

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 24, 2016

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



July 24, 2016 ♦ Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Gn 18:20-32 ♦ Col 2:12-14 ♦ Lk 11:1-13

I tell my students there are five prayers: please; thank you; I'm sorry; wow; and yes, I will. The words change but, in essence, every prayer implies one or more of these attitudes: petition, thanksgiving, contrition, praise, and obedience. In his book *Man's Quest for God*, Abraham Joshua Heschel says prayer is "the invitation to God to intervene in our lives." God does—sometimes to our surprise, sometimes in ways we can't imagine, but always in a way that changes us.

Jesus knew this when he taught his disciples the Our Father. In it, we hear words of praise and petition. We hear contrition: "Forgive us...as we forgive..." (11:4). We hear obedience: "thy kingdom come..." and "thy will be done..." (Luke 11:2; Matthew 6:10). Jesus goes on to say that when we pray, God will send his Spirit to guide us and give us what we need:

"our daily bread..." (11:3). No wonder the Lord's Prayer is a model prayer for everyone.

In our prayer, we have to remember that there is often a difference between what we need and what we desire. In the movie *Shadowlands*, C.S. Lewis is depicted reflecting on the nature of prayer as his wife is dying. Asked why he prayed, he responds, "I pray because I can't help myself. I pray because I'm helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time, waking and sleeping. It doesn't change God; it changes me." That's the power of the Spirit—to change our hearts until all our prayers become wow (praise) and yes (obedience).

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A Word From Pope Francis

"[Prayer] changes our hearts, it makes us understand who our God truly is... [We] cannot pray without the Holy Spirit: it is he who prays in us, ...who teaches us to call God 'Father.'"

—"A Friend to Pray With,"
Morning Meditation, April 3, 2014

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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 25 <i>St. James</i> | 8:00AM | Obert Family Ortiz Family |
| TUE July 26 <i>Sts. Joachim & Anne</i> | 8:00AM | Doug Parsons Family Josh Parsons Family |
| WED July 27 <i>Blessed Antonio Lucci</i> | 8:00AM | Priest Intentions |
| THU July 28 <i>St. Leopold Mandic</i> | 5:30PM | Pearson Family Perkins Family |
| FRI July 29 <i>St. Martha</i> | 8:00M | Raney Family Ray Family |
| SAT July 30 <i>St. Peter Chrysologus</i> | 5:00PM | +Cletus Geurts |
| SUN July 31 <i>St. Ignatius of Loyola</i> | 8:00 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL) | Tom Rock Family Parish Family |

**Thank You
For Your Gifts
OLOL**

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| Sunday Env. | \$1797.50 |
| Loose | \$117.20 |
| Capital Imp. | \$0 |
| Food Pantry | \$23.00 |
| July Total | \$171.01 |
| Yr to Date FP | \$2162.27 |

Imm Conception

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| Sunday Env. | \$200.50 |
| 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: \$12,005
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 30 5:00PM | Caine Jost | Jim Meyer | Jerry Brown | Bob Mardis Jerry Brown | Carla Moxley |
| Sun, July 31 10:30AM | Isabella & Sophia Helmig | Denis Fisher | 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.

July ~ Month of the Precious Blood

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood. "The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Savior shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it."

Prayer

Lord Jesus, You became Man in order by your Passion and Death and the draining of your Blood on the Cross, might prove to us how much You, our God, love us. Protect us, dear Jesus, from ever running away from the sight of blood. Strengthen our weak human wills so that we will not only not run away from the cross, but welcome every opportunity to shed our blood in spirit in union with your Precious Blood, so that, dying to ourselves in time we might live with You in Eternity.

Amen

The Word From Father Thomas



PRAYER OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA

I want to be completely transformed into your mercy and to be your living reflection, O Lord. May the greatest of all divine attributes pass through my heart to my neighbor.

Help me that my eyes may be merciful, so that I may never suspect or judge from appearances, but look for what is beautiful in my neighbors' souls and come to their rescue.

Help me, that my eyes may be merciful, so that I may give heed to my neighbors' needs and not be indifferent to their pains and moanings.

Help, O Lord, that my tongue may be merciful, so that I should never speak negatively of my neighbor, but have a word of comfort and forgiveness for all.

Help me, O Lord, that my hands may be merciful and filled with good deeds, so that I may do only good to my neighbors and take upon myself the more difficult and toilsome tasks.

Help me, that my feet may be merciful so that I may hurry to assist my neighbor, overcoming my own fatigue and weariness. My true rest is in the service of my neighbor.

Help me, O Lord, that my heart may be merciful so that I myself may feel all the sufferings of my neighbor. I will refuse my heart to no one. I will be sincere even with those who, I know, will abuse my kindness. I will bear my own suffering in silence. May your mercy rest upon me.

O my Jesus, transform me in yourself, for you can do all things.

~Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

PARISH EVENTS

JULY

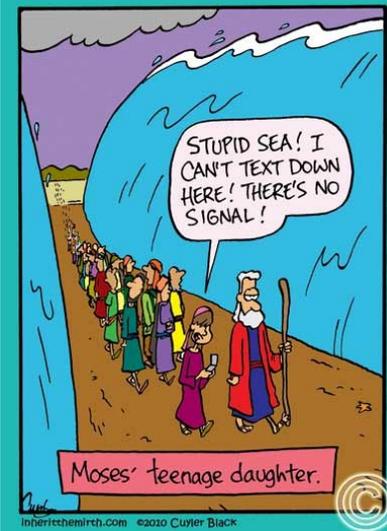


Alex Killian (7/26)
Corey Nuss (7/26)
John Carlson (7/27)
Remy Garard (7/28)
Jennifer Freehill (7/28)
Robert Bode (7/29)
Gaines Parsons (7/31)



Kevin & LeaAnn Seymour (7/25)
Dan & Allison Kleist (7/31)

A LITTLE CATHOLIC HUMOR



July 29 St. Martha

Martha, Mary and their brother Lazarus were evidently close friends of Jesus. He came to their home simply as a welcomed guest, rather than as one celebrating the conversion of a sinner like Zacchaeus or one unceremoniously received by a suspicious Pharisee. The sisters feel free to call on Jesus at their brother's death, even though a return to Judea at that time seems almost certain death.

No doubt Martha was an active sort of person. On one occasion (see Luke 10:38-42) she prepares the meal for Jesus and possibly his fellow guests and forthrightly states the obvious: All hands should pitch in to help with the dinner.

Yet, as biblical scholar Father John McKenzie points out, she need not be rated as an "unrecollected activist." The evangelist is emphasizing what our Lord said on several occasions about the primacy of the spiritual: "...[Do not worry about your life, what you will eat [or drink], or about your body, what you will wear.... But seek first the kingdom [of God] and his righteousness" (Matthew 6:25b, 33a); "One does not live by bread alone" (Luke 4:4b); "Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness..." (Matthew 5:6a).

Martha's great glory is her simple and strong statement of faith in Jesus after her brother's death. "Jesus told her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world'" (John 11:25-27).

Scripture commentators point out that in writing his account of the raising of Lazarus, St. John intends that we should see Martha's words to Mary before Lazarus was raised as a summons that every Christian must obey. In her saying "The teacher is here and is asking for you," Jesus is calling every one of us to resurrection—now in baptismal faith, forever in sharing his victory over death. And all of us, as well as these three friends, are in our own unique way called to special friendship with him.

PATRON SAINT OF HOUSEWIVES

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Tony Coons
Loretta Bode
Mary Cothorn
Mardelle Duffy
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.

July 24, 2016

Dear Padre



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What to do when distractions interrupt your prayers

Q For the past year or so I have been trying to pray on a regular basis, but I am constantly distracted. My mind wanders so easily. Do you have any suggestions?

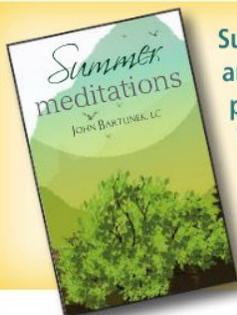
Distractions in prayer are an inescapable part of the human condition and the result of our imagination. Even great saints experienced distractions in prayer. Some of their suggestions may help. When **St. Thérèse of Lisieux** struggled with prayer, she would recite an Our Father or Hail Mary or read from the Gospels. Praying an act of faith or returning to God's presence and love can turn our focus away from other concerns, but even then, distractions may still arise.

When we become aware of them, we should calmly renew our focus and continue our prayer. **Saint Teresa of Ávila** wrote in *The Interior Castle*,

"We should not be distressed by reason of our thoughts, nor allow ourselves to be worried by them....[Thoughts are] inevitable. Do not let them disturb or grieve you." No matter how often distractions return or how long they last, they are not sinful; rather, they are opportunities to show God that we are sincere about praying.

Saint Alphonsus, another great teacher of prayer, reminds us that prayer is necessary, beneficial, and always possible. Hang in there, he says, because the devil would like nothing better than for you to stop praying.

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Summer heat waves make life uncomfortable. They drain your energy and empty out your reserve supply of motivation. But that heat serves a purpose. Discomfort has a similar purpose in our own spiritual expansion. Working through difficulties and challenges with determination can lead to spiritual growth.

— From *Summer Meditations*
by John Bartunek, LC, SThD (825620)

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Monday

JULY 25

St. James,
Apostle
2 Cor 4:7-15
Mt 20:20-28

Tuesday

JULY 26

Sts. Joachim and Anne,
Parents of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Jer 14:17-22
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday

JULY 27

Weekday
Jer 15:10, 16-21
Mt 13:44-46

Thursday

JULY 28

Weekday
Jer 18:1-6
Mt 13:47-53

Friday

JULY 29

St. Martha
Jer 26:1-9
Jn 11:19-27 or
Lk 10:38-42

Saturday

JULY 30

Weekday
Jer 26:11-16, 24
Mt 14:1-12

Sunday

JULY 31

Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23
Col 3:1-5, 9-11
Lk 12:13-21

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