

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 8 am
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)



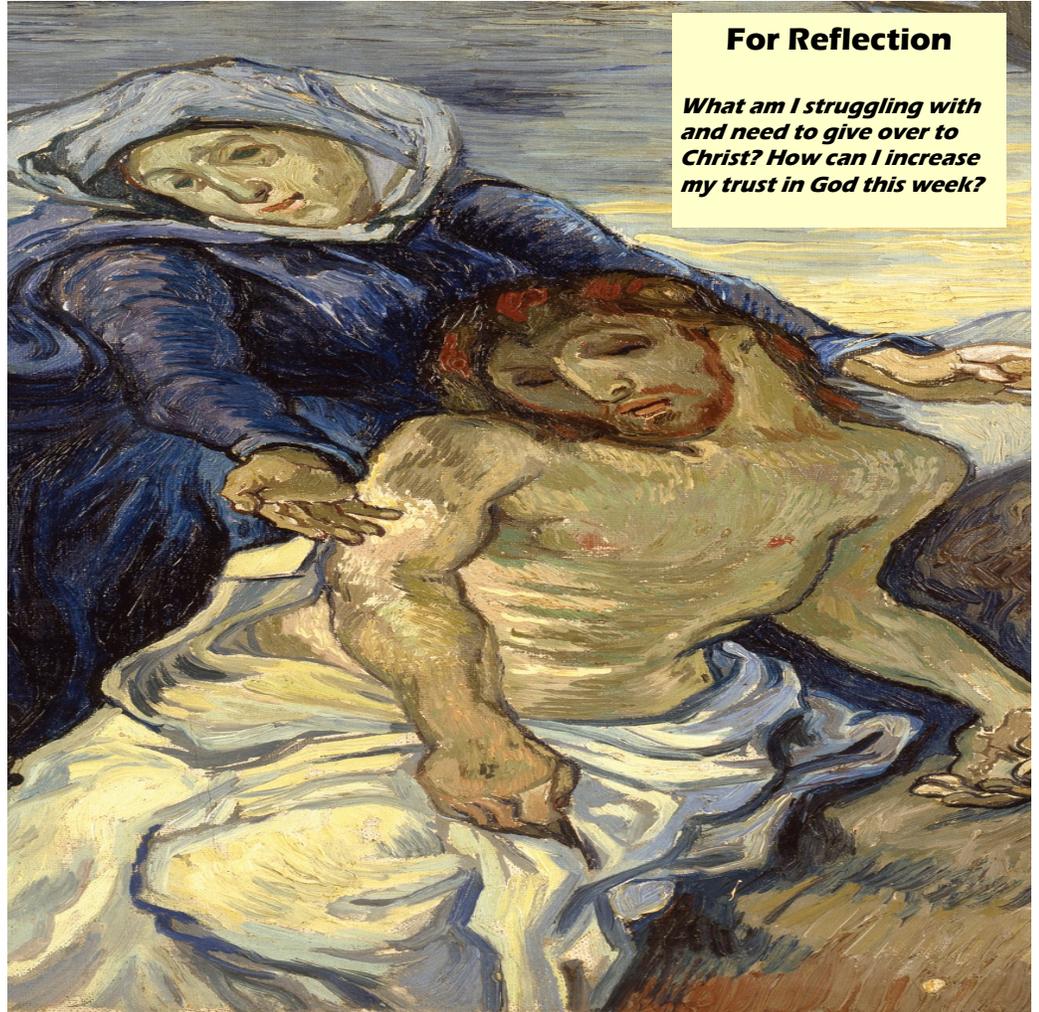
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JUNE 25, 2017

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If by that one person's transgression the many died, how much more did the grace of God...overflow" (Romans 5:15).



For Reflection

What am I struggling with and need to give over to Christ? How can I increase my trust in God this week?

The Word From Father Thomas

DO NOT BE AFRAID



Christ gives himself to his people gradually. He knows that they have the rebellious divided spirit of adolescents—full of longing for genuine love, yet plagued with disappointment, despair, and doubt. He treats them somewhat like an older and experienced man might win the confidence of a wild young girl. Slowly Christ gathers them to himself by the magnetic attraction of his grace. He wins them by deeds of love, healing them of their miseries, curing their lepers, exorcising their demons. Only when he sees that they are ready does he begin to reveal more intimate mysteries of his love, such as his desire to become one body with his followers and the eventual unity they will achieve with him in eternity.

He knows that many of their ways are unloving but instead of reproaching them directly, he begins by telling them parables, letting them discover for themselves how far short their own lives are from the new ideal.

Gradually his disciples begin to respond to Christ's self-giving.

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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 June 26	8:00AM	Delost Family DeYoung Family
TUE June 27 St. Cyril	8:00AM	Doran Family Duffy Family
WED June 28 St. Irenaeus	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
THU June 29 Sts. Peter & Paul	5:30PM	Eberle Family Eichelberger Family
FRI June 30	8:00AM	+John & Vicky Stuckey
SAT July 1	5:00PM (OLL)	+John Stuckey Family
SUN July 2 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL)	+Parish Family +Mary Cothorn

**Thank You
For Your Gifts
OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$2330.00
Capital Imp.	\$0
Food Pantry	\$87.00
May Total	\$465.00
Yr to Date FP	\$1873.61

Imm Conception

Sunday Total	\$165.00
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: \$11240
(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, July 1 5:00PM	Alex Killian	Stan Alt	Jerry Brown	Frank Titus John Carlson	
Sun, July 2 10:30AM	Haven Hathaway Brooke Beyers	Sarah Sarantakos	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.

In your charity, prayers and Mass offerings, please remember those who have died. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May they and all the souls of the faithful dead rest in peace. Amen

Kathy Bittner



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sophia Ray (6/27)
Matthew Allen (6/27)
Brooke Beyers (6/27)
Dorri Groom (6/27)
Darrin Ray (6/30)

Happy Anniversary

Andrew & Nicole Miller (6/26)
Ray & Ellen Hankes (6/27)
John & Joan Cole (6/28)
Frank & Lynne Titus (6/30)

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

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



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.

SUNDERLAND SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

CONGRATULATIONS  to RUCKER PARSONS the recipient of this year's Sunderland Scholarship. Best of luck to you at Eastern Illinois University and in all your future endeavors.

Dear Padre

JUNE 25, 2017

Did Adam and Eve repent of their sin, and if so, were they forgiven?

Genesis 1—3 is written primarily to convey truths about God: God is good, loving, and provident; humankind was ungrateful to God and introduced evil into the world. However, despite humanity's sinfulness, there is still hope because of God's goodness and mercy.

The Garden of Eden story is focused more on the loss of original holiness and the consequences of original sin than on repentance.

So while the Bible doesn't state that Adam and Eve sought repentance, we can know with certainty that God offered them forgiveness, and we can imagine that they probably repented. God restores humanity after the Fall through Christ's redemptive act and offers all of us forgiveness (see the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 410).

Christians believe that "the world has been established and kept in being by the Creator's love; has fallen into slavery to sin but has been set free by Christ, crucified and risen to break the power of the evil one" (CCC 421). Creation, therefore, already involves a re-creation in Christ, the eternal Word of the Father. Christ, the "New Adam," who amends for the disobedience of Adam, becomes the point toward which creation's history is directed.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church asks: Why did God not prevent the first man from sinning? "St. Leo the Great responds, 'Christ's inexpressible grace gave us blessings better than those the demon's envy had taken away.' ... And the Exsultet sings, 'O happy fault, ... which gained for us so great a Redeemer!'" (CCC 412).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

CALENDAR

Monday

June 26

Weekday

Gn 12:1–9, Mt 7:1–5

Tuesday

June 27

Weekday

Gn 13:2, 5–18

Mt 7:6, 12–14

Wednesday

June 28

St. Irenaeus,
Bishop and Martyr

Gn 15:1–12, 17–18

Mt 7:15–20

Thursday

June 29

Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

Acts 12:1–11

2 Tm 4:6–8, 17–18

Mt 16:13–19

Friday

June 30

Weekday

Gn 17:1, 9–10, 15–22

Mt 8:1–4

Saturday

July 1

Weekday

Gn 18:1–15, Mt 8:5–17

Sunday

July 2

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:8–11, 14–16a

Rom 6:3–4, 8–11

Mt 10:37–42

Good News!

June 25, 2017

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Jer 20:10–13, Rom 5:12–15, Mt 10:26–33

Vincent van Gogh is one of the most famous painters in history. His dramatic style of eternally swirling motion and his palette of deep blue, green, and brown captivates us. His life was just as topsy-turvy as his style. He started off as an aspiring minister and missionary yet ended up committing himself to painting. He fought with mental illness most his life and, sadly, died poor and amidst mysterious circumstances.

His painting *Pietà* is one of his most spiritual and religious works. Carried out in the months before his untimely death, it shows the maturation of his style. Rather than approach the painting with a wide horizontal composition, he keeps it quite vertical, which suggests a connection between heaven and earth. Jesus is falling forward slightly and is not quite resting in Mary's arms. He seems to be somewhat on his own as Mary reacts in grief, offering more than an accepting embrace.

Suffering has both the moment of struggle and of rest. In Van Gogh's *Pietà*, as in life, the unrequited desire to rest prevails. The struggle to accept and embrace suffering was a big part of Van Gogh's life, as seen in his letters to his brother. Van Gogh, like us, sought serenity in a faith that claims "he has rescued the life of the poor" and that "all the hairs of your head are counted" and not a sparrow "falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge." We are precious to God, as was his Son. The power of God's love embraces our suffering and offers to bring it to resurrection.

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC