

## 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 29, 2017

## THIRTIETH 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-BOXES READY ARE STACKED AND READY FOR PICKUP AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

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](mailto:bnbcmpos@gmail.com) or (217)898-3448

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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.

<b>MON</b> October 30	8:00AM	McGuire Family Medernach Family
<i>St. John of Capistrano</i>		
<b>TUE</b> October 31	8:00AM	NO MASS
<i>St. Anthony Mary Claret</i>		
<b>WED</b> November 1	7:00AM	Priest Intentions
ALL SAINTS DAY (HOLY DAY) 7:00PM		
<b>THU</b> November 2	7:00PM	All Souls departed from our Parish
ALL SOULS DAY		
<b>FRI</b> November 3	8:00AM	+Mardelle Duffy
<i>St. Martin dePorres</i>		
<b>SAT</b> November 4	5:00PM (OLL)	+Brooke Martin
<i>St. Charles Borromeo</i>		
<b>SUN</b> November 5	8:00AM (IC)	Parish Family
<i>Thirty-First</i> 10:30AM (OLL)		+Loretta Bode
<i>Sunday In Ordinary Time</i>		

**Thank You  
For Your Gifts  
OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$2162.00
Capital Imp.	\$50.00
Food Pantry	\$81.00
October Total	\$292.00
Yr to Date FP	\$2883.61

**Imm Conception**

Sunday Total	\$90.00
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, November 4 5:00PM	Caine Jost Walter Smith	Fran Mardis	Frank Titus	Robert Bode Stan Alt	Jean Wilhelmi
Sun, November 5 10:30AM	Cecilia Goodin Brooke Beyers	Sarah Sarantakos	Paul Sarantakos	Steve Killian Nathan Garard	

Ministry Schedule for November 1 (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION) **7AM**. Server Caine Jost, Lector Marj Brown  
**7PM** Server Cain Jost, Lector Fran Mardis

**Baptism**

Call the Rectory at least four weeks before the baptism. Instruction for the parents and God-parents is required.

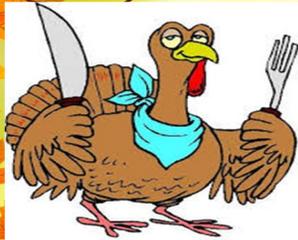
**Sick??**

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.

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



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!!



- Cecilia Goodin (10/30)
- Rob Kollross (10/30)
- Peg Bane (11/1)
- Jerry Lynch Sr. (11/2)
- Jessica Freehill (11/2)
- Jody Smith (11/2)
- Robb Fields (11/5)



- Todd & Lee Thomas (11/3)
- Stanley & Terri Davis (11/4)

# The Word From Father Thomas

## THE ROSARY



To linger in the domain of Mary is a divinely great thing. One does not ask about the utility of truly noble things, because they have their meaning within themselves. So it is of infinite meaning to draw a deep breath of this purity, to be secure in the peace of this union with God..

Man needs a place of holy tranquility that the breath of God pervades and where he meets the great figures of the Faith. This place is the inaccessibility of God himself, which only Christ opens to man.

All prayer begins by man becoming silent—recollecting his scattered thoughts, feeling remorse at his trespasses, and directing his thoughts toward God. If man does all this, this place is thrown open, not only as a domain of spiritual tranquility and mental concentration, but as something that comes from God.

We are always in need of this place, especially when the convulsions of the times make clear something that has always existed but which is sometimes hidden by outward well-being and a prevailing peace of mind: namely, the homelessness of our lives. In such times, a great courage is demanded from us; not only a readiness to dispense with more and to accomplish more than usual, but to persevere in a vacuum we do not otherwise notice. So we require more than ever this place of which we speak, not to creep into as a hiding place, but as a place to find the core of things, to become calm and confident once more.

For this reason the rosary is so important in times like ours—assuming, of course, that all slackness and exaggeration are done away with, and that it is used in its clear and original forcefulness. This is all the more important because the rosary does not require any special preparation, and the petitioner does not need to generate thoughts of which he is not capable at the moment or at any other time. Rather, he steps into a well-ordered world, meets familiar images, and finds roads that lead him to the essential.

~Monsignor Romano Guardini

**“When we say Rosary we hold the hand of Mary and when it is done Mary holds our hands”  
~Pope Francis**

## PARISH EVENTS



### Friday, November 3

- Adoration after 8AM Mass

### Saturday, November 4

- Patriotic Rosary 4:30PM

### Wednesday, November 8

- K of C Meeting 7PM

### Thursday, November 9

- St. Peregrine Mass

### November 11/2 weekend

- Deacon Paul preaches

### Saturday, November 11

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon

### Sunday, November 12

- Turkey Dinner 11AM-1PM

### Sunday, November 19

- **YOUTH MASS**

### Saturday, November 25

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon

### Wednesday, November 29

- Staff Meeting 6PM
- Parish Council Meeting 7PM

## A LITTLE CATHOLIC HUMOR



## TRIP TO INDIA WITH FATHER THOMAS

Father Thomas will be leading a trip to India January 11-27, 2018. The trip will be with FlooHoo Tours (brochure on the back table). Additional information can be found at [www.floohoo.com](http://www.floohoo.com) or by Calling (888)447-6456.

Father Thomas is also excited to talk to anyone interested in making this trip!

FUNERAL DINNER DISHES can be picked up at the hall following Mass on Saturday evening or until the end of RE on Sunday. The Wood Street doors will be open!

## VISIT TO DRUMMER TOWNSHIP CEMETERY NOVEMBER 5

Everyone is invited to meet at the Drummer Township cemetery at 9AM on Sunday, November 5 for a few moments of prayer in remembrance of the Church Penitent. We the Church Militant will lift our prayers with those of the Church Triumphant to assist and hasten the way for souls to Heaven, who by their prayers may assist us!! **RE PARENTS, come directly to the cemetery at 9AM. We will meet at the Veterans Memorial and regular RE classes will not begin until 9:40AM.** In the event of inclement weather we will go to RE classes as usual and end classes at 10AM to proceed to the church this prayer time.

## Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Donovan Gaines  
Jeff McGuire  
Linda Ellington  
Greg Delost  
Steve Heavilin  
Dale Enghausen  
Bob Mardis  
Ashley Bode  
Brian Sullivan  
Tony Perkins  
Emma Davis  
Mel & Marilyn Fischer



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@lolgc.org](mailto:pastor@lolgc.org).

# Dear Padre

OCTOBER 29, 2017

**How do our prayers actually help people who are deceased? I keep thinking it should be the other way around: The deceased should pray for us! After all, they have it made—and we don't.**

From the early days of the Church, there has been a tradition of remembering those who have died. In the fourth century, Bishop Cyril of Jerusalem noted in his catechetical instructions how, in the eucharistic prayer, we remember those who have died in two different ways. First, we remember those special ones who have fallen asleep, the fathers and mothers of our faith, the prophets, the apostles, and the martyrs. And we ask that God enable us to share in their inheritance, thanks to their prayers and intercessions for us. This is still the case. At every Mass, we remind God that we rely on Mary and the saints to intercede for us.

But also at every Eucharist, since the early days of the Church, when we pray for those who have died, we are reminded that love lasts more than a lifetime. It reaches out across time and space, and even across the divide of death. When we have loved, we yearn for the beloved to live on, not just in memory but in a place that is beyond suffering and tears. And we yearn to see that loved one again. This is one of the most telling reasons why we pray for the dead. It tells us something about ourselves as men and women made in the image of God, God's children who wish what God wishes: that no one be lost, that all be redeemed.

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**Monday**  
October 30  
*Weekday*  
Rom 8:12-17  
Lk 13:10-17

**Tuesday**  
October 31  
*Weekday*  
Rom 8:18-25  
Lk 13:18-21

**Wednesday**  
November 1  
*All Saints Day*  
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14  
1 Jn 3:1-3  
Mt 5:1-12a

**Thursday**  
November 2  
*Commemoration  
of All the Faithful  
Departed*  
Wis 3:1-9  
Rom 5:5-11  
or Rom 6:3-9  
Jn 6:37-40

**Friday**  
November 3  
*Weekday*  
Rom 9:1-5  
Lk 14:1-6

**Saturday**  
November 4  
*St. Charles  
Borromeo, Bishop*  
Rom 11:1-2a,  
11-12, 25-29  
Lk 14:1, 7-11

**Sunday**  
November 5  
*Thirty-First Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*  
Mal 1:14b-2:2b,  
8-10  
1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13  
Mt 23:1-12

# Good News!

October 29, 2017

*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)*  
Ex 22:20-26 1; Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

Jesus was a radical. This is expressed by the word all in today's Gospel: all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. What does that word leave out? That's right, nothing! Jesus gave it all, and he asks for it all. That is radical.

Jesus is the first one to give us the example of this total and self-giving surrender to God the Father. When prayer was more important than sleep, he prayed. When he had to go without food, like in the desert, he did. When he knew that God wanted him to stay in town, he did. And when it was time to move on, he did as well. When he knew God wanted him to preach a word of compassion or condemnation, he did, regardless of whether the person was a beggar, Peter, Pilate, or Herod. He gave all his heart, mind, and soul to God.

And what about loving his neighbor as himself? He loved not only his perfect immaculate Mother, but he also loved his imperfect fellow human beings: his apostles, disciples, and fellow Jews whose faith and understanding were slow. He loved Judas and chased down discouraged apostles heading to Emmaus. He loved his enemies just as much. Tax collectors, publicans, Roman soldiers, Samaritans all received words and acts of love. The poor also had a special place in his heart, as was evident by his many miracles of soul and body for them.

His love even went beyond those people he encountered in his life and reached everyone for all times. He established the sacraments and his Church to accompany on their earthly pilgrimage all those who would follow him throughout history. He descended into hell to save those who had gone before him and opened heaven.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC