

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 25, 2016 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27

Vincent de Paul



The deathbed confession of a servant opened Vincent's eyes to the crying spiritual needs of the peasantry of France. This seems to have been a crucial moment in the life of the man from a small farm in Gascony, France, who had become a priest with little more ambition than to have a comfortable life.

It was the Countess de Gondi (whose servant he had helped) who persuaded her husband to endow and support a group of able and zealous missionaries who would work among poor tenant farmers and country people in general. Vincent was too humble to accept leadership at first, but after working for some time in Paris among imprisoned galley slaves, he returned to lead what is now known as the Congregation of the Mission, or the Vincentians. These priests, with vows of poverty, chastity, obedience and stability, were, to devote themselves entirely to the people in smaller towns and villages.

Later Vincent established confraternities of charity for the spiritual and physical relief of the poor and sick of each parish. From these, with the help of St. Louise de Marillac, came the Daughters of Charity, "whose convent is the sickroom, whose chapel is the parish church, whose cloister is the streets of the city." He organized the rich women of Paris to collect funds for his missionary projects, founded several hospitals, collected relief funds for the victims of war, and ransomed over twelve hundred galley slaves from North Arica. He was zealous in conducting retreats for clergy at a time when there was great laxity, abuse, and ignorance among them. He was a pioneer in clerical training and was instrumental in establishing seminaries.

Most remarkably, Vincent was by temperament a very irascible person—even his friends admitted it. He said that except for the grace of God he would have been "hard and repulsive, rough and cross." But he became a tender and affectionate man, very sensitive to the needs of others.

Pope Leo XIII made him the patron of all charitable societies. Outstanding among these, of course, is the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, founded in 1833 by his admirer Blessed Frederic Ozanam (September 7).

The Church is for all God's children, rich and poor, peasants and scholars, the sophisticated and the simple. But obviously the greatest concern of the Church must be for those who need the most help—those made helpless by sickness, poverty, ignorance, or cruelty. Vincent de Paul is a particularly appropriate patron for all Christians today, when hunger has become starvation, and the high living of the rich stands in more and more glaring contrast to the physical and moral degradation in which many of God's children are forced to live.

QUOTE: "Strive to live content in the midst of those things that cause your discontent. Free your mind from all that troubles you, God will take care of things. You will be unable to make haste in this choice without, so to speak, grieving the heart of God, because he sees that you do not honor him sufficiently with holy trust. Trust in him, I beg you and you will have the fulfillment of what your heart desires: (St. Vincent de Paul, Letters).

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**Parish Council
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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 September 26	8:00AM	Denis Fisher <i>Sts. Cosmas & Damian</i>
TUE September 27	8:00AM	Roaslinda Astronomo <i>St. Vincent de Paul</i>
WED September 28	8:00AM	Priest Intentions <i>St. Wenceslaus</i>
THU September 29	5:30PM	Campos Family Carey Family <i>Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael</i>
FRI September 30	8:00AM	Carlson Family Chaddock Family <i>St. Jerome</i>
SAT October 1	5:00PM	+Gene Johnson <i>Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin and doctor</i>
SUN October 2	8:00 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	Schwarz Family +Thankachan <i>Guardian Angels</i>

**Thank You
For Your Gifts
OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$2095.28
Capital Imp.	\$0
Food Pantry	\$56.00
Sept. Total	\$266.00
Yr to Date FP	\$2444.27

Imm Conception

Sunday Total	\$265.00
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: \$14,093
Goal: (\$12,712)
IC: \$1370
(Goal: \$905)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Eucl. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
Sat, October 1 5:00PM	Alex Killian Braden Roesch	Patti Huppert	Jean Wilhelmi	Robert Bode Stan Alt	Carla Moxley
Sun, October 2 10:30AM	Brooke Beyers Cecilia Goodin	Jack Kollross	Paul Sarantakos	Brett Beyers Craig Davis	

Beginning in **NOVEMBER**, 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.

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.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE: Through notices in bulletins, on posters, brochures, flyers, etc., parishes are asked to inform parishioners how to report abuse. Below is the recommended bulletin announcement to be published at least quarterly:

REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE: anyone with reason to believe that a child has been abused or is being abused should report their suspicions to civil authorities. Contact: Illinois Department of Children and Family Services: 1-800-25ABUSE (1-800-252-2873) or local police.

The Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help victims/survivors of child sexual abuse by a cleric, employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church. The Victim Assistance Coordinator will report to Bishop Conlon and coordinate efforts of pastoral support and outreach to assist in the healing process. The Victim Assistance Coordinator can also assist in making a report to civil authorities. Contact the Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1-815-263-6467.

The Word From Father Thomas



God's love for us led Christ to Calvary. Sin did it, our sin and the sins of the world. Sin still does it...

God is not being loved and honored as he should by the race he has elevated to the sublime dignity of adopted sons. There is a gap, and God is looking for someone to stand in the gap before him on behalf of this race and beg that he may not destroy it...

We do all that we can do just to make God forget the ingratitude of man in return for his boundless love and to make him remember his mercies. He hangs before us on the cross crying out, "I Thirst!"... We are truly blessed in having a little share in the following of the cross.

See the compassion of Christ toward Judas, the man who received so much love, and yet betrayed his own Master, the Master who kept the sacred silence and would not betray him to his companions. Jesus could have easily spoken in public and told the hidden intentions and deeds of Judas to the others, but he did not do so. He rather showed mercy and charity; instead of condemning him, he called him a friend. If Judas had only looked into the eyes of Jesus as Peter did, today, Judas would have been the friend of God's mercy. Jesus always had compassion.

~Saint Teresa of Calcutta

PARISH EVENTS



Wednesday, September 28

- Staff Mtg 6PM
- Parish Council Mtg 7PM



- Ann Benoit (9/26)
- Denis Fisher (9/26)
- Nancy Kurtenbach (9/27)
- Terese Molck (9/30)
- Greg Kurtenbach (9/30)
- Anita Meyer (10/1)
- Aidan Laughery (10/1)
- Griffin Tredennick (10/2)



- Curt & Holly Miller (9/27)
- Michael & Patti Meunier (9/28)
- Rich & Diane Perkins (10/2)

From the RE Desk

RE PROGRAM AND THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY—OCTOBER

October is the month dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. On October 2nd the children in the RE program will be making Rosaries while learning the prayers of the Rosary.

There are no classes on Sunday October 9th.

On Sunday October 16th at 9:55AM the children will gather in the hall to recite the Joyful Mysteries.

Parents and parishioners please joins us on Sunday October 23rd at 9:50AM in the church for recitation of the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary before Mass.

Finally, on Sunday October 30th at 9:40AM the RE children will be walking over to the North park in Gibson City for a special recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries. Parents join us if you can to commemorate Mary and the memory of her Son in the Rosary.



A DAY OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ON OCTOBER 1st

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.



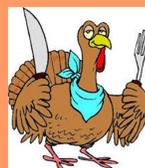
We would like to express our gratitude to the ladies of Our Lady of Lourdes for the time and effort they put into the funeral lunch they provided. The food prepared and served was delicious. It meant so much to our family and friends. We are sincerely grateful for your kindness and support.

The Family of Ruth Cochran

Dear Parishioners,

It is Turkey Dinner time. Sunday, November 13, 2016 will be the annual OLOL Turkey Dinner. Please be ready to assist where you can.

Thank you.



Pray for the Sick & Homebound

- Tony Coons
- Loretta Bode
- Mary Cothran
- 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@ololgc.org.

Dear Padre

SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

Do Catholics believe in tithing? Aren't we supposed to be charitable and support the Church?

The word "tithing" is not used very much in Catholic communities. We usually prefer to talk about stewardship or charitable donations. In Old Testament Law, God asked for ten percent of crops, livestock, or other earnings to be offered to God before we use the other ninety percent on ourselves. That portion was usually offered to the Temple priests or later in the synagogues. God wanted the people to support the religious workers and to show that their first priority is God. Some churches still preach that a literal ten percent is expected from Christians today.

In looking at Jesus, it appears that he expects even more. He tells the rich man to sell all that he has and to give it to the poor (Matthew 19:16-22). He also praises the widow who put "her whole livelihood" into the collection (Mark 12:44; Luke 21:4). The early Church held all of their belongings in common (Acts 4:32-35). The Christian standard is that we belong to Christ, and so does everything we own. Jesus does not ask everyone to embrace poverty, but he commands all of us to share our gifts freely and to love people more than money. We are called to be generous to the Church, to our families and communities, and especially to the needy. Generosity doesn't count percentages.

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Monday
SEPTEMBER 26

Weekday
Jb 1:6-22
Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday
SEPTEMBER 27
St. Vincent de Paul,

Priest
Jb 3:1-3,
11-17, 20-23
Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday
SEPTEMBER 28
Weekday
Jb 9:1-12, 14-16
Lk 9:57-62

Thursday
SEPTEMBER 29
Sts. Michael, Gabriel,
and Raphael,
Archangels
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or
Rv 12:7-12a
Jn 1:47-51

Friday
SEPTEMBER 30
St. Jerome, Priest and
Doctor of the Church
Jb 38:1, 12-21;
40:3-5

Lk 10:13-16

Saturday
OCTOBER 1
St. Thérèse of the
Child Jesus, Virgin
and Doctor of the
Church

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6,
12-17
Lk 10:17-24

Sunday
OCTOBER 2
Twenty-seventh
Sunday in Ordinary
Time

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4
2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14
Lk 17:5-10

Good News!

September 25, 2016

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Am 6:1a, 4-7 / 1 Tm 6:11-16 / Lk 16:19-31

How do we best love God and one another? A student, wanting to become more like Christ in welcoming all people, decided that he would greet every one of his fraternity brothers every week and ask how they were and that he would say hello to the man who sat in front of the drugstore in town begging for change and invite him to lunch. In May, when it came time to see how he did, the student had indeed talked to his fraternity brothers every week and greeted the beggar, but he never did invite him to lunch. "I just couldn't do it," he said. "I was a little afraid of what it would mean. Would I be responsible to help him again?" We talked about it a little, and I invited him to put that question to God in prayer.

I'm not sure any of us have an easy answer to what it means to look someone in the face and invite him to share a meal. And I daresay not many of us would do what that student set out to do. But St. Paul urges us to "pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness" (1 Timothy 6:11). That's a lifetime's work and possible only with the grace of God. Surely, as we grow in those virtues, we will come to see all people as worthy of our time and care without worrying about what might happen in the future. It may not be practical and it certainly won't be easy. But the demands of God's love compel us to try. And if we do so, we might not share the fate of the rich man in Luke's Gospel who learned too late how best to love.

—*Mary Katharine Deeley*

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