

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)



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JANUARY 8, 2017

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



FIND JOY IN WINTER DAYS

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

FEBRUARY 4/5 Blessing of the throats at ALL Masses

FEBRUARY 11/12—We will have a combined event with St. Mary's Parish in Paxton on this weekend. Saturday, February 11 at 7PM and Sunday February 12 at 7PM. Arrangements have been made for Frank Runyeon (see inside for a biography) to speak to our Parishes. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this wonderful event! More details to follow in the coming weeks.

FEBRUARY 12—We will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, the patron saint of our parish. We are planning a wonderful event following 10:30AM Mass. At Fr. Kirk Hall we will share a meal and see a movie presentation of "The Song of Bernadette". We will also say a daily Novena after Mass, starting on February 2 –10. The more we pray to her the more graces we receive. This increases our devotion to the Blessed Mother as she gave us the Blessed Redeemer. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. What a wonderful way to chase away the winter blues AND spend time with our parish family in celebration!

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

This week is PART 1..THE "FETUS" ... HUMAN LIFE OR NOT?

As pro-lifers, we need to educate ourselves and have answers to pro-choice arguments and rhetoric. Over the next few weeks, we will highlight the typical pro-choice claims and we will arm you with good and accurate information to refute their misleading and false arguments.

For many years, their most significant and basic argument has been that the so-called fetus is not a human life; it's just a simple mass of tissue or part of the pregnant woman's body. They also claim that the question of when human life begins is uncertain and a religious issue.

However, medical textbooks and scientific reference works consistently agree that life begins at conception, when a genetically distinct individual is brought into existence. Some of the world's most prominent scientists and physicians testified to a U.S. Senate committee that human life begins at conception. At these same hearings, pro-abortionists, though invited to do so, failed to produce even a single expert witness who would testify that life begins at any point other than conception.

From the moment of conception, the unborn fetus is not simple, but very complex. The newly fertilized egg contains a staggering amount of genetic information, sufficient to control the individual's growth and development for an entire lifetime. The key word is development. Like a toddler or adolescent, the term fetus does not refer to "non-humans", but to humans at a particular stage of development. It is scientifically inaccurate and untrue to say a fetus is not a human being simply because he or she is at an earlier stage of development than an infant.

Being inside something is not the same as being part of something. The mother and the unborn child are two separate individuals and half the time, they are not even the same sex! The Child has its own DNA, fingerprints and blood type, distinct from the mother's. The unborn child even takes an active role in his or her own development, even controlling the course of the pregnancy and the time of birth.

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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 9	8:00AM	NO MASS
<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>		
TUE January 10	8:00AM	NO MASS
WED January 11	8:00AM	NO MASS
THU January 12	5:30PM	NO MASS
FRI January 13	8:00AM	NO MASS
<i>St. Hilary</i>		
SAT January 14	5:00PM (OLL)	+Anthony Coons
SUN January 15	8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL)	+Margaret Rock Parish Family
<i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>		

**Thank You
For Your Gifts
OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$2133.50
Capital Imp.	\$272.00
Food Pantry Jan. Total	\$257.00
Yr to Date FP	\$257.00

Imm Conception

Sunday Total	\$320.00
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: 15,825
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, January 14 5:00PM	Braden Roesch	Jim Meyer	Marj Brown	Stan Alt Jerry Brown	Paul & Sarah Sarantakos
Sun, January 15 10:30AM	Ethan Garard Haven Hathaway	Denis Fisher	Paul Sarantakos	Brett Beyers Craig Davis	

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.

VISITING PRIESTS

While Father Thomas is visiting his family in India. I would like to take the opportunity to welcome our visiting priests!

January 14/15
Fr. Dennis Spies

January 21/22
Fr. Joselad

January 28/29
Fr. Dennis Spies

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

Mary Cothern

A LITTLE CATHOLIC HUMOR



(See Genesis 3) 12-30-2013
REMEMBER THAT NEW YEAR RESOLUTION YOU MADE TO TRY NEW THINGS?

The Word From Father Thomas

THE WISE MEN



The wise men. Whether they were really kings or just local eastern chieftains or learned astronomers is not the least important. Their hearts were filled with wisdom and the aspirations of their race, and that is what really concerns. Only men of the highest type could have undertaken such a journey for such a purpose. They brought all the longing of their people with them to the place of the encounter for its fulfillment. Through the desert, by way of royal palaces, the libraries of the learned and the chambers of the priests—and they ended their journey at last at a manger in a poor stable.

Here again we have a distinct type. The secret of these people is as plain as in the case of the shepherds. They are the men with clear eyes that probe things to their very depths. They have a real hunger and thirst for knowledge.

I know what that means now. They are capable of arriving at right decisions. They subordinate their lives to the end in view and they willingly journey to the ends of the earth in quest of knowledge, following a star, a sign, obeying an inner voice that would never have made itself heard but for their hunger and the intense alertness hunger produces. They believed in that voice more implicitly than they believed in the tangible realities of the mortal existence. Such men are regal in every impulse; they can rise above every situation even when it involves great suffering. The compelling earnestness of their quest, the unshakable persistence of their search, the royal grandeur of their dedication—these are their secrets.

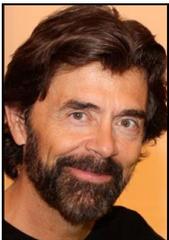
And it is their message for us and their judgment of us. Why do so few ever see the star? Only because so few are looking for it...

What are we looking for anyway? And where will we find a genuine yearning so strong that neither fatigue, nor distance, nor fear of the unknown, nor loneliness, nor ridicule will deter us? Only such a passionate desire can prompt the persistence which is content to kneel even when the ultimate goal turns out to be a simple stable. Those capable of such dedication penetrate to the heart of things and understand why that should be the outcome. A thousand secret longings of the spirit and the heart have paved the way for faith and sanctified them for the act of adoration.

~Father Alfred Delp, S.J.

Father Delp +1945 was a German Jesuit priest condemned to death by the Nazis in Berlin, Germany.

FRANK RUNYEON BIOGRAPHY



Frank Runyeon has won national acclaim for his work as a translator and performer of Biblical texts over the past 25 years. He has performed the gospel for hundreds of thousands of people in almost every state in America, earning rave reviews from critics, scholars, and church leaders of every denomination. He is regularly reviewed as “the best speaker we have ever heard” by students and faculty at private and public schools across the nation.

He is perhaps still best known, however, for his many roles on television. He starred for seven years as Steve Andropoulos on *As the World Turns* opposite Meg Ryan, a storyline that garnered the second highest ratings in the history of daytime television. He next appeared for four years as Father Michael Donnelly on the Emmy award winning *Santa Barbara*, and as a tycoon Simon Romero on *General Hospital*, opposite Emma Samms. Frank has also guest-starred in recurring roles on *Falcon Crest* as chess genius Jovan Dmytryk, on *Melrose Place* as Father Tom, on *All My Children* as Forrest Williams, and on *L.A. Law* as talk-show host Brooks Tapman.

He was recently nominated for a Daytime Emmy for his guest-starring role as Angel on *The Young and the Restless*.

I will share more of Frank Runyeon’s biography over the weeks leading up to the event. Please mark you Calendars for either Saturday, February 11 at 7PM or Sunday, February 12 at 7PM. You won’t want to miss his presentation!

PARISH EVENTS



Wednesday, January 11

- K of C Mtg 7PM

Saturday, January 14

- Food Pantry 8AM-12NOON

Tuesday, January 17

CALM between 6:30-7pm

Saturday, January 28

- Food Pantry 8AM-12NOON

Sunday, January 29

- **YOUTH MASS**

Tuesday, January 31

- CALM between 6:30-7PM



Dan Kleist (1/10)
LeaAnn Seymour (1/1)
Isabel Eichelberger (1/12)



Terry & Joyce Hutchcraft (1/12)

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Loretta Bode
Mary Cothorn
Mardelle Duffy
Donovan Gaines
Dick Walter
Mary Masco
Jeff McGuire
Linda Ellington
Greg Delost



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.

Dear Padre

JANUARY 8, 2017

If God wants everyone to believe in him, why doesn't God offer undeniable proof of his existence? Surely more would join the Church if adequate proof were available?

Perhaps what is missing is the ability to perceive and understand the evidence before our eyes. In the *Catechism* we are taught that God "provides men with constant evidence of himself in created realities" (CCC 54).

Despite the evidence, however, God does seem to be hidden from the sight of some. Why might this be? Again, the *Catechism* offers an important truth: While faith is a grace, it is also dependent on the "free assent" of the human person to accept what God has revealed (CCC 150). Faith is a gift, but it is also a human act: "Believing is an act of the intellect assenting to the divine truth by command of the will moved by God through grace" (CCC 155; see *Summa Theologica*, II-II.2.9).

In the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31), Abraham declares to the rich man, "If they [his brothers] will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead" (16:31). So evidence of God's presence, the witness of the Church, and even the most persuasive arguments might not be enough to convince every person to come to faith.

Fr. Tom Santa, CSsR
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Monday

January 9

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or
Acts 10:34-38

Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday

January 10

Weekday

Heb 2:5-12

Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

January 11

Weekday

Heb 2:14-18

Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

January 12

Weekday

Heb 3:7-14

Mk 1:40-45

Friday

January 13

Weekday

Heb 4:1-5, 11

Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

January 14

Weekday

Heb 4:12-16

Mk 2:13-17

Sunday

January 15

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6

1 Cor 1:1-3

Jn 1:29-34

Good News!

January 8, 2017

The Epiphany of the Lord (A)

Is 60:1-6, Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6, Mt 2:1-12

An amazing thing happens in today's Gospel: Representatives from the farthest ends of the earth follow a heavenly light and end in the humble cave of Bethlehem. The Wise Men first consult with King Herod, Galilee's civil authority. He checks with the high priest and rabbis to determine when and where the Messiah is to be born. The Jewish leadership is able to read the Scriptures and give Herod and the Wise Men all the information they need. Yet only the Eastern travelers go to adore the Lord. The priest and lawyers lack faith to see in those Scriptures a fulfillment of their hopes, while King Herod is blinded to Christ's salvific mission and moved by a will to power, as the killing of the Innocents will make clear. They all have ears to hear and eyes to see but few pay heed to the signs of the times.

The Wise Men from the East, merely following their study of the stars and asking help from others, travel months in search of Jesus. Raphael shows the moment when they finally find what they have been looking for. The band of travelers—complete with horses, guards, and royalty—arrives at a broken-down stall. One of the Wise Men kneels, removes his crown, and offers Jesus his treasure. This small gesture shows an internal attitude that Herod and the chief priests were missing: the humility to lay aside power, wealth, and status to bend the knee before the king born in their midst.

For Reflection

Am I willing to humbly accept Jesus for who he is: the Son of God? From what must I detach myself in order to accept Jesus more fully?

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC