

## 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 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 8:00 am

## Confession

Sunday 7:45 am (IC)



## Parish Office

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# June 26, 2016 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## REMINDER:

- Beginning July 2, 2016, (NEXT WEEKEND) we will no longer have 7AM Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes.
- There is an early Mass at IC at 8AM.



PLEASE JOIN ME IN WELCOMING THE TOTUS TUUS GANG!

Steven Widlowski  
Nicklaus King  
Tierney Vrdolyak  
Nicole O'Leary



EVENTS FOR THE ENTIRE PARISH TO ENJOY THIS WEEK ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- DAILY MASS THIS WEEK** AT 11:15AM M-F. This replace our normal weekday Mass times.
- We will also host a **POTLUCK DINNER** on Wednesday (June 29) at 5:15PM at the Parish Hall and we would love for our entire parish family to come!
- PRAYERS** for Totus Tuus and all the youth attending!

**SEE BACK PAGE FOR REGISTRATION INFO...IT'S NOT TOO LATE!**



## FOOD PANTRY



The June 11 food pantry was a success. Giving up our personal time to assist those in need is not only worthwhile for the individual & families being helped, but it is also good for our souls. It is humbling to witness, what we may take for granted, how much the food pantry means to the less fortunate. We are making a difference in our own community.



The remaining schedule for 2016 has Our Lady of Lourdes providing volunteers for the September 24 and December 31 food pantry delivery dates. Please mark these dates on your calendar. I encourage all of our parishioners, especially our youth, to participate in future food pantry distribution events.



If you would like to be added to the food pantry contact email list, then provide me your email address at caubry55@gmail.com.



Thanks & God Bless!

Chuck Aubry



### Pastor

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### Parish Secretary

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### Religious Education

Alyce Hafer

### Youth Ministry

Bruce Killian

### Music Director

If interested contact  
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### 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> June 27	11:15AM	Kutemeier Family Lange Family
<i>St. Cyril of Alexandria</i>		
<b>TUE</b> June 28	11:15AM	Larkin Family Laughery Family
<i>St. Irenaeus</i>		
<b>WED</b> June 29	11:15AM	Priest Intentions
<i>Solemnity of Sts. Peter &amp; Paul</i>		
<b>THU</b> June 30	11:15AM	Leonard Family Lozier Family
<i>First Martyrs of the Church of Rome</i>		
<b>FRI</b> July 1	11:15AM	+John Stuckey & Family
<i>St. Junipero Serra</i>		
<b>SAT</b> June 2	5:00PM	+Marge Carlson
<i>St. Oliver Plunkell</i>		
<b>SUN</b> July 3	8:00 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	Parish Family +John & Vicky Stuckey Anniversary
<i>St. Thomas the Apostle</i>		

### Thank You For Your Gifts OLOL

Sunday Env.	\$1917.50
Loose	\$1297.30
Capital Imp.	\$0
Food Pantry	\$96.00
June Total	\$211.00
Yr to Date FP	\$1872.00

### Imm Conception

Sunday Env.	\$262.00
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!

<b>2016 CMAA Goals</b>
<b>OLOL: \$10,753</b>
Goal: (\$12,712)
<b>IC: \$1220</b>
(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, July 2 5:00PM	Caine Jost	Patti Huppert	Jerry Brown		Jean Wilhelmi
Sun, July 3 10:30AM	Andrew & Aidan Laughery	Maggie Davis	Lisa Heap		

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. 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.



### Sunderland Scholarship

On behalf of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Council, I would like to thank all of the applicants that submitted letters of interest to the Linda Sunderland Scholarship.

All letters were very well written and the parish appreciates the interest shown. This year the Linda Sunderland Scholarship recipient is **Kaleb Cotter**.

Congratulations to all of the applicants on your graduation and we wish you good luck in your future plans.

We would also like to thank everyone that contributed to this scholarship using the red envelope in your yearly envelope box that is specifically used for the Sunderland Scholarship. Feel free to drop this in the collection at any time during the year for the 2017 Scholarship Fund.....and thank you all for your continued and very generous support of our Youth, for that we are so very THANKFUL and BLESSED.

# The Word From Father Thomas



## MERCY AND THE UNFORGIVABLE SIN

GOD OFFERS US LIMITLESS MERCY. There is no offense, no wound, no darkness that God's mercy cannot forgive, heal, and illumine. As the Psalmist says, *He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor requite us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us* (Ps 103:10-12). The divine mercy is never exhausted by those who seek it.

Even though God's mercy is boundless, Jesus nevertheless refers to an unforgivable sin (Mt. 12:31-32). This sin is unforgivable not because God is lacking in mercy but because, in his love for us, God gave us the freedom to refuse his love and reject his mercy. Jesus refers to this as sinning *"against the Holy spirit."* Commenting on Jesus' words, the Catechism teaches, "There are no limits to the mercy of God, but anyone who deliberately refuses to accept his mercy by repenting, rejects the forgiveness of his sins and the salvation offered by the Holy Spirit (cf. John Paul II, Dominum et vivificantem 46). Such hardness of heart can lead to final impenitence and eternal loss" (CCC 1864).

Thus the only thing that can be said to "limit" the mercy of God is a stony heart. When a person refuses to ask for God's mercy or avail himself of the sacraments instituted to effect forgiveness and reconciliation, he cuts himself off from the infinite stream of divine mercy flowing from the heart of Jesus. God will not force the proud heart to submit to the order of his wisdom and love.

In other words, as Pope Francis has said many times since his first Angelus address: "God never tires of forgiving us! The problem is that we ourselves tire, we do not want to ask, we grow weary of asking for forgiveness." We become hard-hearted and lose confidence in God's mercy.

The remedies to hardness in the human heart are lively faith and hope in the goodness of God. Christians must cling to the truth that the grace of Christ promised them in the Church and her sacraments is sufficient to heal them from every sin and renew them from within.

No bad habit or vicious activity, no moral flaw or sinful choice, can exhaust the love and mercy of the crucified and risen Christ. However, we must open the door to his mercy by avoiding hardness of heart, cultivating instead hearts of humble faith and confident hope.

~~Father Christopher Seiler

## PARISH EVENTS

### JULY



#### Saturday, July 9

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

#### Thursday July 14

- St. Peregrine Healing Mass 5:30PM

#### Saturday, July 23

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon



Sophia Ray (6/27)  
 Matthew Allen (6/27)  
 Brooke Beyers (6/27)  
 Dorri Groom (6/27)  
 Darrin Ray (6/30)  
 Chris Garard (7/1)



Ray & Ellen Hankes (6/27)  
 John & Joan Cole (6/28)  
 Frank & Lynne Titus (6/30)

## Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Tony Coons  
 Loretta Bode  
 Mary Cothorn  
 Mardelle 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.

# Good News!

June 26, 2016  
 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)  
 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21 / Gal 5:1, 13-18 / Lk 9:51-62

There have been a few times in my life when someone's actions have hurt me so badly that I hardly knew how to react. At those times, I have dealt with sadness, anger, and the desire for revenge. Reflecting back, I realize it takes me a long time to let go of hurt. My mind returns to the offense; I think about what I wanted to say, I want the person to acknowledge the hurt and to apologize, to admit I was right and she was wrong. Sometimes I feel I am caught in a trap of my own making. I want to be free of the hurt, but I don't want to let it go until I am satisfied.

In the Gospel, the apostles wanted to call down fire on the Samaritan village that did not welcome Jesus. They wanted the village to see how wrong they were and how right Jesus

was. I imagine they talked about it until Jesus, tired of hearing their complaints, rebuked them. Why did he do that? At least part of the answer comes in the passage that follows. Would-be followers of Jesus want to attend to something in their past life before they join him. Jesus reminds them of the futility of that by using an example that is immediately apparent to farmers. To plow a straight line, we have to look ahead and follow the one who leads us. If we turn our heads to look back, our line and our lives will go crooked. Clinging to past hurts makes it hard to look ahead. If we are to be disciples, we must learn to let go and forgive even as we are forgiven.

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# Dear Padre



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## Why Catholic VBS is best



I want to send my daughter to Vacation Bible School at a nearby Protestant church. My husband insists we send her to a Catholic VBS across town. It's five half-days of fun and games—does it matter whether it's Catholic?

**While it's true** that much of VBS is games, crafts, and snacks, it's best for Catholic children to go to Catholic VBS because Protestant VBS doesn't include Catholic content like sacraments, saints, and practices.

A solid Catholic VBS program integrates well with the standard religion curriculum. The Bible lessons should have an *imprimatur*, and verses should come from a Catholic version of the Bible. Look for *Catechism* citations to see the teachings the program supports. The theme—a camp, a treasure hunt, the beach—is important but not as important as the content.

If no nearby parishes are hosting VBS, encourage your parish to do it next year.

Many Catholic publishers (including **Liguori**) sell inexpensive starter kits with step-by-step instructions for planning and running a VBS as well as teacher materials, music, decorating ideas, and sample accessories. If parishioners donate art supplies, decorating materials, snacks, and prizes, the parish's overall cost is minimal.

A common challenge is finding enough volunteers. Sometimes several parishes pool their talent to offer one large VBS; others use teen or senior volunteers. If you do VBS right, you can engage your entire parish in teaching children about Jesus—and there's nothing more Catholic than that.

FR. RICK POTTS, CSSR  
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Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will host Totus Tuus beginning this weekend..June 25th—July 1.

If you are interested, it isn't too late to sign up! Contact Berni Campos at 217-898-3448.



**Monday**  
JUNE 27  
Weekday  
Am 2:6–10, 13–16  
Mt 8:18–22

**Tuesday**  
JUNE 28  
St. Irenaeus,  
Bishop and Martyr  
Am 3:1–8; 4:11–12  
Mt 8:23–27

**Wednesday**  
JUNE 29  
Sts. Peter and Paul,  
Apostles  
Acts 12:1–11  
2 Tm 4:6–8, 17–18  
Mt 16:13–19

**Thursday**  
JUNE 30  
Weekday  
Am 7:10–17  
Mt 9:1–8

**Friday**  
JULY 1  
Weekday  
Am 8:4–6, 9–12  
Mt 9:9–13

**Saturday**  
JULY 2  
Weekday  
Am 9:11–15  
Mt 9:14–17

**Sunday**  
JULY 3  
Fourteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Is 66:10–14c  
Gal 6:14–18  
Lk 10:1–12, 17–20  
or 10:1–9

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