

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
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Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 am

Confession

Sunday 7:45 am (IC)



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MARCH 26, 2017 FOURTH 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

REIGN IN MY LIFE

MONDAY, WEEK 4

O God, help me to know the real Jesus, the living Jesus. Speak to my heart and change my life so I might be reborn and find what gives meaning, flavor and light to all things, even to toil, suffering and death. Reign in my life, you who are love, peace and joy.

REVELATION 11:5

PREACHING BY EXAMPLE

TUESDAY, WEEK 4

O God, train me in hearing your Word so that it is indispensable and ever more fully at the heart of every activity. May your Word, listened to and celebrated, above all in the Eucharist, nourish and inwardly strengthen me, enabling me to offer an authentic witness to the Gospel in my daily life.

JOHN 6:35

GUARDIAN OF YOUR WORD

WEDNESDAY, WEEK 4

O God, give me the humility of heart which recognizes that your Word is always beyond me, that I am neither its master or owner, but its guardian, herald and servant. Help me take the time to study it with the greatest care and a holy fear lest I distort it in my attempt to read it just looking for quick, easy and immediate results.

2 TIMOTHY 1:14

LISTENING MORE ATTENTIVELY

THURSDAY, WEEK 4

O God, help me practice the art of listening, which is more than simply hearing. In listening, in communication, give me an openness of heart which allows me to enter on the paths of true growth and awaken a yearning for the Christian ideal—the desire to respond fully to your love and to bring to fruition what you have sown in my life.

PSALM 95:7-8

CALLED TO HOLINESS

FRIDAY, WEEK 4

O God, you have called me to be a saint. Help me open myself up to this grace, which works inside me and leads me to holiness, to live with love and to offer my own Christian witness in everyday affairs. Truly in my home, on the street, at work, at church, in that moment, the path to sainthood has been opened.

EPHESIANS 1:3-4

SHARING YOUR JOY

SATURDAY, WEEK 4

O God, help me share in your joy, to live and to offer with joy every moment of my life by making it become a gift of love for the people around me. Then everything changes and takes on new and beautiful meaning that begins with little everyday things. Make me a better person, free from being selfish and closed within myself, and open me to others and to their needs.

JOHN 15:11

GUIDE ME ON THE PATH OF LIFE

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

O God, if I feel drawn to Jesus, if his voice warms my heart, it is thanks to you who have sown within me the desire for love, for truth, for life, for beauty—and Jesus is all this in fullness! He guides me on the path of life that goes beyond the abyss of death. Help me hear his voice in a desire, in a worry, inviting me to follow him more closely.

PSALM 31:3-5

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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 27	8:00AM	Seymour Family Shambrook Family
TUE March 28	8:00AM	+Loretta Bode
WED March 29	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
THU March 30	5:30PM	+Loretta Bode
FRI March 31	8:00AM 7:00PM	+Joe Kollross STATIONS OF THE CROSS
SAT April 1	5:00PM (OLL)	+Loretta Bode
SUN April 2	8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL)	Parish Family +Fr. Dennis Kollross

Fifth Sunday of Lent

**Thank You
For Your Gifts
OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$1974.50
Capital Imp.	\$0
Food Pantry	\$53.00
March Total	\$161.00
Yr to Date FP	\$931.35

Sunday Total	\$320.50
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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
Sat, April 1 5:00PM	Caine Jost Walter Smith	Lisa Heap	Marj Brown	Jerry Brown John Carlson	Marj Brown
Sun, April 2 10:30AM	Andrew & Aidan Laughery	Sarah Sarantakos Maggie Davis	Paul Sarantakos	Dan Kleist Dan Day	

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.

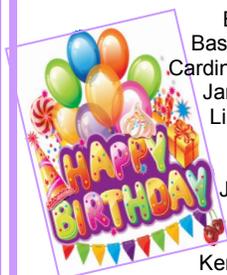
LENTEN PRAYER

Eternal God, The refuge of all your children, In our weakness, you are our strength, in our darkness, you are our light, in our sorrow, you are our comfort. May we always live in your presence, and serve you in our daily lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN. ~St. Boniface

ST. RAYMOND'S TRIP

We took our RE class to St. Raymond's Cathedral where they learned the history of our diocese and the cathedral. What a blessed day!



- Brian Benoit (3/28)
- Basilio Campos (3/28)
- Cardina Gonzalez (3/28)
- Janey Hansen (3/29)
- Linda Schmitt (3/30)
- Egan Lynch (3/30)
- Dan Day (3/30)
- John Veneto (3/31)
- Pat Haskins (4/1)
- Jill Rock (4/1)
- Kenley Andreae (4/1)
- Austin Rosenbaum (4/1)
- Amy Veneto (4/2)
- Madison Eberle (4/2)
- Linda Martin (4/2)



Jack & Susan Kollross (3/27)
Kerry & Sara Tredennick (3/27)

The Word From Father Thomas

LIVING THE GREAT COMMANDMENT



I long to see you bound in the sweet bond of charity the bond that held the God-man nailed fast to the wood of the most holy cross. You know that if charity had not held him, neither nails nor cross could have. Charity is the sweet pleasant bond that joined human nature with the divine. And for what reason? Only love. It was love that drew us forth from God, creating us in God's image and likeness. And when we lost grace, and of our guilt and sins, in love he sent us the Word, his Only-Begotten Son. He wanted us to have grace once again through his Blood. And this obedient Son of his ran to the shameful death of the cross as one in love with our salvation.

So everything God has done and continues to do for us is done for love. This is why, when we contemplate this boundless and indescribable love, we are opening the eye of our understanding and knowledge to the Blood of Christ crucified, the Blood in which, more than anywhere else, the vastness of indescribable charity is set before us.

And he said as much: that one can show no greater love than to give one's life for a friend. Oh boundless love! If you praise the love that gives one's life for a friend as being the greatest love there can be, how much more deserving of praise is your love for us, for we had become your enemies, and you gave your life, paid the price of your Blood, for us! This goes far beyond all other love. Oh gentle and loving Word, God's Son, you became our mediator. By your death you reconciled us with God! For the nails became for us the key that unlocked eternal life, so opened it up that it cannot be closed to anyone who does not so choose.

~ Saint Catherine of Siena

THE ANNUNCIATION *(celebrated Saturday, March 25)*

How great, how complete was the prayer of Mary...It was the perfect response even to the desire of God; it was the assent of the whole being of the Virgin to what she knew well to be the divine plan.

So her soul expanded in clouds of light, the waves of her glowing desire ascended even to the throne of the Holy Trinity, and God gave ear to this soul who was but the desire of his own desire. Heaven and earth were so perfectly joined, so united in this design of God in preparation for the Incarnation, in this ardent, tranquil, and victorious supplication of the Virgin, that we can think of no more perfect expression of the word "Yes."

The Spirit of God came upon the Virgin, and she was so utterly free, so truly offered, that there was but a single movement. She was drawn, and she submitted herself so fully to this action of God that she herself drew him.

The Spirit and the Spouse say: "Come." The Angel had only to receive her acceptance. She was already prepared for this union in her soul. She gave expression to it, but in essence it was already in her soul. It was all her soul. The prayer of Mary was of such power that it won for us the Savior:

~Mother Marie Des Douleurs, O.S.B.



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.

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

April

Wednesday, March 29

- Parish Council Mtg 7PM

Tuesday, April 4

- CALM –between 6:30PM-7PM

Friday, April 7

- Adoration following 8AM Mass
- Stations of the Cross 7PM

Saturday, April 8

- Food Pantry-9AM-12Noon

Wednesday, April 12

- K of C Mtg 7PM

Thursday, April 13 Holy Thurs.

- HOLY THURSDAY MASS 7PM

Friday, April 14 Good Friday

- Stations of the Cross 3PM
- Day 1 Divine Mercy Novena 3:30PM
- PASSION SERVICE 7PM

Saturday, April 15 Holy Sat.

- Day 2 Divine Mercy Novena 7:00PM
- **VIGIL MASS 7:30pm**

Sunday, April 16 EASTER

- Holy Mass 8:00AM (IC)
- Divine Mercy Novena 10:00AM (OLL)
- Holy Mass 10:30AM (OLL)

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 26, 2017

What are social or communal sins? Do I need to confess them?

To answer this question properly, we must first make a number of distinctions. First, we are social beings. We act not only as individuals but also as groups, and we are capable of sinning each way. Sin is an analogous concept with nuances, depending on context. There are original, personal, and social sins. There are also both mortal and venial sins. When we sin as individuals, we commit a personal sin. When we sin in a group, we commit a social sin. As with personal sin, some social sins are more serious than others.

Societies that enshrine laws promoting abortion, euthanasia, and in many countries, capital punishment are involved in serious social sins. Our degree of culpability in such sins depends on the level of our participation in the group. The key distinction is whether we are actively (formally) or only accidentally (materially) cooperating in the evil. For example, if you actually voted for a law enshrining one such evil, then you are formally cooperating in the evil. If you voted against it but are paying taxes that fund such practices, then you are only materially cooperating in it.

Formal cooperation in a serious offense against God's will should be confessed. Material cooperation lessens the degree of blame, sometimes to the point of eliminating it. It is important to examine the nature of the social evil, study the teachings of the Church on the issue, determine your level of participation, and form your conscience accordingly.

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Monday

March 27

Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17-21

Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

March 28

Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1-9, 12

Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

March 29

Lenten Weekday

Is 49:8-15

Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

March 30

Lenten Weekday

Ex 32:7-14

Jn 5:31-47

Friday

March 31

Lenten Weekday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22

Jn 7:1-2, 10,
25-30

Saturday

April 1

Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18-20

Jn 7:40-53

Sunday

April 2

*Fifth Sunday
of Lent*

Ez 37:12-14

Rom 8:8-11

Jn 11:1-45

Good News!

March 26, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)

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

Our Lenten practices are transforming our hearts to receive the love of Jesus in his passion, death, and resurrection. Today's Gospel revolves around this theme of learning to live by faith.

The apostles take for granted that the man's blindness is due to someone's sin. The Pharisees call the man a sinner, born in sin. In their self-righteousness they judge both the blind man and Jesus.

Jesus sees and judges differently. He asserts that the man's blindness was not due to a sin of his own or that of his parents and restores his sight. He challenges the wise, educated, and insightful Pharisees by saying, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains" (John 9:41).

While they can see physically, they cannot see the simple truth that Jesus is the Son of God and has the authority to heal, even on the Sabbath. They are so blinded by their "fidelity to God"—which is really fidelity to their distorted interpretation of the traditions and regulations God gave them—that they cannot see his spirit of mercy. They fail to see with eyes of faith.

Being merciful like Jesus doesn't mean merely condemning blind legalism, it means showing God's love to those in need. First we need to see as God sees. Then we need to love others and to enlighten them with the truth. Jesus heals one man's blindness in the hope of opening the minds and hearts of the Pharisees—and us today.

For Reflection

Are there people or groups I blindly judge? What is at the root of these judgments? To what truths am I blind? How can I work to open my heart to these truths this Lent?

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC