

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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FEBRUARY 11, 2018 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Is a season in which we prepare for Easter, the high point of the Christian year. Over the centuries, Lent has become a special time for fasting, abstinence, communal and private prayer, self-discipline, serving others, study, reflection and penance. The whole Church re-examines its priorities, to leave sin and self-love behind and intensify our love and service of God and others.

This conversion requires changes both in our inner attitudes and our outer actions. Just as Jesus confronted the powers of evil that held his world in their grasp, so we too must get involved in that struggle to eliminate evil's domination over us and our lives. Every day we must make the hard choice to eliminate evil and bring good. If we each began to refuse to introduce any new evil and injustice into the world, then the kingdom of God that Jesus envisioned preached and died for would start right now to become a reality for ourselves and those around us. So this Lent let us take a look in the mirror each morning and tell ourselves that now, with God's help, "The evil stops here."

Lenten Regulations

- Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.
- All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
- To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.
- Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.



**During the Lenten season
we will offer**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

on Friday evenings at 7PM

at

Our Lady of Lourdes Church



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

FEBRUARY 16

MARCH 2

MARCH 16

APRIL 6



Dinner will be served from 4:30PM-6:30PM. The cost will be \$8 with children under 12 free. Carryout's are available.

Sign up for Lenten meditations from Ash Wednesday through Divine Mercy Sunday at TheDivineMercy.org/ptpsignup. You will receive an inspiring passage from the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, followed by a meditation.

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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.

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| MON February 12 | 9:00AM | +Bob Shambrook |
| TUE February 13 | 8:00AM | +Bob Mardis |
| WED February 14 | 7:00AM | Priest Intentions |
| ASH WEDNESDAY | 7:00PM | |
| THU February 15 | 5:30PM | +Gere Walter |
| FRI February 16 | 8:00AM | +Mardelle Duffy |
| SAT February 17 | 5:00PM (OLL) | +Mary Stuckey & Family |
| The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order | | |
| SUN February 18 | 8:00AM (IC) | Parish Family |
| First Sunday of Lent 10:30AM (OLL) | | +Ruby & Marvin Kemmer |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL

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| Sunday Total | \$2832.50 |
| Capital Imp. | \$310.00 |
| Food Pantry | \$145.00 |
| February Total | \$145.00 |
| Yr to Date FP | \$315.96 |

Imm Conception

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| Sunday Total | \$181.00 |
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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!

2018 CMAA Goals
OLOL: \$
(Goal: \$12,200)
IC: \$
(Goal: \$1,000)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Altar Servers</u> | <u>Lectors</u> | <u>Euch. Minister</u> | <u>Ushers</u> | <u>Homebound Ministry</u> |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sat, February 17 5:00PM | Alex Killian | Jim Meyer | Jerry Brown | Michael Smith John Carlson | Frank Titus |
| Sun, February 18 10:30AM | Molly & Seth Kollross | Denis Fisher | Paul Sarantakos | Brett Beyers Connor Ray | |

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

to our 2017-2018 Bob Benefiel Memorial Super Bowl winners.

First grade students Maverick Chaddock, Kinley Beyers, Jude Killian, Joey Goodin and Erin McCall. Teachers are Marron Parsons and Sarah McCall.

A special thanks to our referees Remi Astronomo and Andrew Laughery.



The Word From Father Thomas

THE PERSEVERANCE OF THE LEPER

But even if we are not able to make as much progress as we like, we should not be discouraged on that account. This does not indicate that God would deny our pious expectation, but only that he wills to try our perseverance. Let us continue faithfully and courageously in our holy desires and good intentions, striving to increase them more and more, and leaving all else in God's hands. As Saint Augustine says: "God keeps for us what he does not wish to give us at once, so that we may learn greatly to desire great things." Saint Bernard also expresses a thought which is most consoling to souls eager for perfection: "A diligent care and continual effort toward perfection is reputed as perfection," he says; "and if thus to aspire after perfection with great fervor is, in a sense, to be perfect, likewise, failing to advance is falling back."



It is therefore in order to stimulate our desire that God delays its accomplishment, and so that, having obtained what we want, we may prize it higher, and preserve it with more solicitude and care. "Holy desires," Saint Gregory tells us, "are increased by this delay; and if, on account of it they should become tepid, then they are not true desires." It is also that we may clearly recognize our weakness so that, having acquired some degree of perfection, we may know that it is to a pure grace of God and not to any industry on our part that it is due. Saint Chrysostom adds still another reason. He says that many times God does not grant our prayer immediately, wishing to bring it about thereby that we should approach him more often, importuning him by our prayers, and that by this means we may enjoy his bounty more fully and unite ourselves to him more closely in love.

~Venerable Mother Julienne Morrell, O.P.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL RETREAT

BE HEALED-Encountering the Powerful Love of Jesus in Your Life

Saturday, April 7, 2018, 7:30AM-Sunday, April 8, 2018, 12:30PM

Our Lady of Angels Retreat Center

13820 Main Street, Lemont, IL 60439

Fr. Burke Master & Fr. Dennis Spies, and leading women's speakers in the Joliet Diocese. This Retreat will be an engaging weekend based on the book by Bob Schuchts. This day and a half retreat includes Spirit filled talks, small group discussions, and opportunities for faith-filled talks, small group discussions, and opportunities for faith-filled reflection, Mass and confessions. Enjoy Our Lady of Angels' beautiful grounds for long walks and great food prepared by the Sisters of St. Francis of Christ the King. This weekend will assist you in taking the next step in your faith journey. We look forward to seeing you there!

Register online at www.behealedretreat.eventbrite.com

FISHERS OF MEN PRESENTS:

CATHOLIC MAN NIGHT-MEN MEETING JESUS

"Becoming a Man that makes a Difference"

Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 6:30PM

St. Matthew Glendale Heights

1555 Glen Ellyn Road, Glendale Heights, IL 60139

An invitation Fr. Jerome Kish & Fr. Burke Masters

Join us for Adoration of Jesus Christ, Confession, Man-Feast and Fellowship and Discussion



Pledge your gift to the CMAA!

This is Commitment Weekend, when we are all asked to pledge our support for the 2018 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA)

As Bishop Conlon shared in his homily today, God calls all of us be His partners in caring for those in need in the Diocese of Joliet. The CMAA supports thirty ministries that benefit so many and allow us to do God's work here on earth. Our parish could not possibly accomplish all that the Diocese is able to when we all work together.

Our parish's GOALS for the 2018 CMAA is \$12,200 for Our Lady of Lourdes and \$1,000 for Immaculate Conception. If we raise more than this goal, 70% of the amount paid over goal will be returned to the parish. Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support this year's CMAA and complete an in-pew envelope today.

PARISH CALENDAR



Wednesday, February 14

- Ash Wednesday
Mass 7AM & 7PM
- K of C Mtg 7PM

Friday, February 16

- K of C Lenten Fish Fry

Saturday, February 17

- Healing Mass for OLL Feast
10AM MASS

Saturday, February 24

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon

Sunday, February 25

- YOUTH MASS

Wednesday, February 28

- Staff Meeting 6PM
- Parish Council Meeting 7PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

- FRIDAYS AT 7PM at OLL during Lent. **Begins 3/16**



Mary Laughery (2/13)
Camden Nuss (2/16)
Ben Freehill (2/17)



Robert & Cheryl Bode (2/14)
Donald & Janey Hansen (2/15)
Ted & Peggy Grote (2/17)

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Jeff McGuire
Linda Ellington
Greg Delost
Steve Heavilin
Dale Enghausen
Brian Sullivan
Tony Perkins
Emma Davis
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@ololgc.org.

Dear Padre

FEBRUARY 11, 2018

Why is church often packed on Ash Wednesday, even though it is not a holy day of obligation?

Indeed, pastoral experience corroborates your observation. Holy days of obligation draw well—but it's standing-room only on Ash Wednesday. There's something undeniably elemental about the ugly smudge of ashes on the forehead. People wear it without embarrassment or shame. It is as if to say, "I'm Catholic and proud of it."

Ash Wednesday is unique because it signals the beginning of Lent, the Church's special time of confession and renewal in preparation for Easter. It is what Christians are all about—people who have died with Christ in the waters of baptism in order to rise with him to a new life. We renew our baptismal commitment to be his people in the world. As we recall and celebrate Christ's passage through death to life, we renew our own death to old sinful ways to rise and live with recaptured vigor.

The symbols of Ash Wednesday touch us powerfully. When we hear, "Remember, you are dust and to dust you shall return," we are reminded of our vulnerability and dependence on God. Despite our mechanisms of power, ultimately, like dust in the wind, we can be whisked away in an instant and brought to our knees.

At the same time, we are called to scale the spiritual heights to turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel, affirming that we are a people with an enduring destiny and a sacred mission in the world. Together we get our ashes and turn back to the Lord.

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Monday
February 12
Weekday

Jas 1:1-11
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday
February 13
Weekday

Jas 1:12-18
Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday
February 14
Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18
2 Cor 5:20-6:2
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday
February 15
Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Dt 30:15-20
Lk 9:22-25

Friday
February 16
Friday after Ash Wednesday

Is 58:1-9a
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday
February 17
Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Is 58:9b-14
Lk 5:27-32

Sunday
February 18
First Sunday of Lent

Gn 9:8-15
1 Pt 3:18-22
Mk 1:12-15

Good News!

February 11, 2018

Leprosy was a highly contagious skin disease that led to certain death for anyone who caught it in Jesus' time. For good reason the Jewish law demanded that a leper live set apart and scream out as he walked along to keep everyone at a safe distance. Imagine the pitiful scene of everyone discreetly but purposefully moving away at the sound of someone screaming, "Unclean, unclean!"

Yet the leper doesn't scream to keep Jesus away. He walks right up to our Lord and confesses his faith in Jesus' power to heal him of this incurable bacteria. He humbly admits his contagious illness and places himself before Jesus. And unlike anyone else might do, Jesus doesn't run away, he walks toward him. He does the unthinkable. He touches him!

We need not be ashamed of our deadly sin that eats away at our heart and cripples our ability to love. Go to Jesus, expose it to him, and let his loving touch transform you.

The terrible disease of leprosy was still a major problem well into the nineteenth century when St. Damian, a Belgian missionary, went to the Hawaiian Island of Molokai to serve as parish priest to all the lepers quarantined on that island. Not fearing to touch them, he cared for them for many years until, as expected, he contracted the disease and died of it.

This is what it means to be a Christian! Be like Jesus. Be not afraid of your wounds or those of others, no matter how repellent, and give of yourself to care for them.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC