

## 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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General Information  
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Gibson City, IL 60936

## Website

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# May 28, 2017

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

*"And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body"  
(Ephesians 1:22-23).*

### For Reflection

*How do I accept the responsibility of actively building up God's kingdom?*

*How can I showcase the truth of the ascension in my life?*



## The Word From Father Thomas

### THE GRACE TO GLORIFY

Development needs Christians with their arms raised towards God in prayer, Christians moved by the knowledge that truth-filled love, *caritas in veritate*, from which authentic, development proceeds, is not produced by us, but given to us. For this reason, even in the most difficult and complex times, besides recognizing what is happening, we must above all else turn to God's love.

Development requires attention to the spiritual life, a serious consideration of the experiences of trust in God, spiritual fellowship in Christ, reliance upon God's providence and mercy, love and forgiveness, self-denial, acceptance of others, justice and peace. All this is essential if hearts of stone are to be transformed into hearts of flesh (Ez. 36:26), rendering life on earth divine and thus more worthy of humanity. All this is of man, because man is the subject of his own existence; and at the same time it is of God, because God is at the beginning and end of all that is good, all that leads to salvation: ***the world of life or death or the present or the future, all are yours; and you are Christ's' and Christ is God's*** (1 Cor 3:22-23).

Christians long for the entire human family to call upon God as "Our Father!" In union with the Only Begotten Son, may all people learn to pray to the Father and to ask him, in the words that Jesus himself taught us, for the grace to glorify him by living according to his will, to receive the daily bread that we need, to be understanding and generous towards our debtors, not to be tempted beyond our limits and to be delivered from evil (cf. Mt 6:9-13).

~Pope Benedict XVI



### PARISH PICNIC THANKS

Thank you to the Parish Council, Knights of Columbus and all of the picnic helpers for providing the RE children our annual picnic on such a lovely May day!



### Congratulations to our SENIORS Good Luck in all you do!

Sophie Hafer  
Rucker Parsons  
Sam Baillie



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**Parish Council  
President**  
Eric Rosenbaum (OLOL)

**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.

|                   |                              |                                    |
|-------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>MON</b> May 29 | 8:00AM                       | Volker Family<br>Weber Family      |
| <b>TUE</b> May 30 | 8:00AM                       | Wilhelmi Family<br>Woodward Family |
| <b>WED</b> May 31 | 8:00AM                       | Priest Intentions                  |
| <b>THU</b> June 1 | 5:30PM                       | Woolums Family<br>Wurmnest Family  |
| <b>FRI</b> June 2 | 8:00AM                       | Acree Family<br>Allen Family       |
| <b>SAT</b> June 3 | 5:00PM (OLL)                 | +Ed Day                            |
| <b>SUN</b> June 4 | 8:00AM (IC)<br>10:30AM (OLL) | Parish Family<br>+Mary Cothern     |

**Thank You  
For Your Gifts  
OLOL**

|               |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| Sunday Total  | \$2242.50 |
| Capital Imp.  | \$25.00   |
| Food Pantry   | \$107.00  |
| May Total     | \$231.00  |
| Yr to Date FP | \$1639.61 |

**Imm Conception**

|              |          |
|--------------|----------|
| Sunday Total | \$140.00 |
| 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: \$10020  
(Goal: \$13,255)  
IC: \$550  
(Goal: \$913)

**MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

| Date                   | Altar Servers                 | Lectors       | Euch. Minister  | Ushers                       | Homebound Ministry |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Sat, June 3<br>5:00PM  | Caine Jost<br>Daxter Chaddock | Fran Mardis   | Frank Titus     | Stan Alt<br>Tim Fackler      | Marj Brown         |
| Sun, June 4<br>10:30AM | Isabella & Sophia Helmig      | Jack Kollross | Paul Sarantakos | Nathan Garard<br>Chuck Aubry |                    |

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.

**PARISH EVENTS**



**Tuesday, May 30**

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM

**Wednesday, May 31**

- Staff Meeting 6PM



**Pray for the Sick & Homebound**

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

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.



Owen Stroh (5/29)  
Kevin Seymour (6/1)  
Ruth Schwarz (6/1)  
Alyce Hafer (6/1)  
Maverick Chaddock (6/3)  
Sophia Helmig (6/3)



Tom & Jill Rock (5/29)  
Chris & Mary Giroux (5/29)  
Mike & Gina Medernach (6/1)1

# Dear Padre

MAY 28, 2017

## **What is "secularism," and is it possible for a Christian to also be a secularist?**

Secularism is a philosophical movement that has its roots in England in the 1850s. The movement began because some felt religion and the Bible were inadequate sources for explaining many aspects of modern life. Secularists believe you can find all motivation for living a moral life in what is readily observable. Thus, secularism sees the Christian religion, and in fact all religions, as worthless.

Some might argue that secularism is the same as the separation of Church and state, that public schools should give a secular education, that they shouldn't be teaching the Christian, or any, religion. At first glance, that may sound right, but it isn't.

A Catholic second-grade public school teacher should not teach Catholic doctrine to her class in the same way that a Baptist second-grade public school teacher should not teach Baptist doctrine to his class, but the faith of the Catholic or the Baptist should influence the way they teach their class.

They might not teach specific doctrine, but the way each approaches the class should be done as one who has faith in Jesus Christ. The same is true of a politician or someone who works at a fast-food restaurant. In implicit ways, our faith in Jesus should always influence what we say and do.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR  
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### **Monday**

May 29

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 19:1-8

Jn 16:29-33

### **Tuesday**

May 30

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 20:17-27

Jn 17:1-11a

### **Wednesday**

May 31

*The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Zep 3:13-18a or

Rom 12:9-16

Lk 1:39-56

### **Thursday**

June 1

*St. Justin, Martyr*

Acts 22:30;

23:6-11

Jn 17:20-26

### **Friday**

June 2

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 25:13b-21

Jn 21:15-19

### **Saturday**

June 3

*St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs*

Acts 28:16-20,

30-31

Jn 21:20-25

### **Sunday**

June 4

*Pentecost*

Acts 2:1-11

1 Cor 12:3b-7,

12-13

Jn 20:19-23

# Good News!

May 28, 2017

Seventh Sunday of Easter (A)/Ascension of the Lord

Seventh Sunday: Acts 1:12-14, 1 Pt 4:13-16, Jn 17:1-11a

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11, Eph 1:17-23, Mt 28:16-20

Pinturicchio's *Ascension* wall painting is found in the apartments of Pope Alexander VI Borgia and was painted around the same time as one of Columbus' voyages to America: 1492. When the pope died in 1503, these rooms were shut and not opened again until 1889. How could such artistic treasures have been locked up and forgotten for 400 years?

The same thing can happen with the feast of the Ascension. We don't always give it much thought. Its powerful beauty is locked away, collecting dust.

The great truth revealed today is that Jesus is in heaven, in bodily form, seated at the right hand of the Father and watching over us all. From there he intercedes for us; from there he sends us on mission.

What are we to do with this truth? Treat it like a myth or ancient story? Just stare at the sky and wonder like the apostles? No, we are to get busy building God's kingdom. His kingdom will not automatically happen. He calls us to be his witnesses until the end of the earth. We cannot sit by and let our politics, our schools, our churches, and our arts evolve unguided by the gospel. We are called to roll up our sleeves and get involved. "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations..." (Matthew 28:19). Remember the good administrator who was left some talents. His master went away only to eventually return asking for a rendering. Jesus has left only to return again. Until then, it's time to build his kingdom.

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Fr. Mark Haydu, LC