

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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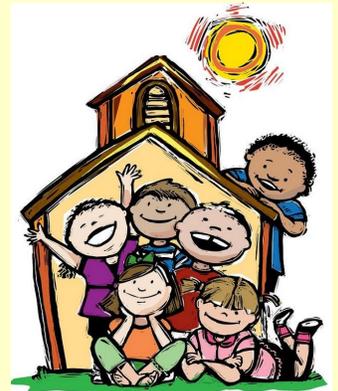
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN

We will begin our 2017-2018 Religious Education Classes next weekend.

Sunday, September 10 at 9AM.

Anyone that has not registered can still do so by contacting Alyce Hafer at joenalyceh@cawi.org



OUT OF THE CLASSROOM AND INTO LIVED EXPERIENCE

Catholicism is a lifestyle lived beyond the classroom walls

It is important to do whatever it takes to capture the attention of students and offer experiences of lived faith. If we intend to engage adolescents, we want to expose them to the reality of a lived faith—beyond book knowledge. So we should accompany them on journeys outside the classroom. Changing the learning environment makes faith come alive. Transformation happens when there is an experience of faith.

Taking lessons, however small, outside the church walls to make learning tangible shortens the distance between the faith knowledge of the head and the faith of the heart. Even the most benign curriculum comes alive in a creative environment.

Some trips are easy to do: taking our youth to shrines, cathedrals, and historical sites. We let them walk in the footsteps of saints, if possible. Students can be riveted by the stories of men and women missionaries who ministered in dangerous situations. They love to hear firsthand about the perils and joys of being on a mission field.

Even a bus ride on the way can become a classroom with some creative thinking involving a microphone, DVD player, and innovative gaming. Other environments, such as parks and walkways, present opportunities for getting outside. Students see and listen to us as we speak the words of faith aloud in public and are not intimidated by modeling evangelization to passersby who see our “classroom.”

With creative planning, a water park brings to life the subject of Baptism, a candle factory illuminates that Christ is the light of the world, signifying what sacramental life is about. Morality might be taught at a baseball museum where teamwork and sports are discussed.

We have even been blessed to live Church history in our lifetime. We have seen white smoke pouring out of the Vatican, announcing a new Pope. Events such as these give us the opportunity to discuss things like where the new Pope is from and what name he would choose. We recognize in these moments that we are living Church history.

We are blessed to have several shrines and Cathedrals within a few hours of us in Gibson City. The Shrine of Christ’s Passion, where our parish visits during Lent to walk the life size Stations of the Cross in St. John, Indiana. The National Shrine of Our Lady of Snows in Southern Illinois, our own Cathedral in Joliet, or a trip to Chicago to Holy Name Cathedral, just to name a few. There’s nothing like a road trip on a day off of school! We also have a parish library at your disposal with movies and books about saints and the life of Christ. What a great way to spend a snow day. As parents, we need to be committed to reinforcing and educating our children in our faith...beyond the classroom. In an uncertain world, the best gift that we can give our children is the gift of knowledge, comfort and confidence in their faith and the inner peace that comes with it!

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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 September 4	8:00AM	NO MASS
TUE September 5	8:00AM	NO MASS
WED September 6	8:00AM	NO MASS
THU September 7	5:30PM	NO MASS
FRI September 8	8:00AM	NO MASS Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
SAT September 9	5:00PM (OLL)	+Luella Koopman St. Peter Claver
September 10	8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL)	Parish Family +Ruby & Donald Kemmer

**Thank You
For Your Gifts
OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$2457.50
Capital Imp.	\$ 50.00
Food Pantry August Total	\$32.00
Yr to Date FP	\$188.00
	\$2407.61

Imm Conception

Sunday Total	\$228.00
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: \$13255
(Goal: \$13,255)
IC: \$920
(Goal: \$913)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
Sat, September 9 5:00PM	Alex Killian	Lisa Heap	Jerry Brown	Stan Alt Frank Titus	Denis & Cherry Fisher
Sun, September 10 10:30AM	Molly & Seth Kollross	Ray Hanks	Paul Sarantakos	Brett Beyers Sam Baillie	

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.

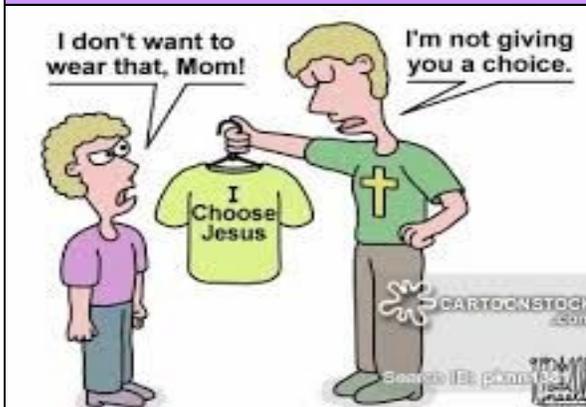
Sick??

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.

**A LITTLE BACK TO SCHOOL
CATHOLIC HUMOR**



- Kinley Beyers (9/4)
- Petra Chaddock (9/5)
- Cherry Fisher (9/7)
- Austin Hornstein (9/7)
- Joachim Nunnink, Jr. (9/7)
- Erin Lynch (9/8)
- Carol Obert (9/10)
- Natalie Davis (9/10)



- Norman & Judy Schall (9/5)
- Tim & Michele Fackler (9/6)

The Word From Father Thomas

“GET BEHIND MES SATAN”

Peter professes his faith. And Christ accepts his profession but then goes on to foretell his own Passion and Resurrection. He declares: *The Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected...and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again* (Mk 8:31).

Peter who has professed that Jesus is the Messiah, is astonished by these words. He takes his Master aside and rebukes him. What does this “rebuke” mean? It means that he tries to convince Jesus that what he has said cannot happen, that such a mission and death cannot happen to him, precisely because he is the Messiah, because he has been sent by God and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

And how does Christ react? He in turn rebukes Peter, in words that are very severe. He says, Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God’s way but man’s (Mk 8:33).

Yes, Peter already believed in Christ, but he was not yet ready to accept the whole truth about Christ. Like so many of his contemporaries, Peter was thinking of the Messiah in human terms: he saw Jesus as the one who could restore freedom to Israel.

But in fact the full truth about Christ, about the Messiah, did soon become known. It became known exactly as Jesus had foretold. And only then did Peter believe: he believed that the Messiah sent by God was the Crucified and Risen Christ.

Peter professed and proclaimed this truth about Christ, beginning on the day of Pentecost in Jerusalem right up to the day when for the sake of this truth he gave his life on the Vatican Hill in Rome. And by believing and teaching this, Peter thought and spoke in God’s way and not in man’s...

If we want to keep the covenant with God which Christ accomplished through his blood in his cross and Resurrection, we must follow Christ himself. He has called us to be his disciples, and he continues to say to us: If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it: but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the Gospel, will save it (Mk 8:34-35).

~St. John Paul II



PARISH EVENTS



Tuesday, September 5

- CALM between 6:30-7PM

Saturday, September 9

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

Wednesday, September 13

- K of C 7PM

Thursday, September 14

- St. Peregrine Healing Mass 7PM

Tuesday, September 19

- CALM between 6:30-7PM

Saturday, September 23

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

Wednesday, September 27

- Staff Meeting 6PM
- Parish Council Meeting 7PM



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
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@ololgc.org.

PRAYER IN HONOR OF THE FEAST OF SAINT TERESA OF KOLKATA SEPTEMBER 5

Awesome God, we thank you for the example of St. Teresa of Kolkata. Her life reminds us that we are called to see the face of Jesus in each person. May we open our hearts and our lives to the needs of others in our own communities and in our world.

Amen

Dear Padre

SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

A family member engages in sinful behavior. I know I should say something, but I'm afraid it'll damage my relationship with him. How can I respond with love without accepting his lifestyle?

Of the many ways to invite others to conversion, "admonishing the sinner" is often the most challenging. This spiritual work of mercy requires proper motives, humility, respect, and diplomacy.

Motivation: Read Jesus' story of the Pharisee and tax collector in the Temple (Luke 18:9-14). Your desire to "respond with love" is far better than that of a self-righteous accuser. Christ found condemnation less effective for conversion than invitation; he knew his Father's mercy was greater than sinful behavior. Therefore, condemn the behavior, not the person. Try to understand what motivated his behavior as well.

Humility and Respect: We often possess a limited view on matters, so your dialogue is an attempt to arrive at authenticity in a respectful partnership; both of your perceptions may be altered in the sacred process!

Diplomacy: Your established relationship with this family member is advantageous to your mission. Still, pick and choose your admonitions carefully. Avoid fraternal correction for trivial, isolated incidents. Gain strength from the Letter of James, which states that "if anyone among you should stray from the truth and someone bring him back, he should know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins" (James 5:19-20).

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

Monday
SEPTEMBER 4
Weekday
1 Thes 4:13-18
Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday
SEPTEMBER 5
Weekday
1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11
Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday
SEPTEMBER 6
Weekday
Col 1:1-8
Lk 4:38-44

Thursday
SEPTEMBER 7
Weekday
Col 1:9-14
Lk 5:1-11

Friday
SEPTEMBER 8
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mi 5:1-4a or
Rom 8:28-30
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or
1:18-23

Saturday
SEPTEMBER 9
St. Peter Claver, Priest
Col 1:21-23
Lk 6:1-5

Sunday
SEPTEMBER 10
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ez 33:7-9
Rom 13:8-10
Mt 18:15-20

Good News!

September 3, 2017

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

Once Peter is called "the rock" for his faith, he turns around and dissuades Jesus from the cross. Jesus responds sternly: "Get behind me, Satan!"

Jesus reveals two important things here. First, that Satan exists. Satan is very interested in going unnoticed, yet Jesus calls him out and makes Peter (and us) aware. The Bible is full of references to the devil. Popular culture also has focused on evil spirits—fascinated as it is with the occult, vampires, and the like. It seems to bear evil out more (and profit more from it) than some Catholics in the pews!

The second truth is that Satan can influence our thinking. I'm not referring to diabolical possession, which is a reality, but the more common temptations to lower our aspirations and to conform our thinking to a faithless perspective.

The painting *Satan Before the Lord* by Corrado Giaquinto, which depicts Satan asking and receiving permission to tempt Job, focuses on this reality of evil. Satan knows our hearts and finds just the right strategy to lead us away from God. It usually involves one of the vices (lust, gluttony, greed, sloth, wrath, envy, or pride). Just like when Satan tempts Peter, he wants us to reject the demands of the cross, for he knows the cross is the instrument of his demise.

When God permits temptations to assail us or the effects of evil to touch our lives, we should respond humbly, as Job and Peter did. If God permits evil, it is only because he trusts us to love him sincerely—not just for the blessings he sends, but because of the salvation he offers.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC