

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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NOVEMBER 5, 2017

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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!

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

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 little reminder that we haven't forgotten about them at their home parish!

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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 November 6	8:00AM	Miguel Family Miller Family
TUE November 7	8:00AM	Molck Family Moxley Family <i>St. Anthony Mary Claret</i>
WED November 8	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
THU November 9	5:30PM	Roy Roemer <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>
FRI November 10	8:00AM	+Mardelle Duffy <i>St. Leo the Great</i>
SAT November 11	5:00PM (OLL)	+Vicky Stuckey <i>St. Martin of Tours</i>
SUN November 12	8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL)	+Jeffrey Zick Parish Family <i>Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time</i>

**Thank You
 For Your Gifts
 OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$2535.00
Capital Imp.	\$0
Food Pantry	\$38.00
October Total	\$330.00
Yr to Date FP	\$2921.61

Imm Conception

Sunday Total	\$166.00
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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
Sat, November 11 5:00PM	Caine Jost Spencer Kleist	Patti Huppert	Frank Titus	Robert Bode Stan Alt	
Sun, November 12 10:30AM	Hannah & Haven Hathaway	Maggie Davis	Paul Sarantakos	Steve Killian Nathan Garard	

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.



To all the ladies who made salads and desserts for our Brother in Christ, Brian Grady's funeral luncheon on Thursday, October 26th, in Melvin. Especially a "BIG BIG thank you" to Janet Townsend and Mary Geurts for helping to work and also taking all the food from Our Lady of Lourdes to Melvin.

God Bless you all for your kindness, your help and providing all the delicious foods. No matter what the situation is I know I can count on our OLL ladies to step up and help. No hesitation ever! I know that God is looking down on you all and saying "Well done my good and faithful servants." Well done! God Bless you all and your families!

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The Word From Father Thomas

THE HUMBLE EXALTED

Like all theologians, little Therese of Lisieux knew that the divine Love is a consuming and transforming love. Therefore, the weaker we are, the more fit we are for the workings of such a love.



To have burning desires, to express them with eloquence, to feel ourselves full of enthusiasm, does not depend directly upon us. What we can always do, however, is to love with our will our littleness and our poverty; we can love our nakedness and our powerlessness, and come to have nothing but a single treasure: our blind abandonment to mercy. That is a proram for the interior life which is within your reach.

Do you know what misleads us? The fact that the best men are often so hard. They grow tired of pardoning. They do not forget the wounds they may have received. The world is pitiless in its judgments. It would seem that the perverted should be less severe than others, if only from looking at themselves. Quite the contrary, because mercy is a fruit of grace. Listen to the Pharisees, behind their whitewashed facades, passing judgment on the poor publicans.

We apply to the Heart of Jesus the measure of our own miserable little hearts, so mean, so narrow, so hard, and we do not succeed in comprehending how good, how indulgent, how compassionate, how gentle, how patient is Jesus himself.

We are severe particularly through lack of humility. This lack of humility prevents us from going to Jesus with the childlike confidence which permits him to make our hearts gentle and humble like his, to exchange our hearts for his.

Yes it is really this which misleads us. We have not experienced a rlyly merciful, universally merciful heart, always benevolent and understanding, which, attracted by misery, always knows how to bend over it in compassion. Yet that is what the Heart of Jesus is like.

~Father Jean du Coeur de Jesus dElbee

PRAYING FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

Father Peter John Cameron, O.P.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that "death puts an end to human life as the time open to either accepting or rejecting the divine grace manifested in Christ" (1021; see 2 Tm 1:9-10). The Holy Souls are those "who die in God's grace and friendship" but who are "still imperfectly purified...After death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven (CCC 1030). Part of the joy of belonging to the Church is the privilege of helping the Holy Souls to enter heaven. The Church "commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead" (CCC1032).

Saint Catherine of Genoa states in her treatise on purgatory that "if a soul were brought to see God when it had still a trifle of which to purge itself, a great injury would be done it." Conversely, "a great happiness is granted to the Holy Souls that grows as they draw nearer God. For every glimpse which can be had of God exceeds any pain or joy a man can feel. The Holy Souls clearly see God to be on fire with extreme love for them. Strongly and unceasingly this love draws the soul with that uniting look, as though it had nothing else to do than this." We offer our penances with the hope of giving the Holy Souls such a glimpse of God. Saint Augustine assures us: "It cannot be doubted hat the prayers of the Church relieve the Holy Souls, and move God to treat them with more clemency than their sins deserve."

ANNUAL APPEAL 2017



Just a friendly reminder that our 2017 Annual Appeal is nearing an end. If you would like to make a donation or pay any outstanding balances you can send checks directly to the Diocese.

A heartfelt thank you for your generosity!

CARDS OF CHEER

Anyone wishing to send a card to Marilyn Fisher to cheer her up as she recovers from an auto accident can mail them to the below address. Please also keep her in your prayers for a speedy recovery!

Marilyn Fischer
Vancrest Healthcare Center
1425 E. Fifth Street Rm 60 Bed 2
Delphos, Ohio 45833

PARISH EVENTS



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



Nick Giroux (11/9)
Ann Carlson (11/9)
Father Thomas Theneth (11/11)
Reed Weber (11/12)



Steve & Andi Killian

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@ololg.org.

Dear Padre

NOVEMBER 5, 2017

A priest recently said the Scriptures should set us free. I wish this could happen to me! I feel so trapped by life. My job, my kids, my aging parents, bills, health insurance. Everywhere I turn I'm cornered by responsibilities. How can Scripture help?

Many of us feel trapped by life. Life is complicated because often there is too much to do, too many obligations, too much going on. We feel burdened and many times even guilty that we're not doing more. There's never enough time. People are demanding and sometimes hurt our feelings. We can easily become victims of it all. Or we can become defensive, aggressive, or overly "people pleasing."

I invite you to pray the Scriptures daily. Open yourself to the Spirit's movement that's alive in the word and alive in you. Read a short passage. Think about it. Put yourself into the scene. Picture yourself listening to Jesus speak. Allow him to use your name. Let yourself be comforted, loved, freed, healed, and challenged to change your hectic pace in life. Instead of trying to control all that happens, begin to surrender and trust in God. The word of God can lead us to freedom if only we open our hearts to the wisdom it contains. It will probably lead you to prayer, to ask for God's help. You may find your heart opening to receive the love of God you encounter in the word. Remember, Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it" (Luke 11:28).

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Monday

November 6
Weekday
Rom 11:29-36
Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday

November 7
Weekday
Rom 12:5-16b
Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday

November 8
Weekday
Rom 13:8-10
Lk 14:25-33

Thursday

November 9
Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17
Jn 2:13-22

Friday

November 10
St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Rom 15:14-21
Lk 16:1-8

Saturday

November 11
St. Martin of Tours, Bishop
Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27
Lk 16:9-15

Sunday

November 12
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 6:12-16
1 Thes 4:13, 18 or 4:13-14
Mt 25:1-13

Good News!

November 5, 2017

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13;
Mt 23:1-12

Today's readings are a stern call to conversion for priests who obviously have a special call to holiness. Like a parent cares for his or her children, a priest is entrusted with the spiritual children of God's family. His example, his words, and his way of carrying out his service all have profound effects on the holiness of the Church.

The last book of the Old Testament, Malachi, condemns the priestly class of the Jews because they had turned away from God's commands and led people astray with faulty instruction. This rule of thumb from the Old Testament is still valid today: so goes the priests, so goes the people!

Jesus himself had harsh words for priests and religious leaders as well. It is clear from the Gospel that one of the main reasons why Jesus was ill-received by so many of his contemporaries was because the priestly class opposed him. "He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him" (John 1:11).

Saint Paul gives us the example of what priests should be. They should so love their people that they become one with them in their suffering, joys, and victories. Rather than build up heavy burdens, they should make them lighter by lending a hand to lift them. They shouldn't dilute the gospel and its demands but, with brotherly love, show the beauty of the gospel by the joy and charity with which they live. Like a good parent, they should be the first to wake up and the last to go to bed. Slow to judge, quick to forgive.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC