

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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OCTOBER 22, 2017

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CATHOLIC STUDY OF OUR FAITH/BIBLE

We would like to start a weekly opportunity for our parish to learn and deepen their faith.

We need to know when would be convenient to meet. Some suggested ideas are Sunday late afternoons or Wednesday evenings, but we are open to other suggestions.

Please reply to the parish email (pastor@ololgc.org) at your earliest convenience on your interest in participating and a day/time that would work best for you as we want this to be a success!

This program is ideal for High School age thru adult. We are also willing to check into babysitting if there is a need!

CHRISTMAS CARE PACKAGE MINISTRY FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS GIFT CARD DONATION

This is the second year initiative by the Parish Council and RE Program to provide care packages to our Youth who have gone off to college. A box to collect this years gift cards will be available at the back of the church beginning October 7 and the ideal increment for the gift cards is \$10 each. Meanwhile, our RE students will prepare encouraging cards and make Rosaries to send with your gift cards in the individual packages. We received thank you cards from college students who received your packages last year and you will find them available to read at the back of the church next to the gift card drop box.

We are also providing an opportunity for our college students to connect to a Newman Center near them (Newman Center, Newman Houses, or Newman Clubs are Catholic ministry centers at non-Catholic universities found throughout the world).

The last weekend to collect gift cards will be November 25/26. The mailing to college students will go out the first week in December to reach students before Christmas breaks.

Thank you for supporting this new ministry for our parish!



BOX OF JOY CAMPAIGN

Previously, our RE children have participated in a shoe box program (Operation Christmas Child by Samaritan's Purse) for needy children that sent out gifts internationally. This year, we are changing things up! We are partnering with Cross Catholic Outreach in their Box Of Joy campaign, and we would like to expand to include the whole parish as well as our generous RE kids. We will be kicking off our program next week (October 21st-22nd), with a "Christmas Tree" of shoe boxes in the church. Please take one (or more) to fill!

The box will have inside a sheet of gift guidelines, and a letter a child can fill out to include in their box. We ask that you fill and return your boxes on or before the deadline of November 5th. They will be kept in Father Kirk Hall, but can be returned to either the Church or the hall. During Mass on November 5th, Father Thomas will be blessing the boxes before they begin their journey to the arms of a child who wished for just one gift.

Want to help, but shopping not your thing? We have the perfect solution! Each box requires a \$6.00 shipping fee (that's less expensive than the fee of \$7 required by Samaritan's Purse). There will be a donation box by our shoe box tree if you would like to help!

Please open your hearts this Christmas!

Any questions, email, call or text Berni Campos. bnbcmpos@gmail.com or (217)898-3448

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**Parish Council
 President**
 Michael Smith (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.

MON October 23	8:00AM	Brian Grady <i>St. John of Capistrano</i>
TUE October 24	8:00AM	Lynch Family Mardis Family <i>St. Anthony Mary Claret</i>
WED October 25	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
THU October 26	5:30PM	+Francis & Mary Cothern
FRI October 27	8:00AM	Martin Family McCall Family
SAT October 28	5:00PM (OLL)	+Sandy Roberts <i>Sts. Simon and Jude</i>
SUN October 29	8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL)	Parish Family +Luella Koopman <i>Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time</i>

**Thank You
 For Your Gifts
 OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$2563.00
Capital Imp.	\$120.00
Food Pantry	\$78.00
October Total	\$211.00
Yr to Date FP	\$2802.61

Imm Conception

Sunday Total	\$152.00
Capital Imp.	\$0

When we meet our CMAA Goals! OLOL and IC will get back **70%** 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: \$13690
 (Goal: \$13,255)
IC: \$1620
 (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, October 28 5:00PM	Caine Jost Walter Smith	Stan Alt	Jean Wilhelmi	Jerry Brown Stan Alt	Fran Mardis
Sun, October 29 10:30AM	Hannah &Haven Hathaway	Denis Fisher	Paul Sarantakos	Dan Day Dan Kleist	

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.

**FISHERS OF MEN FALL RETREAT
 "BE TRANSFORMED"**

November 11 and 12
 Cardinal Stritch Retreat Center
 1300 Stritch Dr, Mundelein, IL

**Spiritual Directors Fr. Burke Masters
 and Fr. Dennis Spies.**

Retreat will begin with 7:30AM arrival on Saturday and Mass and end by Sunday Noon. Cost is \$120 and includes private room overnight accommodations and meals.

Register at www.fishersofmenonline.com

**OUR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
 DOLLARS AT WORK!**

We are getting closer. The new ADA doorway is in and walls are closed after the new plumbing has been installed. Now to put things back together!



The Word From Father Thomas

GOD VS. CAESAR



The various emperors of the world can strip the Church of every resource, discredit it in every way, make it powerless to do the works of the Gospel, but no one will ever be able to take the Gospel away, the joy of its Lord...No earthly authority will be able to possess the heart of man forever through the propaganda of lies, with masked promises and apparent democracies. The Conscience can remain dazed for a long time, but sooner or later, something happens that reawakens and regenerates it, since at its root there is an indestructible core: the desire for truth and the need for good. Let no one be deceived: Christianity can be reduced to a visible minority, but it can never be eliminated, because the Lord said, Do not be afraid, I am with you until the end of the world, and because the human soul is made for God. And this is stronger than all of the persecutions and all of the lies that circulate so rapidly in the air today.

Today—in the name of values like equality, tolerance, rights—the aspiration is to marginalize Christianity, to create a world order without God, where differences are glorified on one side and crushed on the other. This is true for...the peoples and the nations. However, if we look at the results, we have to conclude that it began with good intentions, but with erroneous decisions. The overbearing will to homologate, to want to condition the profound visions of life and behaviors, the systematic annulment of cultural identities—all of this resembles...a journey toward...a deleterious...refoundation that the population recognizes as oppressive and arrogant, where Christianity is considered divisive because it does not bow down before the emperor du jour.

History attests that when those in power concentrate on their own survival out of personal ambition, turning away from the common good, it is the time of decline. Marginalizing Christianity from the public sphere is a sign, not of intelligence, but of fear. It is failing to see, through the dark clouds of prejudice, that society cannot help but benefit from Christianity. Yes, society can benefit from Christianity...The more one seriously studies the origins of humanism, and the more he recognizes the existence of something that is not only spiritual, but distinctly Christiana.

~Cardinal Angelo Bagnasco

PARISH EVENTS



Wednesday, October 25

- Staff Meeting 6PM
- Parish Council Meeting 7PM

Saturday, October 28

- Food Pantry 8AM-12 Noon

Tuesday, October 31

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM



"If you're ever headed the wrong way in life, remember the road to Heaven allows U-turns."

ALL SOULS BOOK

ALLS SOULS DAY MASS will be on **November 2 at 7PM.** Please write any loved ones that you want remembered during that Mass in the book on the podium in the entryway of the church.

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

- Donovan Gaines
- Jeff McGuire
- Linda Ellington
- Greg Delost
- Steve Heavilin
- Dale Enghausen
- Bob Mardis
- Ashley Bode
- Brian Sullivan
- Erin Aubry
- Tony Perkins
- Emma Davis



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.

LECTOR TRAINING

Lector training is **Sunday, October 29th at 9AM** in the church. This is a call to the Lector ministry for adult parishioners as well as students in the 7th grade and up.

Please contact **Paul Sarantakos**
217-781-1440 or
Fr. Thomas 630-639-0502.



- Isabella Helmig (11/24)
- Barb Zick (10/24)
- Victoria Davis (10/25)
- Laura Burnes (10/25)
- Harry Groom (10/26)
- Carl Hornstein (10/26)
- Caroline Thomas (10/29)
- Lillihanna Burnes (10/29)
- Tom Hartford (10/29)
- Bob Mardis (10/29)



IT'S TURKEY DINNER TIME!!
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017
11AM-1PM



RAFFLE TICKETS
HAVE BEEN
MAILED....
SPREAD THE
WORD..WE HAVE
SOME GREAT

IF WE SOMEHOW MANAGED TO MISS YOU WITH A PHONE CALL,
PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE (217)784-4671 AND
SEE WHERE WE CAN USE HELP. THERE'S SOMEWHERE FOR
EVERYONE...and ALWAYS DISHES TO WASH!!

Dear Padre

OCTOBER 22, 2017

Would you kindly address the issue of donating to charities? I'm sure others receive requests for money from many different organizations. I feel guilty discarding letters with pictures of starving children, when I eat well.

I have the same dilemma. I live in the richest country in the world. I could live much more simply and dispose of all the income I don't need. But to do so would require a substantial change in lifestyle and would undoubtedly be viewed by many as irresponsible.

Some are called to live a life of radical giving and radical poverty. Others—most of us—are called to live simply according to our circumstances and needs. We're called to be generous, but we're also expected to plan for the future, provide for our families, and seriously accept the other responsibilities before us.

It is not necessary to respond to every particular need for which you receive an appeal, no matter how needy or worthy it may be. Choose a representative sampling of charities that you feel you can support, and discard the other appeals. Do so in good conscience. If, in the future, you find yourself to be in a situation where you can be even more generous, then by all means choose to do so.

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Monday

October 23

Weekday

Rom 4:20-25

Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday

October 24

Weekday

Rom 5:12, 15b,
17-19, 20b-21

Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday

October 25

Weekday

Rom 6:12-18

Lk 12:39-48

Thursday

October 26

Weekday

Rom 6:19-23

Lk 12:49-53

Friday

October 27

Weekday

Rom 7:18-25a

Lk 12:54-59

Saturday

October 28

*Sts. Simon and
Jude, Apostles*

Eph 2:19-22

Lk 6:12-16

Sunday

October 29

*Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Ex 22:20-26

1 Thes 1:5c-10

Mt 22:34-40

Good News!

October 22, 2017

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Is 45:1, 4-6 1; Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

Have you ever wondered why so many ancient busts of emperors and gods still exist? In any major museum around the world, you'll see rows of these masterful sculptures. The Vatican Museums have one of the best of these collections. The photo was taken in one of the galleries.

Thousands of busts and statues of the emperors and gods were produced for civil use in ancient times. Just like the American president's portrait is in every US embassy, so Caesar's sculpted form was all over the Roman Empire. For example, a bust would be placed in the town squares of the outlying territories to indicate that a border population belonged to the Roman Empire. The sculptures of Roman gods were also set up in public places around town so that a certain religious unity was preserved. Being within the empire obliged citizens to pay tributes and taxes, and it assured them of protection. Once the Caesars declared themselves divine, their statue also required sacrifice and worship.

The image of the Caesar marked what belonged to him: from land, to money, to people, to prayer. If you were under his image, you belonged to him.

We also carry the mark of a divine image that indicates to whom we belong. Each human being is made in the image of God, to be his reflection. We are sculpted and formed to reflect the artist who made us. God gives humans dignity because we are an eternal reflection of God's free, intelligent, artful, and beautiful nature. Our inalienable rights, rooted in our spiritual and rational nature, come from our Creator, as do our duties. No government or individual can give or take them away.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC