

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 7, 2017
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls" (1 Peter 2:25).



For Reflection

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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 8	8:00AM	Swearingen Family Thomas Family
TUE May 9	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
WED May 10	8:00AM	+Mary Cothorn
THU May 11	5:30PM	+Loretta Bode
FRI May 12	8:00AM	Special Intention
SAT May 13	5:00PM (OLL)	Parish Family
SUN May 14	8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL)	+James & Margaret Rock +Ruby Kemmer

**Thank You
For Your Gifts
OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$3236.50
Capital Imp.	\$0
Food Pantry	\$84.26
April Total	\$381.26
Yr to Date FP	\$1408.61

Imm Conception

Sunday Total	\$215.00
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: \$8890
(Goal: \$13,255)
IC: \$550
(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, May 13 5:00PM	Daxter Chaddock Caine Jost	Marj Brown	Paul Sarantakos	Robert Bode Frank Titus	Paul & Sarah Sarantakos
Sun, May 14 10:30AM	Isabella & Sophia Helmig	Sarah Sarantakos	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.



Steve & Martha Heavilin (5/3)



- Katrina Medernach (5/8)
- Brett Beyers (5/9)
- Aidan Helmig (5/11)
- Theresa Volker (5/12)
- Sara Tredennick (5/12)
- Joe Baillie (5/13)

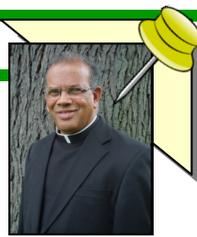
CONGRATULATIONS

**On your
First Communion**

- Isabella Woodward**
- Kolbie Eichelberger**
- Josephine Kleist**
- Graydon Leonard**
- Tate Jeckel**
- Evan Killian**
- Andriana Cullotta**
- Walter Smith**
- Noah Roy**
- Kate McCall**
- Mikey Volker**

The Word From Father Thomas

THE GOOD SHEPHERD



What does it mean to be the Good Shepherd? Jesus explains it to us with convincing clearness.

The shepherd knows his sheep and the sheep knows him. How wonderful and consoling it is to know that Jesus knows us one by one; that for him we are not anonymous persons; that our name—the name which is agreed upon by loving parents and friends—is known to him! For Jesus we are not a “mass,” a “multitude”! We are individual “persons” with an eternal value, both as creatures and as redeemed persons! He knows us! He knows me, and loves me and gave himself for me! (cf. Gal 2:20).

The shepherd feeds his sheep and leads them to fresh and abundant pastures. Jesus came to bring life to souls, and to give it in superabundance. And the life of souls consists essentially in three supreme realities: truth, grace, glory...

The shepherd defends his sheep; he is not like the mercenary who flees when the wolf arrives, because he does not care about the sheep at all. Unfortunately we know very well that there are still mercenaries in the world who sow hatred, malice, doubt, confusion of ideas and of the senses. Jesus, on the contrary, with the light of his divine word and with the strength of his sacramental and ecclesial presence, forms our mind, strengthens the will, purifies sentiments, and thus defends and saves from so many painful and dramatic experiences.

The shepherd even offers his life for his sheep. Jesus realized the project of divine love by means of his death on the cross! He offered himself on the cross to redeem man, every individual man, created by love for the eternity of Love!...

Finally, Jesus wants everyone to be a “good shepherd.” Every Christian, by virtue of baptism, is called to be himself a “good shepherd” in the environment in which he lives. You parents must exercise the functions of the Good Shepherd with regard to your children; and you, too, children, must be edifying with your love, your obedience, and above all with your courageous and consistent faith. Also the mutual relations between husband and wife must be marked by the example of the Good Shepherd, in order that family life may always have that nobility of sentiments and ideals willed by the Creator, because of which the family has defined the “domestic Church.” So also at school, at work, in playgrounds and places of leisure, in hospitals and where people are suffering, let everyone always try to be a “good shepherd” like Jesus.

~Saint John Paul II

PARISH EVENTS



Wednesday, May 10

- K of C Meeting 7PM
- Parish Council Meeting 7PM

Thursday, May 11

- St. Peregrine Healing Mass 5:30PM

Saturday, May 13

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon
- Fatima Anniversary Rosary Meet at OLL at 3:30PM
- The Thirteenth Day Movie following 5PM Mass at the hall

Sunday, May 14

- **MOTHER'S DAY**

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

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

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

PARISH PICNIC

THE PARISH COUNCIL
INVITES EVERYONE TO THE ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

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!

100 YEAR FATIMA ANNIVERSARY ROSARY

America desperately needs the Rosary, and Our Lady's saving message of Fatima. Because of the daily increase in spiritual, moral, and economic problems in our country, we desperately need a divine solution. The rally walks began in Austria after WWII. The Crusade invited the faithful of Vienna to join in public square Rosary walks through city streets. They prayed for the end of communism in Austria. The walks began small; more like a trickle., but they grew steadily in size and frequency. Miraculously, in October 1955, the Soviet forces inexplicably pulled out of Austria. The communists had never before voluntarily retreated from any conquered nation. Our Lady did exactly as She promised, and she will do it for America too, if we do what She asks.

Like Austria, we must also bravely and devoutly publicly offer prayer and sacrifice to Our Lady, not only for us and our loved ones, but for all Americans. We really do not have any other option if we wish to save America. The Public Square Rosaries are essential for the conversion of our country. Without them our country will go the way of so many others who turned their backs on God.

On May 13, at 3:30PM we encourage you to join in the Fatima Anniversary Rosary Rally beginning at Our Lady of Lourdes. Sign up at back of church. Following 5PM Mass, please join us at the hall for the viewing of the movie "The Thirteenth Day" and learn more about the story of Fatima.

Dear Padre

MAY 7, 2017

If I still attend Mass, may I work or shop on Sundays?

When I lived in Brazil, everything was closed on Sunday except a few restaurants. As a result, it was a day families could spend together. Even in our own country, some places have shortened hours on Sundays or are closed altogether, like banks and car dealerships.

For many of us, shopping is a way of resting. We go to the store and browse, stop at the mall, or see a movie. The *Catechism* doesn't go so far as to say we can't shop on Sundays. It tells us, "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, the performance of the works of mercy, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body" (CCC 2185).

However, many people have to work on Sundays. Even if we are resting by shopping or going out on Sundays, we are forcing other people to work. If we all made the choice to not shop or go out on Sundays, with the exception of emergency needs, Sundays could truly become a day of rest for all people, as it is intended to be.

So yes, you may shop on a Sunday, but I would encourage you to spend the day doing things that keep the whole day holy, not just the hour you're at Mass.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR
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Monday

May 8

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:1-18

Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday

May 9

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:19-26

Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday

May 10

Easter Weekday

Acts 12:24-13:5a

Jn 12:44-50

Thursday

May 11

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:13-25

Jn 13:16-20

Friday

May 12

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:26-33

Jn 14:1-6

Saturday

May 13

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:44-52

Jn 14:7-14

Sunday

May 14

Fifth Sunday

of Easter

Acts 6:1-7

1 Pt 2:4-9

Jn 14:1-12

Good News!

May 7, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 2:14a, 36-41, 1 Pt 2:20b-25, Jn 10:1-10

Saint Peter, the first pope, zealously preached the word of God, challenging the Romans and the Jews to believe. Astoundingly, on various occasions their hearts were moved and they asked, "What are we to do?" The answer from the apostles was often twofold: Be baptized and receive the Holy Spirit. Both are necessary first steps.

The same is true today: We receive baptism and confirmation. We keep cultivating this gift of faith and life in the Holy Spirit, listening to Jesus and the Spirit's promptings so they blossom and take over all of our life.

The Good Shepherd verses found in John 10 reveal that there are many messengers who promise fulfillment and happiness. Jesus warns that these others try to slip in the back door of our souls and trick us into following them. Initially their message is only slightly different than Jesus' message, but once they lead us out of his fold, we can end up in very distant fields, and it is a long, hard path back home.

How do we distinguish Jesus' voice from the others? Compare their words with the words of Jesus and his Church. If they don't align, beware. Another criterion is to see if there is an element of the cross and true peace. Jesus reminds us that the shepherd lays down his life for his sheep and leads them to pasture and rest. The cross, although not everything, is always a part of the shepherd's path.

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Fr. Mark Haydu, LC