

## 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)



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# FEBRUARY 4, 2018

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### ST. SCHOLASTICA

#### FEAST CELEBRATED ON FEBRUARY 10

Today, February 10th is the day that the Catholic Church remembers St. Scholastica, a nun who was the twin sister of St. Benedict, the “father of monasticism” in Western Europe.

Benedict and Scholastica were born around 480 to a Roman noble family in Nursia, Italy. Scholastica seems to have devoted herself to God from her earliest youth, as the account of Benedict’s life by Pope Gregory the Great mentions that his sister was “dedicated from her infancy to Our Lord.”

The twins’ mother died at their birth. When Benedict was old enough he left home to study in Rome leaving Scholastica with her father to tend the Nursian estate. In time, Benedict left his studies to live first as a hermit, and then as the head of a community of monks in Italy.

When Scholastica learned of her brother’s total dedication to the Lord, she determined to follow his example. It is not certain that she became a nun immediately, but it is generally supposed that she lived for some time in a community of pious virgins. Some biographers believe she eventually founded a monastery of nuns there.

The brother and sister communities were about five miles apart. St. Benedict seems to have directed his sister and her nuns, most likely in the practice of the same rule by which his own monks lived.

Unlike her brother, St. Scholastica was never the subject of a formal biography. As such, little is known of her life apart from her commitment to religious life which paralleled that of her brother. Pope Gregory wrote that Scholastica used to come once a year to visit Benedict, at a house situated halfway between the two communities.

St. Benedict’s biographer recounted a story which is frequently told about the last such visit between the siblings. They passed the time as usual in prayer and pious conversation — after which Scholastica begged her brother to remain for the night, but he refused.

She then joined her hands together, laid them on the table and bowed her head upon them in supplication to God. When she lifted her head from the table, immediately there arose such a storm that neither Benedict nor his fellow monks could leave.

“Seeing that he could not return to his abbey because of such thunder and lightning and great abundance of rain,” Pope Gregory wrote, “the man of God became sad and began to complain to his sister, saying, ‘God forgive you, what have you done?’”

“‘I wanted you to stay, and you wouldn’t listen,’ she answered. ‘I have asked our good Lord, and He graciously granted my request, so if you can still depart, in God’s name return to your monastery, and leave me here alone.’” St. Benedict had no choice but to stay and speak to his sister all night long about spiritual matters — including the kingdom of heaven for which she would soon depart.

Three days later in the year 543, in a vision Benedict saw the soul of his sister, departed from her body and in the likeness of a dove, ascend into heaven. He rejoiced with hymns and praise, giving thanks to God. His monks brought her body to his monastery and buried it in the grave that he had provided for himself. St. Benedict followed her soon after, and was buried in the same grave with his sister.

**Prayer: O God, to show us where innocence leads, you made the soul of your virgin Saint Scholastica soar to heaven like a dove in flight. Grant through her merits and her prayers that we may so live in innocence as to attain to joys everlasting. This we ask through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.**



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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.

<b>MON</b> February 5 <i>St. Agatha</i>	9:00AM	NO MASS
<b>TUE</b> February 6 <i>St. Paul Miki &amp; Companions</i>	8:00AM	NO MASS
<b>WED</b> February 7	8:00AM	NO MASS
<b>THU</b> February 8 <i>St. Jerome Emiiani</i>	5:30PM	NO MASS
<b>FRI</b> February 9	8:00AM	NO MASS
<b>SAT</b> February 10 <i>St. Scholastica</i>	5:00PM (OLL)	+Dick Walter
<b>SUN</b> February 11 <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL)	Parish Family +Mardelle Duffy

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$2603.50
Capital Imp.	\$
Food Pantry January Total	\$170.96
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**Imm Conception**

Sunday Total	\$382.00
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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 10 5:00PM	Walter Smith	Stan Alt	Jerry Brown	Michael Smith John Carlson	Lisa Heap
Sun, February 11 10:30AM	Isabella & Sophia Helmig	Ray Hanks	Paul Sarantakos	Brett Beyers Connor Ray	

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.

**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.

It is the second Saturday of the month, which means that in addition to needing Saturday workers, there will be deliveries to those individuals who have limitations that prevent them from picking up the food themselves. As a result, a few people will be needed on Friday night (February 9) at 6:30PM to pack the delivery boxes.

Also some vehicles will be needed on Saturday to deliver these supplies to the client residences.

Please feel free to contact Chuck Aubry [caubry55@gmail.com](mailto:caubry55@gmail.com) with any questions.

**NOTE: THE FOOD PANTRY IS NOW LOCATED IN THE OLD ALCO BUILDING**

# The Word From Father Thomas

## JESUS HEALS



This Sunday's Gospel presents to us Jesus who heals the sick: first Simon Peter's mother-in-law who was in bed with a fever and Jesus, taking her by the hand, healed her and helped her to her feet; then all the sick in Capernaum, tried in body, mind, and spirit, and he *healed many...and cast out many demons* (Mk 1:34). The four Evangelists agree in testifying that this liberation from illness and infirmity of every kind was—together with preaching—Jesus' main activity in his public ministry.

Illness is in fact a sign of the action of evil in the world and in people, whereas healing shows that the Kingdom of God, God himself, is at hand. Jesus Christ came to defeat evil at the root, and instances of healing are an anticipation of his triumph, obtained with his Death and Resurrection.

Jesus said one day: *those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick* (Mk 2:17). On that occasion he was referring to sinners, whom he came to call and to save. It is nonetheless true that illness is a typically human condition in which we feel strongly that we are not self-sufficient but need others. In this regard we might say paradoxically that illness can be a salutary moment in which to experience the attention of others and to pay attention to others!

However illness is also always a trial that can even become long and difficult. When healing does not happen and suffering is prolonged, we can be as it were overwhelmed, isolated, and then our life is depressed and dehumanized. How should we react to this attack of evil? With the appropriate treatment, certainly—medicine in these decades has taken giant strides and we are grateful for it—but the Word of God teaches us that there is a crucial basic attitude with which to face illness and it is that of faith in God, in his goodness. Jesus always repeats this to the people he heals: your faith has made you well (cf. Mk 5:34, 36).

Even in the face of death, faith can make possible what is humanly impossible. But faith in what? In the love of God. This is the real answer which radically defeats evil. Just as Jesus confronted the Evil One with the power of the love that came to him from the Father, so we too can confront and live through the trial of illness, keeping our heart immersed in God's love.

We all know people who were able to bear terrible suffering because God gave them profound serenity..Nonetheless, in sickness we all need human warmth: to comfort a sick person, what counts more than words is serene and sincere closeness.

Pope Benedict XVI

## PARISH CALENDAR



### Saturday, February 3

- Patriotic Rosary 5PM Mass

### Thursday, February 8

- St. Peregrine Healing Mass 5:30PM

### Saturday, February 10

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon
- OLL WEEKEND**

### Wednesday, February 14

- 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

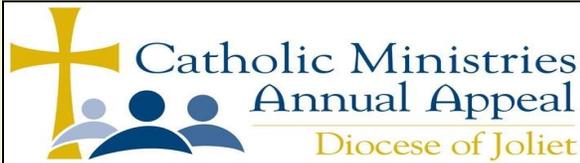
- YOUTH MASS

### Wednesday, February 28

- Staff Meeting 6PM
- Parish Council Meeting 7PM

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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



Every gift to the CMAA makes a difference! The opening report for the 2018 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) in today's bulletin details the

many ways our annual appeal helps us to do God's work here on earth and be His partners in caring.

As you will read in the opening report, the CMAA supports thirty ministries that benefit so many throughout the Diocese of Joliet.. Your gifts to the CMAA will make a difference to members of our parish, friends and neighbors, and our brothers and sisters in need. Please complete the pledge card you received from the Diocese of Joliet and return it in the provided envelope or bring it with you to Mass next weekend.

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 us for our use. This is a great benefit for our parish! Thank you for prayerfully reflecting on your gift to this year's CMAA, and making the most generous pledge possible.



Jim Ruddy (2/7)



Paul & Carol Obert (2/11)

### 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.



Many thanks for those who helped to serve a wonderful luncheon by preparing food, driving to Roberts and working.

Many blessings to you and your family for all of the kindness and sympathy offered to my family.

God Bless,  
Margy Shambrook

# Dear Padre

FEBRUARY 4, 2018

## **How can I ask my priest for better homilies?**

First, let me commend you for not just accepting bad preaching as a necessary evil. Priests are just like anyone else: Each has his gifts, and not everyone is a gifted preacher.

One of the best things parishioners can do for their priest is to give him some honest, specific, helpful feedback instead of the generic, "Nice homily, Father." Many people say that so automatically that it's been said to me even when I wasn't the priest who delivered the homily!

Most priests don't get a lot of quality feedback on their preaching. Some may find it hard to hear a critique, but most would welcome sincere, constructive criticism as long as it comes from the heart and the goal is to make them better preachers. You can even do this in a letter. Just be sure to sign it so he will take it seriously and be able to contact you for further feedback.

Keep in mind that a homily is not the same as a sermon. Whereas a sermon often includes a lot of moralizing, a homily must artfully draw the listener into questions of the human heart and bring that day's Scripture reading to bear on those questions. In that homily we hear in faith how hope, love, sacrifice, and belief in God guide us on our life journey.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR  
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## **Monday**

February 5

*St. Agatha,*

*Virgin and Martyr*

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13

Mk 6:53-56

## **Tuesday**

February 6

*St. Paul Miki and*

*Companions,*

*Martyrs*

1 Kgs 8:22-23,

27-30

Mk 7:1-13

## **Wednesday**

February 7

*Weekday*

1 Kgs 10:1-10

Mk 7:14-23

## **Thursday**

February 8

*Weekday*

1 Kgs 11:4-13

Mk 7:24-30

## **Friday**

February 9

*Weekday*

1 Kgs 11:29-32;

12:19

Mk 7:31-37

## **Saturday**

February 10

*St. Scholastica,*

*Virgin*

1 Kgs 12:26-32;

13:33-34

Mk 8:1-10

## **Sunday**

February 11

*Sixth Sunday in*

*Ordinary Time*

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

1 Cor 10:31-11:1

Mk 1:40-45

# Good News!

February 4, 2018

If you asked Jesus what he did while on earth, I believe he would say, "preached and healed." Those were his missions. He had good news to share and a longing to convince his listeners of the truth of this gospel of love and freedom. He was moved because he saw them like sheep without a shepherd. The gospels are nothing other than documentation of Jesus' efforts to preach the gospel!

Paul shared Christ's ardor. He was entrusted with preaching to the Gentiles the truth of the Gospel, and he did all he could to convince them of his message. He says he became all things to all, to save at least some. He worked hard during the day so he could pay his own way and offer his message for free. He adapted himself to his audience—their customs and ways of thinking—so they wouldn't take offense at him, closing their hearts to his message.

How many missionaries have used this same approach? Just think of the French Jesuits Sts. Jean de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues of the Great Lakes region, St. Junípero Serra in the West, or Mother Cabrini serving European immigrants on the East Coast. They learned new languages, ate new foods, and adopted new traditions to insert themselves into these cultures and share the gospel. They took a page out of Paul's book, becoming all things to all to save at least some.

We are modern-day apostles and missionaries. Let's take a page out of Paul's book, and offer this gospel of hope and love to so many souls in need.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC