

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 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
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Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 am

Confession

Sunday 7:45 am (IC)



Parish Office

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July 10, 2016

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



July 10, 2016 ♦ Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Dt 30:10-14 ♦ Col 1:15-20 ♦ Lk 9:25-37

The scholar of the law had the right answer, but the wrong question. *Love God with all your heart is the great Jewish law, and love your neighbor as yourself* was part of the Holiness Code of Leviticus. But he asked, “Who is my neighbor,” as though neighborliness was determined by a specific set of rules or restrictions: *My neighbor is the person who lives next door, attends my child’s school, or works in my field.*

We, too, may think we’ll help a neighbor, but a stranger—an outsider, a foreigner, someone who simply isn’t “like me”—may be a different matter. For many, there are a few exceptions: When natural disasters strike, for instance, people reach out to help. They clear debris, send money, food, and supplies, and

try to comfort the victims. In such circumstances, they are all neighbors.

Jesus turns the scholar’s question around: “[Who] was neighbor to the robbers’ victim?” This change put the responsibility of being a neighbor on us. The answer becomes, *I am a neighbor to everyone I meet*, whether stranger or friend, black or white, Christian or atheist, gay or straight, native or immigrant. Being a neighbor and loving neighbors is part and parcel of loving God and following Christ. Once I realize that, I must acknowledge two connected truths: God sees me as I am, loves me, and calls me neighbor; and the only conceivable response to that love is to see God in every person and to love them in return.

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A Word From Pope Francis

“Relating our experiences means realizing that our lives are bound together as a single reality, that our voices are many, and that each is unique.”

—Message for the 49th World Communications Day, January 23, 2015

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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.

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| MON July 11 | 8:00AM | NO MASS |
| <i>St. Benedict</i> | | |
| TUE July 12 | 8:00AM | NO MASS |
| <i>Sts. John Jones & John Wall</i> | | |
| WED July 13 | 8:00AM | NO MASS |
| <i>St. Henry</i> | | |
| THU July 14 | 5:30PM | +Emilio Grilli HEALING MASS |
| <i>St. Kateri Tekakwitha</i> | | |
| FRI July 15 | 8:00M | Mardis Family Martin Family |
| <i>St. Bonaventure</i> | | |
| SAT July 16 | 5:00PM | +Marge Carlson |
| <i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i> | | |
| SUN July 17 | 8:00 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL) | +William Schwarz Parish Family |
| <i>St. Francis Solano</i> | | |

**Thank You
 For Your Gifts
 OLOL**

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| Sunday Env. | \$1525.50 |
| Loose | \$708.50 |
| Capital Imp. | \$247.00 |
| Food Pantry | \$31.01 |
| July Total | \$31.01 |
| Yr to Date FP | \$2022.27 |

Imm Conception

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| Sunday Env. | \$248.00 |
| 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: \$11,158
 Goal: (\$12,712)
IC: \$1370
 (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 16 5:00PM | Joe Allen Alex Killian | Marj Brown | Jerry Brown | Bob Mardis Jerry Brown | Paul & Sarah Sarantakos |
| Sun, July 17 10:30AM | Hannah & Haven Hathaway | Ray Hanks | Lisa Heap | Dan Day Dan Kleist | |

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.



Please pray for the family of

Lloyd Spellmeyer

Lloyd entered eternal life on
 June 23, 2016

A LITTLE CATHOLIC HUMOR



The Word From Father Thomas

SAINT MARY MAGDALENE



The Gospels tell us that Mary Magdalene was one from whom “seven demons had gone out” (Lk 8:2). Was she really a victim of demonic possession? Or was she mentally ill? Or was Mary, as the Western tradition has it, a woman in the grip of prostitution? Whatever Mary’s problem was, it was, to be sure, something dark. And yet she had come to Jesus in her brokenness. Overwhelmed with the desire for something to change, she asked him to heal her. And he did.

From that time, Mary followed him anywhere and everywhere. She stood with the other women at the foot of the cross. And on the morning after the sabbath, she stood outside the tomb, weeping (Jn 20:11-16). There she met the gardener. “Woman, why are you weeping?” Sick with grief, Mary said, “Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you laid him, and I will take him.” At this, the “gardener” addressed her, “Mary!”

All at once she knew that it was Jesus. The one who healed her had conquered death itself! And he called her by name! She was overwhelmed with his love. Meditating upon Mary Magdalene, Pope Benedict XVI taught: “If we seek the Lord with a simple and sincere mind, we too will find him; indeed, he himself will come to meet us; he will make us recognize him, he will call us by name...he will admit us to the intimacy of his love.”

~Lisa Lickona

July 16

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Hermits lived on Mount Carmel near the Fountain of Elijah in northern Israel in the 12th century. They had a chapel dedicated to Our Lady. By the 13th century they became known as “Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.” They soon celebrated a special Mass and Office in honor of Mary. In 1726 it became a celebration of the universal Church under the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. For centuries the Carmelites have seen themselves as specially related to Mary. Their great saints and theologians have promoted devotion to her and often championed the mystery of her Immaculate Conception.

St. Teresa of Avila called Carmel “the Order of the Virgin.” St. John of the Cross credited Mary with saving him from drowning as a child, leading him to Carmel, and helping him escape from prison. St. Therese of the Child Jesus believed that Mary cured her from illness. On her First Communion day, Therese dedicated her life to Mary. During the last days of her life she frequently spoke of Mary.

There is a tradition--which may not be historical--that Mary appeared to St. Simon Stock, a leader of the Carmelites, and gave him a scapular, telling him to promote devotion to it. The scapular is a modified version of Mary’s own garment. It symbolizes her special protection and calls the wearers to consecrate themselves to her in a special way. The scapular reminds us of the gospel call to prayer and penance—a call that Mary models in a splendid way.

The Carmelites were known from early on as “Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.” The title suggests that they saw Mary not only as “mother,” but also as “sister.” The word “sister” is a reminder that Mary is very close to us. She is the daughter of God and therefore can help us be authentic daughters and sons of God. She also can help us grow in appreciation of being sisters and brothers to one another. She leads us to a new realization that all human beings belong to the family of God. When such a conviction grows, there is hope that the human race can find its way to peace.

QUOTE—“The various forms of piety toward the Mother of God, which the Church has approved within the limits of sound and orthodox doctrine, according to the dispositions and understanding of the faithful, ensure that while the mother is honored, the Son through whom all things have their being (cf. Colossians 1:15-16) and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell (cf. Colossians 1:19) is rightly known, loved and glorified and his commandments are observed” (Vatican II, *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*, 66).

PARISH EVENTS

JULY



Thursday July 14

- St. Peregrine Healing Mass 5:30PM

Saturday, July 23

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon



Bernadette Ray (7/12)
Zachary Smith (7/14)
Steve Shilts (7/16)
Audrey Chapman (7/17)



Tim & Miranda Leonard (7/11)
Rich & Patti Huppert (7/16)



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@lolgc.org.



July 10, 2016

Dear Padre

Monday

JULY 11
St. Benedict, Abbot
Is 1:10–17
Mt 10:34–11:1

Tuesday

JULY 12
Weekday
Is 7:1–9
Mt 11:20–24

Wednesday

JULY 13
Weekday
Is 10:5–7, 13b–16
Mt 11:25–27

Thursday

JULY 14
St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
Is 26:7–9, 12, 16–19
Mt 11:28–30

Friday

JULY 15
St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Is 38:1–6, 21–22, 7–8
Mt 12:1–8

Saturday

JULY 16
Weekday
Mi 2:1–5
Mt 12:14–21

Sunday

JULY 17
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gn 18:1–10a
Col 1:24–28
Lk 10:38–42

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Can a non-Catholic be a cantor at Mass?



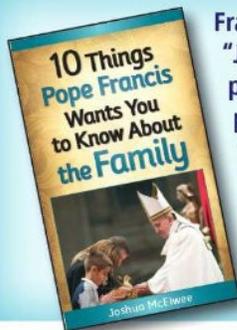
Our parish hired a non-Christian to be the cantor at both Sunday Masses. I'm uncomfortable hearing her sing, and a priest told me that only a Catholic is allowed to sing the psalms. What do you make of this?

The reform of the liturgy following Vatican II emphasized the importance of certain ministries. These are familiar to most Catholics: lectors, extraordinary ministers, and cantors typically support the clergy in Sunday liturgies, and lay catechists have instructed and formed both children and adults for decades. When a person exercises a ministry, he or she is not simply completing a function but truly sharing in the priesthood of Christ in a special way. Thus, extraordinary ministers must believe (and behave as though) they are distributing the Body and Blood of Christ, not just bread and wine. Lectors must believe they are reading the word of God, not just good advice or an old storybook. And cantors should be in harmony with the hymns they are singing. This does not mean a parish can't hire a non-Catholic; liturgical law doesn't limit most ministries to Catholics. Nonetheless, to sing of God's love, your cantor needs to do more than hit the correct notes and appeal to our sense of musical aesthetics. If she believes what she sings, I think she's OK in her position; if not, she is simply performing, and the ministry of cantor is not the place to do that.



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Francis said Christians are called to act like Jesus did with Bartimaeus. "Jesus' disciples are called to this, even today, especially today: to bring people into contact with the compassionate mercy that saves," said the pontiff. "When humanity's cry, like Bartimaeus', becomes stronger still, there is no other response than to make Jesus' words our own and... imitate his heart."

— From *10 Things Pope Francis Wants You to Know About the Family* by Joshua J. McElwee (826399)

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