

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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March 13, 2016

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 17

St. Patrick

Legends about Patrick abound; but truth is best served by our seeing two solid qualities in him: He was humble and he was courageous. The determination to accept suffering and success with equal indifference guided the life of God's instrument for winning most of Ireland for Christ.



Details of his life are uncertain. Current research places his dates of birth and death a little later than earlier accounts. Patrick may have been born in Dunbarton, Scotland, Cumberland, England, or in northern Wales. He called himself both a Roman and a Briton. At 16, he and a large number of his father's slaves and vassals were captured by Irish raiders and sold as slaves in Ireland. Forced to work as a shepherd, he suffered greatly from hunger and cold.

After six years, Patrick escaped, probably to France, and later returned to Britain at the age of 22. His captivity had meant spiritual conversion. He may have studied at Lerins, off the French coast; he spent years at Auxerre, France, and was consecrated bishop at the age of 43. His great desire was to proclaim the Good News to the Irish.

In a dream vision it seemed "all the children of Ireland from their mothers' wombs were stretching out their hands" to him. He understood the vision to be a call to do mission work in pagan Ireland. Despite opposition from those who felt his education had been defective, he was sent to carry out the task. He went to the west and north, where the faith had never been preached, obtained the protection of local kings and made numerous converts.

Because of the island's pagan background, Patrick was emphatic in encouraging widows to remain chaste and young women to consecrate their virginity to Christ. He ordained many priests, divided the country into dioceses, held Church councils, founded several monasteries and continually urged his people to greater holiness in Christ.

He suffered much opposition from pagan druids and was criticized in both England and Ireland for the way he conducted his mission.

In a relatively short time, the island had experienced deeply the Christian spirit, and was prepared to send out missionaries whose efforts were greatly responsible for Christianizing Europe.

Patrick was a man of action, with little inclination toward learning. He had a rocklike belief in his vocation, in the cause he had espoused.

One of the few certainly authentic writings is his *Confessio*, above all an act of homage to God for having called Patrick, unworthy sinner, to the apostolate.

There is hope rather than irony in the fact that his burial place is said to be in County Down in Northern Ireland, long the scene of strife and violence.

PENANCE SERVICES

Penance Services will be following 5:30PM Mass on March 17 during Adoration or any time by appointment.



ORGANIST/VOCALIST NEEDED

We are in need of more organists/vocalists to lead worship at our weekend Masses. If you feel the call to this ministry, please contact Father Thomas at 217-784-4671 or email at pastor@ololgc.org.

Pastor

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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.

MON March 14	8:00AM	Steve Brucker Family Campos Family
<i>St. Maximilian</i>		
TUE March 15	8:00AM	Carey Family Carlson Family
<i>St. Louise de Marillac</i>		
WED March 16	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
<i>St. Clement Mary Hofbauer</i>		
THU March 17	5:30PM	Chaddock Family Chapman Family
<i>St. Patrick</i>		
FRI March 18	8:00AM	Chase/Cimino Families
<i>St. Cyril of Jerusalem</i>	7:00PM	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
SAT March 19	5:00PM	+Chuck Freehill
<i>St. Joseph, Husband of Mary</i>		
SUN March 20	7:00AM (OLOL)	Cochran Family
<i>St. Salvator of Horta</i>	8:30 AM (IC)	Parish Family
	10:30 AM (OLOL)	Maria de Jesus Gonzalez

**Thank You
For Your Gifts
OLOL**

Sunday Env. \$2613.00

Loose \$540.00
Capital Imp. \$363.00

Food Pantry \$65.00
March Total \$65.00
Yr to Date FP \$927.26

Imm Conception

Sunday Env. \$210.00
Capital Imp. \$8.00

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.

2016 CMAA Goals
OLOL: \$
Goal: (\$12,712)
IC: \$
(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, March 19 5:00PM	Caine Jost	Jim Meyer	Frank Titus	Jerry Brown Stan Alt	Marj Brown
Sun, March 20 7:00AM	Jessica Freehill	Jim Freehill			
Sun, March 20 10:30AM	Nathan & Ethan Garard	Paul Sarantakos	Sarah Sarantakos	Michael Smith Dan Day	

EASTER SERVICES

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 7:30PM
NO 7AM MASS
8AM AT IC
10AM AT OLL

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 .

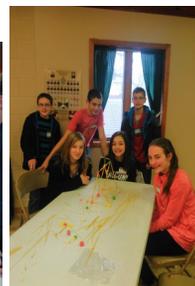
Marriage

Call the Rectory at least six months before. A six month preparation time is required.

From the RE Desk

Kudos to the Confirmation students, teachers and lay people who participated in a combined Confirmation retreat held at OLOL on Sunday, March 6th. 20 students from St. Mary's Paxton and St. Joseph Loda, along with 21 students fro OLOL & Immaculate Conception Roberts, came together in activities, prayer, meditation time and fun!! A special thank you to Connie Smith and her daughter Jennifer who lead us all in the retreat, we love you both! Also, a special thank you to Piolettis' Spaghetti (Nikki & Andrew Miller) for providing us a wonderful taco bar lunch.

Please pray for all students, parents and sponsors as we journey toward Confirmation on **Saturday, May 28.**



Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Tony Coons
Loretta Bode
Mary Cothorn
Mardella Duffy
Jesse Cervelli
Donovan Gaines
Dick Walter
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@ololg.org.

The Word From Father Thomas



HOPE assures us that...divine mercy would not abandon us, but would come out to meet us and restore us to the dignity of a child of God, provided we offered no resistance to his mercy. Hope always has this certainty about itself, mortal sin and has lost the virtue of love together with sanctifying grace.

This also is a proof of the great mercy of God that he often leaves in the soul of a sinner the seeds of spiritual regeneration on the form of faith and hope which...do not cease to be God's priceless supernatural gifts. Under their influence man does not cease to pray. Since he is in the state of sin, he gains no merits by his prayer, but he can obtain by it the grace of conversion and forgiveness. The virtue of love is lost by any mortal sin, since every mortal sin is contrary to the very object of our love...However, faith and hope are not lost by any mortal sin, but only by such sins as are opposed to...the revealed truths and to confidence in God's mercy.

Should one have the misfortune to turn away from God and to lose the virtue of love, he should take good care of that which remains of the spiritual life in himself. He should watch diligently to preserve faith and hope and with their help to storm heaven for the grace of conversion.

Servant of God Father Hyacinth Woroniecki,

DAVE JOHNSON BENEFIT

April 9, 2016
Gibson City American Legion, 203 N Sangamon Avenue
4PM-6:30PM
Pulled Pork, Potato Salad or Cold Slaw & Chips
Cost \$5
LIVE AUCTION 7PM-?
Steve Anderson will DJ after the auction.

Dave Johnson, son of Gene & Regina Johnson had a tree fall on him on October 3, 2015. Dave Suffered multiple injuries including a severed spine. He had surgery to insert a metal rod to stabilize his spine. ADDITIONAL SURGERIES WILL BE REQUIRED.



The Shrine of Christ Passion Pilgrimage St. John, Indiana

Please come and join us for a Pilgrimage to "The Shrine of Christ's Passion" in St. John Indiana on Saturday, March 19, 2016. All ages are welcome. The agenda is as follows:

8:00AM Communion Service
830AM Light breakfast in the hall
9:00AM-10:30AM Travel to St. John, IN
11:00AM Walk and Pray the Stations of the Cross
12:30PM Lunch on the patio at the Shrine (people to bring a dish to share)
2:00PM Leave to come home

RSVP by March 12 to
sarantakos.sarah@gcmask12.org subject line: Stations of the Cross

While there we will experience Jesus Passion through the half a mile, outdoor, life sized station of the cross. Since this is an outside venue, please come dressed appropriately. There is no cost to enter the shrine but there is a gift shop if you wish to purchase any religious items. We anticipate returning by 4:00PM. If you have been feeling a little disconnect in your faith journey this might be the perfect opportunity to rediscover how much Jesus Christ loves you!

PARISH EVENTS



Tuesday, March 15

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM

Wednesday, March 16

- Staff Meeting 6PM

Saturday, March 26

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

Tuesday, March 29

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM

**STATIONS OF THE
CROSS AT 7PM EVERY
FRIDAY DURING LENT**



Allison Kleist (3/14)
Lauren Leonard (3/14)
Doug Parsons (3/14)
Terry Hutchcraft (3/14)
Josie Kleist (3/16)
Juella Koopman (3/17)
Brian Helmig (3/17)
Aiden Killian (3/18)
Lily Giroux (3/19)
Fran Mardis (3/19)
Gary Wilhelmi (3/19)
Bernadette Campos (3/20)
Judy Schall (3/20)



Rich & Beth Baillie (3/15)

Our Lady of Lourdes Knights of Columbus



2016 Lenten Fish Fries

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

dear Padre

March 13, 2016

Serving the whole flock in a diverse parish

How do we serve everyone in a culturally diverse parish?

In the past it was common to have parishes dedicated to different ethnic groups where such populations were concentrated. In 2010, the U.S. bishops found that 33 percent of all U.S. parishes were culturally diverse, and that's perhaps using a narrow understanding of diversity. Then in 2014, they published *Best Practices for Shared Parishes: So That They May All Be One*, in which they outline a nine-movement process for creating an inclusive parish. The fact that there are nine movements is notable. It means that we slowly move toward inclusiveness; we don't simply start a Spanish Mass and think the job is done.

I recently worked in a small parish in the Mississippi Delta. In this parish there is a Mass at 9 AM that reflects the worship style of a group of African Americans. Another Mass at 11 celebrates a more traditional Catholic service. The Mass at 6 PM is in Spanish. No one is limited to any one service, but each service reflects a style that different ethnic groups are more comfortable with.

Then there is Rosemary, an Italian-American whose family has lived in the area since the beginning of the nineteenth century. Rosemary is the volunteer director of education. She attends every Mass, welcoming people and making them feel at home. **Welcoming** is the first movement toward serving everyone in a diverse parish.

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Monday

MARCH 14

Lenten Weekday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17,
19-30, 33-62
or 13:41c-62
Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday

MARCH 15

Lenten Weekday

Nm 21:4-9
Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

MARCH 16

Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:14-20,
91-92, 95
Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

MARCH 17

Lenten Weekday

Gn 17:3-9
Jn 8:51-59

Friday

MARCH 18

Lenten Weekday

Jer 20:10-13
Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

MARCH 19

St. Joseph,
Spouse of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a,
12-14a, 16
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
or Lk 2:41-51a

Sunday

MARCH 20

Palm Sunday

Lk 19:28-40

Is 50:4-7

Phil 2:6-11

Lk 22:14-23:56

or 23:1-49

Good News!

March 13, 2016

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Is 43:16-21 / Phil 3:8-14 / Jn 8:1-11

At the climax of *The Miracle Worker*, the play about deaf and blind Helen Keller and her teacher, Annie Sullivan, Annie spells *water* into Helen's hand while water pours over Helen's other hand. Helen's face changes as she suddenly makes the connection between the signs Annie is making and the reality of the water. Helen starts touching things wildly while Annie signs the letters in her hand at an ever faster rate. Finally, Helen points to Annie, who spells T-E-A-C-H-E-R in her hand. The best teacher is not the one who can speak the loudest or the most, but the one who patiently does the same thing over and over until the student makes the connection and finally learns.

Jesus is our teacher, and in the Gospel story today he demonstrates it not with a wordy lecture but by drawing in the dust and inviting his reluctant students to think about what they are doing. We don't know what he wrote, and it isn't important. He neither engaged in the debate nor shamed the woman brought before him. He made the scribes and Pharisees look and wait. Then he asked them to judge themselves first. It's a good lesson for us all. Before we condemn anyone else, we should look at the ways in which we have sinned. The lesson continues for the woman as she is told to go and sin no more.

As Helen was attentive to Annie, let us be attentive to what Jesus spells out for us. His lessons lead us to new life and the knowledge of God.

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