

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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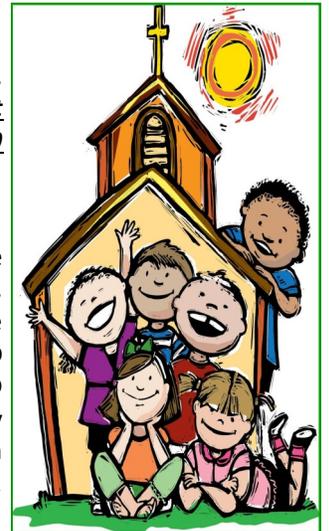
August 6, 2017 THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

RE REGISTRATION

Religious Education class registration will be held at Fr. Kirk Hall, **Saturday, August 19th from 4PM-6:30PM and Sunday, August 20th from 7AM-12Noon. Classes begin Sunday, September 10 at 9AM.**

Registration forms will be emailed to the address you have on file at the office and additional forms will be available at the back of the church. If your child is making a sacrament this year, you will also need to provide a baptismal certificate if they were not baptized at OLL. **PLEASE COME TO THE HALL THE WEEKEND OF REGISTRATION TO COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION, AND OBTAIN YOUR PARENT PACKET**, which includes the yearly schedule and complete other necessary forms. A registration fee waiver from is available for assistance with registration fees. No child will be refused registration for financial reasons.

WE ARE IN NEED OF TEACHERS! In the words of (now) St. Pope John Paul, "DO NOT BE AFRAID". God may be calling you and your parish needs you...answer the call. God cannot be out-done in generosity! Thank You!! Contact Alyce at 217-45-2411 or joenalyceh@cawi.org.



The Word From Father Thomas

DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

And when God allows us to fall back into our own confusion of desires and judgments and temptations, we carry a scar over the place where that joy exulted for a moment in our hearts.

The scar burns us. The sore wound aches within us, and we remember that we have fallen back into what we are not, and are not yet allowed to remain where God would have us belong. We long for the place he has destined for us and weep with desire for the time when this pure poverty will catch us and hold us in its liberty and never let us go, when we will never fall back from the Paradise of the simple and the little children into the forum of prudence where the wise of this world go up and down in sorrow and set their traps for a happiness that cannot exist.

This is the gift of understanding: we pass out of ourselves into the joy of emptiness, of nothingness, in which there are no longer any particular objects of knowledge but only God's truth without limit, without defect, without stain. This clean light, which tastes of Paradise, is beyond all pride, beyond comment, beyond proprietorship, beyond solitude. It is in all, and for all.

~Father Thomas Merton, O.C.S.O.



USHER MINISTRY:

We are calling all men (from high school up) in the parish to consider joining the Usher team. The responsibilities include greeting people at the beginning of mass, seating parishioners if needed, doing the collection basket and handing out bulletins at the end of mass.

Please contact Tannie Smith at tanniehutchcraft599@hotmail.com if you are able to help with this very important ministry.

VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!



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 If interested contact
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**Parish Council
 President**
 Michael Smith (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.

MON August 7	8:00AM	Groom Family Groover Family
TUE August 8 St. Dominic	8:00AM	Grote Family Hafer Family
WED August 9 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
THU August 10 St. Lawrence	5:30PM	Hankes Family Hansen Family
FRI August 11 St. Clare	8:00AM	+Mardelle Duffy
SAT August 12 St. Jane Frances de Chantal	5:00PM (OLL)	+Gene, Geary & Marty Gardner
August 13 Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time	8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL)	+Jeffrey Zick Parish Family

**Thank You
 For Your Gifts
 OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$1753.50
Capital Imp.	\$
Food Pantry July Total Yr to Date FP	\$112.00 \$308.00 \$2215.61

Imm Conception

Sunday Total	\$100.00
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: \$12480
 (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, August 12 5:00PM	Alex Killian	Stan Alt	Fran Mardis	Tim Fackler Jerry Brown	Helen Haynes
Sun, August 13 10:30AM	Brooke Beyers Cecilia Goodin	Sarah Sarantakos	Paul Sarantakos	Greg Laughery Craig Davis	

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.

There will be a 2nd collection next week-end for the Trinity Dome at the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington DC

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.

APPARITIONS AND MARY'S HOLINESS

The first followers of Jesus agreed that Mary was very close to God. They cherished and honored her as Christ's mother. And Jesus wanted her to be close to those he left behind. From his cross, Jesus told his mother to see the apostle John as a son. Then he told John, "This is your mother," asking him to care for Mary from then on (Jn19: 26-27).

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us, "When the course of her earthly life was finished, she was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death." Mary was holy in a totally new way.

Luke's Gospel confirms that holiness when the Angel Gabriel asks Mary to be the Savior's mother; Gabriel greets Mary with, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you !: As a result of her unique holiness, God wouldn't allow Mary's body to decay. St. Augustine of Hippo, a Doctor of the Church, explained that Mary's body was sacred, like the Ark of the Covenant described in the Old Testament. It had held and carried God.

So Mary's unique holiness makes her especially qualified to appear as God's messenger in our world.

Calendar

Monday

August 7
Weekday
Nm 11:4b-15
Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday

August 8
St. Dominic,
Priest
Nm 12:1-13
Mt 14:22-36 or
15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday

August 9
Weekday
Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1,
26-29a, 34-35
Mt 15:21-28

Thursday

August 10
St. Lawrence,
Deacon and Martyr
2 Cor 9:6-10
Jn 12:24-26

Friday

August 11
St. Clare,
Virgin
Dt 4:32-40
Mt 16:24-28

Saturday

August 12
Weekday
Dt 6:4-13
Mt 17:14-20

Sunday

August 13
Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a
Rom 9:1-5
Mt 14:22-33

Dear Padre,

Now that I'm retired and my kids are grown I'm feeling directionless. Even my faith life doesn't feel like it used to. How can I recapture a feeling of purposefulness in my faith?

People may long for liberation from their job and for an "empty nest" at home; yet, when some find it, they lose a clear sense of identity, purpose, or fulfillment. This loss can lead to depression, but many people are unable to name it or cope with these life-changing realities.

Is getting through the day more exhausting than a full day's work before your retirement? Do you prefer to live in the past? Are you burdened with lingering feelings of guilt or regret that need healing? Do you feel like a burden? What are your reasons for living?

Faith and spirituality are connected to the physical, mental, and emotional dimensions of our life. It is often easier to recapture vitality in faith when we



recapture a purpose in other dimensions of life. Volunteer for a worthy cause. Balance your active outreach with introspection. Go on a retreat and reflect on what you're grateful for. Your relationship with the Lord in prayer may be affected by your lack of direction and purpose, but even a persistent emptiness in prayer can be an opportunity to have God fill the void—by focusing more on God than on what's presently lacking in your life.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

PARISH EVENTS



Wednesday, August 9

- K of C Meeting 7PM

Thursday, August 10

- St. Peregrine Healing Mass

Saturday, August 12

- Food Pantry 8AM-12NOON

Tuesday, August 15

- CALM between 6:30-7PM

Saturday, August 26

- Food Pantry 8AM-12NOON

Tuesday, August 29

- CALM between 6:30-7PM

Wednesday, August 30

- Staff Meeting 6PM
- Parish Council Meeting 7PM



Tate Jeckel (8/8)
Melvin Fischer(8/13)
John Swearingen (8/13)



Andrew & Heather Killian (8/7)
Enrique & Carolina Gonzalez (8/7)
Rob & Sandy Kollross (8/8)
Ken & Linda Slavicek (8/10)
Corey & Erin Nuss (8/10)

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Donovan Gaines
Jeff McGuire
Linda Ellington
Greg Delost
Steve Heavilin
Dale Enghausen
Bob Mardis
Ashley Bode
Brian Sullivan
Judy Schall

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.

August 6, 2017

Transfiguration of the Lord (A)

Dn 7:9–10, 13–14

2 Pt 1:16–19

Mt 17:1–9

Leave the Mountain

Our walk with Jesus is full of contrasts: human and divine, grace and nature, sin and mercy. *The Transfiguration* by Raphael Sanzio, like the Scripture that inspires it, is also full of contrasts. The composition is in two registers. Up above we have the heavenly glory of Christ enveloped in a fantastic aura of divine light symbolizing his divine Sonship. The power of the experience leaves the disciples prostrate while the two Old Testament figures of Moses and Elijah float in suspended adoration. Down below, we have the other apostles, dealing ineffectively with a possessed boy. There is obvious chaos, with fingers pointing everywhere and faces turning in all directions. There is the serenity of heavenly white against the diabolic and earthly darkness.

This contrast is present in our own lives. We feel a call to the beauty of God's life, we want it wholeheartedly, and we resolve to make that beauty a reality. But we also know that when we come down the mountain and into our daily lives, we struggle with confusion, temptation, and earthly concerns. It is easy in Christ's glorious presence, but when we get into traffic, our offices, or the trials of raising toddlers or teenagers, it isn't so simple.

Here is where we need the power of God's mercy and love. Peter wanted to stay in Christ's presence and enjoy it, soak it up, remain, and never go down the mountain again. He heard the Father's voice, knew he should listen to the Son, and was resolved to do so! Although



Piece: *The Transfiguration*, circa 1518
Artist: Raphael Sanzio
Location: Pinacoteca, Vatican Museums

he wants to stay, listen, and learn, Christ touches him and tells him to not fear, get up, and get going. We need to go down the mountain and into our lives. That is where the faith and love we learn from Jesus in prayer is needed. He lets us see his glory so we can go down and bring that glory into a needy world.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection Do you spend enough time in prayer to face your daily activities with serenity? Are there days when you would rather stay in prayer than face your earthly commitments?

“*This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased. We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain*” (2 Peter 1:17–18).