

## 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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(217) 784-4671

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Gibson City, IL 60936

## Website

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# FEBRUARY 12, 2017

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### STARTING THIS FRIDAY EVENING...KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY



February 17

March 3

March 17

March 31



Dinner will be served from 4:30PM-6:30PM. The cost will be \$8 with children under 12 free. Carryout's are available.



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS FROM THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET

### MOM'S MINISTRY

#### A POWERFUL TOOL FOR EVANGELIZATION!

We all know how important moms are in passing on the Catholic faith to children. Learn what parishes are doing to serve the formational and pastoral needs of mothers, especially those early years of child-raising.

Join us to hear great, practical wisdom, good ideas and success stories from a panel of local parish leaders and leave this practical session prepared to develop or enhance ministry with moms in your parish.

FEBRUARY 23, 2017

12:45PM-3PM Blanchette Catholic Center

16555 Weber Road

Crest Hill, IL

To Register, please contact the REO at [kwojnarowski@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:kwojnarowski@dioceseofjoliet.org)

### FOR COUPLES MARRIED FIVE YEARS OR LESS

All couples married since 2012 are warmly invited to this 10AM-1PM event at the Cathedral of St. Raymond on Saturday, February 18. Couples will receive down to earth practical ideas for making happiness a habit in their marriages, and will be invited to consider how to find support for the kind of marriage they want to have. The event will end with pizza and beer/pop.

The session will be led by Dr. Jim Healy, director of the diocesan Office of Family Ministry and a well-known speaker and writer on marriage. Participants will receive materials and resources to help them on their journey. Please pre-register by Feb 15 online at <http://contra.cc/2g2EBRE> or by calling 816-838-5334. The cost is \$10 per couple at the door.

### CATHOLIC MAN NIGHT...Men Meeting Jesus

An invitation from Fr. Sunny Castillo & Fr. Burke Masters

To ALL men of the Diocese

St. Martin of Tours Parish

953 S. 9th Ave,  
Kankakee, IL

"Calling on Christ to overcome temptation" Evening includes: Adoration of Jesus Christ, Confession, Man-Feast and Fellowship, Raffle and Discussion

Fishers of Men...equipping men for battle in faith [www.fishersofmenonline.com](http://www.fishersofmenonline.com)

**Pastor**  
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**Parish Secretary**  
Patti Meunier  
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**Religious Education**  
Alyce Hafer

**Youth Ministry**  
Bruce Killian

**Music Director**  
If interested contact  
pastor@ololgc.org

**Parish Council  
President**  
Eric Rosenbaum (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> February 13	8:00AM	Molck Family Moxley Family
<b>TUE</b> February 14 St. Cyril	8:00AM	Nunnink Family Nuss Family
<b>WED</b> February 15	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
<b>THU</b> February 16	5:30PM	Obert Family Ortiz Family
<b>FRI</b> February 17	8:00AM	Parsons Family Pearson Family
<b>SAT</b> February 18	5:00PM (OLL)	+Mary Cothern
<b>SUN</b> February 19	8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL)	+Parish Family +Marge Carlson

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Thank You  
For Your Gifts  
OLOL**

Sunday Total	<b>\$2919.50</b>
Capital Imp.	<b>\$210.00</b>
Food Pantry	<b>\$49.00</b>
Feb. Total	<b>\$111.00</b>
Yr to Date FP	<b>\$534.95</b>

Sunday Total	<b>\$220.00</b>
Capital Imp.	<b>\$0</b>

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!

**2017 CMAA Goals**  
OLOL: \$  
(Goal: \$13,255)  
IC: \$  
(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, February 18 5:00PM	Caine Jost Daxter Chaddock	Jim Meyer	Jerry Brown	Bob Bode John Carlson	Paul & Sarah Sarantakos
Sun, February 19 10:30AM	Keegan Kutemeier Ethan Garard	Jack Kollross	Paul Sarantakos	Nathan Garard Greg Laughery	

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.

**THE 2017 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL IS ON ITS WAY!**

Bishop Conlon's mailing asking for a pledge to the 2017 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) is in the hands of many of our parishioners. If you have received the mailing, please respond as soon as possible. If you have not received it, please contact the Diocesan Development Office at (815)838-8515.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is "Held in God's Hands." We gain comfort when we accept that God knows what we need and will provide for our tomorrows. We are then able to be good stewards of the gifts He has entrusted to us.

One way that we can be good stewards is by giving back to God the gifts He shared with us. We can support our parish, our Diocese and the Church throughout the world with gifts of time, talent and treasure.

The CMAA funds the mission and ministries of our Diocese. It also funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish. For example, funds support our RE Program.

Please answer the bishop's request and make a generous pledge. All pledges can be paid in ten(10) installments. Thank you kin advance for your support.



# The Word From Father Thomas

## The Righteousness that Surpasses

Humanity is nothing without God. Sometimes we are tempted to declare that humanity is nothing at all. But this is because comparatively few people have the good fortune to meet a real human being. After all, one is above the law of transgression-*without your grace*. We have all taken the wrong road, and our empirical of humanity has demonstrated little but weakness, incapacity, and extreme helplessness. Our yearning to excel, our desire to achieve and accomplish things indicate that our shortcomings are not fundamental but are a superficial effect. Our dissatisfaction with the conditions of our earthly existence is deep seated and constantly impels us to venture to try to improve our way of life.

We have it in us to conceive high ideals and work for their realization, but if we are honest we will recognize the fact that we can do nothing on our own. Left to ourselves we are incomplete, not quiet human. God is part of the definition of a human; inner unity with God is the primary condition for a fulfilled and successful life. The decision to recognize this is the greatest that we can make and the only one that will rescue us from the chaos in which we are involved. About turn-back to the beginning-that is the only solution and the way to achieve life's fulfillment.

*(Taken from an article of Fr. Alfred Delp, SJ)*



## PARISH EVENTS



### **Tuesday, February 21**

- CALM-between 6:30PM-7PM

### **Wednesday, February 22**

- Staff Mtg 6P

### **Friday February 24**

- ALL PARISH PAINT PARTY

### **Saturday, February 25**

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

### **Sunday, February 26**

- YOUTH MASS

### COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Retired and semi-retired folks are invited to meet at American Lutheran Church (905 East First Street) in Gibson City for Coffee and Conversation on **Tuesday, February 21 from 9AM-10AM.**



Our Guest Speaker will be Kelsey Montoya, The Gibson Area Hospital Foundation Director of Development. Kelsey will talk about current services offered to Gibson City and the surrounding communities, plans for the future, and how we can make a difference in the future of the hospital's healthcare services. Join us for an engaging and informal discussion.

### **Pray for the Sick & Homebound**



- Mardelle Duffy
- Donovan Gaines
- Dick Walter
- Mary Masco
- Jeff McGuire
- Jesse Cervelli
- Linda Ellington
- Greg Delost
- Steve Heavilin



- Mary Laughery (2/13)
- Alex Bane (2/14)
- Camden Nuss (2/16)
- Ben Freehill (2/17)



- Robert & Cheryl Bode (2/14)
- Don & Janey Hansen (2/15)
- Ted & Peggy Grote (2/17)

## **LOL PAINT NIGHT** **February 24, 2017 from 5PM-8PM** **Father Kirk Memorial Hall**

Chase away the winter blues and unleash your creative side! Come enjoy a fun evening of painting! Supplies and gentle instruction provided by Kilee McFerren.

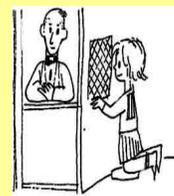
**ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**  
**SPACE IS LIMITED TO 30 PARTICIPANTS!**

Registration is \$25 and secures your spot for the evening. This amount pays for supplies and Mrs. McFerren's time. She will be donating half of the proceeds to Shepherd's Closet. Payments can be sent to Elizabeth Volker and must be made BEFORE Friday, February 17th. Registration will be first come, first serve.

There will be an All Parish Email with the flyer showing a photo of what we will paint on this evening.

Thank you to our CALM ladies for organizing this great event and tapping our creative side!

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CHILDREN RECEIVING FIRST RECONCILIATION**



- Kolbie Eichelberger
- Josephine Kleist
- Graydon Leonard
- Tate Jeckel
- Evan Killian
- Andriana Cullotta
- Walter Smith
- Noah Roy
- Kate McCall
- Mikey Volker
- Isabella Woodward

# Dear Padre

FEBRUARY 12, 2017

**Does suffering please God? I've heard we should "offer it up," but to me, God is never pleased with pain.**

Some think God sends suffering into our lives as retribution. In fact, God asks certain things—difficult things—of us so we can avoid suffering in our own lives, in the lives of others, and after death.

When a mother says, "Don't touch that! It's hot," and her child touches it anyway, the mother didn't cause the burn. She knows the consequences of that action and warns her children not to do it. If they disregard her, she doesn't stop loving them. In the same way, God tells us how to live so we can avoid being hurt, and God never stops loving us.

Some suffering is unavoidable no matter how well we love and obey God. This suffering is the hardest to accept. Some is the result of our humanity.

Many seek to assign blame; others want to know why things happen. The truth is, sometimes there is no why, no clear purpose. When there is, we don't feel it any less. We can only trust that God will turn it into something good.

God's power turned a "meaningless" crucifixion into the means of our salvation. This is what "offer it up" means: By turning toward and imitating Christ, we find new depths of faith and hope.

*Fr. Joe Nolen, CSSR  
sundaybulletin@liguori.org*

## Monday

February 13  
*Weekday*  
Gn 4:1-15, 25  
Mk 8:11-13

## Tuesday

February 14  
*Sts. Cyril, Monk,  
and Methodius,  
Bishop*  
Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10  
Mk 8:14-21

## Wednesday

February 15  
*Weekday*  
Gn 8:6-13, 20-22  
Mk 8:22-26

## Thursday

February 16  
*Weekday*  
Gn 9:1-13  
Mk 8:27-33

## Friday

February 17  
*Weekday*  
Gn 11:1-9  
Mk 8:34-9:1

## Saturday

February 18  
*Weekday*  
Heb 11:1-7  
Mk 9:2-13

## Sunday

February 19  
*Seventh Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*  
Lv 19:1-2, 17-18  
1 Cor 3:16-23  
Mt 5:38-48

# Good News!

February 12, 2017

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)  
Sir 15:15-20, 1 Cor 2:6-10, Mt 5:17-37

Saint Maximilian Kolbe died in 1945 taking the place of another prisoner in Auschwitz, but his martyrdom started many years before. As a young boy, he was quite a handful—so much so that at one point his mother cried out, "What will become of you?" Shaken by his mother's grief, Maximilian went to the town church to ask our Lady what would become of him. He wrote that the Virgin Mother appeared to him holding two crowns: one white and one red. The white crown meant he would remain pure, and the red meant he would be a martyr. Our Lady asked Maximilian which one he would like. He chose them both.

We are offered choices as well. Sirach says that whatever we choose will be given to us, but what Jesus offers is challenging. Jesus offers each of us a new heart, a new spirit, a new love, and a new trust. Jesus defines what it means to be his follower, and it is a challenging task. This standard is not lowered for Christians, nor is it defined by what is legal in a country or popular in a social group. In fact, we are not only asked to live this life but we are called to teach it to others.

The rewards, however, are equal to the challenge. What Christ promises to those who love and teach his gospel is a glory and reward greater than any we have ever seen, heard, or imagined. Maximilian Kolbe knew this, and he fought earnestly for the truth in Nazi Germany, even though it led to his arrest and death.

### For Reflection

What choices did Jesus place before me this week? How have I been an example of Christ to others this week?

*Fr. Mark Haydu, LC*