

## 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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# February 7, 2016

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### THE 2016 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL



This weekend at each Mass you will be asked to participate in our diocesan-wide Commitment/In-Pew Weekend for the 2016 Catholic Ministries Annual appeal (CMAA). The CMAA is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a one-time gift or pledge your gift over ten months to support the good works of the diocese.

A gift to the CMAA will touch the lives of many in our diocese in a positive way. Each gift makes a difference! Together, the gifts of many enable our diocese to deliver needed education, ministry and services to those who need it most. As you take the time to review the tabloid and see all the work enabled by the CMAA, please reflect on God's gifts to you. He has given you all that you have. We were "Chosen by God's Grace" and together we can give thanks to Him for our blessings through a gift to the CMAA.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you who have not received the mailing, we will conduct our Commitment/In-Pew Weekend process at all Masses next weekend.

For those of you who were unable to make a decision about your commitment this weekend, please prayerfully consider doing so online at [jolietdioceseappeal.org](http://jolietdioceseappeal.org) or by returning a Commitment/In-Pew Weekend envelope to the parish next week. If you received a pledge form in the mail, you may return it via mail.

After our parish exceeds its CMAA goal of \$12,712 for Our Lady of Lourdes and \$905 for Immaculate Conception in paid pledges, 65% of any additional funds are returned for use in our parish.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

## 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.

### OLD PALMS

There is a basket at the back of church for the collection of old PALMS. We will be happy to dispose of them for you.

**Pastor**

Rev. Thomas Theneth, CMI  
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**Parish Secretary**

Patti Meunier  
pastor@ololg.org

**Religious Education**

Alyce Hafer

**Youth Ministry**

Bruce Killian

**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 8	8:00AM	Mary Stuckey & Family <i>St. Josephine Bakhita</i>
<b>TUE</b> February 9	8:00AM	Ruby Kemmer <i>St. Jerome Emiliani</i>
<b>WED</b> February 10	7:00AM 7:00PM	ASH WEDNESDAY Priest Intentions 
<b>THU</b> February 11	5:30PM	NOTE NEW MASS TIME <i>St. Peregrine Healing Mass</i>
<b>FRI</b> February 12	8:00AM	Robert Boyce <i>St. Appollonia</i>
<b>SAT</b> February 13	5:00PM	Chuck Freehill <i>St. Giles Mary of St. Joseph</i>
<b>SUN</b> February 14	7:00AM (OLOL) 8:30 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	Parish Family Ruth Schwarz Family Donald & Ruby Kemmer

**Thank You  
For Your Gifts  
OLOL**

Sunday Env.	\$2193.00
Loose	\$443.15
Capital Imp.	\$100.00
Food Pantry	\$81.00
January Total	\$428.00

**Imm Conception**

Sunday Env. \$197.01

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 13 5:00PM	Angelica Cullotta Baillie Killian	Jim Meyer	Jerry Brown	Steve Heavilin John Carlson	Jean Wilhelmi
Sun, February 14 7:00AM	Ben Freehill	Jim Freehill			
Sun, February 14 10:30AM	Andrew & Aidan Laughery	Denis Fisher	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.

EASTERN EUROPE COLLECTION  
ASH WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 10, 2016

MASS AND ASHES  
7AM AND 7PM



HOME MISSIONS COLLECTION  
WEEKEND OF  
FEBRUARY 13/14

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.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** is February 10 this year, and Stations of the Cross will begin on Friday, February 12. Feel free to walk over after the Fish Fry.



# The Word From Father Thomas



The superiority of mercy over justice manifests itself in relation to rational beings, that is, to man. The reason for this is that man may address God not only as his Maker and Lord but also as his Father and friend. This is the very source of that infinite mercy we shall never cease to praise...

It was not required by divine justice that intelligent beings...be elevated to the supernatural state; that God should open to them the mystery of his intimate life, and should invite them to share therein as his adopted children. God could create man with the fullness of natural faculties and set up for him as his ultimate goal the acquisition of a state of natural happiness after his death.

If we consider the creation of the world and of man as an act of divine mercy in the broad sense, how much more can be said about the elevation of the human race to the dignity of children of God, about allowing them to partake of the very nature of God and of the eternal happiness enjoyed by the Blessed Trinity in its interior life. Here the preponderance of mercy over justice is striking. Divine justice gave man all that was necessary to attain the goal set up in his nature; divine mercy went much further and infinitely surpassed all desires of happiness that have ever entered into the heart of man (1 Cor 2:9)

-Servant of God Father Hyacinth Woroniecki, O.P.

## ASH WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER FR. THOMAS THENETH

American Lutheran Church, 905 E. First Street, Gibson City is hosting a community Ecumenical Ash Wednesday (February 10th) Continental Breakfast at 9AM, followed by a program at 9:30. the guest speaker is the Rev. Thomas Theneth from Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Gibson City. Father Thomas will speak on "Comparing American Life with Life in India"

### Novena to St. Peregrine

(Patron of those who suffer with cancer or any incurable disease or condition)



Glorious wonder-worker, St. Peregrine, you answered the divine call with a ready spirit, and forsook all the comforts of a life of ease and all the empty honors of the world to dedicate yourself to God in the Order of His holy Mother.

You labored manfully for the salvation of souls. In union with Jesus crucified, you endured painful sufferings with such patience as to deserve to be healed miraculously of an incurable cancer in your leg by a touch of His divine hand.

Obtain for me the grace to answer every call of God and to fulfill His will in all the events of life. Enkindle in my heart a consuming zeal for the salvation of all men.

Deliver me from the infirmities that afflict my body (especially...).

Obtain for me also a perfect resignation to the sufferings it may please God to send me, so that, imitating our crucified Savior and His sorrowful Mother, I may merit eternal glory in Heaven.

## PARISH EVENTS

# FEBRUARY



### Wednesday, February 10

- Knights of Columbus 7PM

### Thursday, February 11

- St. Peregrine Healing Mass 5:30PM

### Saturday, February 13

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

### 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



Jim Ruddy ((2/7)  
Mary Laughery (2/13)



Paul & Carol Obert (2/11)  
Robert & Cheryl Bode (2/14)

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

# Good News!

February 7, 2016

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**

Is 6:1–2a, 3–8 / 1 Cor 15:1–11 or 15:3–8, 11 / Lk 5:1–11

In her later years, my mother lived on a lake in Wisconsin, not far from our home. There, our daughters learned to swim and fish. One day, when our younger daughter was about eight, we went to the end of the pier to fish quietly. She had learned to cast her rod after a fashion and was happily doing that when I looked out to where I expected to see the bobber on her line and realized it wasn't there. Just as I started to ask about it, she gave a little yell as her line suddenly took off and she grabbed her rod to hang on. She saw the foot-long bass jump out of the water a little distance away and her eyes widened. With some help, she got the fish to the pier, where my husband netted it. The amazement of a child who had never caught more than small fish was evident, and she proudly helped clean it for the evening meal.

I can only imagine what the apostles, who were seasoned fishermen, felt that day on the Sea of Galilee, the subject of today's Gospel. Likely it was amazement at this stranger who apparently knew more about fishing than they did, but there was also a glimpse of an abundance they didn't know was possible and a sense that Jesus meant life for them. Peter drops to his knees, suddenly aware of his doubts and sins. Jesus simply tells him not to be afraid, shows him what he can do with God's help, and waits for him to follow. Let's approach the life God calls us to with the same amazement and humility.

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**Monday**

FEBRUARY 8

Weekday

1 Kgs 8:1–7, 9–13  
Mk 6:53–56

**Tuesday**

FEBRUARY 9

Weekday

1 Kgs 8:22–23, 27–30  
Mk 7:1–13

**Wednesday**

FEBRUARY 10

Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12–18

2 Cor 5:20—6:2  
Mt 6:1–6, 16–18

**Thursday**

FEBRUARY 11

Thursday After

Ash Wednesday

Dt 30:15–20

Lk 9:22–25

**Friday**

FEBRUARY 12

Friday After

Ash Wednesday

Is 58:1–9a

Mt 9:14–15

**Saturday**

FEBRUARY 13

Saturday After

Ash Wednesday

Is 58:9b–14

Lk 5:27–32

**Sunday**

FEBRUARY 14

First Sunday of Lent

Dt 26:4–10

Rom 10:8–13

Lk 4:1–13

# dear Padre

February 7, 2016

## What is Church teaching on fasting and abstaining?

With Lent so early [Ash Wednesday is on February 10], I want to be prepared. Could you clarify the Church's teaching on fasting and abstinence?

**Lent, the most prominent period** of penitential practice, is not the only time when penance and/or self-denial are encouraged. For example, every Friday is a day to perform a penance, sacrifice, or mortification in memory of Christ's death.

The *Code of Canon Law* (1249–53) cites the meaning of fasting and abstinence. It explains that penance is a human response to divine law. Christians have a responsibility to practice penance. And observing "the days of fasting and abstinence" is a Church precept (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 2043).

Abstinence from meat is required on all Fridays of Lent for those who have completed their fourteenth birthday. **Abstinence and fasting are required on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.** Fasting is binding on adults from age eighteen until fifty-nine. The exact meaning of fasting is not explained by the code, and this has led to varying degrees of emphasis and attention to detail as well as some unusual and extreme practices. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops states: "When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal."

I praise you for approaching these traditions as a means of growth and improvement rather than a burden.

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