

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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MARCH 12, 2017 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY



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.

Sunderland Scholarship



The Sunderland Scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating senior from Our Lady of Lourdes. To make a donation toward this year's scholarship award, please use the red offertory envelope marked for this purpose and drop it in the collection basket. Your generosity toward helping our parish youth is greatly appreciated.

PRAYING THROUGH LENT WITH POPE FRANCIS

FILL ME WITH HOPE

MONDAY, WEEK 2

ROMANS 5:3-5

O God, knowing that Jesus still walks our streets, that he is part of the lives of his people, that he is involved with us in one vast history of salvation, fills me with a hope that liberates me from the forces pushing me to isolation and lack of concern for the lives of others and acts as a leaven wherever I happen to live and work.

GO WITHOUT FEAR

TUESDAY, WEEK 2

MATTHEW 28:19-20

O God, help me to go out and meet others where they really are, not where I think they should be. To go out, again and again, to go out without fear, to go out without hesitation — to go out and proclaim the joy of the Gospel which is for all the people.

WALK WITH ME

WEDNESDAY, WEEK 2

MICAH 6:8

O God, our Father, walk at my side, free me from anonymity, from a life of emptiness, and bring me to the school of encounter. Open before me the path of peace, that peace which is born of accepting others, that peace which fills my heart whenever I look upon those in need as my brothers and sisters.

REACING OUT TO OTHERS

THURSDAY, WEEK 2

EPHESIANS 6:19

O God, help me to go out and tell the good news to everyone fearlessly, without prejudice, without superiority, without condescension, to all those who have lost the joy of living. Help me go out to those who are burdened by pain and failure, who feel that their lives are empty, and proclaim the good news that error, deceitful illusions and falsehoods do not have the last word in a person's life.

CHERISHING YOUR LOVE

FRIDAY, WEEK 2

JOHN 16:26-27

O God, help me to believe that you truly love me, that you are alive, that you are mysteriously capable of intervening, that you do not abandon me and that you bring good out of evil by your power and your infinite creativity.

BE WITH ME

SATURDAY, WEEK 2

MATTHEW 28:20

Jesus, walk with me, speak to me, breathe with me, work with me. You are alive with me in the midst of my daily life. Help me to see you present so that my enthusiasm will not wane and I will be convinced, enthusiastic, certain and in love.

LIVING OUR WORD

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

LUKE 8:8

Jesus, help me to dispose my heart to be "good soil," by listening, receiving and living out your Word, and thus bearing fruit. Unite me to ourself through prayer, sacred Scripture, the Eucharist and the sacraments so there will grow in me the joy of cooperation with you in the service of the kingdom of mercy and truth, of justice and peace.

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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 March 13	8:00AM	+Loretta Bode
TUE March 14	8:00AM	Rosenbaum Family Ruddy Family
WED March 15	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
THU March 16	5:30PM	+Anthony Coons
FRI March 17 St. Patrick	8:00AM 7:00PM	+Mary Cothern STATIONS OF THE CROSS
SAT March 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem	5:00PM (OLL)	Parish Family
SUN March 19	8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL)	+Jeffrey Zick +Mary Cothern

Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Thank You
For Your Gifts
OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$2126.75
Capital Imp.	\$445.00
Food Pantry	\$88.00
March Total	\$88.00
Yr to Date FP	\$858.35

Sunday Total	\$217.00
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: \$
(Goal: \$13,255)
IC: \$
(Goal: \$913)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
Sat, March 18 5:00PM	Caine Jost Daxter Chaddock	Jim Meyer	Lisa Heap	Stan Alt Frank Titus	Lisa Heap
Sun, March 19 10:30AM	Lacey Cotter Brooke Beyers	Marron Parsons	Paul Sarantakos	Jerry Lynch Jerry Lynch, Jr.	

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 5th grade lead by Beth Baillie, have taken responsibility for the main bulletin board in the RE hallway. ..And what a beautiful job they have done these past months of sharing with all of us in the RE what they learn in class. Of course, this month the theme is St. Patrick's Day and the meaning of the 3 leaf clover, representing the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. To add to their learning experiences, the class will travel to St. Raymond Cathedral on Saturday, March 18th for "Cathedral Days", an annual event held by the diocese. Want a closer look? Come see the bulletin board in the hallway or go to our website under the RELIGIOUS ED tab and this years pictures.



TOTUS TUUS 2017



Our Lady of Lourdes has been invited to join Immaculate Conception Parish in Gilman for Totus Tuus this year! The dates are June 24-30 with a registration deadline of Sunday, April 6.

Please contact Jenni McTaggart at (815)383-2933 for more information and registration forms. The cost is \$25 per child.

Diocese of Joliet

Religious Education Office



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February 20, 2017

Dear Parents,

Take time this Lent... *Are you crazy? Do you have any idea how busy I am? I can't take time. I don't have any time!*

Does it seem like we're busier than ever? Does our busyness make us happy...or better yet, *joyful*? Joy is deeper than happiness. Joy comes from God. Our choices, however, help to open us to joy or close us from it.

Catholic faith invites us this time every year to *take time*, to enter into retreat mode...to live more reflectively, more attentively to the movement of grace in our lives. The common metaphor is to go out, as Jesus did, into the desert for 40 days. Lent is a season of desert grace, where life is quieter and more focused. Or at least it can be, if we choose.

Maybe some can take an actual retreat. It's a good thing. However, I'm betting that most of you have trouble getting an hour to yourself these days. So I'm encouraging you to find realistic ways you can slow down and take some time...with yourself...and with the God of the Universe who desperately wants to be your closest friend.

Why are we so busy these days? I do think that we are guilty of dedicating time to things that, at the end of the day, are not as essential as they may seem. How much time do we spend watching sports? How much time are we on social media? Even just the constant checking of our smart phones?

Perhaps there are things that we can trim a bit to create some time in our lives to stop and be still and allow God into our lives...again or for the first time. Perhaps we can find a regular pattern to live this Lent that connects us to grace and all the surprises that grace has to offer us. It might be in the car. It might be a regular walk. Maybe some dedicated time for spiritual reading and for prayer. And yes, Mass, where Jesus nourishes us in Word and Sacrament.

As you dial down the volume and slow the pace this Lent, you will be giving yourself the gift of joy...or at least a chance at more joyful living. In the process, consider your family and how attentive living may bless them, too. You can model this for them. You can practice discipline with the phone and devices that can distract us from what really matters in life. As a family you can, together, venture into the mystery of grace, of knowing our God personally and knowing each other better.

Lent, which begins on March 1st, is one of the many blessings that comes to us from Catholic faith. Lent asks us to take time to prepare ourselves to receive the holiest days of our Church year and the great good news that it delivers: God, in Jesus Christ, is victorious...over evil, over death...and that victory is ours!

May you and your family live in this peace and joy throughout Lent and in the Easter Season this year!

Come Holy Spirit,

Thomas S. Quinlan
Director

LENTEN PARISH EVENTS TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

- **Sacrament of Confession** any weekday after the Mass. There will be a special Penance Service on Thursday, April 6 following 5:30 PM Holy Mass or any time by appointment.

The Shrine of Christ Passion Pilgrimage on March 20, 2016

- Information and sign up sheets are at the back of church to the right of the exit door.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 PM Holy Mass

GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 PM Stations of the Cross

3:30 PM Day 1 of the Divine Mercy Novena

7:00 PM Passion Service

HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL

7:00 PM Day 2 of Divine Mercy Novena

7:30 PM Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 AM Holy Mass at IC

10:00 AM Day 3 of Divine Mercy Novena

10:30 AM Holy Mass

PARISH EVENTS



Monday, March 20

- Shrine of Christ's Passion trip
Sign up and info in vestibule

Tuesday, March 21

- CALM-between 6:30PM-7PM

Saturday, March 25

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

Sunday, March 26

- **YOUTH MASS**

Wednesday, March 29

- Staff Mtg 6PM
- Parish Council Mtg 7PM



Caine Jost (3/13)
Allison Kleist (3/14)
Lauren Leonard (3/14)
Doug Parsons (3/14)
Terry Hutchcraft (3/14)
Josie Kleist (3/16)
Luella Koopman (3/17)
Brian Helmig (3/17)
Willard Pearson (3/17)
Aiden Killian (3/18)
Lily Giroux (3/19)
Fran Mardis (3/19)
Gary Wilhelmi (3/19)



Rich & Beth Baillie (3/15)

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

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

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.

Dear Padre

MARCH 12, 2017

Are Jesus and God the same person? The Church teaches that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are one being, but in the Bible Jesus and God talk to each other. Also, some of our prayers address Jesus, while others address the Father or the Spirit. Explain this, please.

Trinitarian theology is never simple to explain. Since the time of Christ, we've wrestled with the interrelation of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. With time and the Spirit's guidance, the Church has discovered language we believe reflects some of the mystery we call God, and we've accepted the authority of that language.

When we pray the Creed together every week, we speak of our belief in one God in three persons. However, even as we say these words, we know we have more to discover about the life of the Godhead and the unity and relationships among Father, Son, and Spirit, each of whom we have encountered throughout salvation history.

In believing that the Trinity is one God, we have the freedom to confidently pray to any one or more of the three divine persons. However, when we pray at Mass, you'll notice the most typical formula for prayers is to offer them to the Father, through the Son, and in (or with) the Spirit.

*Fr. Matthew Allman, CSsR
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Monday

March 13

Lenten Weekday

Dn 9:4b-10

Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

March 14

Lenten Weekday

Is 1:10, 16-20

Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday

March 15

Lenten Weekday

Jer 18:18-20

Mt 20:17-28

Thursday

March 16

Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5-10

Lk 16:19-31

Friday

March 17

Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a,

17b-28a

Mt 21:33-43,

45-46

Saturday

March 18

Lenten Weekday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday

March 19

Third Sunday

of Lent

Ex 17:3-7

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Jn 4:5-42

Good News!

March 12, 2017

Second Sunday of Lent (A)

Gn 12:1-4a, 2 Tm 1:8b-10, Mt 17:1-9

Raphael's greatest painting, perhaps the greatest painting of all the Renaissance, depicts today's Gospel account of the transfiguration. Raphael loved this painting so much he never sold it. He hung the painting over his bed, and at his death he turned to look at it.

The transfiguration of the Lord reminds us of the glory we are all called to even when that glory is hidden. When God called Abraham, it was to make of him a great nation and to give him glory. But Abraham had to leave what he had and enter into the unknown to receive what was promised. We, too, need to set out and leave our expectations if we ever hope to enter the mysteries of faith and discover the reward we are searching for. Setting out and leaving behind are like little "deaths" that prepare us for the glory of salvation.

The Father revealed Jesus' glory to his three closest apostles so their faith would survive the cross. God didn't want them to become disillusioned or frightened by his suffering and death. A voice came down from heaven and confirmed Jesus as the Son to assure the apostles that even if he didn't seem like the Messiah in his human nature, he most certainly was.

It was this image of the glorified Jesus that Raphael reflected on and labored over for years. He needed to see this transfiguration during his life and at the hour of his death to keep the faith. So do we.

For Reflection

What images and objects around my house or workplace remind me of my faith? How can I be a sign of the glory to which we are called?

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC