

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

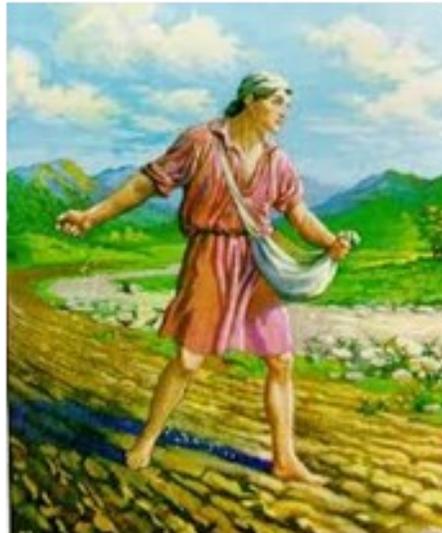
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JULY 16, 2017

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

Luke 8:15



The Word From Father Thomas

THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER



We know the parable, but we can reread the words of the Gospel over and over again and still find new light. So the sower comes out to sow. As he sows, some seeds fall on the path, some on rocky ground, some among thorns, some finally on good soil, and only these last have fruit. (cf. Mt 13:3-8).

Jesus did not limit himself to presenting us with a parable; he explained it. Let us hear then the explanation of the parable of the sower. The seeds that fell on the path represent those who hear the Word of the Kingdom of God but do not understand it. The Evil One comes and takes away what has been sown in their hearts (cf. Mt 13:19). The Evil One often uses this tactic and he tries to prevent the seed from germinating in people's hearts. This is the first comparison. The second is the seed fallen on rocky ground. This ground represents the people who hear the Word and welcome it immediately with joy, but they do not have roots in them and are inconstant. When tribulation or persecution comes because of the Word, they fall away immediately (cf. Mt 13: 20-21). What psychological insight in this comparison made by Christ! We know well from our experience and the experience of others the inconstancy of people deprived of the roots which would enable the Word to grow! The third case is the seed fallen among thorns. Christ explains that he is thinking of those who hear the Word but who, because of the worries of the world and their attachment to riches, stifle the Word so that it does not bear fruit (cf. Mt 12:22).

Finally, the seed fallen on fertile ground represents those who hear the Word and understand it, and the Word bears fruit in them (cf. Mt 13:23). All of this magnificent parable speaks to us today as it spoke to the listeners of Jesus two thousand years ago...Let us become the fertile ground which receives the Gospel and bears fruit!

~St. John Paul II

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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 July 17	8:00AM	Fleming Family Freehill Family
TUE July 18	8:00AM	Gale Family Garard Family <i>St. Camillus de Lellis</i>
WED July 19	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
THU July 20	5:30PM	Gardner Family Gernentz Family <i>St. Apollinaris</i>
FRI July 21	8:00AM	Geurts Family Giroux Family <i>St. Lawrence of Brindisi</i>
SAT July 22	5:00PM (OLL)	+Rick Nally <i>St. Mary Magdalene</i>
SUN July 23	8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL)	Parish Family +Chuck Freehill <i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>

**Thank You
For Your Gifts
OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$2490.50
Capital Imp.	\$55.00
Food Pantry May Total Yr to Date FP	\$84.00 \$653.00 \$2032.61

Imm Conception

Sunday Total	\$426.00
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 22 5:00PM	Alex Killian	Patti Huppert	Jerry Brown	Frank Titus John Carlson	Lisa Heap
Sun, July 23 10:30AM	Andrew & Aidan Laughery	Jack Kollross	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.

July: The Month of the Precious Blood



July is the month in which Catholics are invited to experience the power of the Blood of Christ, shed on the cross for the salvation of all people.

“July is a month in which we traditionally venerate the Most Precious Blood of Christ. In the world, innocent human blood is continually being spilled. The hearts of men are often full of hate rather than evangelical

love, they often contain disdain and arrogance rather than care for mankind. Pray that modern humanity may experience the power of the Blood of Christ, poured out on the cross for our salvation.”

[Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI]



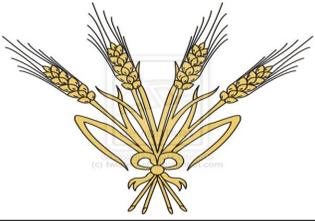
Audrey Chapman (7/17) Paul Sarantakos (7/20)
Rich Perkins (7/18) Hannah Hathaway (7/23)
Erin Nuss (7/23)

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

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



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.



Our Parish Community

July 16, 2017

Fifteenth Sunday Ordinary Time (A)

Is 55:10–11

Rom 8:18–23

Mt 13:1–23

The Eye of God

The Book of Romans meditates on a truth we sometimes neglect, but that has inspired many artists. Creation longs to share in the freedom of God's kingdom. Sin has affected nature, so salvation will also set it free from corruption. What would a glorified planet look like? Charles Burchfield, a nature painter, tried to imagine just that.

He painted thousands of scenes from his bedroom in Salem, Ohio. He became obsessed with dramatizing landscapes and was known to sketch as he walked to and from school. His love and meditations didn't keep him from entering the army, but given his gifts, he was assigned to the camouflage unit, using his skills to paint tanks and drapery. Some of his designs are still used today.

What Burchfield discovered was that a pristine nature scene was a divine image. The forms, the colors, the patterns were all created by God and guided by his providence. By painting these scenes, one was truly touching the hand of God and entering into his mind. His painting *Eye of God in the Woods* illustrates the eye of God in a sun that pierces through the trees of a snowy forest with a rolling brook.

God speaks in nature motifs. Scripture is full of them. Jesus also used nature as a model for his teachings: seeds sown in different soils, clouds predicting rain, a sparrow, a catch of fish. Nature is a glorious soil from which inspiration can sprout. This week, meditate and marvel at the beauty of creation and, like Jesus, take lessons from it for your spiritual life.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



For Reflection

*How often do I spend time outdoors enjoying nature?
What messages from God can I find
in the natural world today?*

“[Hope] that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God” (Romans 8:21).

Calendar

Monday

July 17
Weekday
Ex 1:8–14, 22
Mt 10:34–11:1

Tuesday

July 18
Weekday
Ex 2:1–15a
Mt 11:20–24

Wednesday

July 19
Weekday
Ex 3:1–6, 9–12
Mt 11:25–27

Thursday

July 20
Weekday
Ex 3:13–20
Mt 11:28–30

Friday

July 21
Weekday
Ex 11:10–12:14
Mt 12:1–8

Saturday

July 22
St. Mary Magdalene
Sgs 3:1–4b or
2 Cor 5:14–17
Jn 20:1–2, 11–18

Sunday

July 23
Sixteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Wis 12:13, 16–19
Rom 8:26–27
Mt 13:24–43
or 13:24–30

Dear Padre,

Why does the Bible have two creation stories?

Scholars believe these stories (Genesis 1–3) were written by two authors during different times and situations in Jewish history. The first story focuses on the creation of the universe; the second emphasizes the creation of man and woman.

The creation account that appears first in the Bible (Genesis 1:1–2:4a) was written six centuries before the birth of Christ by a priest wanting to reaffirm for the Jews that only one God is the all-powerful creator of all that exists. At that time, a belief in several powerful, warring gods was common in the cultures surrounding Judaism.

The story that appears later in the Bible (Genesis 2:4b–3:24) was actually written earlier—four centuries earlier—by a sage in the court of King David. It affirmed that human beings have an inherent dignity and a responsibility to live within boundaries. They must obey God, a rule that applies to kings as well.

Both accounts contain the closely held beliefs regarding human dignity (made in God's image and likeness) and responsibility (care for the earth as God would care for it) that are core to the Christian faith. At their heart they teach us through symbol and story about that God who is partially knowable, the source of life and hope amid the chaos and loss that beset every generation.

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A Word From Pope Francis

"Saint Francis, faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness. 'Through the greatness and the beauty of creatures one comes to know by analogy their maker' (Wisdom 13:5); indeed, 'his eternal power and divinity have been made known through his works since the creation of the world' (Romans 1:20). For this reason, Francis asked that part of the friary garden always be left untouched, so that wild flowers and herbs could grow there, and those who saw them could raise their minds to God, the Creator of such beauty. Rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise."

—*Laudato Si'*, May 24, 2015