

## 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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# September 24, 2017

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### How Can You Keep Your Kids Catholic? (Part 2 in a 4 part series)

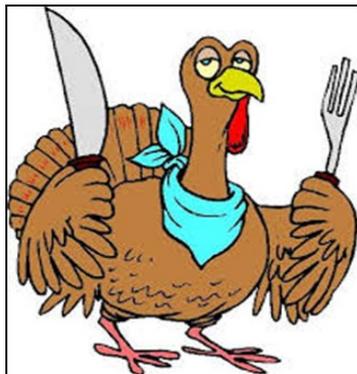
#### “FAMILY TRADITION”

Parents must exemplify credible Catholic living — regular family Mass attendance and sacramental participation, adherence to Church teaching, daily individual and family prayer, support and involvement with their parish, and avoidance of scandalous or risqué behavior. Otherwise, attempts at instilling faith in their kids will fail. In their marriage vows, Catholics promise God they will raise children in the Faith — which includes baptizing them as infants and initiation (after the age of reason) in the Sacraments of Penance, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation — in addition to teaching them Catholic doctrine.

When faith practice is interwoven into kids' lives just like other customs — favorite vacations, holiday get-togethers, leisure activities — it implants as a comforting seed in their soul and psyche. Then when they're thrown into storms of confusion, those moral etchings rooted there make themselves felt perennially. A well-formed conscience — when parents have cultivated it since childhood — can be a mighty compass. Without that bedrock of faith and knowing God's expectations, kids succumb to slippery choices in a desire for popularity, comfort and love, and risk suffering deception, depression and loss. Catholicism holds teachings not heard anywhere else. Understanding them can make all the difference. When our young ones comprehend the benefits of God's laws and His inherent wisdom — despite societal pulls — they'll hang tight.

Clean college living can manifest like this in a strong Catholic student: prioritizing of God and proper use of His Name; maintaining chastity appropriate to his/her state in life; disavowing contemporary thinking on abortion, contraception or tolerance of decadence; honoring parents and rightful authority; remaining true to school and work commitments; avoiding popular forms of “ghost hunting” and channeling of the occult; sidestepping temptations toward alcohol, drugs or crime; and evading occasions of immodesty, sensuality or sexual activity. Kids with a solid Catholic core not only know the differences between right and wrong in many hard-to-discern scenarios, but have a sobriety and closeness with God — and the tranquility that accompanies it — that they won't readily trade. Such a state of grace and moral integrity cannot be handed over at the eleventh hour — like keys to a new car. It must be an enduring part of them.

Do Catholic-faith attributes make a kid popular? Not typically. Parents have to examine their own motives here: Is their child's spiritual well-being a priority, or is it rather adulation (which the parents might enjoy) around campus or at their summer home? Again, the Catechism sets it straight: “Showing themselves obedient to the will of the Father in heaven, parents must educate their children to fulfill God's law” (No. 2222). Fulfilling God's law should be foremost, and parents are held accountable for how they impart it.



**IT'S TURKEY DINNER TIME!!**  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017**  
**11AM-1PM**

**PLEASE BE READY  
TO ASSIST WHERE YOU CAN!**

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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.

<b>MON</b> September 25	8:00AM	Huth Family Jennings Family
<b>TUE</b> September 26	8:00AM	+Rosetta McCreery
<b>WED</b> September 27	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
<b>THU</b> September 28 <i>St. Matthew</i>	5:30PM	+Mardelle Diffy
<b>FRI</b> September 29	8:00AM	Johnson Family Killian Family
<b>SAT</b> September 30 <i>St. Pius</i>	5:00PM (OLL)	+Dick & Gere Walter
<b>SUN</b> October 1 <i>Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time</i>	8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL)	+Parish Family +Loretta Bode

**Thank You  
For Your Gifts  
OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$1823.50
Capital Imp.	\$0
Food Pantry	\$21.00
September Total	165.00
Yr to Date FP	\$2572.61

**Imm Conception**

Sunday Total	\$311.00
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: \$12925  
(Goal: \$13,255)  
IC: \$920  
(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, September 30 5:00PM	NEEDED	Fran Mardis	Jerry Brown	Stan Alt Frank Titus	Carla Moxley
Sun, October 1 10:30AM	Alex Killian	Patti Huppert	Paul Sarantakos	Dan Day Dan Kleist	

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.

**WHO ARE THE ARCHANGELS, MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL?**

*Every year (on September 29) we celebrate the feast of the archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. What makes them so special among the millions of angels that exist?*

Let us imaginatively "stand under" their mystery and stillness, humility, and awe, not unlike our stance before the crucifix or the tabernacle. They are primarily meant to offer several glimpses into the mystery of God. Then, and now, they stir us to "stand under" the communicating, healing, and protective nearness of God.

Gabriel's marvelous and challenging messages to Zechariah and Mary, found in the Gospel of Luke, dares us to believe that we, too, can know God personally. We can trust God's messages to us, as well as our ability to interpret them.

Raphael, Tobit's guardian and healer, is a promise of our own experiences of God's provident protection. God has power over evil and guides us safely in our travels, illnesses, and encounters with temptation.

Michael is the great protector of the Jewish people in the Book of Daniel and of the Church in the Book of Revelation, particularly in their community encounters with evil. We can be confident that we, too, "stand under" God's personal protection, even amid the often-terrifying darkness of our personal and community lives.

# The Word From Father Thomas

## GOD'S GENEROSITY



God is represented here as the treasury of all good, the Lord of the world, the Father of all creatures, the Supreme Good: ***Am I not free to do as I wish...because I am generous?*** He is a most provident Father: ***He went out at dawn to hire laborers.*** The corporeal world is described under the image of a marketplace, where idle people are found. Actually, all people, even though they may seem intensely busy, are still very idle in the eyes of God, unless they are busy working to acquire goods for eternity: ***They sleep their final sleep; the hands of all the mighty have failed.*** The incorporeal or spiritual world, the Church, is described under the image of the vineyard, for: The ***vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel.*** And, finally, the celestial world, Paradise, is described under the image of the house of the landowner, where the reward for labor done is given at the end of the day. Paradise is a place of rest and the reward for the merits of virtues and good works...

The Savior reminds us that God is very concerned about the cultivation of his vineyard, i.e., he is desirous of good works and, consequently, he goes out to hire laborers at the first, and third, and sixth, and ninth, and even the eleventh hour. And he does not send someone else, but goes out personally to hire them. Hence, from the very beginning of the world God required good works from all mankind. He placed Adam in paradise to till the garden; he commissioned Noah, ***a herald of righteousness,*** to build the ark; he gave a law to be observed. Finally, he sent Christ into the world to ***cleanse for himself a people as his own eager to do what is good.*** He tells us that God does not force a man endowed with free will to do good works, but encourages him by promising a reward.

~Saint Lawrence of Brindisi

Saint Lawrence of Brindisi (+1619) was minister general of the Capuchin Franciscans and preached throughout Europe. He is a Doctor of the Church.

## WHAT IS GOD'S PURPOSE IN LIFE FOR YOU?

***"For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them."—Ephesians 2:10***

What does this mean for us? God, our ultimate designer had an extraordinary purpose for creating us. He planned a mission so unique that no one else can take ownership of it.

Who are we to judge our own selves? God intended us and only us to serve Him in the way He prepared the world to receive us. He already knows the path we are to follow so that we can grow, thrive, find peace and abundance.

God has given us His son, Jesus, to save us for when we stray from our paths. God has laid the foundation of our lives before us and reassures us that He is ever present in a world where only few promises are kept. He knows where and how we will falter, but we need to remember that through His light, goodness, and mercy, His love will forward us back to the direction of where we need to be in order to live good lives, not only for ourselves, but others as well.

Can you imagine a world where we all live up to our potential, are happy and living in abundance, where the seeds of peace can grow and spread, and where joy and compassion meet when someone is in despair? What do you feel when you think about this? How can you play a role in the quest that each of us has been given to live out?

You can do this, for it is His dream for you that has been breathed in your life at creation .

## PARISH EVENTS



**Wednesday, September 27**

- Staff Meeting 6PM
- Parish Council Meeting 7PM



Ann Benoit (9/26)  
Denis Fisher (9/26)  
Nancy Kurtenbach (9/27)  
Greg Kurtenbach (9/30)  
Anita Meyer (10/1)  
Aidan Laughery (10/1)



Curt & Holly Miller (9/27)  
Michael & Patti Meunier (9/28)



## Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Donovan Gaines  
Jeff McGuire  
Linda Ellington  
Greg Delost  
Steve Heavilin  
Dale Enghausen  
Bob Mardis  
Ashley Bode  
Brian Sullivan  
Erin Aubry  
Tony Perkins



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@lolgc.org](mailto:pastor@lolgc.org).

# Dear Padre

SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

**Why don't we end the Our Father with an Amen during Mass? When we pray the Our Father outside of Mass, we conclude by saying, "Amen."**

I remember this discussion growing up. My father noticed that the pastor of our parish insisted on saying "Amen" after the Our Father by adding his very loud "Amen!" and inviting parishioners to follow.

We know early Christians prayed the Our Father daily, though its inclusion in the eucharistic liturgy happens later, and its placement in the liturgy is not yet consistent. An early reference to the placement of the Our Father from a late-fourth-century text places it at the end of the eucharistic prayer (*A Commentary on the Order of Mass of The Roman Missal*, 597). Here the people would have responded with the final petition, "deliver us from evil" or "Amen" (597).

Today the Our Father is part of the Communion rite, but we do not end the Our Father with an Amen because in the current structure of the Communion rite the Our Father forms part of a unit. Immediately following the Our Father, the celebrant elaborates on the final petition ("deliver us from evil"). He then says the prayer for peace, which concludes with an Amen. These elements are all connected, one flowing to the next and culminating with the people saying, "Amen" ("*Mystagogical Implications*," *A Commentary on the Order of Mass of The Roman Missal*, 616). Thus, we do conclude the Our Father with an Amen at Mass, but because it is part of a larger prayer during the Mass, the Amen doesn't immediately follow "deliver us from evil."

—Fr. John Schmidt, CSsR

**Monday**  
 SEPTEMBER 25  
*Weekday*  
 Ezr 1:1-6  
 Lk 8:16-18

**Tuesday**  
 SEPTEMBER 26  
*Weekday*  
 Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20  
 Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday**  
 SEPTEMBER 27  
*St. Vincent de Paul, Priest*  
 Ezr 9:5-9  
 Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday**  
 SEPTEMBER 28  
*Weekday*  
 Hg 1:1-8  
 Lk 9:7-9

**Friday**  
 SEPTEMBER 29  
*Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels*  
 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or  
 Rv 12:7-12a  
 Jn 1:47-51

**Saturday**  
 SEPTEMBER 30  
*St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church*  
 Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a  
 Lk 9:43b-45

**Sunday**  
 OCTOBER 1  
*Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 Ez 18:25-28  
 Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5  
 Mt 21:28-32

# Good News!

September 24, 2017

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)*  
 Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

Alessandro Farnese was elected Pope Paul III in 1534 amidst very difficult times. Martin Luther had left the Church, and many German bishops, along with their kings, were separating from the faith. Part of the push for separation was financial, another part was political, and a third part was spiritual. The papal court and clerical life in Rome were often criticized, encouraging separation.

Pope Paul III started a reform by calling on nine respected cardinals to investigate the accusations and propose measures. The suggestions were received and true reform began to take root—although much of the success was due to the Council of Trent (called by the pope in 1545) and the many saints active at the time: Ignatius, Philip Neri, Teresa of Ávila, Francis de Sales, Charles Borromeo, and others.

Another measure taken was to contract Michelangelo to paint two frescoes in the Papal Pauline Chapel—the conversion of St. Paul and the crucifixion of St. Peter—a kind of sixteenth-century marketing campaign. This chapel would send a message to all popes and the papal court; indeed, the frescoes challenged everyone in the Curia. Amidst the temptation to power and luxury, the pope was saying, "If you want power, it's the power to serve which requires true conversion and embracing the cross."

The chapel needed a pithy Latin phrase to drive home this message of reform. It comes from today's second reading: "To me, life is Christ, and death is gain." That's a good phrase to live by as we seek our own ongoing conversion.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC