

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 25, 2018 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus
was transfigured
before them

MATTHEW 17:2

Between Moses and Elias Jesus shows forth His divine glory, thus foreshadowing His resurrection. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end of all things. Today's Mass places before us the transfigured Lord and the model toward Whom we must tend, and our own transfiguration as the goal we must attain. We attain this goal by a profound realization of our sinfulness and need of a Redeemer; by preserving purity of body and soul; by combating our passions and carnal instincts and observing the commandments and most importantly by participating in the Mass.

Sunderland Scholarship

The Sunderland Scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating senior from Our Lady of Lourdes. To make a donation toward this year's scholarship award, please use the red offertory envelope marked for this purpose and drop it in the collection basket. Your generosity toward helping our parish youth is greatly appreciated.



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!

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**Parish Council
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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.

MON February 26	8:00AM	+Loretta Bode
TUE February 27	8:00AM	+Tom Duffy
WED February 28	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
THU March 1	5:30PM	+Bob Mardis
FRI March 2	8:00AM	+Tom Duffy <i>World Day of Prayer</i>
SAT March 3	5:00PM (OLL)	+Dick Walter <i>St. Katharine Drexel</i>
SUN March 4	8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL)	Parish Family +Roman Falter <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR GIFTS
OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$2377.00
Capital Imp.	\$45.00
Food Pantry	\$70.00
February Total	\$258.00
Yr to Date FP	\$428.96

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Sunday Total	\$222.00
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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, March 3 5:00PM	Walter Smith	Caine Jost	Lisa Heap	Frank Titus Bob Bode	Denis & Cherry Fisher
Sun, March 4 10:30AM	Hannah Hathaway Sophia Ray	Sarah Sarantakos	Paul Sarantakos	Jerry Lynch Sr. Jerry Lynch Jr.	

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??

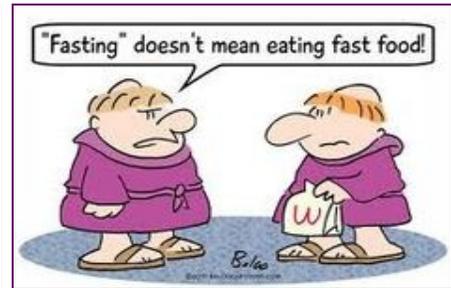
If you or a family member is sick or admitted to the hospital or makes a trip to the Emergency Room, please contact Fr. Thomas at (630) 639-0502 .

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



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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

Second Sunday of Lent

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.



The teacher brings an inner circle of disciples into the depths of himself. He leads them "up a high mountain" to place where he and God are in loving communion. This inner communion of love radiates a white light outward. It permeates the entire being of Jesus, moving through mind and body until it affects even his clothing. Clothing is the outer expression of a person's inner identity. "Dazzling white clothes" symbolize Jesus is completely integrated. The white light at the center transfigures his entire being. The evangelist stresses the divine source of this radiant Jesus. This whiteness goes beyond what earth can accomplish. The disciples are witnessing a divine manifestation mediated through Jesus. Its purpose is to renew their desire to follow Jesus. Everything that is unfolding is for their benefit.

And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Even more is revealed to them. Elijah and Moses enter into the vision. These great past prophets are familiar with high mountains. They have communed with God and struggled to make divine plans happen on the recalcitrant earth. However they too appear to be disciples. They are talking to Jesus; Jesus is not consulting them. It is enough for them to know that the whole Jewish tradition, Moses of the Law and Elijah of the Prophets, is involved.

Then Peter said "Rabbi, it is good that we are here; let us make three dwellings: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

The words of Peter reflect a mix of emotions. He wants it to last and suggests that they would build dwellings. All they know is that they need more of this. What was unfolding was well beyond the comfortable boundaries of the disciple's consciousness. They are caught up in an overwhelming mystery that they cannot adequately articulate and to which they are simultaneously attracted.

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Beloved Son: listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them, but only Jesus.

This is a transcendent experience. As all transcendent experiences, this also is dissolved. Moses and Elijah are gone. Who remains is "Jesus alone." Now the disciples know that the "Beloved Son" is not one of the past prophets.

He ordered them to tell no one, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This transfiguration might have helped them to understand Jesus as God's beloved, the inheritor of the law and the prophets also might have increased and sustain their commitment to Jesus. But it did not increase their comprehension. They know the divine approval of Jesus, but they have not advanced their understanding of the divine plan. At the moment, this "rising from the dead" is beyond from their grasp.

In the Transfiguration narrative Jesus radiates outward. This is the sign of communion with God. This is what the disciples and us meant to grasp. In the transfiguration narrative the inner world is revealed in its transformation of the outer world.

PARISH CALENDAR



Wednesday, February 28

- Staff Meeting 6PM
- Parish Council Meeting 7PM

Friday, March 2

- Adoration after 8AM Mass
- K of C Fish Fry 4:30PM-6:30PM

Saturday, March 3

- Patriotic Rosary 5PM Mass

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

- FRIDAYS AT 7PM at OLL during Lent.



Stanley Davis (2/26)
Pam Aubry (2/27)
Brian Goodin (2/27)
Dan Allen (2/28)
Lisa Heap (2/28)
Ray Hankes (3/1)
Keaton Beyers (3/1)
Ted Grote (3/2)
Molly Killian (3/2)
Victoria Medernach (3/3)
Colleen Davis (3/4)
Andrea Killian (3/4)



Laura & Adam Burns (3/1)

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@olc.org.

*St. Mary and St. Joseph Catholic Churches
Cordially invite you and your family and friends to our Lenten Mission:*

Our Lenten Journey as Instruments of Peace - Reflections on the Peace Prayer
Presented by Friar Johnpaul Cafiero, OFM

**When: March 4, 5, 6, 2018
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm**

Where: St. Mary Catholic Church, Paxton

Friar Johnpaul is a Franciscan Priest of the Sacred Heart of Chicago/St. Louis. He is the oldest in an Italian/Polish Catholic family from the New York Metro area, and is a former police officer who has worked as a counselor and chaplain at the Cook County Juvenile Detention Center in Chicago. Friar Johnpaul has lectured, preached, and conducted pilgrimages throughout the United States and internationally. He is currently at Holy Family Parish in Inverness and serves as chaplain for the Illinois State police – District 15 & District Chicago. Friar's storytelling and humor bring to life the message of Jesus' words to us, his disciples today. Topics such as: being Instruments of Peace in a war-torn world, faith and doubt, happiness verses joy, depression and surrender, death and new life will be explored. An enjoyable and faith strengthening experience for all! Please join us!



Friar Johnpaul will be the celebrant at all Masses Saturday March 3rd through Tuesday March 6th and will provide a preview of the Mission at the weekend Masses. Please come and see what Friar may have to offer to help you find peace this Lenten season! We would love to see you!

Dear Padre

FEBRUARY 25, 2018

Our guitar group plays music five minutes before the opening song at Mass. By the time the interminable Gloria is sung, I already have a headache! Why so much music?

At Mass, the faithful “form one body, whether in hearing the Word of God, or in taking part in the prayers and in the singing, or above all by the common offering of the Sacrifice and by participating together at the Lord’s table” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 96). Thus, liturgical music can be a form of prayer, uniting the assembly in praise to God. Ideally, it’s “a particularly apt way to express a joyful heart, accentuating the solemnity of the celebration and fostering the sense of a common faith and a shared love” (*On Keeping the Lord’s Day Holy [Dies Domini]*, 50) by Pope John Paul II.

However, this ideal isn’t always reality. To address your question, let us divide humanity into two groups: people who like to sing and people who don’t; those who sing in full voice in the shower and those who prefer monastic silence. Every congregation includes both groups. While not everyone is naturally inclined to make a joyful noise, most people appreciate music’s power to give voice to what’s deep in the human heart.

Some may even feel there’s not *enough* music at Mass instead of too much. Nevertheless, happy the liturgical ministers who know when the sum of the individual Mass parts—sung or otherwise—can become too tedious. And blessed are the music makers who know the power of silence, an instrumental, or an optional recessional song, even for solemn occasions.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

Monday
February 26
Lenten Weekday

Dn 9:4b-10
Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday
February 27
Lenten Weekday

Is 1:10, 16-20
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday
February 28
Lenten Weekday

Jer 18:18-20
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday
March 1
Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5-10
Lk 16:19-31

Friday
March 2
Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a,
17b-28a
Mt 21:33-43,
45-46

Saturday
March 3
Lenten Weekday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday
March 4
Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17 or
Ex 20:1-3, 7-8,
12-17
1 Cor 1:22-25
Jn 2:13-25

Good News!

February 25, 2018

Kneeling humbly on the altar is the son of Abraham’s old age, the promised Isaac. He was the answer to prayer, a commitment by God that, through this child, Abraham would have descendants as numerous as the stars. Yet God was asking him to sacrifice that hope and promise. And Abraham, although surely not understanding, was willing to obey the Father. It represents the supreme test of faith. Abraham is called our Father in Faith for a reason.

Abraham is looking up to God, not focused on the creatures, even as much as he loved his son. We also need to be looking up to God in order to rightly value the things below.

He understands that no godly gift should take God’s place in the human heart—even something as precious as his God-given child. When dealing with all the good things God gives us, even those he has promised and those we love most, we must be willing to submit to his plans. God doesn’t always make sense to us, and we are painfully aware that his ways are not always our ways.

Isaac is a young boy, but certainly big enough to put up a fight as his elderly father’s plans become evident. Yet we see him kneeling in acceptance of the sacrifice God requests. Although he wants to understand, he doesn’t make the reason an absolute. Isaac foreshadows the trusting lamb led to slaughter, the ram whose head will be caught in a crown of thorns, and the Son who will not be spared by the heavenly Father.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC