

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

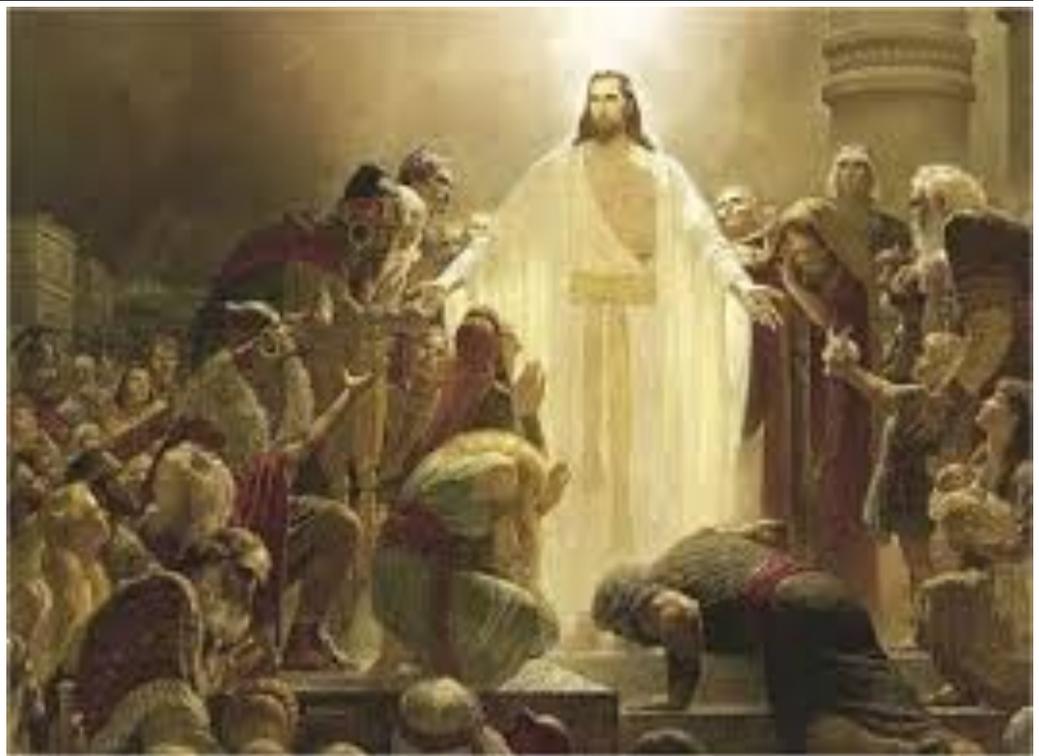
Sunday 7:45 am (IC)



Parish Office

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APRIL 15, 2018 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



KEYBOARD COLLECTION STATUS

I would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone that has pitched in on the cost of the new keyboard! We have collected a total of \$9289.00. This investment will last us many, many years and allow us to always have music at Mass!

YOUTH MINISTRY CHWC AUCTION

The youth group will be holding an auction during the Parish Picnic on May 6. They are asking for donations to be auctioned off at this time. Any new or newer items, goods or services from local businesses, gift baskets, or home made baked goods are welcome and very appreciated. Donations can be dropped off in the rectory basement on Sunday, April 15, 22, or 29 between 9AM and 10:15AM. Please contact Janet Townsend if these drop off times won't work for you.

Please help support the Youth Group as they prepare for their trip to Louisville, KY in June.



The Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal helps our parish and the Diocese of Joliet to provide countless ministries, programs and services to support our friends and neighbors in immeasurable ways.

A mailing will soon be sent to all parishioners who have not yet made a gift to the CMAA. Despite the severe February snowstorm we encountered over Commitment (In-Pew) Weekend, we are confident we can still meet our goal if we all partner together. If you have not done so already, I ask that you please reflect on God's gifts to you and prayerfully consider supporting the CMAA. A gift to the CMAA, no matter the amount, will make a difference!

By partnering together, we can continue to spread the Gospel message in our Diocese through our ministries. Thank you for your support

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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.

MON April 16	8:00AM	+Arlene Jacobs
TUE April 17	8:00AM	+Bob Mardis
WED April 18	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
THU April 19	5:30PM	+Bob Shambrook
FRI April 20	8:00AM	Wurmnest Family Acree Family
SAT April 21 St. Anselm	5:00PM (OLL)	+Bob Mardis
SUN April 22 Fourth Sunday of Easter	8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL)	Parish Family +Roman Falter

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR GIFTS
OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$3098.50
Capital Imp.	\$80.00
Food Pantry April Total Yr to Date FP	\$61.00 \$116.00 \$838.96

Imm Conception

Sunday Total	\$316.00
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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: \$6841
Goal: \$12,200
IC: \$1405
(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, April 21 5:00PM	Walter Smith	Patti Huppert	Marj Brown	Steve Killian Stan Alt	Jean Wilhelmi
Sun, April 22 10:30AM	Cecilia Goodin Brooke Beyers	Jack Kollross	Paul Sarantakos	Nathan Garard Ethan Garard	

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Baptism

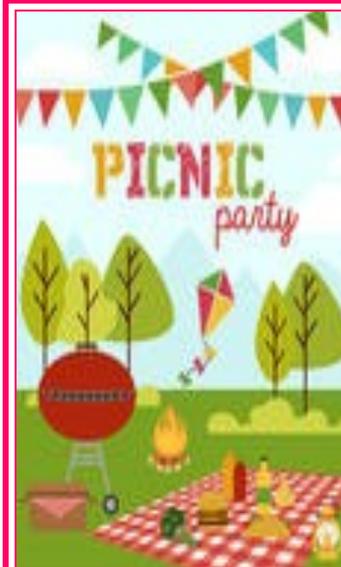
Call the Rectory at least four weeks before the baptism. Instruction for the parents and God-parents is required.

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.



PARISH PICNIC

Mark your calendars for our Annual Parish Picnic

**Sunday, May 6, 2018
following 10:30AM Mass**

Come join in fun and fellowship at Fr. Kirk Hall.

Our Knights of Columbus will be grilling burgers and hot dogs and we ask those with last names A- M to bring a side dish and N-Z dessert.

More details to follow in coming weeks!!



- Beth Baillie (4/22)
- Jack Kollross (4/17)
- Evan Killian (4/17)
- Chris Giroux (4/18)
- Tim Bane (4/19)
- Terry Fields (4/20)
- Steve Heavilin (4/22)



Leo & Audrey Chapman (4/21)

The Word From Father Thomas

Third Sunday of Easter



In the Emmaus episode the risen Jesus is part of the narrative, but he is not the point of the narrative. The point is that the two travelers come to understand the real identity of Jesus, an identity that is symbolized in the Eucharistic gesture and embodied in how Jesus actually died. Although they previously knew the gesture and they had information about his death, they comprehended neither the gesture nor his death. They were not able to answer the question the unknown risen Christ asked them, "Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" (Lk. 24:26). The ancient Christian connection between Eucharist and Cross is what eluded them.

However, the unknown risen Christ interprets the Scripture for them, remains with them, and repeats the eucharistic gesture. With his help there is a breakthrough. Everything falls into place. They understand who Jesus is and the larger plan of which he was a part. Jesus is filled with God's life; and he gives God's life to others so that they can grow strong on it. As bread nourishes the physical level, Jesus nourishes the spiritual level. This eucharistic truth inspired and directed how he died. He forgave those who were crucifying him, offered salvation to one of the criminals, and handed his spirit over to God (Lk. 23: 34, 43, 46). He was always giving divine life to others, even as he was dying. That is what was "made known to them in the breaking of the bread" (v. 35).

Therefore, the Emmaus episode is a teaching on how to interpret the Eucharist as the meaning of the Cross, and how to interpret the Cross as the embodiment of the Eucharist. When Jesus appears among them, he is not recognized. When he is recognized, he disappears. In between he is definitely in the "Teacher" mode, from listening to their unenlightened rendition of what happened in Jerusalem, to upbraiding their slowness, to patiently showing them the true interpretation of his suffering and dying. The misinterpretation of Jesus' death has been corrected.

Peace connotes the restoration of relationships, relationships between God and people and people among themselves. When Jesus stood among them with the word "Peace," he restored them to a relationship with himself. The barrier of death has been overcome. Jesus and his disciples are united. He is not a ghost, and they do not have to be afraid. He is alive and real. The criteria of his reality and aliveness are their seeing him and touching his hands and feet, and the fact that he eats some cooked fish. Flesh and food are sure signs this is not a ghostly presence.

The overall conviction of the New Testament is that the resurrection is not resuscitation. Jesus does not return to the same space-time continuum that he inhabited before his death. Warm flesh is the physical life we know and warm food is how we keep it going. Jesus is truly real and alive, just as we are truly real and alive by flesh and food. However, this reality and aliveness is not like flesh that constitutes physical life and the food that contributes to it. St. Paul's first letter to Corinthians chapter 15 would give us a clear idea about this.

The risen Jesus is the Living One who revitalizes his disciples. The two on the road "stood still looking sad" (Luke 24:17). Now Jesus is teaching and commissioning them. Luke ends his Gospel with Jesus explaining to the disciples how the promises of the Laws and the Prophets, and the experience of God in the Psalms have come to completion. In his God's plan for the salvation of the world has been revealed and inaugurated. It must go out to all people through them and now through us.

PARISH CALENDAR



Saturday, April 21

- FIRST COMMUNION 5PM Mass

Wednesday, April 25

- Staff Mtg 6PM
- Parish Council Mtg 7PM

Saturday, April 28

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon

Sunday, April 29

- YOUTH MASS
- Prayer Service with Lutheran Church 2:30PM at OLL followed by coffee and pastries at the hall.



POSITION OPEN FOR YOUTH GROUP LEADER

Bruce Killian will be stepping down from Youth Group Leader and we are looking for someone to step into this position. If you feel called to this ministry, please contact Fr. Thomas at the rectory (217)784-4671 or pastor@ololgc.org. We thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

- Jeff McGuire
- Linda Ellington
- Greg Delost
- Steve Heavilin
- Dale Enghausen
- Brian Sullivan
- Emma Davis
- Terry Hutchcraft
- Norma Thompson
- Rich Meunier



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.

FIRST COMMUNION

Please pray for our First Communion Class this week as they make final preparations to receive this extraordinary sacrament NEXT Saturday evening April 21 at 5PM Mass.



Pray Together

Prayer Service with American Lutheran Church APRIL 29 AT 2:30pm Our Lady of Lourdes Church Fellowship to follow at Fr. Kirk Hall with Coffee and Pastries

Please mark your calendars to attend and give a huge Catholic welcome to our Lutheran friends!

Dear Padre

April 15, 2018

I read my horoscope in the daily newspaper faithfully. Is there anything wrong with this? I don't take what it says seriously, but sometimes the predictions do come true.

Many people enjoy reading their daily horoscopes as a form of entertainment. Like you, they don't take it seriously. When it's approached in this lighthearted way, there is no sin. Others, however, take their horoscopes seriously. Perhaps they don't realize what might underlie their fascination with it. Could it be a desire to escape responsibility? It's a cop-out to believe horoscope advice like, "If the position of the stars makes you act a certain way, then you're not responsible for your actions." This thinking doesn't acknowledge that God, as Lord of the universe, is the creator of these stars and their movements. It's absurd to ascribe mystical powers to the stars themselves as if they could influence us independently of God's providence.

What about predictions that come true? Reread that horoscope and you'll usually find it was worded in such a general way that it would fit almost any situation. There's also the aspect of the self-fulfilling prophecy. If you *think* you're going to have a certain type of day, you are more likely to *have* that type of day. Your approach affects your day, not an outside force.

The future will always contain unknowns. For Christians, however, the unknown is cushioned by the belief that all things are in the providential hands of a loving God.

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Monday

April 16
Easter Weekday
Acts 6:8-15
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

April 17
Easter Weekday
Acts 7:51-8:1a
Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday

April 18
Easter Weekday
Acts 8:1b-8
Jn 6:35-40

Thursday

April 19
Easter Weekday
Acts 8:26-40
Jn 6:44-51

Friday

April 20
Easter Weekday
Acts 9:1-20
Jn 6:52-59

Saturday

April 21
Easter Weekday
Acts 9:31-42
Jn 6:60-69

Sunday

April 22
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:8-12
1 Jn 3:1-2
Jn 10:11-18

Good News!

April 15, 2018

Third Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

The glorified Jesus is not easy for the apostles to recognize. There is a deep truth here. The Twelve are startled and terrified to see Jesus again. In fact, they even think they are seeing a ghost. Their fear and lack of faith makes it impossible to see him for who he is—their resurrected Savior. Before they can truly see, they need to first accept him and believe.

And how does Jesus prove his identity to them? He shows them his wounds, the signs of his suffering and crucifixion. We often want to hide our wounds. We are ashamed of them and afraid of how others will react if they really knew. But Jesus, unashamed, shows his wounds and uses them as signs of who he is.

There is a message for us here. We need to allow our brokenness to find fullness and resurrection in Christ. It is at that point that the love of God is perfected in us. First we need to acknowledge our wounds and not bury or hide them. Then we need to admit our need for healing. Finally, through prayer, confession, and help from those who love us, we allow Jesus' redemptive love to wash over our wounds and give us renewal, rebirth, and healing.

As a result, like Jesus, we will no longer be ashamed of our wounds, but rather we will share them as evidence of the power of Jesus Christ.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC