

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 8 am
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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JANUARY 21, 2018
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME FR. DENNIS WHITE



Saint Francis de Sales' Story January 24

Francis was destined by his father to be a lawyer so that the young man could eventually take his elder's place as a senator from the province of Savoy in France. For this reason Francis was sent to Padua to study law. After receiving his doctorate, he returned home and, in due time, told his parents he wished to enter

the priesthood. His father strongly opposed Francis in this, and only after much patient persuasiveness on the part of the gentle Francis did his father finally consent. Francis was ordained and elected provost of the Diocese of Geneva, then a center for the Calvinists. Francis set out to convert them, especially in the district of Chablais. By preaching and distributing the little pamphlets he wrote to explain true Catholic doctrine, he had remarkable success.

At 35, he became bishop of Geneva. While administering his diocese he continued to preach, hear confessions, and catechize the children. His gentle character was a great asset in winning souls. He practiced his own axiom, "A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar."

Besides his two well-known books, the *Introduction to the Devout Life* and *A Treatise on the Love of God*, he wrote many pamphlets and carried on a vast correspondence. For his writings, he has been named patron of the Catholic Press. His writings, filled with his characteristic gentle spirit, are addressed to lay people. He wants to make them understand that they too are called to be saints. As he wrote in *The Introduction to the Devout Life*: "It is an error, or rather a heresy, to say devotion is incompatible with the life of a soldier, a tradesman, a prince, or a married woman.... It has happened that many have lost perfection in the desert who had preserved it in the world."

In spite of his busy and comparatively short life, he had time to collaborate with another saint, Jane Frances de Chantal, in the work of establishing the Sisters of the Visitation. These women were to practice the virtues exemplified in Mary's visit to Elizabeth: humility, piety, and mutual charity. They at first engaged to a limited degree in works of mercy for the poor and the sick. Today, while some communities conduct schools, others live a strictly contemplative life.

Reflection

Francis de Sales took seriously the words of Christ, "Learn of me for I am meek and humble of heart." As he said himself, it took him 20 years to conquer his quick temper, but no one ever suspected he had such a problem, so overflowing with good nature and kindness was his usual manner of acting. His perennial meekness and sunny disposition won for him the title of "Gentleman Saint."

Saint Francis de Sales is the Patron Saint of:

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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 January 22 9:00AM NO MASS
 Day of Prayer for Unborn Children

TUE January 23 8:00AM NO MASS
 St. Vincent

WED January 24 8:00AM NO MASS
 St. Francis de Sales

THU January 25 5:30PM NO MASS
 The Conversion of St. Paul

FRI January 26 8:00AM NO MASS
 Sts. Timothy and Titus

SAT January 27 5:00PM (OLL) +Loretta Bode
 St. Angela Merici

SUN January 28 8:00AM (IC) Parish Family
 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:30AM (OLL) +Mardelle Duffy

**THANK YOU FOR
 YOUR GIFTS
 OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$2075.50
Capital Imp.	\$
Food Pantry January Total Yr to Date FP	\$45.86 \$95.86 \$95.86

Imm Conception

Sunday Total	\$295.00
Capital Imp.	\$0

We will welcome
 FR DENNIS Spies
 next weekend

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
Sat, January 27 5:00PM	Daxter Chaddock Walter Smith	Lisa Heap	Marj Brown	Steve Killian Jerry Brown	Lisa Heap
Sun, January 28 10:30AM	Cecilia Goodin Brooke Beyers	Seth Kollross Connor Ray	Jack Kollross	Chuck Aubry Craig Davis	

Volunteers are always needed for our parish ministries. For more information on how to join, contact the parish office.

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.

January 22

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.

*Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae, no. 100**

The over 56 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a "throwaway culture." However, we have great trust in God's providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord's help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion."

As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms. Another way to take part is through participating in special events to observe the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*.

The Word From Father Thomas



UNDERSTANDING JESUS IN MARY

The genuine significance of Catholic devotion to Mary is to be seen in the light of the Incarnation itself. The Church cannot separate the Son and the Mother. Because the church conceives of the Incarnation as God's descent into flesh and into time, and his great gift of himself to his creatures, she also believes that the one who was closest to him in this great mystery was the one who participated most perfectly in the gift. When a room is heated by an open fire, surely there is nothing strange in the fact that those who stand closest to the fireplace are the ones who are warmest. And when God comes into the world through the instrumentality of one of his servants, then there is nothing surprising about the fact that his chosen instrument should have the greatest and most intimate share in the divine gift.

Mary, who was empty of all egotism, free from all sin, was as pure as the glass of a very clean window that has no other function than to admit the light of the sun. If we rejoice in that light, we implicitly praise the cleanness of the window.. And of course it might be argued that in such a case we might well forget the window altogether.

This is true. And yet the Son of God, in emptying himself of his majestic power, having become a child, abandoning himself in complete dependence to the loving care of a human Mother, in a certain sense draws our attention once again o her. The Light has wished to remind us of the window, because he is grateful to her and because he has an infinitely tender and personal love for her. If he asks us to share this love, it is certainly a great grace and a privilege, and one of the most important aspects of this privilege is that it enables us to some extent to appreciate the mystery of God's great love and respect for his creatures.

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

PARISH CALENDAR



Saturday, January 27

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon

Sunday, January 28

- YOUTH MASS

NO STAFF/PARISH COUNCIL



- Paula Cyphert (1/22)
- Mae Gardner (1/22)
- Michele Fackler (1/22)
- Wesley Smith (1/24)
- Giles Volker (1/25)
- Carter Eichelberger (1/26)
- Annabelle Goodin (1/26)
- Mary Geurts (1/28)
- Molly Kollross (1/28)



- John & Wanda Swearingen (1/21)
- Brian & Stacey Helmig (1/27)



The Mardis Family would like to thank all the ladies that prepared and worked the beautiful luncheon for Bob.

We thank you all so very much and may God Bless you all and your families for your kindness and generosity to our family and especially Bob.

Fran Mardis

In your charity, please pray for **Bob Shambrook**, who was called to eternal rest on January 19, 2018.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. May he and all the souls of the faithful departed rest In peace.

AMEN.



Pray for the Sick & Homebound

- Jeff McGuire
- Linda Ellington
- Greg Delost
- Steve Heavilin
- Dale Enghausen
- Brian Sullivan
- Tony Perkins
- Emma Davis
- Marilyn Fischer
- Terry Hutchcraft
- Norma Thompson



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@ololg.org.

Food Pantry Volunteers

Saturday, February 10 from 8:30AM-Noon will be our next scheduled opportunity to supply the labor for the local food pantry.

Workers will be needed on that Saturday

Please feel free to contact Chuck Aubry caubry55@gmail.com with any questions.

NOTE: THE FOOD PANTRY IS NOW LOCATED IN THE OLD ALCO BUILDING (NEXT TO BIG R ON ROUTE 9).



Dear Padre

JANUARY 21, 2018

Whenever I try to pray, I'm plagued with a thousand distractions. How can I learn to control my mind better?

Maybe you're trying too hard. You've heard how some baseball hitters press when they're trying to come out of a slump. Their very effort to overcome their problem makes them tighten up more. They are so worried about the mechanics of their swing, stance, or grip that they can't hit the ball. That's why their coach might advise them to stay loose in the batter's box. We could use the same advice in our approach to prayer. Do your best to pray well, but don't be too upset if your prayer is not "perfect."

Some scrupulous Catholics will repeat a prayer if their mind wanders the first time through, but this isn't advisable. I suggest that you make a good intention, say your prayer and, even if your mind wanders, don't repeat it. Remember that distractions are as natural as breathing, and even the saints couldn't pray without them. When a distraction comes, treat it as you would a fly buzzing around your head. Occasionally shoo it away, but don't spend all your time and concentration on it. The good Lord can read your heart. He loves you just as you are, distracted mind and all.

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Monday

January 22
*Day of Prayer
for the Legal
Protection of
Unborn Children*
2 Sm 5:1-7, 10
Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday

January 23
Weekday
2 Sm 6:12b-15,
17-19
Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

January 24
*St. Francis
de Sales,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church*
2 Sm 7:4-17
Mk 4:1-20

Thursday

January 25
*Conversion of
St. Paul, Apostle*
Acts 22:3-16
or Acts 9:1-22
Mk 16:15-18

Friday

January 26
*Sts. Timothy and
Titus, Bishops*
2 Tm 1:1-8
or Ti 1:1-5
Mk 4:26-34

Saturday

January 27
Weekday
2 Sm 12:1-7a,
10-17
Mk 4:35-41

Sunday

January 28
*Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Dt 18:15-20
1 Cor 7:32-35
Mk 1:21-28

Good News!

January 21, 2018

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

A painting of Jonah in the Sistine Chapel is directly above *The Last Judgment*. Michelangelo chooses to depict Jonah for his theological connection to Jesus, who said, "Just as Jonah was in the belly of the whale three days and three nights, so will the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights" (Matthew 18:40).

Unlike Jesus, Jonah initially balks at God's call until he grudgingly accepts and preaches to the city of Nineveh. In his rebellion, he gets in a boat and goes the opposite direction from where God was calling. Eventually he was thrown overboard and swallowed by the fish, seen painted at his side. After a three-night stomachache, the fish spewed Jonah up on the shore, back where he had started.

Jonah looks up to heaven with a weary longing, which might denote his melancholy personality. The fig tree further reinforces his weakness because it recalls the episode when Jonah lay under the fig tree in depression and lethargy.

Like Peter and Andrew, James and John, God entered Jonah's life and called him. Unlike the apostles, it took him a while to say yes. We can also be slow to respond to the invitation of God in our soul, whether in big or small things. Perhaps the attraction of the world or fear of sacrifice keeps us from saying yes. Yet his voice is constant and persistent.

Michelangelo paints Jonah dangling above *The Last Judgment* as if to subtly say, you are cordially invited to say yes to God's patient callings...while you still have time.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC