

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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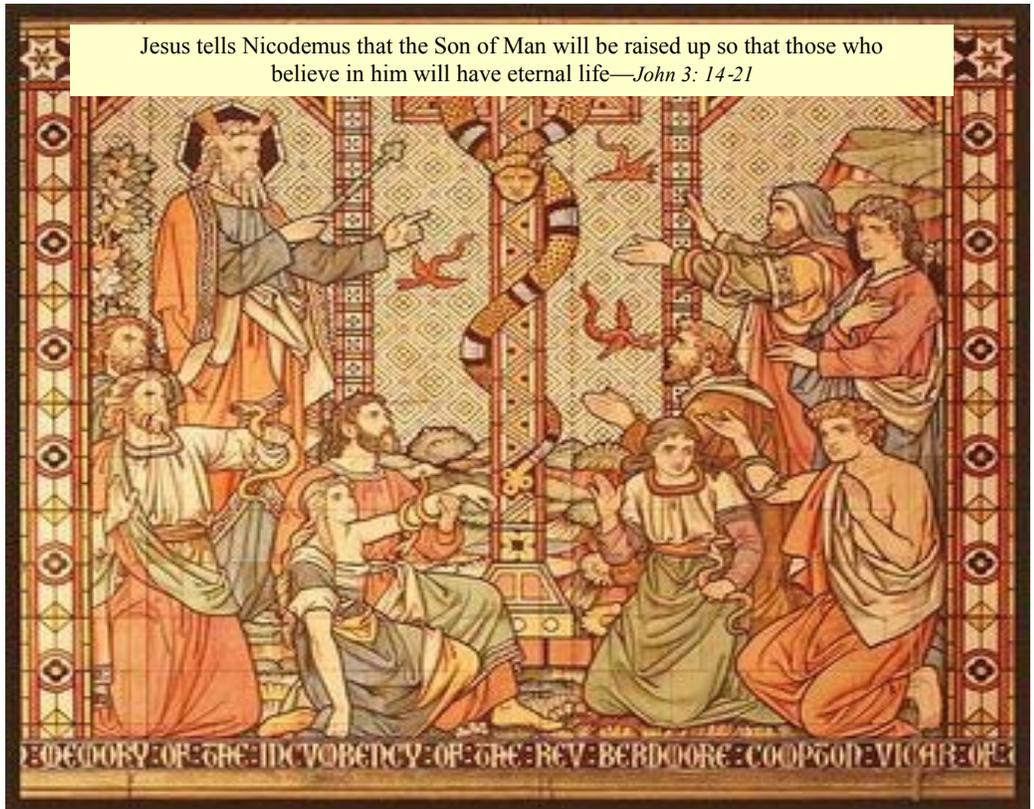
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MARCH 11, 2018 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus tells Nicodemus that the Son of Man will be raised up so that those who believe in him will have eternal life—John 3: 14-21



March 17 -

Saint Patrick, Apostle of Ireland, was born in Scotland in 387. When he was about sixteen, Patrick was taken captive by Irish marauders and sold as a slave. Patrick's captivity became a preparation for his future apostolate. After six years of working as a shepherd, on the advice of an angel, Patrick fled from his master. He traveled until he found a ship ready to set sail. In a few days he was in Britain, but now his heart was set on devoting himself to the service of God in the sacred ministry. He went to France where he was ordained to the priesthood and later journeyed to Ireland as a missionary. His arrival in Ireland was greeted with opposition from the same people to whom he had been a slave. He returned to his former master to pay the price of his ransom and to bring him to Christ, but as he approached he saw the castle burning in the distance. The word of Patrick's miraculous powers had preceded him, and the frenzied „former master“ gathered his treasures into his mansion, set it on fire, and cast himself into the flames. An ancient record adds: “His pride could not endure the thought of being vanquished by his former slave.” Patrick's prayers and faith triumphed. On Easter Day 433, after winning these Irish people over to Christianity, Saint Patrick is said to have plucked a shamrock to explain by its triple leaf and single stem the Blessed Trinity. This trefoil, called “Patrick's Cross,” became the symbol both of the saint and of Ireland itself.

Second Collection This Weekend

The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports Catholic organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and advocacy on behalf of the powerless.

“Christ is standing at the door of our hearts, knocking, seeking relief from pain and suffering around the world. He comes to us bearing the disguise of vulnerable immigrants and refugees, the poor and marginalized, the sick and lonely. The Catholic Relief Services Collection is an opportunity to respond and comfort Christ as we see him in our brothers and sisters,” said Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi of Mobile, Alabama, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on National Collections. “This collection represents our community of faith at work in the world, saving souls and improving lives.”

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock.” —Rev 3:20

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**Parish Council
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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 March 12	8:00AM	+Bob Mardis
TUE March 13	8:00AM	+Bob Shambrook
WED March 14 Sts. Perpetua & Felicity	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
THU March 15 St. John of God	5:30PM	Volker Family Wilhelmi Family
FRI March 16 St. Frances of Rome	8:00AM	+Mardelle Duffy
SAT March 17 St. Patrick	5:00PM (OLL)	+Nick Catalano
SUN March 18 Fifth Sunday of Lent	8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL)	+Jeff Zick Parish Family

**THANK YOU FOR
 YOUR GIFTS
 OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$2526.33
Capital Imp.	\$260.00
Food Pantry	\$81.00
March Total	\$81.00
Yr to Date FP	\$541.96

Imm Conception

Sunday Total	\$287.00
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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 17 5:00PM	Walter Smith	Lisa Heap	Lisa Heap	Frank Titus Bob Bode	Lisa Heap
Sun, March 18 10:30AM	Molly & Seth Kollross	Sophia Helmig	Paul Sarantakos	YOUTH MASS	

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 Church



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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

**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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jesus said to Nicodemus: Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.



After the Israelites escaped from Egypt, they wandered in the desert and complained bitterly to God. God sent serpents into their camp. The serpents bit people and they died. God told Moses to make a bronze serpent, put it on a stick, and hold it high. The people who looked on it were cured of their snake bite (see Num. 21: 1-9).

Humans are bitten by death. The Son of Man, the one who comes down from above, becomes death, death on a cross. He is lifted up so the people can see him. If when they see him they can believe, eternal life will flow into them. They have to comprehend how divine life has entered into human life precisely at that point where human life is failing and at that point sustains the human person through the loss of temporal life. Eternal life both suffuses and transcends temporal life, and this truth is realized by looking on the crucified one. In one form death brings a loss of life; in another form death – the crucifixion of the Son of Man – brings a fullness of life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

This is the inner truth, the truth above all other truths. This is the revelation of the hidden plan of God. The Divine Love could not tolerate the sight of human perishing. We are beings who are grounded and sustained by an ultimate Mystery that we do not control or completely comprehend. Then we are gradually led to a spiritual knowledge that the essence of that Mystery is a self-giving love completely dedicated to human fulfillment. The Son of Man was sent into the world by this Divine Love. This Divine Love wants to fill people with a life that does not end. Even if the people in the world have strayed from their grounding in God and oppressed one another, God does not seek condemnation. The Divine desire is for salvation.

Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

If people enter into this revelation and integrate it into their lives, they will be grounded in the divine love that sustains and renews creation, they will not be condemned. But if they refuse this love and the one who reveals it, they separate themselves from the source of life. The inevitable outcome is condemnation. In short, anyone who is ruled by self-righteousness, like the Pharisees who brought the woman caught in adultery to Jesus (Jn.8:1-11), separates himself from the righteousness of God and refuses the love of God and brings condemnation on himself.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

- SUNDAY, MARCH 8**—Children’s Stations 10AM
- THURSDAY, MARCH 22**—Penance Service 5:30PM
- FRIDAY, MARCH 23**—Mary’s Way of the Cross Stations 7PM
- SUNDAY, MARCH 25**—PALM SUNDAY
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28**—FAMILY MOVIE & PIZZA NIGHT (bring a dessert to share)
Christ’s Passion 6PM at the hall
- THURSDAY, MARCH 29**—HOLY THURSDAY, 7PM Mass
8PM-12AM ADORATION at the hall **(AS THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CAN NOT BE LEFT UNATTENDED, WE ASK THAT AT LEAST ONE PERSON PER HALF HOUR PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE SHEET AT THE BACK OF CHURCH).**
- FRIDAY, MARCH 30**—GOOD FRIDAY 3PM Stations of the Cross
3:30PM & 6:30PM Divine Mercy Novena (Day 1 of 10)
7PM Passion Service
- SATURDAY, MARCH 31**—HOLY SATURDAY 7:15PM Divine Mercy Novena (Day 2)
7:45 PM VIGIL MASS
- SUNDAY, APRIL 1**—EASTER SUNDAY Mass 8AM Immaculate Conception
10:00AM Divine Mercy Novena (Day 3)
10:30AM Our Lady of Lourdes
- MONDAY, APRIL 2-WEDNESDAY APRIL 4& APRIL 6**—Divine Mercy before 8AM Mass and at 6PM
- THURSDAY, APRIL 5**—Divine Mercy following 5:30 Mass ONLY
- SATURDAY, APRIL 7**—Divine Mercy Novena 4:30PM
- SUNDAY, APRIL 8**—Final day of Divine Mercy Novena with Adoration & Confession at 3PM

PARISH CALENDAR



Wednesday, March 14

- K of C Mtg 7PM

Friday, March 16

- K of C Fish Fry 4:30PM-6:30PM

Sunday, March 18

- YOUTH MASS

Saturday, March 24

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon

Wednesday, March 21

- Staff Meeting 6PM
- PC Meeting 7PM

Stations of the Cross Fridays 7PM during Lent at OLL

SEE LENTEN SCHEDULE BELOW LEFT



- Caine Jost (3/13)
- Allison Kleist (3/14)
- Doug Parsons (3/14)
- Terry Hutchcraft (3/14)
- Josie Kleist (3/16)
- Brian Helmig (3/17)
- Willard Pearson (3/17)
- Aiden Killian (3/18)



Rich & Beth Baillie (3/15)

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.

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Monday
March 12

Lenten Weekday
Is 65:17-21
Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday
March 13

Lenten Weekday
Ez 47:1-9, 12
Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday
March 14

Lenten Weekday
Is 49:8-15
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday
March 15

Lenten Weekday
Ex 32:7-14
Jn 5:31-47

Friday
March 16

Lenten Weekday
Wis 2:1a, 12-22
Jn 7:1-2, 10,
25-30

Saturday
March 17

Lenten Weekday
Jer 11:18-20
Jn 7:40-53

Sunday
March 18

*Fifth Sunday
of Lent*
Jer 31:31-34
Heb 5:7-9
Jn 12:20-33