

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
Roberts, IL 60962

Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 am

Confession

Sunday 7:45 am (IC)



Parish Office

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August 28, 2016

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Congratulations Deacon Paul Sarantakos

August 29

Martyrdom of John the Baptist

The drunken oath of a king with a shallow sense of honor, a seductive dance and the hateful heart of a queen combined to bring about the martyrdom of John the Baptist. The greatest of prophets suffered the fate of so many Old Testament prophets before him: rejection and martyrdom. The “voice crying in the desert” did not hesitate to accuse the guilty, did not hesitate to speak the truth. But why? What possesses a man that he would give up his very life?

This great religious reformer was sent by God to prepare the people for the Messiah. His vocation was one of selfless giving. The only power that he claimed was the Spirit of Yahweh. “I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire” (Matthew 3:11). Scripture tells us that many people followed John looking to him for hope, perhaps in anticipation of some great messianic power. John never allowed himself the false honor of receiving these people for his own glory. He knew his calling was one of preparation. When the time came, he led his disciples to Jesus: “The next day John was there again with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God.’ The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus” (John 1:35-37). It is John the Baptist who has pointed the way to Christ. John’s life and death were a giving over of self for God and other people. His simple style of life was one of complete detachment from earthly possessions. His heart was centered on God and the call that he heard from the Spirit of God speaking to his heart. Confident of God’s grace, he had the courage to speak words of condemnation or repentance, of salvation.

Each of us has a calling to which we must listen. No one will ever repeat the mission of John, and yet all of us are called to that very mission. It is the role of the Christian to witness to Jesus. Whatever our position in this world, we are called to be disciples of Christ. By our words and deeds, others should realize that we live in the joy of knowing that Jesus is Lord. We do not have to depend upon our own limited resources, but can draw strength from the vastness of Christ’s saving grace.

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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.

MON August 29	8:00AM	Tredennick Family Ulrich Family
<i>Martyrdom of John the Baptist</i>		
TUE August 30	8:00AM	Paul Volker Family Corey Volker Family
<i>St. Jeanne Jugan</i>		
WED August 31	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
<i>Sts. Joseph of Arimathea & Nicodemus</i>		
THU September 1	5:30PM	Walter Family Weber Family
<i>St. Giles</i>		
FRI September 2	8:00AM	Wilhelmi Family Woolums Family
<i>Bl. John Francis Burte & Comp.</i>		
SAT September 3	5:00PM	Gene Johnson
<i>St. Gregory the Great</i>		
SUN September 4	8:00 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	Parish Family Wurmnest Family Acree Family
<i>St. Rose of Viterbo</i>		

Thank You For Your Gifts OLOL

Sunday Total	\$3182.50
Capital Imp.	\$0
Food Pantry	\$55.05
August Total	\$552.06
Yr to Date FP	\$2543.32

Imm Conception

Sunday Total	\$196.25
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, September 3 5:00PM	Caine Jost Cali Roy	Stan Alt	Jerry Brown	Frank Titus Bob Mardis	Jean Wilhelmi
Sun, September 4 10:30AM	Haven Hathaway Mason Kutemeier	Lisa Heap	Paul Sarantakos	Greg Laughery Sam Baillie	

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!

CONFESSION

"To those who have been far away from the sacrament of reconciliation and forgiving love, I make this appeal: come back to this source of grace; do not be afraid! Christ himself is waiting for you. He will heal you, and you will be at peace with God!"

Over the next several weeks we will use the bulletin to explore "HOW TO MAKE A GOOD CONFESSION."

Confession is available on Saturdays at 4:30 at OLL or 7:45 on Sundays at IC and anytime by appointment.



Thank you to everyone that took time to prepare the meal and serve the beautiful funeral lunch for Gene Johnson. The hall looked lovely and the food was delicious. Our family is so very grateful to each and every one of you!

With Sincere Gratitude,
The family of Gene Johnson

The Word From Father Thomas



Is it possible to have too much confidence in God's mercy? No, obviously. God is without limit and so his goodness is without limit and so his mercy (which is one of the ways his goodness shows itself) is also without limit. You can't possibly have too much trust in it.

Nevertheless, it is possible to trust wrongly in God's mercy. How so? Quite simply, you can freely and seriously sin, believe that God is merciful, and conclude from God's mercy that you can expect heaven while continuing to sin freely and seriously. God's love means you never have to change.

This sinful attitude is really more about the sinner than it is about God. It's not about estimates of God's power. It's about the sinner's absurdly inflated conception of his value. The sinner is assuming that she is so important to God that God could not imagine being happy in heaven without her. The sinner knows that God makes noises about punishments for unrepented sin but then assumes that God is bluffing. The sin is smugness.

This sort of smugness should not be confused with the authentic hope of a sinner who knows that she needs to change, knows that she is not yet willing to change, and continues to hope that through God's grace she will turn away from her sin and turn toward her Lord.

~Father John Dominic Corbett, O.P.

PARISH EVENTS



Tuesday, August 30

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM

Tuesday, September 6

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM

Thursday, September 8

- St. Peregrine Healing Mass 5:30PM

Saturday, September 10

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

Wednesday, September 14

- K of C Mtg 7PM

Tuesday, September 20

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM

Saturday, September 24

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

Wednesday, September 28

- Staff Mtg 6PM
- Parish Council Mtg 7PM



Monique Cullotta (8/31)
Delbert Tjarks (8/31)
Paul Baillie (9/3)
Will Baillie (9/3)
Kinley Beyers (9/4)



Angelo & Monique
Cullotta (9/1)



A LITTLE CATHOLIC HUMOR



In your charity, prayers and Mass offerings, please remember those who have died. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May they and all the souls of the faithful dead rest in peace.
Amen

Eugene Johnson

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Tony Coons
Loretta Bode
Mary Cothern
Mardelle Duffy
Donovan Gaines
Dick Walter
Mary Masco
Jeff McGuire
Judy Schall



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.

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Thank you to all the wonderful caring ladies who worked the funeral dinner and who brought their best dishes for the dinner in honor of our brother in Christ, Eugene Johnson, thank you "soooo much". Also, to our two gentlemen who set up tables and chairs. Thank you!!

Your kindness and thoughtfulness, so willing to help without hesitation is a tribute to Our Lady of Lourdes. May God's blessings be with you all and your families. I thank you all again "sooo very much!" Let His light shine upon you all always!

Fran Mardis
Funeral Luncheon Coordinator

dear Padre

August 28, 2016

May parishoners applaud at any point during Mass?

Is it appropriate for parishioners to applaud at Mass or after the closing hymn?

Applause may not seem to fit the solemnness of the liturgy, but there are times when it is fitting to applaud in church. I believe it is acceptable if our intention is to express approval, joy, and praise to God.

Music is a good place to begin. Liturgical music evokes prayer and adoration, helping us feel God's presence and love. Its power or grandeur may lead us to applaud. Some choirs may take this response as directed toward their individual performance. However, God does speak through other people, and a parish's music ministry can convey a message people need to hear.

Think of a wedding ceremony. I bet you celebrated the spouses' introduction or first kiss with a resounding clap or cheer. Your response lifts up the new couple and shows your gratitude to God for making their love holy.

Similarly, in an ordination the people present a candidate to the bishop. When the bishop agrees, they are required to give a sign of approval, such as applause. Like before, the applause shows our thanks to God for this new priest and our commitment to support and pray for him.

Christians express praise and thanks to God in many ways: song, praying in tongues, even applause. As part of our liturgy, it can be an acceptable way to express a joy beyond words.

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Monday

AUGUST 29

Passion of St. John the Baptist
1 Cor 2:1–5
Mk 6:17–29

Tuesday

AUGUST 30

Weekday
1 Cor 2:10b–16
Lk 4:31–37

Wednesday

AUGUST 31

Weekday
1 Cor 3:1–9
Lk 4:38–44

Thursday

SEPTEMBER 1

Weekday
1 Cor 3:18–23
Lk 5:1–11

Friday

SEPTEMBER 2

Weekday
1 Cor 4:1–5
Lk 5:33–39

Saturday

SEPTEMBER 3

St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
1 Cor 4:6b–15
Lk 6:1–5

Sunday

SEPTEMBER 4

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 9:13–18b
Phlm 9–10, 12–17
Lk 14:25–33

Good News!

August 28, 2016

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sir 3:17–18, 20, 28–29 / Heb 12:18–19, 22–24a / Lk 14:1, 7–14

In his 2011 commencement address to Northwestern University, comedian and talk-show host Stephen Colbert recalled what he learned from his experience as a member of an improvisation group. "One of the things I was taught early on," he said, "is that you are not the most important person in the scene." The best improvisation comes from a team that listens and responds to each other to "serve a common idea." When someone demands attention or tries to force a skit in a certain direction, the comedy falls apart. I never forgot his advice. It is appropriate in families, in workplaces, and among friends. And I confess I have had to apply it to myself on more than a few occasions.

Jesus' parable is a caution against presuming that we know best or that we—our goals and talents—are most important. He is not advocating false modesty or a refusal to use the gifts God gives us. Rather, Jesus asks that we start from a place of humility and service. He wants us to allow others to say what they need and how we can help before we presume to know the solution or how the situation should unfold. The figurative head of the table belongs to Christ first and foremost, and it is up to us to obediently go where he tells us. He will give us our place. It is worthy to note that at the table of the Lord, every place has the same significance and everyone is a welcome guest. The only important one is Christ himself. After that, we are all equals, regardless of who we think we are.

Mary Katharine Deeley
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