

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 8 am
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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General Information
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JUNE 17, 2018 ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He said, "To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade."

NEW MASS SCHEDULE BEGINNING 6/23/2018

| | Loda | Paxton | Gibson City |
|-----------|---------|---------|-------------|
| Sunday | 8:00 AM | 9:30 AM | 11:30 AM |
| Monday | | | 8:00 AM |
| Tuesday | 5:30 PM | | |
| Wednesday | | 7:00 PM | |
| Thursday | | | 5:30 PM |
| Friday | | 8:00 AM | |
| Saturday | | | 5:00 PM |

Happy Fathers Day



Pastor
 Rev. Thomas Theneth, CMI
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 ttheneth@ololgc.org

Deacon
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 Patti Meunier
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Religious Education
 Alyce Hafer

Youth Ministry
 Bruce Killian

Music Director
 If interested contact
 pastor@ololgc.org

**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.

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| MON June 18 | 8:00AM | +Bob Mardis |
| TUE June 19 St. Romuald | 8:00AM | +Bob Shambrook |
| WED June 20 | 8:00AM | NO MASS |
| THU June 21 St. Aloysius | 5:30PM | NO MASS |
| FRI June 22 St. Paulinus of Nola | 8:00AM | NO MASS |
| SAT June 23 | 5:00PM (OLL) | +Bob Mardis |
| SUN June 24 The Nativity of St. John the Baptist | 8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL) | +Jeff Zick Parish Family |

**THANK YOU FOR
 YOUR GIFTS
 OLOL**

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| Sunday Total | \$2043.50 |
| Capital Imp. | \$0 |
| Food Pantry June Total Yr. to Date FP | \$59.00 \$135.00 \$1181.96 |

Imm Conception

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| Sunday Total | \$185.00 |
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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: \$10,356
 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, June 23 5:00PM | Walter Smith | Stan Alt | Frank Titus Fran Mardis | Joe Allen Jerry Brown | Denis & Cherry Fisher |
| Sun, June 24 10:30AM | Aidan Laughery Haven Hathaway | Denis Fisher | Paul Sarantakos Denis Fisher Jody/Brett Beyers | Brett Beyers Connor Ray | |

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.

Next weekend we welcome Fr. Dong. This is a wonderful time of transition and we need your help to make our parish thrive! We have put together our TOP 10 list of ways to welcome our new pastor!

TOP TEN WAYS TO WELCOME FR. DONG

10. At the end of Mass greet and offer your name ALWAYS!
9. Invite him to your home.
8. Invite him to kiddo sporting events or the park.
7. Stop by the rectory to see him (cookies and company always welcome:)
6. Keep him in your prayers.
5. Be willing to say YES when asked for help.
4. Offer to show him around Gibson City, Champaign and Boomington.
3. Invite him for a meal or bring a meal to share with him.
2. Invite him to share stories of his family, life, and agricultural roots in Vietnam.
1. Invite him to BLESS your home.

The Word From Father Thomas

A NOTE OF FAREWELL



My dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

I still remember the day I came to Gibson City, and the day of my installation. You all welcomed me with great enthusiasm, and our bishop was talking about it later. You are so kindhearted, welcoming, and always ready to provide me whatever I needed. I had a bit of apprehension that I would be accepted and how I would relate with everyone. To be an associate pastor is easy, just do what is told, but to be a pastor is not that easy. To lead from the front is a difficult task. Our Lord as shepherd walked in front of the sheep and they followed him. For me I have to show Jesus through my word and deed and ask you to follow him. So my job is like the job of St. John the Baptist, to show Jesus to others. Only if I follow Jesus closely can I ask you follow him. I tried my very best, that is all I can tell you. I can see the result only when I stand before the judgment seat of my King Jesus. I prayed for each one of you every day, especially those who are away from the Church and sacraments. That is why I started praying for families during the Holy Mass every day, besides the weekly Holy Mass for whom I serve. I know only God can go deep into your hearts and make you understand how much He loves you.

Thank you very much for your love and support for the last five years. You were with me like my close family members in all things. I cannot and will not forget the love and support you gave me when my dad passed away. There are a lot of people who are very close to my heart who treated me as a member of their family; I need to thank them profusely. May God in his abundant mercy bless them. I truly believe that they are God's gifts to me. One of them I need to spell out is Patti Meunier our parish secretary. She is more a sister to me than a secretary in the office. She gives great care to the entire parish and not just the office work. She is such an organized lady, which made my job much easier. God bless her. Alyce Hafer and Stan Alt are two others I must mention. Alyce spends hours and hours to make the RE classes go perfectly. Many Sundays I saw her car in the parking lot until late afternoon. I could count on Stan for anything, a simple text and he is right there and it is done. It is sad that he also leaving Our Lady of Lourdes soon. Let me take this opportunity to wish him all the best at his new place.

Thank God we could do some of the projects in the last five years which were imminent and I thank you for your whole hearted support. We spent about \$180,000.00 in big and small projects together, which includes the changing of the roof of the church building, floor tiles and other modification in the hall. Still financially we are in good shape. This shows how much you love your parish and I am thankful to the Almighty and to you that I could be a part of these Parishes. I also thank Deacon Jeff Volker for all his help and now Deacon Paul Sarantakos.

Now I have a request. Please pray for me, not only to impart my duties in the new assignment and all the assignments to come and to lead his people to him according to his holy will, but also to find favor with the Almighty when I stand before his judgment seat.

My new address is:

Thomas Theneth
36 N. Ellsworth
Naperville, IL 60540

Thank you very much , God Bless, and please keep in touch!

To the wonderful parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church: Thank you for the many prayers, donations to Our Lady of Lourdes, and contributions for mass intentions on behalf of Steve "Abner" Heavilin who died May 18.

Thanks Fr. Thomas for your prayers for Steve and his family, for scheduling communion to be brought to our home when we were unable to attend mass, for your visits to the hospital, and for helping my daughters and me plan Steve's funeral. Your continued texts and phone calls to check on Steve's health during his illness were appreciated. We will miss you when you leave our parish for your next assignment!

Thank you Sophie Hafer for providing the music and for being the cantor at Steve's funeral. Music is a very important part of the Benefiel family and Steve's immediate family so this is very much appreciated, Sophie.

The funeral meal committee provided our close family and friends with a delicious meal. Thank you committee chairman Fran Mardis, Stan, and the other ladies who helped with the yummy meal.

Please remember our Steve the way he was and not after illness made him frail and sad. "For I know the plans for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

The family of Steven R. (Abner) Heavilin

PARISH CALENDAR

June

Saturday, June 23

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

James Meyer (6/20)
Linda Slavicek (6/24)
Paul Geurts (6/24)

Happy Anniversary

James & Anita Meyer (6/1)
Tom & Janet Townsend (6/21)
Dan & Janice Allen (6/22)

Thanks to all who contributed to the purchase of our new keyboard. Your generosity has been wonderful! We very much appreciate those who have come forward to be "button pushers." It is wonderful to have music at our Masses,

God Bless,
Fran and Margy

CONGRATULATIONS to Molly Kollross on being the recipient of the 2018 Sunderland Scholarship. We wish you many blessings as you continue on with your education.



Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Linda Ellington
Greg Delost
Dale Enghausen
Brian Sullivan
Emma Davis
Terry Hutchcraft
Norma Thompson
Marlene Orpik
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

June 17, 2018

I try to be responsible in my Christian duty to visit the sick. While my visits have good intentions, I often feel they aren't well received. Please advise.

I commend you for your commitment in carrying out your Christian duty. Saint Rose of Lima said, "When we serve the poor and the sick, we serve Jesus" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2449). Works of mercy, such as visiting the infirm, "are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities" (CCC 2447). When we perform these works, the primary focus is on the recipient, not on how these acts make me feel good about myself or how I appear before God and others.

My advice for visiting the sick at home or in the hospital is to avoid showing up unannounced, whenever possible. (I offer this advice after my unexpected visit to a patient in the ICU, who never appeared in public without her wig.) Also, observe verbal and nonverbal signs on how long to stay. Some patients may appear bored or lonely and are open to guests; others are in pain or they've been awakened throughout the night and desire rest more than greeting visitors for a prolonged time. Ask yourself: Are the sick being polite in keeping *me* company? Am I the latest guest asking them to repeat their diagnosis? Do they really feel like praying right now? While the sick appreciate our concern, visiting them is most beneficial when we're acutely sensitive to *their* needs.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Monday

June 18

Weekday

1 Kgs 21:1-16

Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday

June 19

Weekday

1 Kgs 21:17-29

Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday

June 20

Weekday

2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

June 21

St. Aloysius

Gonzaga,

Religious

Sir 48:1-14

Mt 6:7-15

Friday

June 22

Weekday

2 Kgs 11:1-4,

9-18, 20

Mt 6:19-23

Saturday

June 23

Weekday

2 Chr 24:17-25

Mt 6:24-34

Sunday

June 24

Nativity of

St. John the Baptist

Is 49:1-6

Acts 13:22-26

Lk 1:57-66, 80

Good News!

June 17, 2018

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Ez 17:22-24; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

The kingdom of God has an inward power, an effervescence with which it is equipped, that makes it a force of growth and multiplication. Jesus compares the kingdom with a seed. You plant it in favorable soil and, you know not how, it springs up into a little plant and then eventually into a full-grown tree. Its life principle is not given by the soil—although that helps it grow—but rather it has power of itself to expand.

The Christian life and the kingdom are very much like this. At baptism we have received supernatural grace in our souls. And if given suitable support, that faith will grow and become the transformative element of our lives. It will drive us toward a life of faith, hope, and love. It will lead us to forgive others, improve society, and transform everything for good.

The same can be said of the Church, Christ's kingdom of love. Christ planted the seed of faith in his apostles and that seed spread and thrived all across Europe. Their faith multiplied and grew until all throughout the world the fruits of their faith are on display as a veritable kingdom of charity: hospitals, universities, soup kitchens, AIDS hospices, shelters for the battered and homeless, retreat centers, chapels, churches, museums, research and rehabilitation centers, religious orders, lay associations, volunteer groups, and the list could and does continue on and on. There is a force in faith and love that cannot be contained!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC