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

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Immaculate Conception

202 E. Green Street Roberts, IL 60962

Mass Schødulø Sunday 8:00 am Conføssion Sunday 7:45 am (IC)

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July 3, 2016 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



OUR FLAG

We bear it with Pride and Honor! Do you know that at military funerals, the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of the number in the year 1776? Have you ever noticed the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the American flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but we learn something new every day!

The 1st fold of our flag is a symbol of life. The 2nd fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life. The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world. The 4th fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance. The 5th fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong." The 6th fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States Of America, and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all. The 7th fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic. The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day. The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded. The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born. The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews' eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians' eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit. The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding us of our nation's motto, "In God We Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges and freedoms we enjoy today. There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep meaning. In the future, you'll see flags folded and now you will know why. Share this with the children you love and all others who love the symbol of Liberty and Freedom.

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Parish Council President Eric Rosenbaum (OLOL)

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.

MON July 4	8:00AM	NO MASS	
St. Elizabeth of Portugal			
TUE July 5	8:00AM	+Betty Rosenbaum	
St. Anthony Zaccaria			
WED July 6	8:00AM	Priest Intentions	
St. Maria Gortti			
THU July 7	5:30PM	+Roselene Sarlitto	
Bl. Emmanuel Ruiz & Companions			
FRI July 8	8:00M	Lutterbie Family	
St. Gregory Grassi & Companions		Lynch Family	
SAT July 9	5:00PM	+Marge Carlson	
St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Comp.			
SUN July 10 8:0	00 AM (IC)	+Zdziskaw Ignasik	
St.Veronica 10:30 A	AM (OLOL)	Parish Family	
Giuliani			

For Your Gifts OLOL				
Sunday Env.	\$1723.50			
Loose	\$292.00			
Capital Imp.	\$0			
Food Pantry June Total Yr to Date FP	\$14.00 \$225.00 \$1886.00			
Imm Conception				
Sunday Env. Capital Imp.	\$161.00 \$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: \$10,783 Goal: (\$12,712) IC: \$1220				

(Goal: \$905)

Thank You

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound</u> <u>Ministry</u>
Sat, July 9 5:00PM	Caine Jost	Lisa Heap	Jerry Brown	Bob Mardis Jerry Brown	Denis & Cherry Fisher
Sun, July 10 10:30AM	Lacey Cotter Brooke Beyers	Jack Kollross	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.

Good News!

Our nation was founded on the principle of religious freedom. For the most part, we can worship as we like, believe as we like, and enjoy the security that comes from knowing we will not be punished, abused, or discriminated against for our faith. That has not been the case for all Christians, both throughout history and recently in several countries. Through the media we learn of ongoing killings and oppression inflicted on those who publicly claim to be Christian.

Jesus sent his disciples to preach the good news "like lambs among wolves." Anyone who knows this metaphor knows how terrible it is—they will stand out, become the first targets and easy prey. But Jesus doesn't tell them to fight back or disguise themselves. Rather, he tells them to give witness at the kitchen table and eat what's July 3, 2016 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Is 66:10–14c / Gal 6:14–18 / Lk 10:1–12, 17–20 or 10:1–9

put in front of them. In effect, Jesus tells them to get at the heart of people's lives and to wish them peace. Even if their peace is not returned, the disciples are not to let that weigh them down. "Shake the dust from your feet" and move on, Jesus says in Matthew 10:14.

Preaching the gospel is the mission of a disciple, no matter where or when he or she lives. Today, in honor of those who have given their lives in service of the gospel, share with one or two people the good news of what God has done in your life. Listen to them. Invite them to come to church. Offer to pray with them. Just for today, be the sheep that everyone sees. You'll never know who might join the flock.

Mary Katharine Deeley sundaybulletin@liguori.org

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The Word From Father Thomas

THE ROLE OF MERCY IN EACH OF THE SACRAMENTS

In Misericordiae Vultus, the papal document declaring a Year of Mercy, the Holy Father explains that mercy is "the ultimate and supreme act by which

God comes to meet us" (2). Since the Catechism tells us that a sacrament is "a meeting of God's children with their Father," it is most especially in the sacraments that we find God's great act of mercy (CCC 1153).

Each of the seven sacraments instituted by Christ enacts the merciful healing of God. The mercy of Christ's sacrifice on the cross flows over us in the seven sacraments as each heals a disorder present in the human community.

Baptism, for example, cleanses the wounds of Original Sin. God's mercy heals the sin of Adam by means of adoption into the Trinity. Far from simply a community initiation in baptism the mercy of God flows from his pierced side into his newly adopted children.

In confirmation, God's mercy heals the fear that often accompanies being a public witness to the faith. How needed in our age is the merciful grace of confirmation to restore the Church's public witness, especially about the truth of the moral law.

God's mercy is enfleshed in the Holy Eucharist. Jesus, the merciful face of the Father, heals venial sins in Holy Communion. The mercy of God, which brings us the Eucharist, means we are never alone. God's mercy waits for us in the sacrament of love.

The Sacrament of Penance is the sacrament of mercy par excellence. Sin, more than any other wound, requires God's healing. And being drawn to his mercy—even more than revulsion against sin—should bring us to confession.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, heals the effects of sin. In holy anointing, God's mercy ensures that the doubt and despair that often accompany sickness and death are healed in a soul already restored to his friendship in confession.

The Sacrament of Holy Orders ushers a man into the role of instrument of mercy. As Pope Francis so often reminds his priests, they are to be, perhaps more than anything else, messengers of mercy. This sacrament heals the division that arises when God's people lack sound pastoral care.

And finally, the Sacrament of Matrimony applies God's mercy to human love. Sacramental marriage can heal the disordered appetites so evident in our culture. The community flourishes when spousal love is raised to the dignity of the sacrament.

God in his goodness comes to meet us with his mercy. And he does so most of all in the sacraments.

~~Father Ryan Connors



Thank you to our Totus Tuus team...Nicole, Tierney, Nicklaus and Steven for offering this week of your summer to Our Lady of Lourdes. Be

blessed on your journey now as you continue to go forth proclaiming Jesus through the heart of his Mother.





PARISH EVENTS



Saturday, July 9

Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

Thursday July 14

• St. Peregrine Healing Mass 5:30PM

Saturday, July 23

• Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon





Mike Freehill (7/8) Derrick Raney (7/9) Eileen Woolums (7/9) KaytlynnGoodin (7/10) Pearl Smith (7/10) Nick Cotter (7/10)



Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Tony Coons Loretta Bode Mary Cothern 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.



Parent is concerned about kids who have fallen away



I raised my children in the faith, but two of them left the Church to embrace another denomination, and two others, although still Catholic, have not committed to regular church attendance. I worry about their salvation.

Your experience is not unknown

to many Catholic parents. I'm sure my own mother could carry on a good conversation with you about her concern for the faith life of her children.

The journey of faith has many paths. An individual may think more deeply about the meaning of life or find religion after a momentous experience or in the process of gathering and sharing with a community in which they find support, clarity, or rituals that express their beliefs, or guidelines for living morally.

For those of us who grew up believing, chances are we were not introduced

to religion through logic. Children are brought to church long before they are aware of their need for God. They learn doctrine and attend worship before questions of faith and religion form within them. Passing on the faith is a great gift that parents give, and it will serve these young people well. Your children have tools to help them find their way, and God continues to be with them. Follow the example of St. Monica, and pray for them. Trust this one to God, and continue to give good example.

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We need to let ourselves be convinced that the storms God permits in our lives have a purpose and that he will always give us the strength we need to endure them and benefit from them. We just need to keep on believing, hoping, and loving, as hard as it may get. And we can, if only we keep Christ's cross in sight. By persevering through his crucifixion, Jesus opened the path to the resurrection, a path we are all called to follow.

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Monday JULY 4 *Weekday* Hos 2:16, 17b–18, 21–22 Mt 9:18–26

Tuesday JULY 5 *Weekday* Hos 8:4–7, 11–13/

Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday JULY 6 *Weekday* Hos 10:1–3, 7–8, 12 Mt 10:1–7

Thursday JULY 7 *Weekday* Hos 11:1–4, 8c–9 Mt 10:7–15

> Friday JULY 8 *Weekday* Hos 14:2–10 Mt 10:16–23

Saturday JULY 9 Weekday Is 6:1–8 Mt 10:24–33

Sunday

JULY 10 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Dt 30:10–14 Col 1:15–20 Lk 10:25–37

