

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 29, 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY SEASON

February 17
March 3
March 17
March 31

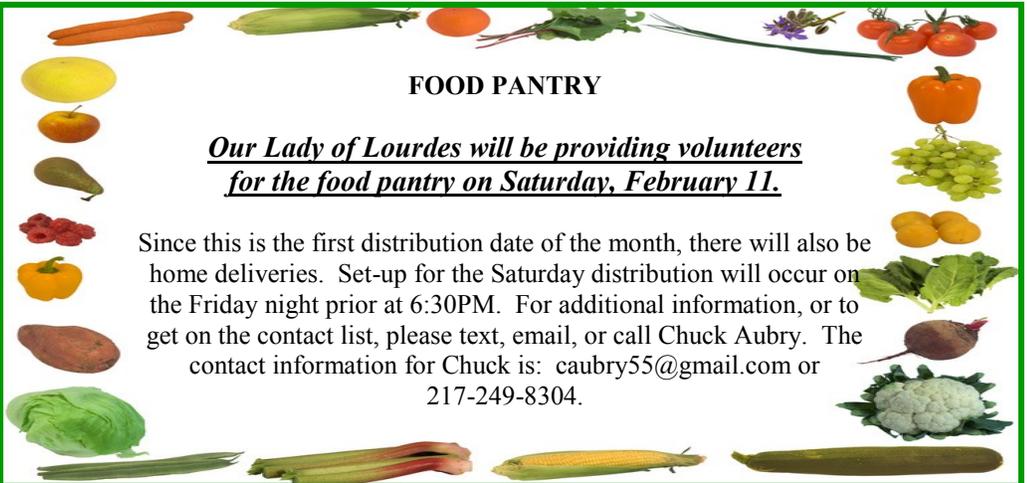


Dinner will be served from 4:30PM-6:30PM. The cost will be \$8 with children under 12 free. Carryouts are available.

FOOD PANTRY

Our Lady of Lourdes will be providing volunteers for the food pantry on Saturday, February 11.

Since this is the first distribution date of the month, there will also be home deliveries. Set-up for the Saturday distribution will occur on the Friday night prior at 6:30PM. For additional information, or to get on the contact list, please text, email, or call Chuck Aubry. The contact information for Chuck is: caubry55@gmail.com or 217-249-8304.



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

This week is PART 4... "You cannot legislate morality or force your religious views on others!"

To say that laws cannot make an immoral person moral is correct. To say that we do not legislate morality is nonsense. Virtually every law is based on an idea of what is right or wrong.

Laws are not passed to control thought, but to control behavior. For example, we impose our morality on rapists. We do not care so much why rapists rape, or what their moral and religious views are, or the reason why rapists disrespect women. Rape is evil and when people want to do evil, it is clearly correct for the government to impose its morality on them. Similarly, pro-lifers do not care so much what people think about babies, as long as they do not kill them.

Indeed, if laws should not be based on morality, what on earth should they be based on? The reality is that laws are based on our collective moral values and is the way society decides which activities it will and will not tolerate.

If we are going to reject a law simply because it is supported by religion, then we would have to abolish most laws. A person does not have to be especially religious to say that it is wrong to abort a child, any more than they would say it is wrong to steal money. Certain activities are unacceptable to civilized people regardless of religious beliefs. Abortion is one of those issues. In reality, abortion is a civil rights and a human rights issue.

Let us not forget that the black civil rights movement was dominated by pastors and was often headquartered in churches. That did not make civil rights a religious issue!

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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 January 30	8:00AM	Martin Family McCall Family
TUE January 31 <i>St. John Bosco</i>	8:00AM	McGuire Family Medernach Family
WED February 1	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
THU February 2 <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	5:30PM	Meyer Family Miguel Family
FRI February 3 <i>Sts. Blaise & Ansgar</i>	8:00AM	Curt Miller Family Randy Miller Family
SAT February 4	5:00PM (OLL)	Parish Family
SUN February 5	8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL)	Genevieve Schwarz Marvin Kemmer

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Thank You
For Your Gifts
OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$2583.35
Capital Imp.	\$0
Food Pantry Jan. Total	\$51.93 \$423.95
Yr to Date FP	\$423.95

Sunday Total	\$107.00
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!

2017 CMAA Goals
OLOL: \$
(Goal: \$13,255)
IC: \$
(Goal: \$913)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
Sat, February 4 5:00PM	Caine Jost	Marj Brown	Jerry Brown	Bob Bode John Carlson	Marj Brown
Sun, February 5 10:30AM	Molly & Seth Kollross	Sarah Sarantakos	Paul Sarantakos	Nathan Garard Greg Laughery	

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.

THE 2017 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL IS UNDERWAY

It begins with a mailing that many of our parishioners have received or will soon receive. This is a mailing from Bishop Conlon asking for a pledge to the 2017 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal.

The Appeal not only funds many of the operations of the Diocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish such as the Religious Education Program.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is "Held in God's Hands." What a wonderful thought! When we accept that God knows what we need and will provide for our tomorrows, we are able to be good stewards of the gifts He has entrusted to us.

One way that we can be good stewards, is by giving back to God the gifts He shared with us. We can support our parish,, our diocese and the Church throughout the world with gifts of time, talent and treasure. The gifts we give enable ministries, education, and services that touch thousands of lives.

Our parish goal for Our Lady of Lourdes is \$ \$13,255 and for Immaculate Conception \$913. With your financial support, we can exceed this goal. When we exceed our goal in paid pledges, we will receive 70% of the amount over goal for use in our parish.

Please answer Bishop Conlon's request and make a generous pledge. All pledges can be paid in ten (10) installments. Thank you in advance for your support.



The Word From Father Thomas

"...WHO WALKED IN DARKNESS..."

The "progress of peoples" is closely connected with the proclamation of Christ's message of salvation and love. Of this salvation Isaiah speaks... : *The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.* This darkness stands for the spiritual darkness which sometimes envelops people, nations, and history itself, in its desolate mantle. Certainly the 20th century has witnessed such periods of gloom...For many people, the 20th century continues to be a time of terror, anguish and torture. From the depths of such sad experiences the human family searches for a path of grace and peace...

What kind of society is worthy of the human person? The Church responds with the unique perspective of creation history. She proclaims the truth that the Word of God, through whom all things were made, was himself made flesh and dwelt among us. He entered the world's history—our history—as a man, a human became a divine person; he took on our history and made it complete. By his Resurrection he became Lord and was given full power in heaven and on earth. Thus through the power of his Spirit, Christ is now at work in our hearts and in our world. The Spirit instills in us a cure for the world to come, but he also inspires, purifies, and strengthens those noble longings by which we strive to make earthly life more human...

In practical terms, this truth tells us that there can be no life worthy of the human person without a culture—or a legal system—that honors and defends marriage and the family. The well-being of individuals and communities depends on the healthy state of the family...

This is the way which leads to the true progress of nations and peoples; it is the path of justice and peace the light which shines in the darkness, the yoke which is easy and the burden which is light. This is where our souls will find rest.

Saint John Paul II

Saint John Paul II (+2005) reigned a pope from 1978-2005



PARISH EVENTS



Tuesday, January 31

- CALM between 6:30-7PM

Friday, February 3

- Adoration after 8AM Mass

Saturday/Sunday, February 4/5

- Blessing of the Throats **ALL** Masses

Tuesday, February 7

- CALM-between 6:30PM-7PM

Thursday, February 9

- Healing Mass 5:30PM

Saturday, February 11

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

Sat./Sun., February 11/12

- Frank Runyeon presentation @ St. Mary in Paxton

Sunday, February 12

- Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Celebration at Fr. Kirk Hall following after 10:30AM Mass

Tuesday, February 21

- CALM-between 6:30PM-7PM

Wednesday, February 22

- Staff Mtg 6P
- Parish Council Mtg 7PM

Friday February 24

- ALL PARISH PAINT PARTY

Saturday, February 25

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

Sunday, February 26

- YOUTH MASS

LOL PAINT NIGHT **February 24, 2017 from 5PM-8PM** **Father Kirk Memorial Hall**

Chase away the winter blues and unleash your creative side! Come enjoy a fun evening of painting! Supplies and gentle instruction provided by Kilee McFerren.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED. **SPACE IS LIMITED TO 30 PARTICIPANTS!**

Registration is \$25 and secures your spot for the evening. This amount pays for supplies and Mrs. McFerren's time. She will be donating half of the proceeds to Shepherd's Closet. Payments can be sent to Elizabeth Volker and must be made BEFORE Friday, February 17th. Registration will be first come, first serve.

There will be an All Parish Email with the flyer showing a photo of what we will paint on this evening.

Thank you to our CALM ladies for organizing this great event and tapping our creative side!

Sign up on the sheets at the back of church posted on the north side of the entrance in the vestibule for the following programs.



- Frank Runyeon on February 11/12 at St. Mary's in Paxton.
- Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes program on February 12 following 10:30 Mass.



Mark Doran (1/31)
Paul Volker (2/2)
Spencer Kleist (2/2)
Mark Skinner (2/2)



Mike & Joyce Freehill (2/4)

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 29, 2017

I am struggling with our new pastor. He has been in our parish for less than six months, and nothing seems to please him. Everything has to change, and the parishioners have no input. I thought the days of "pray, pay, and obey" were over.

The Code of Canon Law identifies the pastor as the shepherd of the parish. His duties require him to teach, sanctify, and govern the people entrusted to his care. However, canon law also envisions that he engage in pastoral care "with the assistance of lay members of the Christian faithful" (519). It would be fair to assert that the intention of the law is to encourage the building up of a community using the "knowledge, prudence, and integrity" of every member (228).

Many issues, feelings, and even theologues make up the personalities of a parish. The one constant that needs to be present is the presumption of good will (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2478). If that is missing, then conflict, hard feelings, and many misunderstandings will result.

Without taking sides, I suggest that everyone takes a deep breath. Then each of you—the pastor included—ask yourself, "Have I attempted to interpret this person or situation favorably? Have I made any rash judgments?" If honest and prayerful reflection reveal less-than-good intentions, now is the time to change your attitude and acknowledge that a new start is needed.

Fr. Tom Santa, CSsR
sundaybulletin@liguori.org

Monday

January 30

Weekday

Heb 11:32–40

Mk 5:1–20

Tuesday

January 31

*St. John Bosco,
Priest*

Heb 12:1–4

Mk 5:21–43

Wednesday

February 1

Weekday

Heb 12:4–7,
11–15

Mk 6:1–6

Thursday

February 2

*The Presentation
of the Lord*

Mal 3:1–4

Heb 2:14–18

Lk 2:22–40

or 2:22–32

Friday

February 3

Weekday

Heb 13:1–8

Mk 6:14–29

Saturday

February 4

Weekday

Heb 13:15–17,
20–21

Mk 6:30–34

Sunday

February 5

*Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Is 58:7–10

1 Cor 2:1–5

Mt 5:13–16

Good News!

January 29, 2017

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Zep 2:3; 3:12–13, 1 Cor 1:26–31, Mt 5:1–12a

To follow Christ is to seek lowliness, humility, mercy, and righteousness. The Ten Commandments summarize God's teaching to his people. Jesus gives us a new law that builds on the old. Before it was "You shall not..."; now it is, "Blessed are you when..." He calls us to greater happiness, greater blessing, but it comes with a challenge. Saint Augustine says that Jesus went up the mountain to preach the Beatitudes because he was preaching a higher moral doctrine: "greater precepts of righteousness."

The new law contradicts what our wounded human nature tends to think and feel. We are challenged to believe blessings can come from tears, meekness, and poverty; that living meekly leads to strength and security. Appreciating these truths requires transforming our minds and hearts. Faith is required. Deeply desiring and living in the right does bring satisfaction. There is consolation in mourning the things that sadden Christ's heart.

If we live by the beatitudes, many will treat us more generously. We know people who are merciful, and we are quick to show them mercy. When our hearts are clean, we can see God more clearly. Those who seek and create peace are considered by all to be children of God. They are not without trials and suffering, but they are blessed and happy.

Christ calls us to store up treasures in heaven, spiritual blessings that cannot be taken away. Even if we experience difficulty, we will still receive the highest and greatest gift: the kingdom of heaven.

For Reflection

Am I renewing my heart and mind in Christ?
How do I live out the beatitudes?

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC