

## 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)



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# JULY 2, 2017

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Saint John of Avila's Story

Born in the Castile region of Spain, John was sent at the age of 14 to the University of Salamanca to study law. He later moved to Alcala, where he studied philosophy and theology before his ordination as a diocesan priest.



After John's parents died and left him as their sole heir to a considerable fortune, he distributed his money to the poor. In 1527, he traveled to Seville, hoping to become a missionary in Mexico. The archbishop of that city persuaded him to stay and spread the faith in Andalusia. During nine years of work there, he developed a reputation as an engaging preacher, a perceptive spiritual director, and a wise confessor.

Because John was not afraid to denounce vice in high places, he was investigated by the Inquisition but was cleared in 1533. He later worked in Cordoba and then in Granada, where he organized the University of Baeza, the first of several colleges run by diocesan priests who dedicated themselves to teaching and giving spiritual direction to young people.

He was friends with Saints Francis Borgia, Ignatius of Loyola, John of God, John of the Cross, Peter of Alcantara, and Teresa of Avila. John of Avila worked closely with members of the Society of Jesus and helped their growth within Spain and its colonies. John's mystical writings have been translated into several languages.

He was beatified in 1894, canonized in 1970, and declared a doctor of the Church on October 7, 2012.

## The Word From Father Thomas

### THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THAT CUP OF COLD WATER

Instead of exalting the heart, the devil humiliates and discourages it to the point of driving it to despair. He recalls past sins, aggravating them as much as possible, so that the person, terrified and falling dismayed under such a heavy burden, is reduced to despair. So the devil acted with Judas. When he was at the point of committing his sin, the devil removed its gravity from his sight; afterward, he brought to his mind the gravity of his crime in having sold his Master at so low a price and unto such a death. Thus, the devil blinded his eyes with the greatness of his sin and, having caught him in the snare, led him to hell (cf. Mt 27:3-5). So, he blinds some people by their good works. He places them before them and hides their sins from their sight, thus deceiving them with pride. He blinds others by hiding from them the memory of God's mercy and the good works they have performed by his grace. By then bringing their sins to mind, he pulls them down through despair.



The remedy for the first temptation would be that, when the devil would want to exalt us in vanity to the sky, we should cling fast to the earth, considering not our peacock feathers, but our feet covered with the mud of the sins we have committed—or would commit if it were not for God's grace. For the other deceit of the devil, the remedy is to turn our eyes away from our sins and to fix them on God's mercy and on the good things that we have done by his grace. For in the time when our sins fight against us through despair, it is good to recall the good things that we have done or that we do...

The purpose here is not to put confidence in our good works insofar as they are ours, for this would be to flee from one trap and fall into another. Rather, the purpose is to hope in the mercy of God, who has favored us so that, by his grace, we might do good. He will reward what we do, including even the cup of water that we have given for love of him.

~Saint John of Avila

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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.

<b>MON</b> July 3	8:00AM	NO MASS
<i>St. Thomas the Apostle</i>		
<b>TUE</b> July 4	8:00AM	NO MASS
<b>WED</b> July 5	8:00AM	NO MASS
<i>St. Elizabeth of Portugal</i>		
<b>THU</b> July 6	5:30PM	NO MASS
<i>St. Maria Goretti</i>		
<b>FRI</b> July 7	8:00AM	NO MASS
<b>SAT</b> July 8	5:00PM (OLL)	+Dick Walter
<b>SUN</b> July 9	8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL)	+ Jeffrey Zick +Parish Family
<i>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>		

**Thank You  
For Your Gifts  
OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$3309.75
Capital Imp.	\$300.00
Food Pantry	\$34.00
May Total	\$499.00
Yr to Date FP	\$1907.61

**Imm Conception**

Sunday Total	\$217.00
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 8 5:00PM	Caine Jost Walter Smith	Jim Meyer	Jerry Brown	Frank Titus John Carlson	Denis & Cherry Fisher
Sun, July 9 10:30AM	Ethan Garard Keegan Kutemeier	Maggie Davis	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.

**FOOD PANTRY DATES  
FOR YOUR CALENDAR  
THRU DECEMBER 2017**

Our Lady of Lourdes is responsible for the Food Pantry on **Saturday, September 9 and Saturday, December 23.**

Thank you for your commitment to our church and the valuable community service being provided!

Chris Garard (7/3)  
Heather Killian (7/4)  
Baillie Killian (7/5)  
Elizabeth Volker (7/7)  
Jerry Lynch Jr. (7/7)  
Mike Freehill (7/8)  
Derrick Raney (7/9)  
Eileen Woolums (7/9)

**Catholic Radio**  
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Stream at [catholicspiritradio.com](http://catholicspiritradio.com)

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[www.CatholicRadioCU.com](http://www.CatholicRadioCU.com)  
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**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.



# Our Parish Community

July 2, 2017

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

2 Kgs 4:8–11, 14–16a

Rom 6:3–4, 8–11

Mt 10:37–42

## To Live With Christ

A priest friend of mine visited a family with several sons thinking about the priestly vocation. During his visit he celebrated Mass for them at the local parish. The Gospel reading was the same as today: “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me....” My friend thought twice before reading it, afraid that the father who wasn’t open to his sons’ vocations would think he picked this passage on purpose. He read it anyway and, yes, got the reaction he suspected he’d get.

Most words in the Gospels are challenging. Jesus calls us to love him above all things. This means he has to come first, and sometimes other loves, as good as they are, cannot be the ultimate criteria. He tells us to “lose our life” to find it, and sometimes that loss is real and painful.

He demands this because he himself experienced its truth. In his public ministry, he put his mission and love of souls ahead of spending more time with family and friends. When religious leaders, government officials, and others criticized and persecuted him, he didn’t back down, even if it affected his loved ones. He was faithful in charity. He didn’t look for problems, but he didn’t run from them, either. He avoided unnecessary conflict when he could, but he completely obeyed God’s will and embraced the hardships of loving until the end.

Piece: *The Holy Family With St. Joachim and Anne*, 1516

Artist: Unknown

Location: Chapel of the Governatorato, Vatican City



This kind of sacrifice brings great joy if endured with acceptance. As Romans tells us, “If, then, we have died with Christ, ...we shall also live with him.”

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### For Reflection

*How can I live my life as though nothing is more important than Jesus?*

*Do I regularly witness to my love for Jesus, using words when necessary?*

*“...Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me  
Is not worthy of me” (Matthew 10:37)*

## Calendar

**Monday**  
July 3

*St. Thomas, Apostle*  
Eph 2:19–22  
Jn 20:24–29

**Tuesday**  
July 4

*Weekday*  
Gn 19:15–29  
Mt 8:23–27

**Wednesday**  
July 5

*Weekday*  
Gn 21:5, 8–20a  
Mt 8:28–34

**Thursday**  
July 6

*Weekday*  
Gn 22:1b–19  
Mt 9:1–8

**Friday**  
July 7

*Weekday*  
Gn 23:1–4, 19;  
24:1–8, 62–67  
Mt 9:9–13

**Saturday**  
July 8

*Weekday*  
Gn 27:1–5, 15–29  
Mt 9:14–17

**Sunday**  
July 9

*Fourteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time*  
Zec 9:9–10  
Rom 8:9, 11–13  
Mt 11:25–30

# DEAR PADRE,

**If my fiancé and I abstain from sex,  
why can't we live together before we  
get married?**

**I**t seems to me there are two reasons living with your future spouse before marriage is not a good idea.

One is that you are setting each other up for some serious temptations, or an “occasion of sin.” It would be similar to putting a bottle of gin on the desk of an alcoholic or a carton of cigarettes in front of someone who has succeeded in giving up smoking. I’m not saying you have some sort of addiction, but the natural pull of sex is going to be particularly strong, especially when you’re young, in love, and ready to commit to marriage.

You will be free and even encouraged in marriage to pursue the greatest intimacy. But for the moment, it is asking too much to put you both in the same circumstances now that you will be in after you wed.

The second reason for not living together before marriage is that the living situation could give scandal to others. If you are active in your church and vocal about practicing your Catholic faith but then start living with your future spouse before marriage, it can raise questions (and eyebrows) about what you really believe and how you’re living your faith.

There may be some good-sounding reasons for living together. You can cut down on costs, get to know your future spouse better, and so on. But these reasons aren’t worth the risk.

My advice is that you help each other live a virtuous life now, by sacrificing the convenience of living together outside of marriage, as the best practice for your life together in the sacrament of matrimony.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR



## A Word From Pope Francis

*“Commitment to mission is not something added on to the Christian life as a kind of decoration, but is instead an essential element of faith itself. A relationship with the Lord entails being sent out into the world as prophets of his word and witnesses of his love. Even if at times we are conscious of our weaknesses and tempted to discouragement, we need to turn with God with confidence. We must overcome a sense of our own inadequacy and not yield to pessimism, which merely turns us into passive spectators of a dreary and monotonous life. There is no room for fear! God himself comes to cleanse our ‘unclean lips’ and equip us for the mission.”*

—Message, Fifty-fourth World Day of Prayer for Vocations, November 27, 2016