

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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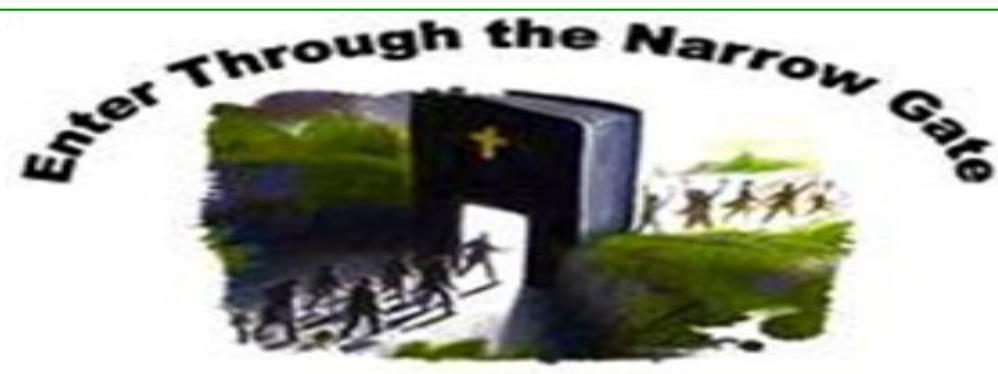
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August 21, 2016 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



PAUL SARANTAKOS DEACON ORDINATION

PAUL BEGAN HIS JOURNEY TO BECOME A DEACON IN JANUARY 2012. AFTER FOUR YEARS OF 90 MINUTE DRIVES ONE WAY, TWICE A WEEK TO JOLIET, AND THROUGH CRAZY ILLINOIS WINTERS, THE MOMENT HAS ARRIVED. WE ASK YOU TO KEEP PAUL IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK AS HE WORKS THROUGH FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR HIS ORDINATION NEXT SATURDAY. ON PAGE THREE OF THE BULLETIN IS A **PRAYER FOR DEACONS** THAT YOU MAY USE AND BELOW ARE PARISH PLANS TO CELEBRATE THIS MOMENTOUS OCCASION.

PAUL SARANTAKOS WILL BE ORDAINED AS A DEACON ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2016. OUR LADY OF LOURDES WILL HAVE A SPECIAL MASS ON SUNDAY AUGUST 28 WHICH WILL INCLUDE HIS FIRST SERMON AND BE FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY AN ALL PARISH CELEBRATION AT FR. KIRK HALL. WE ASK EVERYONE TO PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE. MEAT AND DESSERTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

ADULT FORMATION EVENTS FOR 2016-2017



Diocese of Joliet

We have another great lineup for you this year! Below are some of the upcoming events :

September 10—Recognizing God's Mercy in Suffering. St.

Josemaria Institute 2016 Fall Conference

September 10— "Come and See" if you are interested in learning the Bible

September 17 or September 24—Catechist Initial Formation Day

September 29— Mercy "We've Only Just Begun" with Fr. Richard Fragomeni

ANYTIME ONLINE LEARNING—ENRICH YOUR FAITH AT YOUR CONVENIENCE THROUGH ONLINE LEARNING. VISIT

[HTTPS://VLC.UDAYTON.EDU](https://vlc.udayton.edu) TODAY TO VIEW INTRODUCTORY VIDEOS, CALENDAR AND COURSE DISCRIPTIONS OR TO REGISTER

Feel free to contact the parish office (pastor@ololgc.org) for more information and registration sign up if you are interested in any of these programs.

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Youth Ministry
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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.

MON August 22	8:00AM	Swearingen Family Todd Thomas Family
<i>Queenship of Mary</i>		
TUE August 23	8:00AM	Caroline Thomas Family Titus Family
<i>St. Rose of Lima</i>		
WED August 24	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
<i>St. Bartholomew</i>		
THU August 25	5:30PM	Tjarks Family Townsend Family
<i>St. Louis of France</i>		
FRI August 26	8:00AM	Tredennick Family Ulrich Family
<i>St. Joseph Calasanz</i>		
SAT August 27	5:00PM	Veneto Family Vetter Family
<i>St. Monica</i>		
SUN August 28	8:00 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	+Margaret Rock Parish Family
<i>St. Augustine Of Hippo</i>		

**Thank You
For Your Gifts
OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$2204.50
Capital Imp.	\$0
Food Pantry	\$149.00
August Total	\$497.01
Yr to Date FP	\$2488.27

Imm Conception

Sunday Total	\$188.50
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: \$13,220
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, August 27 5:00PM	Alex Killian Daxter Chaddock	Marj Brown	Stan Alt	John Carlson Michael Smith	Fran Mardis
Sun, August 28 10:30AM	Brooke Beyers Annabelle Goodin	Ray Hanks	Paul Sarantakos	Jerry Lynch Jerry Lynch, Jr.	

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.



PARISHIONER IN NEED OF WEEKLY RIDE TO CHURCH

We have a parishioner that resides in Gibson City that is in need of a ride to Mass on Saturday evenings each week. If there is anyone willing to help them, please contact Patti in the office at 217-784-4671 or pastor@ololg.org, for contact information. Many thanks in advance!

A LITTLE CATHOLIC HUMOR



- Mary Wurmnest (8/22)
- Pat Huth (8/23)
- Carla Moxley (8/24)
- Sarah Sarantakos (8/24)
- Michelle Rosenbaum (8/25)
- Sydni Meunier (8/25)
- Lizzie Giroux (8/25)
- Becky Doran (8/26)
- Emma Davis (8/26)
- Tom Schwarz (8/28)
- Lacey Cotter (8/28)



- Wes & Jody Smith (8/22)
- John & Luella Koopman (8/25)
- Mark & Jane Skinner (8/25)
- Joe & Kasi Schwarz (8/27)

The Word From Father Thomas



Only for today, I will seek to live the livelong day positively without wishing to solve the problems of my life all at once.

Only for today, I will dress modestly; I will not raise my voice; I will be courteous in my behavior; I will not criticize anyone; I will not claim to improve or to discipline anyone except myself.

Only for today, I will be happy in the certainty that I was created to be happy, not only in the other world but also in this one.

Only for today, I will adapt to circumstances, without requiring all circumstances to be adapted to my own wishes.

Only for today, I will devote ten minutes to some good reading, for good reading is necessary to the life of the soul.

Only for today, I will do one good deed and not tell anyone about it.

Only for today, I will do at least one thing I do not like doing; and if my feelings are hurt, I will make sure that no one notices.

Only for today, I will make a plan for myself: I may not follow it to the letter, but I will make it. And I will be on guard against two evils: hastiness and indecision.

Only for today, I will firmly believe, despite appearances, that the good providence of God cares for me as no one else who exists in this world.

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Only for today, I will have no fears. In particular, I will not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful and to believe in goodness.

~Saint John XXIII

PARISH EVENTS



Saturday, August 27

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon
- Paul Sarantakos Ordination

Sunday, August 28

- **All-Parish Ordination Party for Paul following 10:30 Mass at the Hall**

Tuesday, August 30

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM

PRAYER FOR DEACONS

Heavenly Father,
Since the time of the Apostles
You have inspired the Church
To commission certain mem-
bers to assist in a special way in
the pastoral mission of Christ.
Bless the deacons and all other
ordained and non-ordained
ministers that they may be
humble and faith-inspired
in their service.
We ask this through Christ our
Lord.
AMEN

August 22

Queenship of Mary

Pius XII established this feast in 1954. But Mary's queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, Mary is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. We can also recall that in the Old Testament the mother of the king has great influence in court.



In the fourth century St. Ephrem (June 9) called Mary "Lady" and "Queen." Later Church fathers and doctors continued to use the title. Hymns of the 11th to 13th centuries address Mary as queen: "Hail, Holy Queen," "Hail, Queen of Heaven," "Queen of Heaven." The Dominican rosary and the Franciscan crown as well as numerous invocations in Mary's litany celebrate her queenship.

The feast is a logical follow-up to the Assumption and is now celebrated on the octave day of that feast. In his 1954 encyclical *To the Queen of Heaven*, Pius XII points out that Mary deserves the title because she is Mother of God, because she is closely associated as the New Eve with Jesus' redemptive work, because of her preeminent perfection and because of her intercessory power.

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Tony Coons
Loretta Bode
Mary Cothorn
Mardelle Duffy
Donovan Gaines
Dick Walter
Mary Masco
Jeff McGuire



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.

dear Padre

August 21, 2016

Why did Jesus make his points with parables?

Why did Jesus always speak in parables? Why didn't he give us more clear-cut answers?

Parables are short, relatable stories. Their simple images or comparisons convey a moral or religious lesson and put us in touch with the mystery of God and ourselves. Thus, parables confront the hearer or reader with a radical choice to enter God's kingdom: "One must enter the kingdom, that is, become a disciple of Christ, in order to 'know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven.' For those who stay 'outside,' everything remains enigmatic" (CCC 546).

About a third of Jesus' recorded teachings are in parable form. After the Pharisees rejected Jesus (Matthew 12:14), he immediately changed his straightforward preaching to parables. This fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation [of the world]" (Matthew 13:35; see Psalm 78:2).

For example, the three parables of mercy in Luke 15—the lost sheep, lost coin, and lost son—reveal as much about God as they do about us. As John Shea writes in *Stories of God*: "God not only loves to hear our stories, God loves to tell stories. And, quite simply, we are the story God tells." In the telling, we ourselves are told. The timeless, universal stories of Jesus speak to us at different stages of life and provide multiple levels of meaning to the openhearted.

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Monday
AUGUST 22

Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Thes 1:1–5, 11–12
Mt 23:13–22

Tuesday
AUGUST 23

Weekday
2 Thes 2:1–3a, 14–17
Mt 23:23–26

Wednesday
AUGUST 24

St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Rv 21:9b–14
Jn 1:45–51

Thursday
AUGUST 25

Weekday
1 Cor 1:1–9
Mt 24:42–51

Friday
AUGUST 26

Weekday
1 Cor 1:17–25
Mt 25:1–13

Saturday
AUGUST 27

St. Monica
1 Cor 1:26–31
Mt 25:14–30

Sunday
AUGUST 28

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 3:17–18, 20, 28–29
Heb 12:18–19, 22–24a
Lk 14:1, 7–14

Good News!

August 21, 2016

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Is 66:18–21 / Heb 12:5–7, 11–13 / Lk 13:22–30

Several years ago, a mother dropped her son off at the university's Catholic Center with the words, "Don't forget where you come from." I remember thinking how profound those words were. They spoke not only of a place but also of an experience of family. She was reminding him of his roots.

In the first years of college, students can easily lose their way. They experiment with different behaviors and identities. They strive to figure out how to manage their responsibilities. Their religious practice may lapse or change. With a strong foundation, however, most will settle down to the business of becoming Catholic and Christian adults, which happens in small and large steps.

The people in today's parable had changed so much that the master didn't even recognize them: "I do not know where you are from." Maybe they had forgotten themselves or had rejected the promises that the master (who is God) had given them. In any case, Jesus gives them a glimpse of what's behind the narrow gate of salvation—as well as the alternative—and urges them to "strive to enter" it. Our baptism is a personal invitation to this narrow gate. The path of discipleship requires God's grace and a desire to serve. If our lives don't reflect this call, we run the risk of forgetting who we are, where we are from, and what we are promised. Reflect today on your identity as a child of God and hear God say to your heart, "Don't forget where you come from."

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