

## 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 5:30 pm  
Friday 8 am  
Holy Days: 7 am & 7 pm

## Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 8:30-9:30 am  
Thursday 6-7 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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# February 14, 2016

## First Sunday of Lent

### LENT THROUGH THE LENS OF GRACE

Just imagine that this Lent is going to be different from every other Lent we've experienced. Imagine that there will be many graces offered us this year. Let's even imagine that God is going to help transform our lives, with greater freedom, greater joy, and deeper desires for love and service.

Preparing our hearts is a process of preparing our desires. This means practicing our sense of anticipation. If we imagine Lent as an "ordeal" or a time to dread in some way, then we've already predisposed ourselves to not get very much out of it. These days before Lent are a time to start anticipating something wonderful that is about to happen.

Our sense of excitement and anticipation will grow more easily if we begin to imagine what God wants to give us. There is something coming that we can truly look forward to. If we get too focused on ourselves and what we are going to do or not do, we could risk missing the gift God wants to give us. We have to keep aware of the fact that grace comes from God. This is about God's great desire to bless us. With this mindset, it is easier for us to imagine that what we really want to do is place ourselves in a space to receive what God wants to give us.

We receive God's gifts as body-persons. We experience things with our senses, relish them with our imaginations, and share in God's own creative and loving activity when our hearts and hands work together for and with others.

We can let our homes be places full of the holy—things that help raise our minds and hearts to God. Our world is full of so many images that lure our minds and hearts elsewhere. Some symbols will carry the ongoing meaning we give them, for us and for our families and loved ones.

We can make sure that we have a crucifix in a central place in our home during Lent. A bowl of water on our dining room table can be transformed into a reminder of our preparing to renew our baptismal promises. A candle can be lit at each meal to remind us of the light of Christ among us in Lent and to prepare us for the new fire being lit at the Easter Vigil. Placing a Bible in a central place in our home reminds us of the central place of God's Word in our lives on this Lenten journey.

This year's Lent can be different. It will take an openness to God's grace, a deep desire to receive what is being offered us and a few signs and symbols to help us stay focused throughout the season. But if we do these things, God's desire for our hearts and our desire for greater union with God will meet. Lent will no longer feel like a burden, but rather a blessing.



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**Youth Ministry**  
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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.

<b>MON</b> February 15	8:00AM	Tjarks Family Townsend Family
<i>St. Claude de la Colombiere</i>		
<b>TUE</b> February 16	8:00AM	Robert Boyce
<i>St. Gilbert of Sempringham</i>		
<b>WED</b> February 17	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
<i>Seven Founders of Servite Order</i>		
<b>THU</b> February 18	5:30PM	<b>NOTE NEW MASS TIME</b> Donald & Ruby Kemmer
<i>Blessed John of Fiesole</i>		
<b>FRI</b> February 19	8:00AM	Marge Carlson
<i>St. Conrad of Placenza</i>		
<b>SAT</b> February 20	5:00PM	Jeannette Sarlitto
<i>Blesseds Jacinta &amp; Francisco Marto</i>		
<b>SUN</b> February 21	7:00AM (OLOL)	Titus Family
	8:30 AM (IC)	Tjardis Family
	10:30 AM (OLOL)	Tom Schwarz Family Parish Family
<i>St. Peter</i>		

**Thank You For Your Gifts OLOL**

Sunday Env. \$1993.00  
Loose \$387.00  
Capital Imp. \$446.00  
Food Pantry \$81.00  
January Total \$428.00

**Imm Conception**

Sunday Env. \$135.25

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, February 20 5:00PM	Alex Killian Braden Roesch	Patti Huppert	Jerry Brown	Steve Heavilin John Carlson	Denis & Cherry Fisher
Sun, February 21 7:00AM	Jessica Freehill	Michelle Rosenbaum			
Sun, February 21 10:30AM	Isabella & Sophia Helmig	Sarah Sarantakos	Jack Kollross	Jerry Lynch, Sr. Jerry Lynch Jr.	

**2015 CMAA REFUND TOTALS**  
OLL \$1693.59  
IC \$59.01

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.

**A LITTLE CATHOLIC HUMOR**



"He's a bit of a perfectionist..."

Our Lady of Lourdes  
Knights of Columbus



**2016 Lenten Fish Fries**  
**February 12**  
**February 26**  
**March 4**  
**March 18**  
4:30PM-6:30PM

Dinners are \$8  
Children under 12 free  
Carryout Available

Any questions can be directed to chairpersons Matt Doran or Mark Doran  
(217)784-8826 (217)784-8720



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Our Lady of Lourdes will celebrate Stations of the Cross every Friday evening at 7PM during Lent.



# The Word From Father Thomas



This is the opportune moment to change our lives! This is the time to allow our hearts to be touched! When faced with evil deeds, even in the face of serious crimes, it is the time to listen to the cry of innocent people who are deprived of their property, their dignity, their feelings, and even their very lives. To stick to the way of evil will only leave one deluded and sad. True life is something entirely different. God never tires of reaching out to us. He is always ready to listen...All one needs to do is to accept the invitation to conversion and submit oneself to justice during this special time of mercy offered by the Church.

It would not be out of place...to recall the relationship between justice and mercy. These are not two contradictory realities, but two dimensions of a single reality that unfolds progressively until it culminates in the fullness of love...

Mercy is not opposed to justice but rather expresses God's way of reaching out to the sinner, offering him a new chance to look at himself, convert, and believe...God does not deny justice. He rather envelops it and surpasses it with an even greater event in which we experience love as the foundation of true justice...God's justice is his mercy given to everyone as a grace that flows from the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Misericordiae Vultus 19-21

"Prayer is the strength of the Christian...."

Lent is a time of prayer, of more intense prayer, more prolonged, more assiduous."

Pope Francis  
Ash Wednesday Homily



Don't let lent slip away without growing stronger in your faith. As Pope Francis reminds us, prayer is the strength of the Christian, and Lent is a season for praying all the more intensely.

This Lent, place your faith in Christ, open your heart in prayer, and find hope in Pope Francis' profound words.

## From the RE Desk

Dear Parents,

The Diocese of Joliet Safe Environment Instruction is a yearly age-appropriate personal safety curriculum to provide your child with basic skills to help keep them safe from dangerous or abusive situations. Our Parish will be providing instruction to children and youth on Sunday, February 21 during regularly scheduled Religious Education classes. You will receive a Safe Environment Response form in the mail. Please read the form and fill in the appropriate response for your child(ren). PLEASE SEE THAT YOUR CHILD'S RESPONSE FORM IS RETURNED via the manila envelope at the back of the church OR to your child's Religious Education teacher OR directly to Alyce by/on the instruction date. We are required by the Diocese to have the response form on file for your child. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parents are invited to view and discuss the Emmy Award winning video "What Do I Say Now?" It gives tips on how to listen to your child and how to talk to your child about awkward topics, specifically those relating to sexuality and touching safety. The video will be shown in the hall on Thursday, February 18 @ 6:30PM. If you have any questions about the program, still need to turn in your response form, or need a new form Alyce will be available Thursday evening. To learn more about Safe Environment education visit the United States Council of Catholic Bishops website at: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/child-and-youth-protection/safe-environment.cfm>

Any questions can be directed to Alyce (217)745-2411 or joenalyceh@cawi.org

## PARISH EVENTS

# FEBRUARY



### Tuesday, February 16

- CALM-between 6:30-7PM

### Wednesday, February 24

- Staff Mtg 6PM
- Parish Council 7PM

### Saturday, February 27

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

### Sunday, February 28

- **YOUTH MASS**



Camden Nuss (2/16)  
Ben Freehill (2/17)  
Nathan Giroux (2/21)



Donald & Janey Hansen (2/15)  
Ted & Peggy Grote (2/17)  
Vince & Paula Cyphert (2/20)



## 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@lolgc.org](mailto:pastor@lolgc.org).

# Good News!

February 14, 2016  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (C)**

Dt 26:4-10 / Rom 10:8-13 / Lk 4:1-13

When I was on a pilgrimage to Israel, we visited Masada, the last stronghold of the Jews after the Romans destroyed Jerusalem. The temperature hit 117 degrees the day we came. We wandered around and wondered what it must have been like to hold out for a long time. When we returned to our bus, we couldn't wait to get to the cold water that awaited us. The priest said, "The Jews were in the desert for forty years; Jesus was in the desert for forty days; you've been in the desert for forty minutes. Think about that."

I have no doubt that Jesus was tempted to give himself food and water when he was enduring the desert heat. I have no doubt that in his agony he might also have thought about seizing power for himself. These are the things that tempt us when we are worn out, beaten down, or simply think we are not getting enough of what we believe we deserve.

Lent begins with the temptation of Jesus. Like us in all things but sin, he knew about being and feeling deprived and weak. And while his temptations came while he was in an actual desert, our harsh and barren places may be physical, psychological, or spiritual. We may feel lost, alone, helpless, and sometimes hopeless. In our times of weakness, evil can find a foothold and convince us that we must control our lives, that we can and should have whatever we want. In this account, we find in Jesus an example of how to resist temptation—patiently, humbly, with trust in God's promise of salvation.

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**Monday**  
FEBRUARY 15  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18  
Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday**  
FEBRUARY 16  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Is 55:10-11  
Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday**  
FEBRUARY 17  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Jon 3:1-10  
Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday**  
FEBRUARY 18  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25  
Mt 7:7-12

**Friday**  
FEBRUARY 19  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Ez 18:21-28  
Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday**  
FEBRUARY 20  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Dt 26:16-19  
Mt 5:43-48

**Sunday**  
FEBRUARY 21  
*Second Sunday of Lent*  
Gn 15:5-12, 17-18  
Phil 3:17-4:1 or  
3:20-4:1  
Lk 9:28b-36

# dear Padre

February 14, 2016  
**Medicating for pain**

When is it OK to medicate for pain? If my relative is in hospice, should I permit the use of drugs that hasten his or her death?

**When someone we love is dying**, we do not want him or her to be in pain. It is only natural to want to ease or end all suffering. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* offers these guidelines: "The use of painkillers to alleviate the sufferings of the dying, even at the risk of shortening their days, can be morally in conformity with human dignity if death is not willed as either an end or a means, but only foreseen and tolerated as inevitable" (CCC 2279). In other words, it is permissible to medicate for pain, but you cannot use narcotics as an end or means to hasten someone's death—only to alleviate pain and to minimize a person's suffering. Drugs cannot be used to directly cause a person's death.

It is important to discuss the kinds of treatment a person would want when he or she is dying. An important question is, "Would you want to be medicated even if that would mean you would not be conscious?" It is also important to have a discussion with your priest. Many times one is forced to make terrible decisions about medical care, and it is always good to have someone we trust who can help us make the best choice.

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