

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

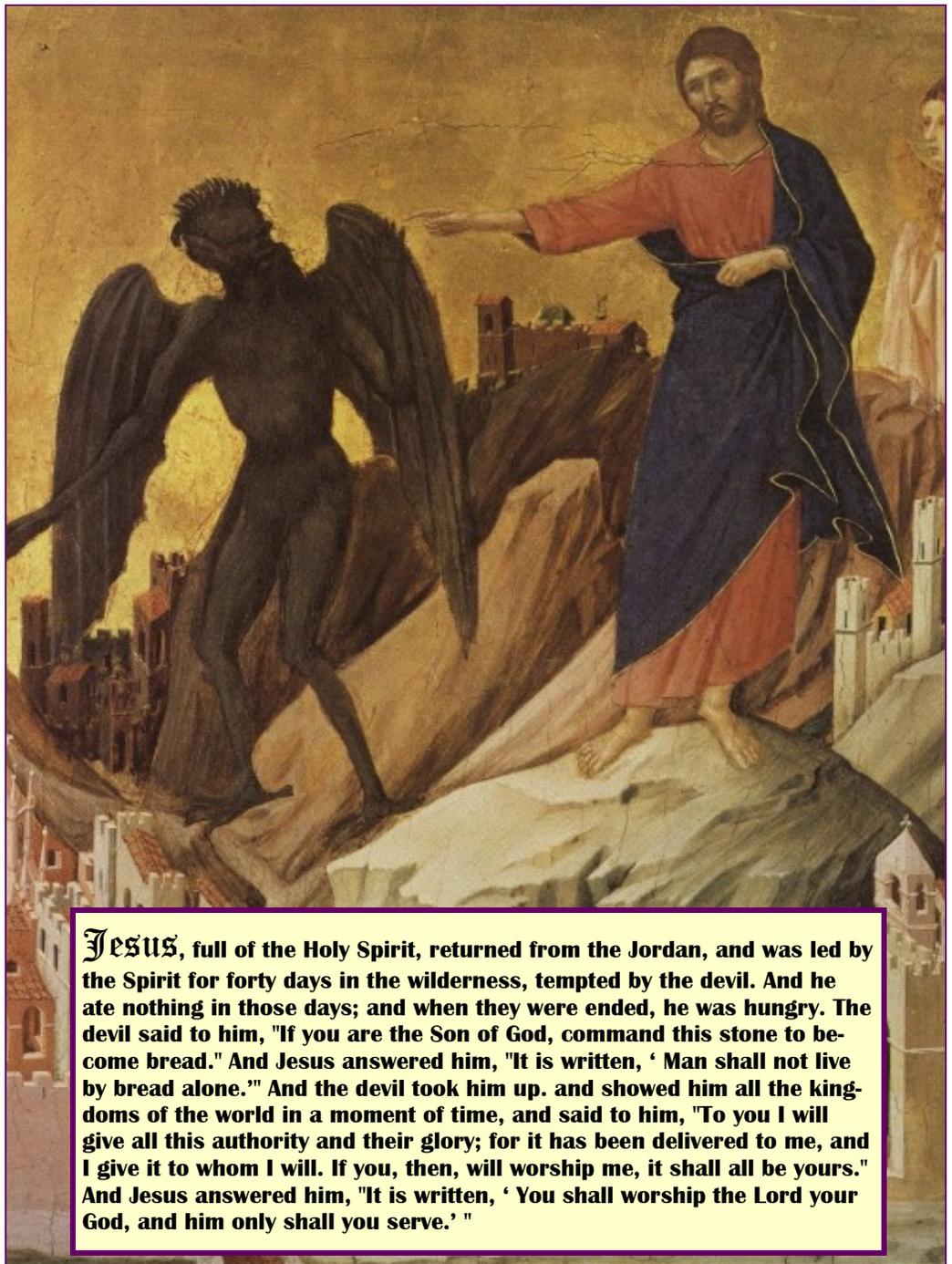
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FEBRUARY 18, 2018

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



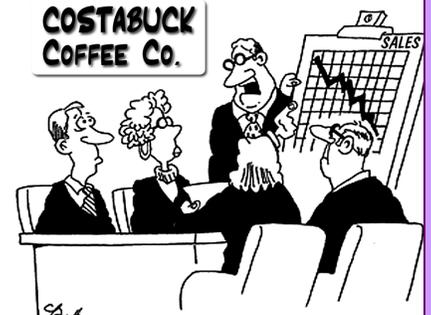
Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit for forty days in the wilderness, tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing in those days; and when they were ended, he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'" And the devil took him up, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory; for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it shall all be yours." And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.' "

The First Sunday in Lent



LORD, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights: Give us grace to use such abstinence that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness; to thy honour and glory who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God world without end. Amen.

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"Don't panic! It's Easter soon and Patti will be back on the coffee again...!"

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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 February 19	8:00AM	+Loretta Bode
TUE February 20	8:00AM	+Bob Mardis
WED February 21 St. Peter Damian	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
THU February 22 The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle	5:30PM	+Bob Shambrook
FRI February 23 St. Polycarp	8:00AM	+Mardelle Duffy
SAT February 24	5:00PM (OLL)	+Dick Walter
SUN February 25 Second Sunday of Lent	8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL)	+Parish Family +Roman Falter

**THANK YOU FOR
 YOUR GIFTS
 OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$1973.00
Capital Imp.	\$10.00
Food Pantry	\$43.00
February Total	\$188.00
Yr to Date FP	\$358.96

Imm Conception

Sunday Total	\$229.00
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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

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
Sat, February 24 5:00PM	Walter Smith	Fran Mardis	Jerry Brown	Michael Smith John Carlson	Jean Wilhelmi
Sun, February 25 10:30AM	Cecilia Goodin Brooke Beyers	Kellen Fanson Nick Giroux	Paul Sarantakos	3RD GRADE CLASS	

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.



During the Lenten season we will offer STATIONS OF THE CROSS on Friday evenings at 7PM at Our Lady of Lourdes

FOOD PANTRY FOR OUR PARISH

The next food pantry date for Our Lady of Lourdes will be Saturday, May 26.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

**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.



The Word From Father Thomas

First Sunday of Lent



And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The heaven and earth are two different spheres, separate and distinct from one another. This is presumed to be the divine-human condition in which all participate.

Jesus comes out of the depths of water, leaving behind sin, what separates the divine and the human. His emergence is an act of human reaching, an ascending openness. He finds the heaven torn apart, not for a moment, but permanently. "God has ripped the heavens apart irrevocably at the baptism of Jesus, never to shut again. Through this gracious gash in the universe, he has poured forth his Spirit into the earthly realm" (J. Marcus, in Francis J. Moloney, *The Gospel of Mark: A Commentary*). This "gracious gash" allows the Spirit of love to descend. But the Spirit does not merely descend "on" him; it descends "into" him, fully inhabiting his being and preparing him for his mission. The reaching human is met by reaching divine; ascending human is met by descending Divine. A new divine - human condition is revealed.

This spiritual union between the divine and human in Jesus does not erupt into an individual celebration. Instead Jesus is driven into the wilderness for forty days, an allusion to the trials of Israel as they tried and largely failed to be faithful to the God of their liberation. The baptismal gift is not a personal privilege but the foundation for a struggle. This wilderness will be a place and time of testing and conflict.

The testing and conflict will be conducted by Satan, the Adversary. Satan is associated with wild beasts, symbols of the violent reprisals that will afflict Jesus if he pursues the path of uniting God and creation. Satan is not one more character. Satan is the inner, invisible energy of people, groups, and social and political structures that inflict suffering on people. This adversary of God manifests itself through these people, groups and social and political structures and turns them into "wild beasts" who devour God's good creation. This inner invisible force of Satan and the demons will quickly sense Jesus' opposition and move against him. They know who Jesus is because he is their polar opposite. As their polar opposite, Jesus threatens their possessions and seeks the territory they inhabit. Satan and demons actively keep people alienated from God and divided among themselves. Jesus actively seeks to unite people to God and to one another. These two are irreconcilable.

Jesus not only preaches the kingdom; he is the kingdom in himself. His baptismal experience structures his consciousness. He is sustained by divine love and suffused by divine pleasure. His life in time is permeated by eternity. Therefore time is fulfilled. The promise of union that lurks in every moment has happened. But it has happened in the one human being, Jesus. It has yet to happen in others – in us. Jesus' mission is to offer to others that potential that has become actual in himself. This offer makes the kingdom of God near.

PARISH CALENDAR



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 2/16**



Nathan Giroux (2/21)
Kate McCall (2/22)
Megan Volker (2/22)
Ryen Miller (2/24)
Audrey Killian (2/25)



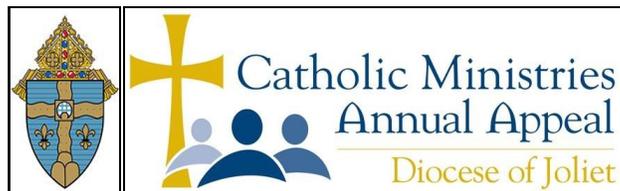
Vince & Paula Cyphert (2/20)



Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Jeff McGuire
Linda Ellington
Greg Delost
Steve Heavilin
Dale Enghausen
Brian Sullivan
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.



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, 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.

Dear Padre

FEBRUARY 18, 2018

Why won't the priest hear my confession right before Mass?

Theoretically, any time is a good time for penitents to reconcile and renew their relationship with the Lord! In practice, the priest's refusal to hear your confession immediately before presiding at Mass may be as much for your benefit as his. In his preoccupation with last-minute details of leading the assembly, he may think: *"How can I be more attentive to this individual and to a worthy celebration of the sacrament of penance without delaying Mass?"* He might also be reacting to a penitent's mechanical understanding of the sacrament that fosters a scrupulous practice of devotional confessions—that is, confessing only minor sins in preparation for Communion.

Anyone who is conscious of serious sin is not to "receive the body of the Lord without previous sacramental confession unless there is a grave reason and there is no opportunity to confess" (*Code of Canon Law*, 916). In this case, the person makes a sincere act of contrition, including a resolution to confess as soon as possible. "The Eucharist is not ordered to the forgiveness of mortal sins—that is proper to the sacrament of Reconciliation" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1395). Nevertheless, "the Eucharist strengthens our charity...and this living charity wipes away venial sins [and] the Eucharist preserves us from future mortal sins" (CCC 1394–95).

Catholics in a state of grace show respect for the dignity of the Eucharist, but trying to confess grave sins to a priest right before Mass may lessen the dignity given to one sacrament over another if the celebration of the sacrament of penance is rushed or the celebration of Mass begins late.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

Monday

February 19
Lenten Weekday
Lv 19:1–2, 11–18
Mt 25:31–46

Tuesday

February 20
Lenten Weekday
Is 55:10–11
Mt 6:7–15

Wednesday

February 21
Lenten Weekday
Jon 3:1–10
Lk 11:29–32

Thursday

February 22
Chair of St. Peter, Apostle
1 Pt 5:1–4
Mt 16:13–19

Friday

February 23
Lenten Weekday
Ez 18:21–28
Mt 5:20–26

Saturday

February 24
Lenten Weekday
Dt 26:16–19
Mt 5:43–48

Sunday

February 25
Second Sunday of Lent
Gn 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18
Rom 8:31b–34
Mk 9:2–10

Good News!

February 18, 2018

Like Noah being prepared to navigate the Flood, so the Spirit sent Jesus into the desert. Why was he sent there? Did he need to learn something he didn't know? Did he lack something he needed? Jesus as God didn't lack anything, of course, but he needed time to pray, reflect, and prepare for his mission. He also wanted to set an example to follow. Another Scripture says he went into the desert to be tempted by the devil. That time of spiritual combat was helpful for him.

We also need to go through trials and crises to grow both in our spiritual lives and human maturity. We each have had our desert where we are challenged to our core and stretched beyond our limits. Perhaps it was a crisis such as a health, employment, or relational issue. But it doesn't always have to be such a dramatic event. It can be as simple and constant as the prolonged embracing of daily challenges in a manner that leads to life. We probably look back and see these as some of our best times—if we truly encountered ourselves and our Lord.

The key is in peaceful acceptance, looking for what good can be learned from these inconveniences. In every cross there is a resurrection; in every storm a rainbow assures us of God's presence and victory. It tells us that clouds and storms will not lead to total death, but rather to a purified rebirth, growth, and newfound life and strength. He has promised us this.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC