

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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MAY 13, 2018 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



CALL TO MINISTRY

Calling to Parish Ministries

Anyone interested in parish ministries such as lecturing, ushering, altar serving, meals (for new moms or sick parishioners), homebound ministry (bringing communion for our sick and homebound parishioners), funeral dinners, decorating, choir, music assistant, organist/guitarist, RE assistant, food pantry (see p. 2) or the church cleaning team, please contact the parish at pastor@ololgc.org and we will direct you to the correct contact person. There is something for everyone and we appreciate you in any capacity you are able to provide service.

VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!

USHER MINISTRY:



We are also calling all men (from high school up) in the parish to consider joining the Usher team. Please contact Tannie Smith at pastor@ololgc.org if you are able to help with this very important ministry. The responsibilities include greeting at the beginning of mass, seating parishioners if needed, doing the collection basket and handing out bulletins at the end of mass.

Funeral Dinner Ministry

Extra hands are always welcome at funeral dinners. If you'd like to be called to work or donate food in the future, contact Fran Mardis at pastor@ololgc.org.

LECTOR MINISTRY:

The Lector ministry is always looking for new members! If you are interested in being a Lector and need more information, please contact Tannie Smith at pastor@ololgc.org as soon as possible to be on the new schedule. Lectors are needed for all Masses and duties are usually every 3 to 4 weeks.

ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY:

All children middle school and up are invited to participate in the Mass as altar servers. Please contact Tannie Smith at pastor@ololgc.org for training. This commitment is usually a monthly rotation.

MUSIC MINISTRY:

Interested in choir, organist/guitarist or music assistant? Contact Michele Fackler at pastor@ololgc.org

RE ASSISTANT:

We are always in need of RE teachers and youth group leaders. Faith Formation is the foundation for our Youth. Contact Alyce Hafer at pastor@ololgc.org for more information.

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Patti Meunier
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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.

MON May 14 <i>St. Matthias</i>	8:00AM	+Arlene Jacobs
TUE May 15 <i>St. Isadore</i>	8:00AM	Cullotta Family Cyphert Family
WED May 16	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
THU May 17	5:30PM	Davis Family Day Family
FRI May 18 <i>St. John I</i>	8:00AM	+Ruby & Billie Kemmer & Mardelle Duffy
SAT May 19	5:00PM (OLL)	+Bob Shambrook
SUN May 20 <i>Pentecost</i>	8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL)	Parish Family +Mardelle Duffy

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR GIFTS
OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$2883.00
Capital Imp.	\$405.00
Food Pantry	\$4.00
April Total	\$267.00
Yr to Date FP	\$889.96

Imm Conception

Sunday Total	\$225.00
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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: \$8,761
Goal: \$12,200
IC: \$1,465
(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, May 19 5:00PM	Alex Killian	Jim Meyer	Stan Alt	Tim Fackler Frank Titus	Carla Moxley
Sun, May 20 10:30AM	Aidan Laughery Haven Hathaway	Denis Fisher	Paul Sarantakos	Dan Day Keegan Kutemeier	

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.

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY. WE INVITE YOU TO ENJOY THE INSERT, PART 2 OF A FOUR PART SERIES "MIRACLE AT MEDJUGORJE."

Food Pantry Volunteers

Saturday, May 26 from 8:30AM-Noon will be our next scheduled opportunity to supply labor for the local food pantry. Volunteers needed for set up on Friday at 6:30PM and should plan to be there at 8:30AM Saturday. If you are available to help or have any questions , please contact Chuck Aubry at caubry55@gmail.com .

FUTURE PARISH DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:
Saturday, August 11—OLL and Rotary Club (no delivery weekend)
Saturday, November 24—OLL and GCMS High School Interact Club (no delivery weekend)

NOTE: THE FOOD PANTRY IS NOW LOCATED IN THE OLD ALCO BUILDING (NEXT TO BIG R ON ROUTE 9). Volunteers please park on the NORTH end of the County Market parking lot.

The Word From Father Thomas

The Ascension of Our Lord



The Gospel reading today invites us to the things happened right before Jesus was taken up to heaven.

In Mark 16:15 we see what is called the "universal apostolic mandate" (paralleled by Mt. 28:19-20 & Lk. 24:46-48). This is an imperative command from Christ to his apostles to preach the Gospel to the whole world. This same apostolic mission applies, especially, to the apostles' successors, the bishops in communion with Peter's successor, the Pope. But this mission extends further: the whole "Church was founded to spread the kingdom of Christ over all the earth for the glory of God the Father, to make all men partakers in redemption and salvation. Every activity of the mystical body with this in view goes by the name of apostolate"; the Church exercises it through all its members, though in various ways. In fact, the Christian vocation is, of its nature, a vocation to the apostolate as well" (Eph. 4:16).

"In the Church there is diversity of ministry but unity of mission. To the apostles and their successors Christ has entrusted the office of teaching, sanctifying and governing in his name and by his power. But the laity are made to share in the priestly, prophetic and kingly office of Christ; they have therefore, in the Church and in the world, their own assignment in the mission of the whole people of God" (*Vatican II, Apostolicam actuositatem*, 2). Vatican II also teaches this: "On all Christians, accordingly, rest the noble obligation of working to bring all men throughout the whole world to hear and accepts the divine message of salvation". We partake in this mission through our prayer, penance and financial support to those who are actively working in different parts of the world.

The Lord's ascension into heaven and his sitting at the right hand of the Father is the sixth article of faith confessed in the Creed. Jesus Christ went up into heaven body and soul, to take possession of the Kingdom he won through his death, to prepare for us a place in heaven (cf. Rev. 3:21) and to send the Holy Spirit to his Church (cf. St. Pius X, *Catechism*, 123).



PARISH CALENDAR



Wednesday, May 16

- Finance Council Meeting 7PM

Saturday, May 26

- Food Pantry **OLL PARISH**



- Elizabeth Goodin (5/15)
- Angelica Cullotta (5/18)
- Andrew Miller (5/19)
- Kolbie Eichelberger (5/20)
- Julie Roesch (5/20)



- Jerry & Amy Stoltz (5/15)
- John & Amy Veneto (5/17)
- Dan & Sylvia Day (5/19)



Pray for the Sick & Homebound

- Linda Ellington
- Greg Delost
- Steve Heavilin
- Dale Enghausen
- Brian Sullivan
- Emma Davis
- Terry Hutchcraft
- Norma Thompson
- Judy Schall
- 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.

HOLY FAMILY RADIO DIPJAR



You may have noticed this little device at the back of church under the holy water cup. Please prayerfully consider making a \$10 donation to Holy Family Radio 95.7 FM. They operate completely on donations and bring the blessing of Catholic Radio to our community.

Thank you for your support of our Catholic Radio station!

Dear Padre

May 13, 2018

It says in the Gospel account of the ascension that Jesus was taken up body and soul into heaven. Why would Jesus need a body in heaven?

In the Old Testament, there was a great chasm between our bodies and heaven. We were told that no one could see the face of God and live, let alone live with God in heaven. Jesus came to bridge that gap through his body and blood.

Jesus' glorified body is in heaven to show that we, too, will be glorified like him, showing that, as part of God's creation, our bodies are inherently good and worthy of heavenly life. Jesus' ascension will be followed by our ascension into heaven. Our bodies will become like Jesus' glorified body. Our life with God will become like Jesus' life with God. We see in Jesus our own future. Our lives and our loves will not be snuffed out like a candle. Rather, we will carry them in our spiritual and glorified self, leaving behind pain, death, and human inadequacies.

Christianity is a flesh-and-blood religion. We can't bypass the physical to reach the spiritual. Jesus ascended into heaven, body and soul. We do not reach higher spiritual truths by rejecting the material world. Heaven won't contain disembodied spiritual beings, but will be full of glorified human bodies without the inadequacies we suffer now. Saint Paul, in 1 Corinthians 15:35-40, tries to explain this to the people of Corinth. He tells them that the splendor of the heavenly body is of one kind and the splendor of the earthly body is another.

Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

May 14

*St. Matthias,
Apostle
Acts 1:15-17,
20-26
Jn 15:9-17*

May 15

*Easter Weekday
Acts 20:17-27
Jn 17:1-11a
May 16
Easter Weekday
Acts 20:28-38
Jn 17:11b-19*

May 17

*Easter Weekday
Acts 22:30;
23:6-11
Jn 17:20-26*

May 18

*Easter Weekday
Acts 25:13b-21
Jn 21:15-19*

May 19

*Easter Weekday
Acts 28:16-20,
30-31
Jn 21:20-25*

May 20

*Pentecost
Acts 2:1-11
1 Cor 12:3b-7,
12-13 or
Gal 5:16-25
Jn 20:19-23 or
Jn 15:26-27;
16:12-15*

Good News!

May 13, 2018

*Seventh Sunday of Easter (B)
Ascension of the Lord*

*Seventh Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26;
1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19
Ascension: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or
Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20*

The beginning of the Book of Acts presents a summary of the life of Christ and how he called and taught the apostles in the Holy Spirit. After his resurrection, Christ kept the apostles in Jerusalem, where they prayed together with the Virgin and awaited the coming of the Holy Spirit which would give them power to witness to him beyond the city and into the outlying countries and regions, just as the Gospel reading commands.

This Spirit given to them by Christ is a spirit of mission and witness. When Jesus was finished speaking, when his revelation had finished, he was taken to heaven. And the apostles were left standing there, looking up after him.

That looking up can be interpreted as a longing for Jesus' presence that was no longer in human form. Things had radically changed. Jesus' mission had finished, and now theirs was beginning. Their situation is the same as ours. We are sent on a mission!

An essential element of being Christian is to understand that we are sent into the world to build Christ's kingdom. We are his missionaries, his representatives. He counts on us to go into the world and bring his message to all his beloved children just as he did—with preaching, testimony, and love. Jesus doesn't send us to be comfortable, professionally successful, and wealthy. He sends us to be missionaries!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC