

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 (except first
Thursday of month-no Adoration)

First Friday of Month 8:30-9:30

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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JANUARY 22, 2017 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PARISH POT LUCK— FATHER DENNIS SPIES ***Saturday, January 28 following 5pm mass***

Since there is only ONE Father Dennis and so many of us wanting to catch up with him, we thought it would be a great idea to have a parish potluck following Mass on Saturday, January 28.

We will provide the meat and beverage if everyone else can bring a side, salad or dessert!

Looking forward to some Parish Fellowship during these dreary winter days!!

See you all there!

Over the next few weeks, we will present a series on Pro-Life Answers to False Pro-Choice Arguments.

This week is PART 3...EVERY CHILD A WANTED CHILD

Prior to the legalization of abortion over 40 years ago, advocates for abortion held out the panacea of the elimination of “unwanted children” if only abortion was legal. In fact, it was Planned Parenthood, which led this charge, coining the familiar slogan, “Every child a wanted child”. Despite the fact that some 57 million “unwanted” babies have died in the intervening period, the pro-choice lobby still uses this argument to justify abortion.

In the 1960’ and 70’s the pro-choice position was that legalizing abortion would drastically reduce child abuse. America legalized abortion and during the next 40 plus years, child abuse has skyrocketed (from 167,000 cases in 1973 to 1,694,756 cases in 2002). Yet, despite this staggering increase in child abuse, the pro-choice lobby continues to tie itself in knots by now arguing that making abortion illegal would cause an increase in child abuse!!! How many more millions of children do we have to kill before their scheme starts to work?

We all agree that every child should be wanted. This is an idealistic goal, but sadly we do not live in an idyllic world. Wouldn’t it also be a wonderful world if there were no unwanted wives, no aging unwanted parents, no unwanted Jews, blacks or Catholics or anyone else who is devalued or persecuted?

Moreover, since when does anyone’s right to live depend upon someone else wanting them? Women rightfully resent that the value of a woman is sometimes determined by whether a man wants her. How can anyone possibly insist that the value of an unborn baby is to be determined by whether a mother wants him or her at any given time? To use being wanted by someone as a measure of whether a human life is allowed to live is a truly frightening concept. Its converse logically awaits us—that the unwanted can be eliminated. Don’t forget that Hitler’s Germany was ideal for wanted Aryans. To make sense, the slogan: “Every child a wanted child” has to be completed “and if not wanted, aborted.” To complete the sentence removes the mask from this misleading slogan and reveals it for the evil that it is!

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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.

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| MON January 23 | 8:00AM | NO MASS |
| Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children | | |
| TUE January 24 | 8:00AM | NO MASS |
| St. Francis de Sales | | |
| WED January 25 | 8:00AM | NO MASS |
| The Conversion of St. Paul | | |
| THU January 26 | 5:30PM | NO MASS |
| St. Timothy & Titus | | |
| FRI January 27 | 8:00AM | NO MASS |
| St. Angela Meirci | | |
| SAT January 28 | 5:00PM (OLL) | Parish Family |
| St. Thomas Aquinas | | |
| SUN January 29 | 8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL) | +James & Margaret Rock +Mary O'Brien & Family |
| Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | | |

**Thank You
For Your Gifts
OLOL**

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| Sunday Total | \$2390.50 |
| Capital Imp. | \$110.00 |
| Food Pantry Jan. Total | \$22.02 |
| Yr to Date FP | \$372.02 |

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| Sunday Total | \$230.00 |
| 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: 15,950
Goal: (\$12,712)
IC: \$1370
(Goal: \$905)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

| Date | Altar Servers | Lectors | Euch. Minister | Ushers | Homebound Ministry |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Sat, January 28 5:00PM | Caine Jost Daxter Chaddock | Lisa Heap | Marj Brown | Stan Alt Jerry Brown | Carla Moxley |
| Sun, January 29 10:30AM | Andrew & Aidan Laughery | YOUTH MASS | Paul Sarantakos | YOUTH MASS | |

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 and always Tuesday following 8AM 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.

CATHOLIC MAN NIGHT

Men Meeting Jesus...An Invitation from: Bishop Daniel Conlon, Fr. John Phan & Fr. Burke Masters to ALL Men of the Diocese of Joliet

COME EXPERIENCE THE PEACE THAT SURPASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING

January 26 @ St. Joseph
4801 Main Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515

6:30PM

Evening Includes:
Adoration of Jesus Christ
Confession
Man-Feast & Fellowship
Raffle
Discussion

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your mind in Christ, Jesus.

Philippians 4:7

FISHERS OF MEN...GUIDING MEN TOWARD A DYNAMIC RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST
WWW.FISHERSOFMENONLINE.COM

The Word From Father Thomas

"FOR THIS PURPOSE I HAVE COME"



How has Jesus loved us? He loved us when we were wallowing in sin; he loved us stained, perhaps hostile, displeasing and rebellious, hard hearted and, without a doubt, egoistic and disdainful of his love. The abyss of our wickedness seems to deepen the abyss of his infinite charity. Why does that Heart seem to love with greater tenderness, with more sensitive compassion, with deeper anguish when we are more ungrateful and cruel toward him? Through what incomprehensible delicacy does he change into graces the very sufferings we cause him. How he seems to forget our faults when we are converted to him, our ingratitude when we love him, and our infidelities when we approach him!

He loved us when we were prostrate in our wretchedness. He loved us in order to raise us up to himself, to unite us to his greatness in a binding embrace, to fuse our hearts with his, so that our souls might be his friends, his spouses, his children, his parents. He loves us in order to reveal his secrets to us, to share with us all that is his, to give us his spirit, to inebriate us with his love, to give us his own life and happiness.

To raise us from the dust and place us with the princes of his people, he traveled the paths of humiliation and grief. He suffered all that can be suffered on this earth...

Ah, we cannot fathom even our own life. Were we to do so, the greatness of Jesus' love would overwhelm us. How he has loved each one of us! How many graces he has given us! How much has he suffered for us! With what delicacy, tenderness, ardor, patience and divine courtesy he has dealt with us!

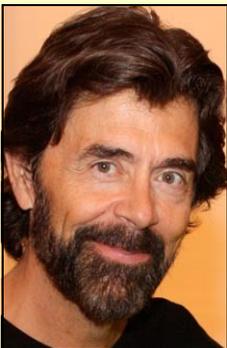
O Jesus, who loves like you?

~Servant of God Archbishop Luis Maria Martinez

Servant of God Archbishop Martinez (+1956) was archbishop of Mexico City.

FRANK RUNYEON BIOGRAPHY

Part 3-FINAL



This final week we will explore his speaking career.

Frank is a popular youth speaker on the subject of the mass media, using humor to reveal the shortcomings of the media's world view. His subjects include:

- Hollywood vs. Faith: The Struggle to Live Faithfully in the Media Age
- The Man Behind the Curtain (for public schools or prep schools)
- Treasure (or Life After Prep School—What They Don't Tell You)

He has been a featured speaker at the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University, the commencement speaker at several prep schools, and the keynoter at numerous state and national youth conventions.

Frank is busy writing an autobiographical book: *ESCAPE FROM HOLLYWOOD: An Actor's Unlikely Journey to Faith*, due out next year.

He and his wife Annie, live in Los Angeles with their three children.

As you can see, Frank Runyeon is an inspiration and unique talent you will not want to miss! Please mark your calendars for either **Saturday, February 11 at 7PM or Sunday, February 12 at 6:30PM at Paxton's Parish Hall.** You won't want to miss his presentation!

PARISH EVENTS



Saturday, January 28

- Food Pantry 8AM-12NOON

Sunday, January 29

- **YOUTH MASS**

Tuesday, January 31

- CALM between 6:30-7PM

Weekend January 21/22

- **SECOND COLLECTION**
Latin America



Wesley Smith (1/24)
Giles Volker (1/25)
Carter Eichelberger (1/26)
Annabelle Goodin (1/26)
Lee Thomas (1/28)
Mary Geurts (1/38)
Molly Kollross (1/28)



Brian and Stacey Helmig (1/27)

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Loretta Bode
Mardelle Duffy
Donovan Gaines
Dick Walter
Mary Masco
Jeff McGuire
Jesse Cervelli
Linda Ellington
Greg Delost
Steve Heavilin



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

JANUARY 22, 2017

1 Corinthians 10:13 states, "God... will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial he will also provide a way out...." My brother committed suicide, and I wonder why he wasn't "able to bear it." Please help me to understand.

The death of a family member is never easy to deal with. I pray for your peace and your brother's eternal rest.

We can't be sure what your brother was thinking when he ended his life, but we can be certain God was with him. God remains faithful to his covenant and will never disappoint the hope and trust of his children. Does this mean your brother failed to trust in God? We don't know that. Only God and your brother know the extent of his condition and suffering.

When we recall Jesus' lament from the cross—"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46; Psalm 22:2)—we see that in his darkest moment, his Father was with him. In the same way, God was present in the worst of your brother's trials. Why he was nevertheless unable to bear them is a question we may never have the answer to on this side of heaven. It's important to remember that the Church has great compassion for those who commit suicide. To leave your brother in God's merciful hands is to act with the conviction of our faith.

Fr. Paul Borowski, CSSR
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Monday

January 23

*Day of Prayer for the
Legal Protection of
Unborn Children*
Heb 9:15, 24-28
Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday

January 24

*St. Francis de Sales,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church*
Heb 10:1-10,
Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

January 25

*The Conversion
of St. Paul
the Apostle*
Acts 22:3-16
or Acts 9:1-22
Mk 16:15-18

Thursday

January 26

*Sts. Timothy and
Titus, Bishops*
2 Tm 1:1-8 or
Ti 1:1-5
Mk 4:21-25

Friday

January 27

Weekday
Heb 10:32-39
Mk 4:26-34

Saturday

January 28

*St. Thomas Aquinas,
Priest and Doctor
of the Church*
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19
Mk 4:35-41

Sunday

January 29

*Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Zep 2:3; 3:12-13
1 Cor 1:26-31
Mt 5:1-12a

Good News!

January 22, 2017

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Is 8:23-9:3, 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17,
Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

We began the Church year with the foundations of our Christian life. We focused on our baptismal call to preach the word of God. Now we focus on the call of the first apostles.

Today's painting is again from the Sistine Chapel, where Ghirlandaio based this scene on today's Gospel. The Sea of Galilee spreads out behind Jesus, who is once again front and center. Several towns line the shore and remind us of Capernaum, where Jesus lived and near where he called his first followers.

Two apostles kneel in front of Jesus; another pair stand behind him. Their gestures and postures reveal their interior attitudes. One apostle crosses his arms in acceptance while another prayerfully looks up at Jesus. The third apostle, behind Jesus, has his hand at his chest as if to say, "Are you sure you want me?" The fourth seems to look away. Many others surround Jesus, but not all of them are called to be apostles.

The call of Jesus is real. He may not ask us to leave behind our business or family, but he does ask for the same totality of trust and following. The result of fully saying "yes" to this call is what the first reading proclaims: "You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing; They rejoice before you as people rejoice at harvest..." (Isaiah 9:2). The "joy of the gospel" that Pope Francis proclaimed in his 2013 apostolic exhortation is exactly this: that joy that comes from a sincere and generous "yes" to Jesus' call to be a disciple.

For Reflection

Jesus asks us to leave all and put him first. How can I do that better this week?