

## 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

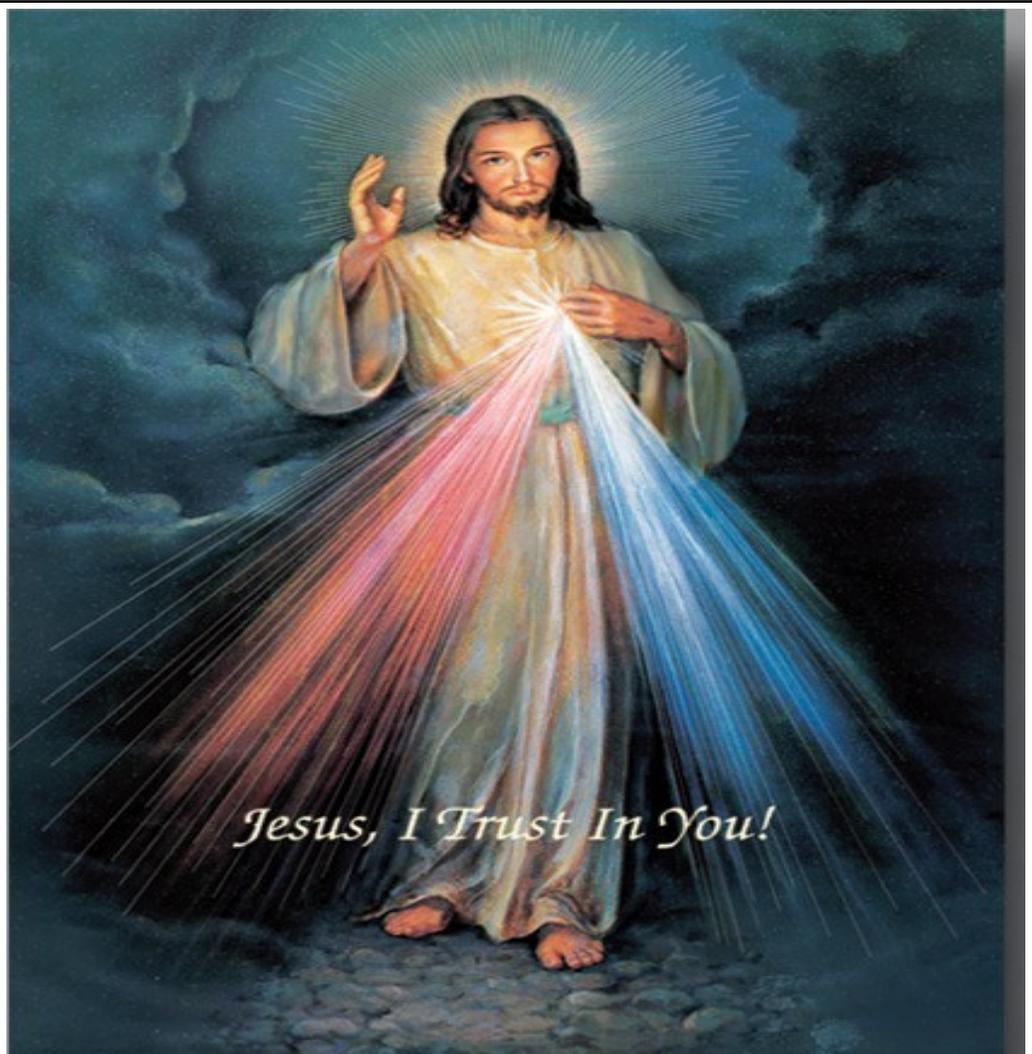
Sunday 7:45 am (IC)



### Parish Office

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## APRIL 8, 2018 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



### 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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Alyce Hafer

**Youth Ministry**  
Bruce Killian

**Music Director**  
If interested contact  
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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.

<b>MON</b> April 9 <i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>	8:00AM	+Bob Mardis
<b>TUE</b> April 10	8:00AM	Woodward Family Woolums Family
<b>WED</b> April 11 <i>St. Stanislaus</i>	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
<b>THU</b> April 12	5:30PM	+Stan & Ann Alt Anniversary
<b>FRI</b> April 13 <i>St. Martin</i>	8:00AM	+Mardelle Duffy
<b>SAT</b> April 14	5:00PM (OLL)	+Marge Carlson
<b>SUN</b> April 15 <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL)	Parish Family +Mardelle Duffy

**THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR GIFTS  
OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$4285.00
Capital Imp.	\$150.00
Food Pantry April Total Yr to Date FP	\$55.00 \$55.00 \$777.96

**Imm Conception**

Sunday Total	\$456.00
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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: \$5186**  
(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 14 5:00PM	Caine Jost	Fran Mardis	Marj Brown	Steve Killian Stan Alt	Frank Titus
Sun, April 15 10:30AM	Aidan Laughery Haven Hathaway	Sarah Sarantakos	Paul Sarantakos	Nathan Garard Ethan Garard	

**There will be a second collection this week to go towards the new keyboard!**

**Baptism**

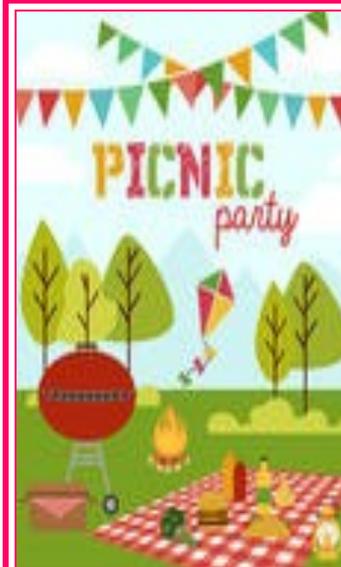
Call the Rectory at least four weeks before the baptism. Instruction for the parents and God-parents is required.

**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!!



- Jean Wilhelmi (4/9)
- Pat Fields (4/10)
- John Cole (4/10)
- Susan Kollross (4/11)
- Todd Thomas (4/12)
- Daisy Chaddock (4/12)
- Erin McCall (4/12)
- Kasi Schwarz (4/13)



Stan & Ann Alt (4/12)

# The Word From Father Thomas

## Second Sunday of Easter

Thomas, (who is called the Twin), was not present when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."



The other disciples bear witness to what they have seen, but it is not enough for Thomas. Taking the word of another does not suffice. He has his own criteria for believing, and community attestation is not among them. He wants to probe the marks of Jesus' death. The only way he will see the Lord is if he enters into the wounds. But these wounds are not available for his intrusive probing. These wounds are ones that Jesus shows to people so they may receive God's life and realize his identity. The criteria for knowing the ultimate truth about Jesus are the same after his death as before his death. The person must go beyond the physical level and open himself or herself to the communication of divine life and recognize Jesus as God's incarnate presence. This is spiritual knowledge; the type of knowledge most people think is too subtle and evasive.

A week later his disciples were again in the house and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

This time Thomas is present. More importantly, Thomas is with the other disciples. He is part of the community, and it is as part of the community that he will experience the risen Lord.

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus invited Thomas into his wounds, into the correct understanding of his death and through that understanding into the reception of divine life. Although Jesus uses words similar to what Thomas said - which was essential for him to believe - his is not complying with Thomas' demands. The meaning is quite different. Jesus is encouraging Thomas to reach for the divine life that flows through him. Jesus is asking Thomas to reach out and live forever. Thomas' cry, "*My Lord and my God,*" signals both the reception of divine life and the recognition that Jesus and the Father are one.

Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me?"

The answer to the question is no. Thomas did not come to faith through physical sight. Thomas came to belief by spiritually grasping the meaning of Jesus' death and, through that understanding; he received the divine life that is stronger than death. He expressed and communicated this experience by exclaiming Jesus as *his* Lord and *his* God, the one who "took him to himself" and in the process took him into God. This experience is available within the community of disciples who gather each week and who find that Jesus is among them offering them the life that flows through his open wounds. It is not necessary to physically see him in the flesh. Even those like Thomas who saw him in the flesh in his pre-Easter days only understood him and believed when they contacted his spiritual presence within the believing community. This experience of risen Lord is not relegated to the past. It is present and available when the disciples gather "next week."

### PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Anyone interested in becoming an RE teacher or being involved with youth group activities needs to attend this class. This includes anyone 18 and over.

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN**  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11**  
**6:30PM**  
**PIZZA WILL BE SERVED**

Questions contact Alyce (217)745-2411



**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!

## PARISH CALENDAR



### Wednesday, April 11

- K of C Mtg. 7PM

### Thursday, April 12

- St. Peregrine Healing Mass 5:30PM

### Saturday, April 14

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon
- First Communion Retreat

### 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.

# Dear Padre

April 8, 2018

**When our priest raises the host during the consecration at Mass, a parishioner says out loud, "My Lord and my God!"**

**Am I out of line to feel this isn't right?**

The liturgical assembly at Mass isn't a random collection of individuals; rather, the faithful form a holy people to give thanks to God. "They are consequently to avoid any appearance of singularity or division.... This unity is beautifully apparent from the gestures and bodily postures observed together by the faithful" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 95–96). Moreover, unity is achieved in the vocal prayers and responses at Mass, "that, gathered into one body by the Holy Spirit," we "may truly become a living sacrifice in Christ" (Eucharistic Prayer IV).

The Eucharistic Prayer—the preeminent prayer of the Church—is voiced by the priest on everyone's behalf. All participate in the collective prayer by our acclamations throughout: the dialogue preface, Sanctus, memorial, and great amen. Here we express our belief in the mystery of faith and our unity in the Church's prayer.

The revised *Roman Missal* omitted the memorial acclamation, "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again," because there's no equivalent text in the original Latin and also because it's more of a proclamation of faith than a prayer.

Likewise, "My Lord and my God" is a proclamation of faith that may be for some an entirely appropriate response for a believer as the host is raised, but the Church provides three communal prayers as acclamations immediately following the consecration. Any personal expression should be said quietly to preserve the unity of the Mass.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

## Monday

April 9

*Annunciation of the Lord*

Is 7:10–14; 8:10

Heb 10:4–10

Lk 1:26–38

## Tuesday

April 10

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 4:32–37

Jn 3:7b–15

## Wednesday

April 11

*St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr*

Acts 5:17–26

Jn 3:16–21

## Thursday

April 12

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 5:27–33

Jn 3:31–36

## Friday

April 13

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 5:34–42

Jn 6:1–15

## Saturday

April 14

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 6:1–7

Jn 6:16–21

## Sunday

April 15

*Third Sunday of Easter*

Acts 3:13–15, 17–19

1 Jn 2:1–5a

Lk 24:35–48

# Good News!

April 8, 2018

*Second Sunday of Easter (B)*

Acts 4:32–35; 1 Jn 5:1–6; Jn 20:19–31

The painting *The Embrace*, by Pedro Cano, is a powerful image of paternal love and union. It recalls the historic moment when St. John Paul II, at the Mass of his elevation to the papacy, embraced his life-long mentor, Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński. The painting is a moment frozen in time that represents something much bigger than the event that inspired it.

The two figures are barely distinguishable. They seem to be fused, like two figures carved out of one piece of marble. It is the mutual love of giving and receiving that makes this exchange so moving. Indeed, it reminds us of the embrace of love we seek in this life from our loved ones as well as in eternal life. There is no distance between them, rancor, or questioning—only the total happiness of being united with a friend.

The pope's strong, broad shoulders are penetrated by the grasping hands of the one embraced. There is a clenching need to find security in the other. We all search for love, forgiveness, and for strength we do not find in ourselves. We wish our faith were stronger but, the truth is, we need to be constantly turning to God for his mercy.

Yet, he is pleased to be our rock upon which we lean, the one we can touch in our doubt. Turn to him in need, for he is happy to save you from the trials of this life. He wants to be the risen one who restores our faith. He rejoices that we need him and return to him.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC