

## 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  
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

## 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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# May 1, 2016 Sixth Sunday of Easter

## EXPLORING INDULGENCES WITH "PAT IN THE PEW"



This week we will hear about HOLINESS BEING MORE THAN MERE NICENESS! This is the third week in our exploration of the four principles to help you reconsider the gift of indulgences during the year of MERCY!

Trying to be a nice person is better than not trying to do so. But the cross of Christ reminds us that being nice isn't good enough. After all, if it were, then why did the Father have to see the Son be crucified? Why did Jesus need to endure such a brutal and humiliating death?

Holiness is our destiny. Sharing in the communion of persons that is the Blessed Trinity will require that we be perfect, as our heavenly Father is perfect. We can go to the sacrament of reconciliation, hear the words of Christ spoken to our hearts through the priest, and know that we have been returned to a state of grace. We would be ready to go home to God, even if we are not yet perfectly holy. Whether it be worldly attachments, petty vices, deep-rooted pride, don't most of us resist dying to self and allowing Christ to live in us?

In addition, don't we all have family members and friends who weren't "perfectly holy" when they died? We are rightly filled with hope that they have been saved, not because of their worthiness, but because of Christ's death and resurrection. Offering indulgences for them helps speed their way to perfect purity of heart and soul. This is Pope Francis' vision when he writes that "to gain an indulgence is to experience the holiness of the Church, who bestows upon all the fruits of Christ's redemption, so that God's love and forgiveness may extend everywhere" (MV, n.22)

# PARISH PICNIC

## THIS WEEKEND

Our Annual Parish Picnic is  
Sunday, MAY 1, 2016  
After 10:30AM Mass until 3:30PM

Come enjoy the BOUNCE HOUSE, GAMES, and FELLOWSHIP for the day!! We are asking parishioners to bring a DISH OR DESSERT (meat and drink provided) and any YARD GAMES they might want to share.... Pray for good weather!

If you have not already purchased tickets from our youth for the Catholic Heart Work Camp trip in June, the picnic is a good opportunity to do so! First prize is \$1200, Second prize is \$500 and Third prize is \$300.



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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.

<b>MON</b> May 2	8:00AM	Goodin Family Groom Family
<i>St. Athanasius</i>		
<b>TUE</b> May 3	8:00AM	Groover Family Grote Family
<i>Sts. Philip &amp; James</i>		
<b>WED</b> May 4	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
<i>Blessed Michael Giedroyc</i>		
<b>THU</b> May 5	5:30PM	Hafer Family Hall Family
<i>St. Hilary of Aries</i>		
<b>FRI</b> May 6	8:00AM	Hankes Family Hansen Family
<i>Sts. Marian and James</i>		
<b>SAT</b> May 7	5:00PM	+Chuck Freehill
<i>St. Rose Venerini</i>		
<b>SUN</b> May 8	7:00AM (OLOL)	Parish Family
	8:30 AM (IC)	+William Schwarz
	10:30 AM (OLOL)	+Ruby Kemmer
<i>St. Peter of Tarentaise</i>		

**Thank You  
For Your Gifts  
OLOL**

Sunday Env. \$2062.50  
Loose \$984.75  
Capital Imp. \$0  
Food Pantry \$61.00  
April Total \$313.00  
Yr to Date FP \$1341.26

**Imm Conception**

Sunday Env. \$135.00  
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: \$8065  
Goal: (\$12,712)  
IC: \$1120  
(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, May 7 5:00PM	Caine Jost Baillie Killian	Michael Smith	Stan Alt	Bob Mardis Frank Titus	Paul & Sarah Sarantakos
Sun, May 8 7:00AM	Ben Freehill	Andrew Killian			
Sun, May 8 10:30AM	Isabella & Sophia Helmig	Denis Fisher	Rob Kollross	Dan Kleist Paul Obert	

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 CHAIR-ITY AFFAIR**

Turn and old chair into something new and enter our contest to win a CASH PRIZE!

**\$250 for Best of Show**  
**\$100 for Most Unique Design**  
**\$100 for Most Functional**

**Here's the Rules:**

- Buy a chair from the GAH Auxiliary for \$25 at Moyer Library during these hours: Tuesday 5/3-Friday 5/6 11AM-1PM or 4PM-6PM. Limit of 25 chairs available so first come first served!
- Create your entry between May 7 and 31- Make it unique but please no inappropriate designs.
- Submit entry June 1 at Moyer Library or by making prior arrangement for delivery
- Creations will be displayed at Moyer Library June 6-22 where Best of Show will be determined by public vote at \$1 per vote. Other prizes for Most Unique and Most Functional will be determined by jury of auxiliary members and hospital board members.
- Winners announced and prizes awarded June 30.

Questions and arrangements for purchase and/or pickup contact:

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# The Word From Father Thomas



I am leaving for India on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. May 15<sup>th</sup> is the death anniversary of my dad and according to our custom we have a Holy Mass and some other customary prayers with all family and friends gathering together. I will also visit my other family members who are sick, especially those who cannot join us. I will be back on 26<sup>th</sup> of May. Please pray for safe travel and especially for my dad.

Father Thomas Theneth CMI

## May is the month devoted to our Blessed Mother and I felt this an appropriate piece to begin ...

The Divine Heart of Jesus...gives us his own dearly beloved Mother, Mary, as our Mother and protector. She is the saintly creature among all saints and angels, to whom he refuses nothing, since she is the worthiest and most loved of all mothers. Besides, he has given her a very large heart, which enables her to notice even the smallest of tears and work for the salvation and sanctification of every single human being.

She is the bridge that leads us to the most Holy Heart of Jesus.

Should we then despair if we happen to fall in sin and sink into a vicious life, despising the divine graces if we no longer pay attention to the good example shown by other people, if we are deaf to every wholesome inspiration and become unworthy of new graces? No, not any more!

In fact, we now have a Mother who has been given to us by God, a Mother who tenderly watches over every action, every work, every thought of ours.

She does not ask herself whether we are worthy or unworthy of the grace of her tenderness. She is only the Mother of Mercy; therefore, she rushes to our help even when we do not invoke her name, even when the poverty of our soul is so clearly evident. In fact, the more our soul is disfigured by sin, the more shall divine mercy show itself to us, that mercy which the Immaculate embodies.

~Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe~

### 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@ololgc.org.

May 5

## St. Hilary of Arles

It's been said that youth is wasted on the young. In some ways, that was true for today's saint.

Born in France in the early fifth century, Hilary came from an aristocratic family. In the course of his education he encountered his relative, Honoratus, who encouraged the young man to join him in the monastic life. Hilary did so. He continued to follow in the footsteps of Honoratus as bishop. Hilary was only 29 when he was chosen bishop of Arles.

The new, youthful bishop undertook the role with confidence. He did manual labor to earn money for the poor. He sold sacred vessels for ransom captives. He became a magnificent orator. He traveled everywhere on foot, always wearing simple clothing.

That was the bright side. Hilary encountered difficulty in his relationships with other bishops over whom he had some jurisdiction. He unilaterally deposed one bishop. He selected another bishop to replace one who was very ill -but, to complicate matters, did not die! Pope St. Leo the Great kept Hilary a bishop but stripped him of some of his powers.

Hilary died at 49. He was a man of talent and piety who, in due time, had learned how to be a bishop.

## PARISH EVENTS



### Tuesday, May 3

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM

### Tuesday, May 11

- K of C Mtg 7PM

### Saturday, May 14

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

### Tuesday, May 17

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM

### Saturday, May 28

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon
- CONFIRMATION 10:30AM

### Tuesday, May 31

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM



## 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.



Amy Killian (5/2)  
Gina Medernach (5/2)  
Beth Hornstein (5/3)  
Nathan Garard (5/5)  
Tyler Killian (5/6)  
Katrina Medernach (5/8)



Steve & Martha Heavilin (5/3)

# dear Padre

May 1, 2016

## Spiritual direction vs. advice

What is spiritual direction? How does it differ from counseling and simply asking for religious advice?

In **spiritual direction**, a person is guided in a process of reflection, self-discovery, and recognition of God's presence in human experience; the primary focus is on this individual's relationship with God. Thus, in one sense, it is the Lord himself who is the "director" in all spiritual direction.

In counseling, a person is also guided in a process of reflection and self-discovery; but the primary focus is on human growth and development. Counseling does not presuppose a person's faith or relationship with God; spiritual direction cannot be complete without it.

Both spiritual direction and counseling share the same expectations of openness and honesty in the process; they share the same standards of confidentiality and professional conduct. Moreover, spiritual direction is similar to counseling in its aim toward human growth and development; but it further aims toward holiness and "toward ever more intimate union with Christ" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 2014). That union is twofold: a personal relationship with Christ and one with Christ's Church. "This union is called 'mystical' because it participates in the mystery of Christ through the sacraments" (*CCC* 2014). "All Christians in any state or walk of life are called to the fullness of Christian life and to the perfection of charity. All are called to holiness: Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (*CCC* 2013).

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**Monday**  
MAY 2  
*St. Athanasius,*  
*Bishop and Doctor*  
*of the Church*  
Acts 16:11–15  
Jn 15:26—16:4a

**Tuesday**  
MAY 3  
*Sts. Philip*  
*and James,*  
*Apostles*  
1 Cor 15:1–8  
Jn 14:6–14

**Wednesday**  
MAY 4  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 17:15, 22—18:1  
Jn 16:12–15

**Thursday**  
MAY 5  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 18:1–8  
Jn 16:16–20

**Friday**  
MAY 6  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 18:9–18  
Jn 16:20–23

**Saturday**  
MAY 7  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 18:23–28  
Jn 16:23b–28

**Sunday**  
MAY 8  
*Ascension*  
*of the Lord*  
Acts 1:1–11  
Eph 1:17–23  
Lk 24:46–53

# Good News!

May 1, 2016  
**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)**

Acts 15:1–2, 22–29 / Rv 21:10–14, 22–23 /  
Jn 14:23–29

For many Catholics, Vatican Council II was a watershed moment in Church history. I remember the nuns in our school turning on the radio to listen to reports. They shared what Pope St. John XXIII said at the start of the council. The media still follow large Church events, but it's easy to forget that Church leaders have been gathering to talk about the issues of the day since the first century.

In the first reading, we hear (in fairly abbreviated form) about the Council of Jerusalem. The apostles and other leaders of the Church came together to discuss whether Gentiles had to be circumcised (a tenet of Jewish Law) before they were baptized. There were legitimate claims on both sides. Remarkably, the leaders prayed, talked, and prayed some more. They spoke from their experience and their faith. They assumed that all the assembled were people of faith, and so they wrestled together to find the answer most in keeping with the commands of Jesus.

In the end, when they decided to admit Gentiles without circumcising them, the whole community recognized that the Holy Spirit was at work, and the letter sent to the various churches began, "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us..." The Council of Jerusalem gives us a model for resolving our differences: pray, dialogue, and pray some more. This week, read all of Acts 15 to see what happens when we trust the Spirit to guide us rightly: arguments fall silent, and we find delight, strength, and peace (see 15:12, 31–32; John 14:27).

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