

## 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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# September 18, 2016 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 21

## Matthew the Apostle & Evangelist

Matthew was a Jew who worked for the occupying Roman forces, collecting taxes from other Jews. The Romans were not scrupulous about what the "tax farmers" got for themselves. Hence the latter, known as "publicans," were generally hated as traitors by their fellow Jews. The Pharisees lumped them with "sinners" (Matthew 9:11-13). So it was shocking to them to hear Jesus call such a man to be one of his intimate followers.

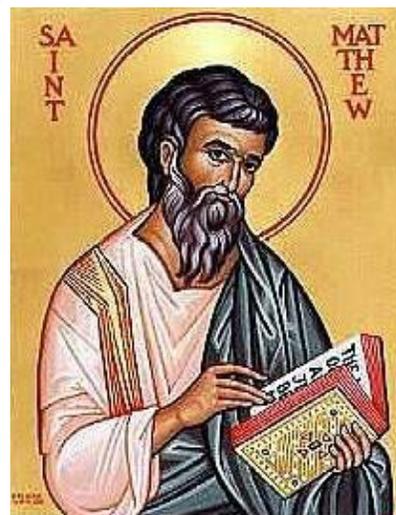
Matthew got Jesus in further trouble by having a sort of going-away party at his house. His Gospel tells us that "many" tax collectors and "those known as sinners: came to the dinner. What business did the supposedly great teacher have associating with such immoral people? The Pharisees were even more shocked by Jesus' answer, "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' I did not come to call the righteous but sinners" (Matthew 9:12b-13). Jesus is not setting aside ritual and worship; he is saying that loving others is even more important. No other particular incidents about Matthew are found in the New Testament.

From such an unlikely situation, Jesus chose one of the foundations of the Church, a man whom others, judging from his job, thought was not holy enough for the position. But he was honest enough to admit that he was one of the sinners Jesus came to call. He was open enough to recognize truth when he saw him. "And he got up and followed him: (Matthew 9:9b).

We imagine Matthew, after the terrible events surrounding the death of Jesus, going to the mountain to which the risen Lord had summoned them. "When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them [we think of him looking at each one in turn, Matthew listening and excited with the rest], 'All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age;" (Matthew 28:17-20.

Matthew would never forget that day. He proclaimed the Good News by his life and by his word. Our faith rests upon his witness and that of his fellow apostles.



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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.

<b>MON</b> September 19	8:00AM	Beyers Family Bitner Family
<i>St. Januarius</i>		
<b>TUE</b> September 20	8:00AM	Bittner Family Bode Family
<i>Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang &amp; Comp.</i>		
<b>WED</b> September 21	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
<i>St. Matthew</i>		
<b>THU</b> September 22	5:30PM	+Erica Fisher
<i>St. Lorenzo Ruiz &amp; Companions</i>		
<b>FRI</b> September 23	8:00AM	Brown Family Brucker Family
<i>St. Pio of Pietricina</i>		
<b>SAT</b> September 24	5:00PM	+ Gene Johnson
<i>Bl. John Henry Newman</i>		
<b>SUN</b> September 25	8:00 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	Schall Family +James & Margaret Rock

**Thank You For Your Gifts OLOL**

Sunday Total	<b>\$2538.50</b>
Capital Imp.	<b>\$165.00</b>
Food Pantry	<b>\$89.00</b>
Sept. Total	<b>\$210.00</b>
Yr to Date FP	<b>\$2388.27</b>

**Imm Conception**

Sunday Total	<b>\$180.00</b>
Capital Imp.	<b>\$0</b>

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: \$13,925  
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 24 5:00PM	Caine Jost Cali Roy	Michael Smith	Jerry Brown	Frank Titus Bob Mardis	Lisa Heap
Sun, September 25 10:30AM	Andrew & Aidan Laughery	YOUTH MASS	Paul Sarantakos	YOUTH MASS	There will be a second collection for CHRIST IS OUR HOPE MAGAZINE on Sept. 24/25

**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.

Beginning in **OCTOBER**, the first Friday of the month adoration will follow 8AM Mass. The remaining weeks of every month Adoration will be on the usual Thursday evening following 5:30PM Mass.

**Food Pantry**

Saturday, September 24 from 8 A.M. until noon will be our next scheduled opportunity to supply the labor for the local food pantry. At least 25 workers will be needed on that Saturday.

If you have not signed up previously, please contact Chuck Aubry at caubry55@gmail.com. The only age qualification is to be in at least 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

There will be a need for a few workers for set-up on the evening of Friday, September 23.



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

*Charles Stone*

# The Word From Father Thomas



## A DAY OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ON OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

Holy Eucharist is the most beautiful Sacrament Jesus has given us, before His suffering and death. He commanded us to do it again in memory of Him. Right after the institution of the Holy Eucharist he went to Gethsemani to pray. What he requested of his disciples was to remain in prayer so that the evil one may not tempt them. "Pray that you may not undergo the test" (Lk. 22: 40b). We read in Matthew's Gospel: "So you could not watch with me for one hour?" (Mt. 26:40). He asks us every day to spend some time with him as he asked his disciples. Due to our hectic schedule, we may not be able to do it promptly. Here is a great chance. We are having one day Adoration on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm. It would start with a Holy Mass at 9.00 in the morning and Blessed Sacrament would be exposed until 4.45 pm. At 4.45 with a benediction we close the Adoration and at 5.00 pm we would have the regular Saturday Vigil Mass.

Please sign up on the sign-up sheet at the back of the Church. Try to spend **AT LEAST ONE HOUR** with the Lord at your convenience. Please make sure every gap is filled so that someone is in front of Blessed Sacrament all the time. This is part of our Year of Mercy celebration. If anyone needs to go for confession, I will be available. If you don't find me in the church just come to rectory and ring the bell. As you all know the Eucharist Adoration is the most beautiful and powerful form of prayer for any Christian. It strengthens the spiritual life of Christians and helps us to walk in the ways of the Lord.

Each year, the Catholic Church in the United States designates the third Sunday in September as "Catechetical Sunday" — a day on which to celebrate and pray for the Church's mission to teach the Gospel to all people.

This year's theme is "Prayer: The Faith Prayed."

As a catechist, you are responding to a call to share the gift of faith with others, even as you deepen your own faith. This call may have reached you through your pastor, the director of your parish's religious education program, or through your role as a Catholic school teacher. But know that this calling ultimately comes from God whose Holy Spirit inspires and guides you.



This past week we have lost two of our sister and brother in Christ, Ruth Cochran and Charles Stone. And once again our ladies of Our Lady of Lourdes have stepped forward with their best dishes and gave their time to make these two funeral luncheons "special" for the families of their loved ones.

These luncheons are very meaningful to the families and it takes all of you to make it the success it always is. I appreciate "sooooo much" your willingness to work, provide food, help set up tables etc.

"Whatever you do for the least of your Brethren you do for me"

God's blessings on you all!

FRAN

LADIES PLEASE PICK UP YOUR DISHES FROM FUNERAL DINNER. THE BACK DOOR WILL BE OPEN SATURDAY EVENING AFTER MASS AND BOTH FRONT AND BACK ON SUNDAY MORNING. THANK YOU ALL!



*Thank You!*

Dear Parish Family,

I cannot thank you enough for all of the love and prayers over the last 4 1/2 years. Without them I/WE would never have made it. Additionally, thank you for the luncheon and the four stoles of the season!

May God Bless each of you,

Love, Deacon Paul Sarantakos

Congratulations  
Joshua & Amber McGee  
On the baptism of  
Karli Nicole



WELCOME  
to our  
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish  
Family

## PARISH EVENTS



### Tuesday, September 20

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM

### Saturday, September 24

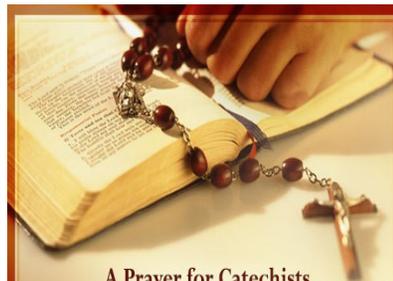
- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

### Wednesday, September 28

- Staff Mtg 6PM
- Parish Council Mtg 7PM



- Georgia Lynch (9/19)
- Kayla Raney (9/19)
- Emma Kurtenbach (9/20)
- Tim Fackler (9/20)
- Amy Stoltz (9/22)
- Parker Hathaway (9/22)
- Martha Heavilin (9/24)



### A Prayer for Catechists

Loving God, Creator of all things,  
you call us to be in relationship with you and others.

Thank you for calling me to be a catechist,  
for the opportunity to share with others  
what you have given to me.

May all those with whom I share the gift of faith  
discover how you are present in all things.

May they come to know you, the one true God,  
and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

May the grace of the Holy Spirit guide my heart and lips,  
so that I may remain constant in loving and praising you.

May I be a witness to the Gospel and a minister of your truth.  
May all my words and actions reflect your love.

Amen.

### Pray for the Sick & Homebound

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

# Dear Padre

SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

## **Is it ethical for businesses to monitor employees' Internet use on workplace computers?**

There is no divine command on this subject, though the issue behind your question probably concerns your sensitivity to your need for privacy in your workplace. Employees do, indeed, need confidence that privacy is safeguarded. Similarly, the company would not want just anyone to have access to what their employees are developing, and they have the same right to protect against breaches, even internally.

Another matter is that when an individual accepts employment with an organization or institution, he or she makes a commitment to give a just day's work for a just wage or salary. The Catechism categorizes this under the Seventh Commandment, specifically as a matter of "commutative justice [which] requires safeguarding property rights, paying debts, and fulfilling obligations freely contracted" (CCC 2411). Computers, the Internet, and even social media are marvelous technologies with great benefits to productivity and revenue. Most jobs today involve such tools, but they can also be misused. Some people waste hours playing games; checking posts, feeds, and forums; or idly surfing. Psychologists caution that some of these behaviors can increase to the level of an addiction, and if this becomes a reality at work, the employee is not living up to his or her contract, which is unjust. When management suspects this, it has the right to look into it so it knows how its payroll is being spent.

*Fr. Richard A. Boever, CSsR, phd*

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**Monday**  
SEPTEMBER 19  
*Weekday*  
Prv 3:27-34  
Lk 8:16-18

**Tuesday**  
SEPTEMBER 20  
*Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs*  
Prv 21:1-6, 10-13  
Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday**  
SEPTEMBER 21  
*St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*  
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13  
Mt 9:9-13

**Thursday**  
SEPTEMBER 22  
*Weekday*  
Eccl 1:2-11  
Lk 9:7-9

**Friday**  
SEPTEMBER 23  
*Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest*  
Eccl 3:1-11  
Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday**  
SEPTEMBER 24  
*Weekday*  
Eccl 11:9-12:8  
Lk 9:43b-45

**Sunday**  
SEPTEMBER 25  
*Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Am 6:1a, 4-7  
1 Tm 6:11-16  
Lk 16:19-31

# Good News!

September 18, 2016

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)  
Am 8:4-7 / 1 Tm 2:1-8 / Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

When Pope Francis was elected, Catholics were inspired by his humility and simplicity. When he bowed before the people in St. Peter's Square and asked for their prayers, the little crowd gathered around the TV in the basement of the Catholic Center was moved to tears. When he announced that he would continue living in the guest house rather than the papal apartments and eat in the cafeteria, we cheered. But Pope Francis also challenged us. He wanted us to examine how we treated the poor and marginalized of the world. In his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, he confronted us with the understanding that our misuse of the environment impacted the poor first of all and that we could no longer continue to consume our natural resources in a reckless and greedy fashion.

The prophet Amos has some harsh words for those who exploit the poor. In the Old Testament, care for the widow, orphan, and stranger—the poorest of the poor—were among the most righteous things a person could do. Many prophets pointed to the failure to do so as a sign that the people had turned from the Lord and, in their sin, cared only for themselves. More recent figures who also have indicated that the measure of a society is the way they treat their poorest members include Ghandi, Pope St. John Paul II, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Christ commanded us to love one another. Surely this includes seeing that all have the basic necessities of life, even if that means we don't get everything we want.

—*Mary Katharine Deeley*

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