

## 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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# April 10, 2016

## Third Sunday of Easter

April 16

## St. Bernadette Soubirous



Bernadette Soubirous was born in 1844, the first child of an extremely poor miller in the town of Lourdes in southern France. The family was living in the basement of a dilapidated building when on February 11, 1858, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette in a cave above the banks of the Gave River near Lourdes. Bernadette, 14 years old, was known as a virtuous girl though a dull student who had not even made her first Holy Communion. In poor health, she had suffered from asthma from an early age.

There were 18 appearances in all, the final one occurring on the feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, July 16. Although Bernadette's initial reports provoked skepticism, her daily visions of "the Lady" brought great crowds of the curious. The Lady, Bernadette explained, had instructed her to have a chapel built on the spot of the visions. There the people were to come to wash in and drink of the water of the spring that had welled up from the very spot where Bernadette had been instructed to dig.

According to Bernadette, the Lady of her visions was a girl of 16 or 17 who wore a white robe with a blue sash. Yellow roses covered her feet, a large rosary was on her right arm. In the vision on March 25 she told Bernadette, "I am the Immaculate Conception." It was only when the words were explained to her that Bernadette came to realize who the Lady was.

Few visions have ever undergone the scrutiny that these appearances of the Immaculate Virgin were subject to. Lourdes became one of the most popular Marian shrines in the world, attracting millions of visitors. Miracles were reported at the shrine and in the waters of the spring. After thorough investigation Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions in 1862.

During her life Bernadette suffered much. She was hounded by the public as well as by civic officials until at last she was protected in a convent of nuns. Five years later she petitioned to enter the Sisters of Notre Dame. After a period of illness she was able to make the journey from Lourdes and enter the novitiate. But within four months of her arrival she was given the last rites of the Church and allowed to profess her vows. She recovered enough to become infirmarian and then sacristan, but chronic health problems persisted. She died on April 16, 1879, at the age of 35.

**30 years after her death, the cause of the Beatification of Bernadette required that her body be exhumed.**

When it was exhumed in September 1909, April 1919 and again in April 1925 it was found intact. Since 3rd August 1925 the body of Bernadette is preserved in a shrine in the chapel of what was known as the Convent of St. Gildard of Nevers. It is now known as "Espace Bernadette Soubirous – Nevers".

**The body of Bernadette is, according to doctors, "mummified".** Only a few relics have been removed. A very thin film of wax has been laid on her face and hands and moulded directly onto her features.

Coming to reflect before the body of Bernadette, the pilgrim sees, to-day, the face that 18 times looked on the Virgin Mary, the hands that, at the request of the Blessed Virgin, had scraped the ground and allowed the spring to flow at the back of the Grotto, the lips that related the words of the Immaculate Virgin and the Message of Lourdes

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**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> April 11	8:00AM	Eberle Family Eichelberger Family
<i>St. Stanislaus</i>		
<b>TUE</b> April 12	8:00AM	Stan & Ann Alt Anniversary
<i>St. Teresa of Los Andes</i>		
<b>WED</b> April 13	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
<i>St. Martin I</i>		
<b>THU</b> April 14	5:30PM	+Susan Verdeyen St. Peregrine Mass
<i>Blessed Peter Gonzalez</i>		
<b>FRI</b> April 15	8:00AM	Fackler Family Fairfield Family
<i>Blessed Caesar de Bus</i>		
<b>SAT</b> April 16	5:00PM	+Sharon Mogg
<i>St. Bernadette Soubirous</i>		
<b>SUN</b> April 17	7:00AM (OLOL)	Parish Family
<i>St. Benedict</i>	8:30 AM (IC)	Veatch Family
<i>Joseph Labre</i>	10:30 AM (OLOL)	+Chuck Freehull

**Thank You  
For Your Gifts  
OLOL**

Sunday Env. \$2342.50  
Loose \$406.00  
Capital Imp. \$525.00  
Food Pantry \$85.00  
April Total \$85.00  
Yr to Date FP \$1113.26

**Imm Conception**

Sunday Env. \$123.50  
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: \$5968  
Goal: (\$12,712)  
IC: \$950  
(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, April 16 5:00PM	Angela Cullotta Baillie Killian	Stan Alt	Marj Brown	Steve Heavilin Michael Smith	Marj Brown
Sun, April 17 7:00AM	Jessica Freehill	Kathleen Reum			
Sun, April 17 10:30AM	Kaleb & Lacey Cotter	Jack Kollross	Jean Wilhelmi	Greg Laughery Steve Killian	

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Immaculate Conception on exceeding their CMAA goal for 2016. 65% of donations over and above the goal will be refunded back to the parish. Thank you to everyone that participated for their generosity and commitment to this very important Appeal!

**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@ololg.org.



We have a special prayer request this week for Frank Mardis. She will be having hip replacement surgery on Tuesday, April 12 and has asked that we keep her in our thoughts and prayers for a textbook surgery and speedy recovery!

**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



“BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW” (Rv 21:5a)

The new morning light loses everything again:  
the dangling leaves kicking like children’s feet above the earth,  
the clouds that captured darkness like a spot on the lung  
and gently wept all night long,  
the pink flowers along the wall—before un-adored,  
chosen now with a touch that deepens blush,  
fading the care of forgottenness.  
and you—still sleeping in your bed though the sun through the skylight  
brings a certain smile to what’s half sprung from your pillows.  
and me—  
seeing you loved in the new morning light,  
stung with sorrow for what I couldn’t see last night.

Rita A. Simmonds

## PARISH EVENTS



### Wednesday, April 13

- K of C Mtg 7PM
- Parish Council Mtg 7PM

### Thursday, April 14

- St. Peregrine Healing Mass 5:30PM

### Tuesday, April 19

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM
- Finance Council Mtg 7PM

### Saturday, April 23

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

### Sunday, April 24

- **FIRST COMMUNION**

### Tuesday, April 26

- Staff Mtg 6PM



Once again there are not enough thank you’s to tell you all how much I appreciate your help with the dinner for our brother in Christ, Robert Benefiel, Jr. For all the delicious food, for the help setting up and the heavy lifting. You know who you all are. Wonderful, generous, caring members of Our Lady of Lourdes. Always willing to help in any way when called upon.

God’s blessings on you all and your families! God is watching and you will be rewarded

Fran



**PARISH PICNIC  
INFORMATION  
COMING  
SOON....STAY  
TUNED FOR  
DETAILS!!**

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## Sunderland Scholarship

The Sunderland Scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating senior from Our Lady of Lourdes. To make a donation toward this year’s scholarship award, please use the red offertory envelope marked for this purpose and drop it in the collection basket. Your generosity toward helping our parish youth is greatly appreciated.



Susan Kollross (4/11)  
Todd Thomas (4/12)  
Daisy Chaddock (4/12)  
Erin McCall (4/12)  
Kasi Schwarz (4/13)  
Beth Baillie (4/16)  
Jack Kollross (4/17)  
Evan Killian (4/17)



Stan & Ann alt (4/12)

# dear Padre

April 10, 2016

## If I'm not Catholic, is Mass a must for the kids and me?

My husband is Catholic, but I am not. I know he is supposed to attend Mass every Sunday. What about our children and me—Do we have to go, too?

If your children were baptized in the Catholic Church, then yes, they have to attend Mass. If you or they are not baptized, attendance is not required. One of the basic precepts of our Catholic faith is the obligation of the faithful to attend Mass on Sundays. (**"You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation."**) This assures our regular participation in the eucharistic celebration and commemoration of the Lord's Resurrection (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2042).

I know some other churches don't have the same understanding of obligation as Catholics do, but all Christian churches gather on Sundays. God's third commandment is, **"Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day"** (Exodus 20:8). It can be argued that there are many ways to keep the Sabbath holy, but Christ, the Church, and I believe that the best way is to participate in and partake of the Eucharist—to remember his saving acts, especially the act of dying and rising, and receive his Presence within us. I encourage you to attend your own church or to go to Mass with your spouse and family. Not only will you keep the Lord's day holy, but God will make you holy as well.

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**Monday**  
APRIL 11  
*St. Stanislaus,  
Bishop and Martyr*

Acts 6:8–15  
Jn 6:22–29

**Tuesday**  
APRIL 12  
*Easter  
Weekday*  
Acts 7:51–8:1a  
Jn 6:30–35

**Wednesday**  
APRIL 13  
*Easter  
Weekday*  
Acts 8:1b–8  
Jn 6:35–40

**Thursday**  
APRIL 14  
*Easter  
Weekday*  
Acts 8:26–40  
Jn 6:44–51

**Friday**  
APRIL 15  
*Easter  
Weekday*  
Acts 9:1–20  
Jn 6:52–59

**Saturday**  
APRIL 16  
*Easter  
Weekday*  
Acts 9:31–42  
Jn 6:60–69

**Sunday**  
APRIL 17  
*Fourth Sunday  
of Easter*  
Acts 13:14, 43–52  
Rv 7:9, 14b–17  
Jn 10:27–30

# Good News!

April 10, 2016

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41 / Rv 5:11–14 /  
Jn 21:1–19 or 21:1–14

It has become the habit in our family to say, "I love you" at the end of phone calls and emails. I love these frequent reminders that I am valued and worthy of love, and I like the opportunity to remind my daughters and husband that they are the same. We underscore these reminders with little acts of love. Our daughters joke that my husband and I are the only parents they know who still date. And when we do go out, we take turns paying for the other's dinner. My husband once sent me flowers when I didn't get a job I had hoped for. It was a kind and thoughtful gesture.

In the Gospel, Jesus asks Peter, "Do you love me" not once, but three times. When Peter responds positively (though progressively with more irritation), Jesus continues, "Feed my lambs...Tend my sheep...Feed my sheep." It isn't enough to say we love someone. We show it by caring for them and for who and what they cherish. The best way that Peter could show his love for Jesus was by caring for the people of God. He could love all the disciples and invite others to follow Jesus as well.

Pope Francis once exhorted priests to "be shepherds, with the 'odor of the sheep.'" Jesus is telling Peter—and all of us—much the same thing. To love the Lord is to truly live among his people: to touch them, tell them and show them they are valuable and desired. This is the face of love.

All people deserve to know they are loved, but in our world that is not always the case. How might we respond?

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