

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 19, 2017 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY



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

SURPRISE ME!

MONDAY, WEEK 3

ISAIAH 43:19

O God, help me live out in my daily life the mercy that you constantly extend to all of us. Let me allow you to surprise me. May you never tire of throwing open the doors of your heart and repeating that you love me and want me to share your love.

SHARING YOUR LOVE

TUESDAY, WEEK 3

1 THESSALONIANS 2:8

Jesus, help me recognize the gift of faith, let me give thanks to you for our love which is so great and unmerited! Let me allow your love to be poured into me so that as your disciple I can draw from this love, and be nourished and fed and then pour out this love, in my home, in my family and in my society so that your mercy may be communicated to everyone.

HELP ME BE RECONCILED

WEDNESDAY, WEEK 3

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20

O God, I would like to be reconciled to you but I don't know how to do it and I don't feel worthy. Help me to accept, therefore, your invitation to be reconciled to you, in order to become a new creature and to radiate your mercy among my brothers and sisters, and build bridges of reconciliation, beginning in my family and in my interpersonal relationships.

MORE COMMITMENT

THURSDAY, WEEK 3

LUKE 6:36

O God, help me to take my Christian calling seriously and commit to live as a believer, because only then can the Gospel touch my heart and open it to receive the grace of love, to receive your great, all-welcoming mercy. Experiencing your mercy renders me a missionary of mercy, and to be a missionary allows me to grow ever more in your mercy.

REACH OUT TO ME

FRIDAY, WEEK 3

PSALM 12:5

O God, touch my heart so I can listen to the cry of innocent people who are deprived of their property, their dignity, their feelings, and their very lives. You never tire of reaching out to me and are always ready to listen. Help me accept your invitation to conversion and submit myself to you.

CREATING SOMETHING NEW

SATURDAY, WEEK 3

PSALM 104:30

O God, help me realize that it is possible to create something new within myself and around me, simply because you are faithful, always faithful, for you cannot deny yourself but continue to be rich in goodness and mercy, and are always ready to forgive and start afresh.

LIVING LIKE CHRIST

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

JOHN 14:26

O Holy Spirit, teach me to see with the eyes of Christ, to live life as Christ lived, to understand life as Christ understood it. Help me to love God as his child and by his grace to live as a child of God, like Jesus. Guide me and speak to my heart so I can move forward on the path of love, mercy and forgiveness.

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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.

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| MON March 20 | 8:00AM | Sarantakos Family St. Joseph, spouse of Blessed Mary |
| TUE March 21 | 8:00AM | +Anthony Coons |
| WED March 22 | 8:00AM | Priest Intentions |
| THU March 23 | 5:30PM | +Loretta Bode St. Turibius of Mogrovejo |
| FRI March 24 | 8:00AM 7:00PM | STATIONS OF THE CROSS Bl. Oscar Romero |
| SAT March 25 | 5:00PM (OLL) | +Mike Stuckey Family The Annunciation of the Lord |
| SUN March 26 | 8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL) | +Margaret Rock Parish Family Fourth Sunday of Lent |

**Thank You
For Your Gifts
OLOL**

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| Sunday Total | \$2154.25 |
| Capital Imp. | \$10.00 |
| Food Pantry | \$20.00 |
| March Total | \$108.00 |
| Yr to Date FP | \$878.35 |

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| Sunday Total | \$174.00 |
| 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 25 5:00PM | Caine Jost | Patti Huppert | Lisa Heap | Stan Alt Frank Titus | Carla Moxley |
| Sun, March 26 10:30AM | Sophia & Isabella Helmig | YOUTH MASS | 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.

**HOLY THURSDAY ADORATION
SIGN UPS**

We will be having Holy Thursday Adoration again this year from 8:30PM-12 Midnight. We will need **AT LEAST** one person per half hour shift to remain with the exposed sacrament. The sign up sheet is on the table at the back of the church.

CRS COLLECTION

This week, our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world.



Our Third and Fourth graders have been reflecting on the meaning of the cross during this Lent, as displayed by their beautiful bulletin board at left. A Children's stations of the Cross will be held Wednesday, April 5 and Wednesday, April 12 at 6:30PM in the church.

SHRINE OF CHRIST'S PASSION TRIP

Please sign up for the Shrine of Christ's Passion trip that we have planned for Monday, March 20.

Details on the wall by the exit door at the back of church.



The Word From Father Thomas

THE CONVERSION OF THE WOMAN AT THE WELL



This woman, once Christ had instructed her, became an apostle...

The entirety of her surrender to our Lord is shown from the fact that she left lying there, almost as if forgotten, that for which she had come to the well, the water and the water-pot. So great was her absorption. Hence it is said, *The woman left her water-pot and went away into the city*, went away to announce the wonderful works of Christ. She cared no longer for the bodily comforts in view of the usefulness of better things, following in this the example of the Apostles of whom it is said that leaving their nets they followed the Lord (Mk:1:18)

The water-pot stands for fashionable desire, by means of which people draw up pleasures from those depths of darkness signified by the well, that is, from practices which are of the earth, earthly. Those who abandon such desires for the sake of God are like the woman who left her water-pot...

She invites them to look upon Christ: Come, and see a man—she did not straight away say that they should give themselves to Christ, for that might have been for them an occasion for blasphemy, but, to begin with,, she told them things about Christ which were believable and open to observation. She told them he was a man. Nor did she say Believe, but come and see, for she knew that if they, too, tasted of that well, looking that is upon our Lord, they, too would feel all she had felt. And she follows the example of a true preacher in that she attracts the people not to herself but to Christ.

She gives them a hint that Christ is God when she says, A man who has told me all things whatsoever I have done, that is to say, how many husbands she had had. She is not ashamed to bring up things that make for her own confusion, because the soul, once it is lighted up with the divine fire, in no way looks to earthly values and standards, cares neither for its glory nor its shame, but only for that flame which holds and consumes it.

~Saint Thomas Aquinas



Are you thriving or just surviving? Are you ready for more energy? A deeper sense of purpose? More joy? A clearer understanding of God's plan for your life?

Join us for one of our Living Every Day With Passion & Purpose events. It's not your typical church event! It has been a life-changing event for tens of thousands of people. Living Every Day With Passion & Purpose is presented by internationally acclaimed speaker and author Matthew Kelly and the incredibly talented musician Eliot Morris

CATHEDRAL OF ST. RAYMOND
604 N. Raynor Avenue, Joliet, IL
JUNE 10, 2017
10AM - 2:30PM

REGISTER AT DYNAMICCATHOLIC.COM

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



Bernadette Campos (3/20)
Judy Schall (3/20)
Gary Gale (3/21)
Ann Alt (3/21)
Tim Leonard (3/21)
Liam Killian (3/21)
Paige Schwarz (3/22)
Patti Meunier (3/24)
Remi Astronomo (3/24)



Joe & Michelle Brown (3/20)
Tim & Jody Bane (3/25)

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 19, 2017

Sometimes a priest at Mass skips (or forgets) the blessing after the Confiteor: "May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life." I learned this prayer is important because it prepares us to receive the Eucharist. Is that correct?

The penitential act at Mass concludes with the priest's absolution, but it "lacks the efficacy of the Sacrament of Penance" (GIRM 51). In *The Tridentine Missal*, the Confiteor was followed by a version of the formula in use today and a second formula: "May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, absolution, and remission of all our sins." This second, quasi-absolution is omitted in the current rite, along with the sign of the cross that accompanied it.

Jesus told Simon and his companions to lower their nets after they had caught nothing. When their boats began to sink with so many fish, Simon fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man" (Luke 5:8). Often, when entering God's presence, we are so filled with awe that we become aware of our own sinfulness. Yet our primary purpose in gathering for worship is not to acknowledge our sins but to acknowledge God's mercy.

Thus, the penitential act exists to unite the faithful as a community and to prepare them to listen to God's word and to celebrate the Eucharist (GIRM 46).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
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Monday

March 20

St. Joseph,
Spouse of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Sm 7:4-5a,
12-14a, 16
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Tuesday

March 21

Lenten Weekday
Dn 3:25, 34-43
Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday

March 22

Lenten Weekday
Dt 4:1, 5-9
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

March 23

Lenten Weekday
Jer 7:23-28
Lk 11:14-23

Friday

March 24

Lenten Weekday
Hos 14:2-10
Mk 12:28-34

Saturday

March 25

Annunciation
of the Lord
Is 7:10-14; 8:10
Heb 10:4-10
Lk 1:26-38

Sunday

March 26

Fourth Sunday
of Lent
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7,
10-13a
Eph 5:8-14
Jn 9:1-41

Good News!

March 19, 2017

Third Sunday of Lent (A)

Ex 17:3-7, Rom 5:1-2, 5-8, Jn 4:5-42

There is a detail in today's first reading that you shouldn't miss. After hearing Moses and his people complain, God stands in front of Moses on the rock and asks Moses to strike toward him. God knows the Israelites' anger directed at Moses is really meant for God himself. God takes the blow and responds with flowing water. He accepts violent rejection and grants us life in return. He exchanges evil for good.

God had already guaranteed the Promised Land, but the Israelites feared to enter it. God had done many miracles for them already, yet they still didn't trust him. In spite of it all, God understands they strike out of their own dissatisfaction, fear, and interior slavery. In the same way, Jesus knows we will strike out at him, yet he responds with love. Nowhere is this truer than on the cross. Christ allows the soldiers to strike, crown, and kill him, saying, "Father, forgive them..." He is whipped and made to carry a cross, yet he consoles the women of Jerusalem. When his side is pierced, living water flows.

When we complain against God, he offers us mercy and salvation. Rather than blame, assault, or reject, let us do as the penitential act calls—strike our own breast and cry, "I have greatly sinned...Have mercy..." God will respond as he always does, by pouring forth the water of his Spirit which never runs dry into our hearts.

For Reflection

What are my usual complaints against God?
What responses of mercy does God show me?

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC