

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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May 14, 2017
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

A Mother's Day Prayer

Lord we pray for all
MOTHERS
Beautiful and wonderful
they fill the earth
Gracious in Your call they
carry life
In a bond of love they bring
forth a child.

Happy Mother's Day



We ask You to bless all
MOTHERS today
May they feel the joys of motherhood
everyday
In all their struggles giving us a livelihood
May Your **LOVE** and **COMPASSION**
be with them for good.

May every **MOTHER** feel today
The pride and beauty of a family they bear
Through all pain and sorrow Lord
deliver them
In Your **STRENGTH** and **GRACE**
may they always stay.
AMEN!

PARISH PICNIC

**THE PARISH COUNCIL
INVITES EVERYONE TO THE ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC**

**NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 21
FOLLOWING 10:30AM MASS
BRING A DISH OR DESSERT TO PASS!**

Be prepared for great food, fun and games and most of all **FELLOWSHIP** with our parish family as we kick off the summer and wrap up another successful RE year!



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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 May 15	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
TUE May 16	8:00AM	+Loretta Bode
WED May 17	8:00AM	Thomas Family Titus Family
THU May 18	5:30PM	+Anthony Coons
FRI May 19	8:00AM	Tjarks Family Townsend Family
SAT May 20	5:00PM (OLL)	+Gene Johnson
SUN May 21	8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL)	+Margaret Rock Parish Family

**Thank You
For Your Gifts
OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$2528.60
Capital Imp.	\$175.00
Food Pantry	\$56.00
May Total	\$56.00
Yr to Date FP	\$1464.61

Imm Conception

Sunday Total	\$412
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: \$9420
(Goal: \$13,255)
IC: \$550
(Goal: \$913)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
Sat, May 20 5:00PM	Alex Killian	Stan Alt	Stan Alt	Robert Bode Frank Titus	Lisa Heap
Sun, May 21 10:30AM	Andrew & Aidan Laughery	Maggie Davis	Paul Sarantakos	Sam Baillie Joe Allen	

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.



PATRIOTIC ROSARY

We will be saying a PATRIOTIC ROSARY for our country and service men and women on the first Saturday of every month. This will be at the same time and in placed of the regular rosary at 4:30PM. Please join us in prayer.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Tuesday, May 16, from 9AM-10AM
American Lutheran Church
905 E. First Street, Gibson City

ALL retired and semi-retired folks are for Coffee and Conversation with Curt Miller, from the Ford County Sheriff's Department. He will be talking about the latest scams that target senior citizens.



Dan & Jane Lange (5/13)
Bob & Fran Mardis (5/14)
Jerry & Amy Stoltz (5/15)
John & Amy Veneto (5/17)
Dan & Sylvia Day (5/12)

The Word From Father Thomas

REFLECTION

For the Fifth Sunday of Easter



While Karl Barth was lecturing, one of the students asked him a question. “Sir, don’t you think that God has revealed himself in other religions and not only in Christianity?” Barth’s answer stunned the crowd. He answered, “No, God has not revealed himself in any religion, including Christianity. He has revealed himself in his Son.” That is the real challenge of every follower of Jesus that they should see the Father in his Son. Instead of looking at Jesus, we oftentimes look at ourselves and the realities of the world. It is said, “If you look at the world you will be distressed. If you look within, you’ll be depressed. But if you look at Christ, you will be at rest.” All of us seem to know that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life but we are unwilling to accept in our lives what we know and so we remain detached from Jesus and thus fail to see the Father who is ever present in Jesus. From our experience we know that light breaks through only when darkness has become total. Jesus uttered the words, “Do not let your hearts be troubled: when it was almost time for him to face betrayal, persecution, crucifixion and death. Even in those moments of excruciating agony, Jesus found consolation in his Father because he knew that he was doing the will of his Father. His disciples should not be worried or anxious because Jesus will go through all these and go to his Father to prepare a place for us and he will come back to take us to where he is. He will, by his suffering and shameful death, ensure a place for us in the eternal company of the Father. Let us pray that we may abide in Jesus and experience the eternal presence of the Father.

HAIL MARY SERIES

Pope Francis has encouraged the Church to look to Mary as the Mother of Mercy, praying, “Gazing toward you, our Immaculate Mother, we recognize the victor of divine mercy over sin and over all its consequences. May it reignite us in the hope of a better life, free from slavery, resentments, and fear.”

To respond to the Holy Father’s call, in 2017 we have found some materials that will renew our focus on Mary, our spiritual mother and the first disciple, in order to grow closer to her son, Jesus. It is also particularly timely as 2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Mary in Fatima, Portugal.

We invite you to join us on this journey of faith! We will share topics about our Blessed Mother over the summer months under the “HAIL MARY SERIES” heading. The first resource we would like to share to get you started is the free “365 Days with Mary” app that you can use for inspiration every day!

We look forward to sharing topics surrounding Mary—apparitions, the Hail Mary, and Our Lady of Fatima in the coming months. Our hope is that this series helps you grow in faith by understanding more about our Blessed Mother!!

THE STORY OF FATIMA

On Sunday, May 13, 1917, three children, Lucia Dos Santos, age nine, and her cousins Francisco Marto, age eight, and Jacinta Marto, age six, were in the fields with their sheep when they saw a flash of lightening and the image of “a lady all dressed in white. She was more brilliant than the sun and radiated a light more clear and intense than a crystal glass filled with sparkling water when rays of the burning sun shine through it.” Our Lady told the children to pray the Rosary every day to achieve peace in the world and promised to visit again the next month.



Mary returned the 13th of each month for the next **five months**, referring to herself as the Immaculate Heart. She showed the children a vision of hell and told them that if Russia converted, there would be peace throughout the world. She also explained that the pope would have to suffer and many nations would be destroyed, always emphasizing the need to pray the Rosary. She also told them that Francisco and Jacinta would soon go to heaven, but Lucia would live longer to spread the message of the Immaculate Heart. In her final visit, on October 13, Mary identified herself as the Lady of the Rosary and appeared with St. Joseph and the child Jesus, again asking that the Rosary be recited daily for peace in the world.

PARISH EVENTS



Tuesday, May 16

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM

Wednesday, May 17

- Finance Council Meeting 7PM

Sunday, May 21

- **PARISH PICNIC**
after 10:30am Mass

Saturday, May 27

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

Tuesday, May 30

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM

Wednesday, May 31

- Staff Meeting 6PM

Congratulations
On the baptism of

Lilian Justine Lee Whelchel



WELCOME
to our
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
Family



Pray for the Sick & Homebound



Mardelle Duffy
Donovan Gaines
Mary Masco
Jeff McGuire
Linda Ellington
Greg Delost
Steve Heavilin
Dale Enghausen
Bob Mardis

Dear Padre

MAY 14, 2017

Are we required to disobey or break an evil law?

According to St. Thomas Aquinas, a just law has four characteristics. It must be (1) an ordinance of reason, (2) for the common good, (3) properly promulgated, (4) by a legitimate authority. If one of these elements is lacking, then the law is an unjust law and need not be followed.

According to St. Augustine, evil is a lack of something that should be there. When applied to law, if one of the four characteristics is missing, the law lacks something that should be there and is evil. An unjust law, in other words, is an evil law.

As Christians, we are generally encouraged to obey the laws of the state. As the Apostle Paul states, "Let every person be subordinate to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God" (Romans 13:1). At the same time, we also have the responsibility of forming our consciences according to God's revelation in Scripture and Tradition as interpreted by the divinely ordained teaching authority of the Church.

Although we are not bound to follow an unjust law, the degree to which we should actively disobey it depends on the level of evil the law promotes. Because of its serious nature, a law promoting abortion, for example, should be actively resisted through peaceful protests and appropriate legal and civil activism.

Laws that promote lesser evils need to be carefully evaluated by Church authorities and our own well-informed consciences.

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Monday

May 15

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:5-18

Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday

May 16

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:19-28

Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday

May 17

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:1-6

Jn 15:1-8

Thursday

May 18

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:7-21

Jn 15:9-11

Friday

May 19

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:22-31

Jn 15:12-17

Saturday

May 20

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:1-10

Jn 15:18-21

Sunday

May 21

Sixth Sunday

of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

1 Pt 3:15-18

Jn 14:15-21

Good News!

May 14, 2017

Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 6:1-7, 1 Pt 2:4-9, Jn 14:1-12

One of the greatest accomplishments of Roman construction was the arch. It enabled them to span larger distances and make bigger buildings without sacrificing strength. Just think of the Roman aqueducts, basilicas, and coliseums standing today.

The key to the Roman arch is that each stone is well cut. Additionally, the cornerstone takes all the stress and stabilizes the whole. Saint Peter uses these construction images as a metaphor for the Church. We are all living stones, built into a spiritual house founded on the cornerstone, Jesus Christ. Like the deacons in the early Church, we each have a role to play.

What is asked of a stone in a building structure? Every stone needs to be strong. It needs to be formed and shaped. Accepting and seeking formation in faith is key to finding our place in life and in God's house. A stone needs to be connected to the stones alongside it. Finally, the stone needs to accept where the master builder places it. If a stone could move itself from one place to another, there would be chaos.

Our active participation in God's plan and the Church is important. We must build on the one sure foundation and follow the plan of the master builder and those who represent him. Jesus has prepared a place for each of us in the Church and in heaven. Jesus is the way. Follow him and he will lead you to your place.

For Reflection

Have I sought out a place to serve and build up the Church in my local area? What spiritual means do I use to discern Jesus' plan for me?

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