

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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FEBRUARY 5, 2017 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY SEASON

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.



FOOD PANTRY

Our Lady of Lourdes will be providing volunteers for the food pantry on Saturday, February 11.

Since this is the first distribution date of the month, there will also be home deliveries. Set-up for the Saturday distribution will occur on the Friday night prior at 6:30PM. For additional information, or to get on the contact list, please text, email, or call Chuck Aubry.

The contact information for Chuck is: caubry55@gmail.com or 217-249-8304.

This is the final week in the series on

Pro-Life Answers to False Pro-Choice Arguments.

PART 5... "How can you make a fetus more important than a grown woman?"

Abortion is a human rights issue, but politically speaking, it does involve competing rights. On the one hand, you have the mother's "right" not to be pregnant. On the other hand, you have the baby's right not to be killed. The question that must therefore be answered is which right is more fundamental?

Abortion advocates argue that outlawing abortion would, in essence, elevate the rights of the unborn over and above those of the mother. However, in reality, outlawing abortion would not be giving unborn children more rights; it would simply re-establish for the most fundamental right that no one can live without, namely the right to life.

If a baby is not to be aborted, then the pregnant mother must remain pregnant. This will also require of her sickness, fatigue, reduced mobility, an enlarged body and some new clothes. Fortunately, it is not a permanent condition. On the flip side, for a pregnant woman not to be pregnant, her child must be killed (unless she is past 22 weeks of pregnancy, in which case the baby may well survive outside the womb). Abortion costs the unborn child his or her very life and it is a thoroughly permanent condition. That is what's at stake both for the child and for the mother. It is not an issue of who is more important, but rather who has more on the line.

Any time there are competing rights, the government must protect the more fundamental right. For example, the law requires the driver of a car to slow down and stop so a pedestrian may cross the road in front of him. This is not because the pedestrian is more valuable or important than the driver, but rather because, if the driver does not stop, it might cost the pedestrian his life.

Obviously, for a woman to remain pregnant, she gives up far more than a few minutes of drive time, but she gives up far less than her baby who would otherwise be killed. This is what it comes down to. Since the child has far more at stake, the more fundamental right to life must be upheld.

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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 February 6	8:00AM	NO MASS
St. Paul Miki & Companions	11:00AM	BODE FUNERAL MASS
TUE February 7	8:00AM	Curt Miller Family Randy Miller Family
WED February 8	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
St. Jerome Emiliani/St. Josephine Bakhita		
THU February 9	5:30PM	+Ruby Kemmer
FRI February 10	8:00AM	+Mae Plese
St. Scholastica		
SAT February 11	5:00PM (OLL)	+Mary Stuckey & Family
Our Lady of Lourdes		
SUN February 12	8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL)	+Margaret Rock Parish Family
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time		

**Thank You
For Your Gifts
OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$2894.50
Capital Imp.	\$10
Food Pantry	\$62.00
Feb. Total	\$62.00
Yr to Date FP	\$485.95

Sunday Total	\$173.00
Capital Imp.	\$0

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 11 5:00PM	Alex Killian	Stan Alt	Jerry Brown	Bob Bode John Carlson	Helen Haynes
Sun, February 12 10:30AM	Hannah & Haven Hathaway	Peyton Leonard	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 UNDERWAY

It begins with a mailing that many of our parishioners have received or will soon receive. This is a mailing from Bishop Conlon asking for a pledge to the 2017 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal.

The Appeal not only funds many of the operations of the Diocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish such as the Religious Education Program.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is "Held in God's Hands." What a wonderful thought! When we accept that God knows what we need and will provide for our tomorrows, we are 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 gifts we give enable ministries, education, and services that touch thousands of lives.

Our parish goal for Our Lady of Lourdes is \$ \$13,255 and for Immaculate Conception \$913. With your financial support, we can exceed this goal. When we exceed our goal in paid pledges, we will receive 70% of the amount over goal for use in our parish.

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



The Word From Father Thomas

Salt and Light



In this Sunday's Gospel the Lord Jesus tells his disciples: *You are the salt of the earth..... You are the light of the world* (Mt. 5:13, 14). With these rich and evocative images he wishes to pass on to them the meaning of their mission and their witness.

Salt, in the culture of Middle East, calls to mind several values such as the Covenant, solidarity, life, and wisdom. Light is the first work of God the Creator and is a source of life; the Word of God is compared to light, as the Psalmist proclaims: *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path* (Ps 119:105).

And, again in today's liturgy, the Prophet Isiah says: *If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday* (58:10).

Wisdom sums up in itself the beneficial effects of salt and light: in fact, disciples of the Lord are called to give a new "taste" to the world and to keep it from corruption with the wisdom of God, which shines out in its full splendor on the face of the Son because he is *the true light that enlightens every man* (Jn 1:9).

United to him, in the darkness of indifference and selfishness, Christians can diffuse the light of God's love, true wisdom that gives meaning to human life and action...

God radically opposes the overbearingness of evil. The Lord takes care of human beings in every situation; he shares in their suffering and opens their hearts to hope.

PARISH EVENTS



Saturday/Sunday, February 4/5

- Blessing of the Throats **ALL** Masses

Tuesday, February 7

- CALM-between 6:30PM-7PM

Thursday, February 9

- Healing Mass 5:30PM

Saturday, February 11

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

Sat./Sun., February 11/12

- Frank Runyeon presentation @ St. Mary in Paxton

Sunday, February 12

- Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Celebration at Fr. Kirk Hall following after 10:30AM Mass

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

LOLO 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.

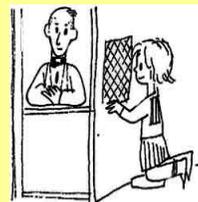
Elizabeth can be reached by phone (call or text) at 217-637-3039 or email ekvolker7@gmail.com (subject line OLOL Paint Night).

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!

FIRST RECONCILIATION PRAYERS

Please keep the second grade RE children, teachers and their parents in your prayers as they make their First Reconciliation this weekend.



Jim Ruddy (2/7)



Paul & Carol Obert 2/11

In your charity, prayers and Mass offerings, please remember those who have died. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May they and all the souls of the faithful dead rest in peace.

Amen

Loretta Bode

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

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

Dear Padre

FEBRUARY 5, 2017

Does the Church give guidelines for what we should and shouldn't watch on TV and in theaters?

The Communications Department of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops provides "Catholics, especially families, with information they can use to evaluate entertainment media programming from a Catholic perspective." Along with its "Family Guide for Using Media," it provides up-to-date movie reviews and ratings through the Catholic News Service (catholicnews.com) and access to archives dating from 2010 into the 1930s.

As part of forming their children in the faith, parents must educate them about the media's influence, monitor the content each member interacts with, and model appropriate media use. All our media choices—print, digital, or otherwise—should affirm and support Christian values. Consider these questions:

- Does this piece portray human life as a gift from God? Is sexuality linked to life and marriage? How is dying presented?
- Does it promote healthy friendships and lasting commitments within marriage? Does it affirm gratitude, stewardship or charity, and obedience to proper authorities?
- Does it connect moral consequences with the characters' actions? Is exploitation, oppression, or neglect of any group condoned? Is respect shown for a variety of cultures?
- Does it foster a sense of the divine, of human destiny beyond this life, and of our obligation to forgive and seek forgiveness?

It is advisable to balance your use of suitable media with human interaction..

Source: Dear Padre: Questions People Ask, Liguori, 2003, sundaybulletin@liguori.org

Monday
February 6
St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Gn 1:1-19
Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday
February 7
Weekday
Gn 1:20-2:4a
Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday
February 8
Weekday
Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17
Mk 7:14-23

Thursday
February 9
Weekday
Gn 2:18-25
Mk 7:24-30

Friday
February 10
St. Scholastica, Virgin
Gn 3:1-8
Mk 7:31-37

Saturday
February 11
Weekday
Gn 3:9-24
Mk 8:1-10

Sunday
February 12
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 15:15-20
1 Cor 2:6-10
Mt 5:17-37 or
5:20-22a, 27-28,
33-34a, 37

Good News!

February 5, 2017
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Is 58:7-10, 1 Cor 2:1-5, Mt 5:13-16

Saint Paul says he came to the Corinthians in weakness and that he didn't use eloquent or persuasive words; rather he evangelized them in humility and with signs of the power of God. He doesn't claim to be a powerful or influential preacher. He was a humble and convinced apostle; thus, it was the power of God at work in him.

This doesn't mean he didn't make the best case possible for the faith. On the contrary, we are all called to profess and witness to the truth and to develop and use all our gifts and talents. Paul is simply stating that what is most important is that we remain open to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit within us and maintain our confidence in God and not in our own qualities or abilities.

If we are humble servants of the truth, then God's power will be shown. Isaiah prophecies that if we live charity in a real way—offering food to hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked—then our light will shine strongest. Not only that, but our own personal wounds, whatever they are, will be healed. Truly, loving others is the best way to heal our own soul.

Isaiah proclaims further that if we live this way, God will have our backs. In biblical terms, "the glory of the Lord shall be [our] rear guard." The Lord will be a soldier who walks behind us, covers our blind spots, curtails our weaknesses, and protects and defends us. If God is for us, who can be against us? Let your light shine!

For Reflection

How do I live out God's love at home? In my workplace? In public? How can my light shine even brighter this week?

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC