

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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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JOIN ME ON MY JANUARY 2018 TOUR TO INDIA



Since coming to the United States of America in 2009, I have enjoyed sharing my Indian culture with my US parishes. People have expressed to me their wish to visit India, especially after learning that the patron saint of the Diocese of Joliet is St. Francis Xavier. His body can be viewed in Goa, India and remains undecomposed after more than 400 years.



Recently when I shared it with a friend of mine who is a partner in a tour organizing group, he told me that he can organize a tour to India including Goa. They have graciously chartered a tour program and asked me if I would be a Chaplain for the group. I agreed and I will be traveling with the group through the entire tour program during the dates of January 11-27, 2018.

The program covers most of the important Catholic centers as well as places like Delhi, Agra, the Taj Mahal (one of the Seven Wonders of the World), and Jaipur. Then the group will move on to Goa and to Kerala through Bangalore.

Kerala, my own home state, is one of the most beautiful places in the world. In the tour guide it is described as "God's own Country." In Kerala we will also visit Kodungalloor, where St. Thomas the Apostle landed in AD 52 and Bharananganam, the home of the first woman saint from India, St. Alphonsa and Mannanam, where St. Chavara Kuriakose Elias started the first Indian Carmelite order called CMI. We currently have six CMI priests working in the Diocese of Joliet, including myself. We will also visit many other beautiful places including Wayanad and spend a day in the back waters in house boats.

I would like to all of you to join me and the group. FlooHoo Tours has arranged excellent hotel accommodations supported by excellent tour guides. They will also arrange for Visa for those needing them to travel. Feel free to go online at www.floohoo.com or call (888)447-6456 to learn more about the places and hotels and reference additional details in the brochure at the back of the church. I am also available at any time to discuss this exciting opportunity and would love to share with you my beautiful India! The group will fly out of O'Hare to New Delhi on January 11, late evening and return in the afternoon on January 27.

God Bless,

Fr. Thomas

WE WANT YOU TO JOIN US FOR ... WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP AND STUDY

We are introducing a wonderful opportunity for our parish (high school and up) to meet weekly for fellowship and study!

Call (217)784-4671 or email (pastor@ololgc.org) Patti in the office if you are interested in deepening your faith together.

We want to get books ordered and start our program in the very near future! We can't wait to hear from you!

CHRISTMAS CARE PACKAGE MINISTRY FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS GIFT CARD DONATION

The last weekend to collect gift cards will be November 25/26. The mailing will go out the first week in December to reach students before Christmas break. The treasure chest is at the back of the church and we welcome you to give gift cards in \$10 increments to send to our college students. A reminder that we haven't forgotten about them at their home parish!

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**Parish Council
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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 November 13	8:00AM	+Chuck Freehill <i>St. Francis Xavier Cabrini</i>
TUE November 14	8:00AM	+Loretta Bode
WED November 15	8:00AM	NO MASS <i>St. Albert the Great</i>
THU November 16	5:30PM	+Bill Middleton <i>St. Gertrude</i>
FRI November 17	8:00AM	+Loretta Bode <i>St. Elizabeth of Hungary</i>
SAT November 18	5:00PM (OLL)	+Chuck Freehill <i>The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul</i>
SUN November 19	8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL)	+Mardelle Duffy Parish Family <i>Thirty-Third</i> <i>Sunday In Ordinary Time</i>

**Thank You
For Your Gifts
OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$2477.00
Capital Imp.	\$337.00
Food Pantry	\$65.00
November Total	\$65.00
Yr to Date FP	\$2986.61

Imm Conception

Sunday Total	\$400.00
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: \$13935
(Goal: \$13,255)
IC: \$1620
(Goal: \$913)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
Sat, November 18 5:00PM	Alex Killian Daxter Chaddock	Lisa Heap	Frank Titus	Robert Bode Stan Alt	Paul & Sarah Sarantakos
Sun, November 19 10:30AM	Isabella & Sophia Helmig	Cecilia Goodin Kenley Andreae	Paul Sarantakos	YOUTH MASS	Campaign for Human Development (CHD) collection will be Nov 18/19.

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

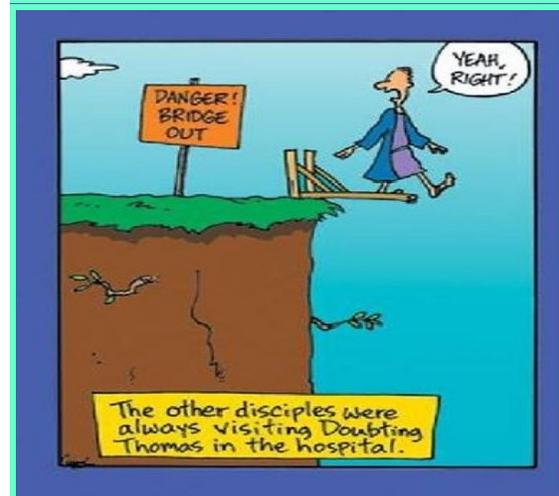
Call the Rectory at least six months before. A six month preparation time is required.

**CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
COLLECTION**

Next week, our second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 46 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people and to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty.

By supporting this collection you give people a hand up, not a hand out. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at 2.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

A LITTLE CATHOLIC HUMOR



The Word From Father Thomas

THE WISE VIRGINS

Someone put it very well when he said that all we have to do while we are on earth is love God.



And so that we should not be hesitant but should know how to set about doing this, Jesus told us that the only way to do it, the only recipe for it, the only method is loving one another...all the paths of the virtues lead to this door.

At root, all are destined just to bring us here more quickly, more cheerfully, more certainly. A virtue that does not lead us here is a virtue that has gone crazy. The only crack in the edifice, The only foothold, The only handhold, Is the love of these poor beings who, like us, are so hard to love because they share our own mediocrity.

And it could happen that we enjoy arriving at a fantastic level of humility, or at a poverty second to none, or at an obedience that is beyond murmur, or at a purity that is flawless; we could perhaps enjoy this-but if this humility, this poverty, this purity, this obedience has not led us to meet goodness; if the people in our house, our street, our town, are still just as hungry, just as cold, if they are still just as sad, just as gloomy, if they are still just as alone; then, though perhaps we may be heroes, we will not be among those who love God.

For the real virtues are like ten wise virgins with lamps in hand who stay huddled by that one door, the door of love, the door of concern for our brothers and sisters, and this door alone opens on the marriage feast where God dines with his friends.

~Servant of God Madeleine Delbrel

PARISH EVENTS



Sunday, November 19

- **YOUTH MASS**

Saturday, November 25

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon

Wednesday, November 29

- Staff Meeting 6PM
- Parish Council Meeting 7PM



- Roger Huppert (11/13)
- Ethan Garard (11/14)
- Tom Townsend (11/14)
- Joseph Schwarz (11/16)
- Walter Smith (11/17)
- Rob Schmitt (11/19)



John & Ann Carlson (11/17)



ANNUAL LIGHTED HOLIDAY PARADE

Saturday, November 18 starting at 6:30PM

Join Gibson City as we "WRAP UP" the town in lights and holiday décor for the PARADE OF PRESENTS! The parade will kick-off at 6:30PM at County Market. They will travel west to Sangamon Avenue and proceed north through the downtown.

Downtown stores will be open, and food and craft vendors will be set up downtown as well beginning at 4PM. Children can visit with Santa inside Hood's Ace Hardware from 4-6PM.

If you are unable to attend you can listen to the parade broadcast on WGCY 106.3FM.

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
- 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@ololgc.org.



SHHHHHH.....SANTA CLAUS COMING TO TOWN

**AMERICAN LEGION
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19
1-3pm**



Professional Santa pictures \$20. Proceeds to benefit the American Legion.

Dear Padre

NOVEMBER 12, 2017

How will it happen that Jesus will come again and lead us "through the gates"? Do you think that this will happen any time soon?

We have it from the best of authorities that the date of the world's end is hidden. Jesus said: "But of that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone" (Matthew 24:36).

In spite of Christ's admonition that the day of his Second Coming is known but to God, there have been countless false prophets who have confidently but incorrectly predicted a date for the end of the world. Most of these foolish forecasters based their claims on their misinterpretation of the Book of Revelation.

Throughout history, many have attempted to use the Book of Revelation as a timetable. They misinterpreted symbols and numbers as a forecast of what would happen in their own century. Over and over again, such people have used Revelation to predict the end of the world.

The world might end tomorrow, in five billion years, or somewhere in between. Jesus tells us we can't know for sure. We are sure, however, that this world will pass away. And for each one of us the world will end at the moment of death. What matters is that we should always be ready to meet Christ, our Judge. And we shall be ready if we follow Christ, our Shepherd. Jesus leads us safely through this life by his teaching, his example, and his grace.

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Monday

November 13
*St. Frances Xavier
Cabrini, Virgin*
Wis 1:1-7
Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday

November 14
Weekday
Wis 2:23-3:9
Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday

November 15
Weekday
Wis 6:1-11
Lk 17:11-19

Thursday

November 16
Weekday
Wis 7:22b-8:1
Lk 17:20-25

Friday

November 17
*St. Elizabeth
of Hungary,
Religious*
Wis 13:1-9
Lk 17:26-37

Saturday

November 18
Weekday
Wis 18:14-16;
19:6-9
Lk 18:1-8

Sunday

November 19
*Thirty-Third
Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Prv 31:10-13,
19-20, 30-31
1 Thes 5:1-6
Mt 25:14-30 or
25:14-15, 19-21

Good News!

November 12, 2017

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14;
Mt 25:1-13

As we near the end of the liturgical year and prepare for Advent, the readings get us ready for the Second Coming of Jesus by addressing our own final encounter with him. The Church summarizes the last realities each person must reflect on: death, judgment, heaven, and hell. In short, when we die we will face personal judgment. If our response has been to return Jesus' love, the reward will be heaven. But if we reject Jesus, the result will be hell.

This should not be a source of anxiety or fear, but rather faith, serenity, and hopeful confidence. If we are not quite ready, now is the age of mercy, and God's grace abounds for those who seek it. It is a healthy thing to be prepared and wise. All of us know our final encounter with Jesus at the end of life is coming. It would be foolish to ignore it or not maturely reflect on its implications.

Oil is the natural resource mentioned in the Gospel because without the light and warmth that an oil lamp provided, the guests could get lost in the dark or need to abandon the wait because of the cold. As we journey through this life, awaiting the marriage feast of Jesus, our hearts can get dimmed and icy if we are not lit by the oil of love and the warmth of the Spirit. We don't know the day or the hour when Jesus will come take us into the eternal banquet, but we know for sure that day is coming.

The wise guest is the person fueled by the oil of love and ready for any eventuality. As the Boy Scout motto goes—Be Prepared.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC