant orders and preached a crusade in Germany and Bohemia.

Albert, a Doctor of the Church, is the patron of scientists and philosophers.

An information glut faces Christians today in all branches of learning. One needs only to read current Catholic periodicals to experience the varied reactions to the findings of the social sciences, for example, in regard to Christian institutions, Christian lifestyles, and Christian theology.

Ultimately, in canonizing Albert, the Church seems to point to his openness to truth, wherever it may be found, as his claim to holiness. His characteristic curiosity prompted Albert to mine deeply for wisdom within a philosophy his Church warmed up to with great difficulty.

## CALLING ALL CHRISTMAS ELVES ON DECEMBER 10 TO CLEAN AND DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS

I know it is hard to believe Christmas is just a few short weeks away with the beautiful weather we are having but it is indeed just around the corner.

Please contact Sarah Sarantakos at 217-781-0528 or the parish office at 217-784-4671 or pastor@ololg.org if you are able to help clean and/or haul out decorations.

Our MERRY thanks in advance!!



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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

<b>MON</b> November 14	8:00AM	Fleming Family Doris Freehill Family
<b>TUE</b> November 15	8:00AM	Jim Freehill Family
<b>St. Albert the Great</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>	<b>DECEASED K OF C</b>
<b>WED</b> November 16	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
<b>St. Gertrude</b>		
<b>THU</b> November 17	5:30PM	Mike Freehill Family Gale Family
<b>FRI</b> November 18	8:00AM	Garard Family Gardner Family
<b>The Dedication of the Basilica of Sts. Peter &amp; Paul</b>		
<b>SAT</b> November 19	5:00PM	Parish Family
<b>Blessed Virgin Mary</b>		
<b>SUN</b> November 20	8:00 AM (IC)	+James & Margaret Rock
<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	10:30 AM (OLOL)	+Don & Ruby Kemmer

**Thank You  
For Your Gifts  
OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$2447.50
Capital Imp.	\$165.00
Food Pantry Oct. Total Yr to Date FP	\$94.00 \$343.57 \$2839.84

**Imm Conception**

Sunday Total	\$401.25
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**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
Sat, November 19 5:00PM	Caine Jost	Patti Huppert	Stan Alt	Frank Titus Michael Smith	Paul & Sarah Sarantakos
Sun, November 20 10:30AM	Brooke Beyers Cecilia Goodin	Ray Hanks	Paul Sarantakos	Tim Fackler Bruce Killian	

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.

**COFFEE AND CONVERSATION**

American Lutheran Church in Gibson City invites all retired folks to get together for Coffee & Conversation on the third Tuesday of every month, from 9AM-10AM. This month on November 15th, we will be joined by Gary and Frank McCullough from WGCY Radio. They will talk about what it takes to run a radio station, and tell of some interesting situations they have seen as radio personalities. Bring your friends and neighbors on the third Tuesday of every month.



There will be a different guest speaker every time we meet!

See you there!



- Ethan Garard (11/14)
- Tom Townsend (11/14)
- Garrett Tredennick (11/15)
- Joe Schwarz (11/16)
- Walter Smith (11/17)
- Kim Cotter (11/18)
- Rob Schmitt (11/19)
- Kathleen Reum (11/20)



John & Ann Carlson (11/17)

# The Word From Father Thomas



## New Vatican Instruction

### To Rise With Christ, on the Care of Cremated Remains

Recently the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issued this Instruction on the burial rites involving ashes/cremated remains of the deceased in light of the world wide increase in requests for cremation. The Church is not changing the rules that govern the practice of cremation after death. Since 1963 the Church has allowed cremation and since 1997 it has allowed a funeral liturgy in the presence of cremated remains.

In recent years many ideas contrary to the Church's vision of Christian burial have developed and it seemed the right time to remind us of the doctrinal and pastoral reasons for the preference for the burial of the remains of the faithful and to set norms for the conservation of cremated remains.

The Church holds to the tradition of burying cremated remains, because they are to be respected in the same way as the body, from the use of a worthy vessel to the need to bury or entomb the ashes. Our belief about the resurrection also implies this when we say that on the last day our bodies and souls will be reunited sharing the glory of the Risen Christ.

Thus we do not scatter the cremated remains of our deceased in the air, on the ground, or in bodies of water, or do we divide them, or keep them in our homes or preserving them in mementos, pieces of jewelry or other objects.

This document states that when cremation of the body is chosen, the ashes of the faithful must be laid to rest in a sacred place—a cemetery or an area, such as a columbarium, that has been set aside for this purpose. Our faithful departed remain part of the Church, the communion of all the faithful.

The Church's teaching on cremation has not changed, however, with this new document we may have a better understanding of this teaching. If you still have questions you might want to read the Instruction by googling the title.

## PARISH EVENTS



### Tuesday, November 15

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM
- 7PM Mass for deceased K of C

### 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

## From the RE Desk

### REMINDER: No RE classes November 27 (Thanksgiving Break)

Over the past few weekends your RE teachers and myself, attended Faith Formation events in Gilman at Immaculate Conception parish as well as St. Martins of Tours parish in Kankakee. These events focused us on the Eucharist as source and summit of the Mass, the call to Holiness, the rich meaning of the Liturgy including practical tips to use and teach use of the bible and , most interestingly, controversial issues: What does the church REALLY say about that? The teachers are Jean Wilhelmi, Cherry and Denis Fisher. I want to commend them on taking time for their own Faith Formation. Please do the same. Alyce

### PARISH AND RE PROGRAM YOUTH OUTREACH

#### GIFT CARD OUTREACH

Just a reminder that the Gift Card Outreach box will be located in the back of the church through the month of November. Please consider gifting a gift card to our youth that have graduated in the last five years. The cards will be placed in a greeting card along with a note from one of our CCD youth, to be mailed the first week of December.

Thank you!

## AED STATIONS AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES

The parish now has 2 AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) stations in the parish. One is located near the restroom in the back of the church and the second is in the hall, midway on the North wall. Proper use of an AED can save a life!! Training for use of an AED was included by the company we ordered them from and will be at the parish hall Saturday, November 19 from 9AM-11:30AM. There are 12 spots available. Please email Bernie Campos at bnbcampos@gmail.com to register.

## Campaign for Human Development Collection

Next week's collection for the CHD needs your help. CHD was founded to break the cycle of poverty in the United States by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. With a tradition of improving education, housing situations, and community economic development, CHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Your contribution will defend human dignity and reach out to those living on the margins. Please give to the CHD Collection.

## 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

NOVEMBER 13, 2016

***My husband is buried in a public cemetery, which is not consecrated ground. Am I permitted to be buried next to him, and can the priest bless and consecrate our final resting place?***

I commend your care in this matter. The *Catechism* stresses that “the bodies of the dead must be treated with respect and charity, in faith and hope of the Resurrection. The burial of the dead is a corporal work of mercy” (CCC 2300). However, it makes no reference to the place of burial—only the manner in which our bodies are treated after death (that is, conditions for autopsy, organ donation, and cremation).

Canon law “earnestly recommends that the pious custom of burying the bodies of the deceased be observed”; by doing so properly and receiving an ecclesiastical funeral, you honor your body, witness to our belief in the resurrection of the body, and bring “the solace of hope to the living” (*Canon* 1176). It later specifies that “where possible, the Church is to have its own cemeteries or at least areas in civil cemeteries that are designated for the deceased members of the faithful and properly blessed. If this cannot be achieved, however, then individual graves are to be properly blessed” (*Canon* 1240). Given this, it would seem that there is no objection to your being buried in the grave next to your husband or any difficulty in requesting that the priest bless your final resting place.

FR. TOM SANTA, CSsR  
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## Monday

November 14

*Weekday*

Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5

Lk 18:35-43

## Tuesday

November 15

*Weekday*

Rv 3:1-6, 14-22

Lk 19:1-10

## Wednesday

November 16

*Weekday*

Rv 4:1-11

Lk 19:11-28

## Thursday

November 17

*St. Elizabeth*

*of Hungary,*

*Religious*

Rv 5:1-10

k 19:41-44

## Friday

November 18

*Weekday*

Rv 10:8-11

Lk 19:45-48

## Saturday

November 19

*Weekday*

Rv 11:4-12

Lk 20:27-40

## Sunday

November 20

*Our Lord Jesus*

*Christ King of the*

*Universe*

2 Sm 5:1-3

Col 1:12-20

Lk 23:35-43

# Good News!

November 13, 2016

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Mal 3:19-20a; 2

Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

As we come to the close of the Church year, our readings turn more and more to the “end times.” These words are not easy to hear. Certainly, when we think about the persecution of Christians, the civil wars that seem far too frequent, and the number of people, nations, and even religious groups who claim to have the sole answer to everyone’s problems, we can find a striking resemblance to Jesus’ description of the coming days.

What our world is undergoing is not new. In every age people have been persecuted, wars have been fought, natural disasters have occurred, and many have claimed to be saviors. Jesus admits this openly and still tells us not to despair. He promises to walk with us and to give us the wisdom to speak even in the midst of great trouble. It’s tempting to follow the charismatic speakers and powerful leaders who claim to have the truth or single solution to our human limitations and vulnerabilities. Jesus urges us not to do that, but to look to him alone for what we need.

Our imperfect and passing world will always have places and times of great suffering and strife. Jesus doesn’t promise to take it all away; he promises to lead us through it. God will never abandon us and will provide more than a temporary fix. If we doubt that, we have only to look to Jesus’ death and resurrection to see that he was willing to take the worst the world had to offer in order to offer us the very best.

Mary Katharine Deeley