

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (March 16)

4:00PM Stacie Ringier by Steve & Val Frels

5:30PM Norma Jean Snell by Judy Olson **MOLOP**

Fifth Sunday of Lent (March 17)

8:30AM Ted Seabloom by Liz Seabloom & Family **MOLOP**

10:00AM Sandy Witzel by Shirley Van Duyne & Family

Tuesday (March 19) MOLOP

8:00AM Frances Doxsee

Wednesday (March 20) SMG

9:00AM Yvonne Sherlock by Mary Ann Lapaczonek

Thursday (March 21) MOLOP

8:00AM Raymond Redecker by Patricia Redecker

Friday (March 22)

9:00AM Mary Jane Kearns

Stations of the Cross following Mass

Saturday (March 23)

4:00PM Albert & Juliana Van Auwelaer by Bill & Marcia Jacobs

5:30PM Karen Jean Loso by David & Melissa Dell **MOLOP**

Palm Sunday (March 24)

8:30AM Mary Green by Don & Mary Morris **MOLOP**

10:00AM Fr. Duane Jack by Dcn. Chuck & Mike Breeden

Stations of the Cross

Wednesday March 20th Shadow Stations 6:30 at Mary Our of Peace

Friday at St Maria Goretti following the 9:00 AM Mass

Confessions will be heard

Monday March 18, 7:00pm at Mary Our Lady of Peace

Tuesday March 19th -7:00pm at St. Maria Goretti



Holy Thursday

7:00PM at Mary Our Lady of Peace
Followed by Adoration

Good Friday

12:00 (Noon) Stations of the Cross at St Maria Goretti

3:00PM Good Friday Liturgy-Mary Our Lady of Peace

Saturday Easter Vigil

7:30PM at St Maria Goretti

Easter Sunday Mass

8:30AM Mary Our Lady of Peace
10:00 St. Maria Goretti



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PRAYER IS THE BREATH OF OUR SOUL

"The Spirit comes to the aid of weakness: for we do know how to pray as we ought but the Spirit itself intercedes with inexpressible groaning." (Romans 8:26)
In prayer we experience - more than in other aspects of life - our weakness, our poverty, our being creatures, for we are placed before the omnipotence and transcendence of God. And the more we advance in listening and in dialogue with God, so that prayer becomes the daily breath of our souls, the more we also perceive our limitations not only in everyday life, but also incur relationship with God. The need to trust, to rely increasingly upon God, then grows in us. We come to understand that we want to pray, but we do not have the words, the language, to speak with God. We can only open ourselves, set our prayer time at God's disposal, waiting for God to help us enter into true dialogue. And the Holy Spirit helps us in our incapacity, illuminates our minds and warms our hearts, guiding us to turn to God. - Pope Benedict XVI

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the family and friends of:



Dale M. Shake

Son of Rex & Julie Shake

REST IN PEACE



EASTER FLOWERS

(In Memory or Honor)

If you would like to make a donation toward the Easter Flower decorations in honor of a loved one (living or deceased) please put donation & name of loved ones in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" and drop it in the collection basket or parish office. Please turn them in by March 26th so their names will be in our Easter Bulletin.



Congratulations to **Charlie Jacobs!** He has completed his altar server classes, and will serve at Mass now. Great Job!!!!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MARCH 2024



LECTOR/READERS

Saturday 4:00p.m. Mary Ann Lapaczonek

Sunday 10:00a.m. Julie Gambon

USHER/GREETER

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Crystal Arnold & Marcia Jacobs

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Randy & Christy Jaminet

Donna Davis & Marge Bowerman



NEWS AND EVENTS

St. Maria Goretti will be hosting a Lenten Series Presence, The Mystery of the Eucharist

Saturdays, 9:15am -10:15am

Short video followed by small group discussion.

March 23— Bishop Barron— Eucharist

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE FINAL ONE!



Senior and Retiree Luncheon will be on **March 21st**. Menu includes Fried Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Frog Eye Salad, & Cheesecake. Reservation is required. Please sign up today! Cost is \$10 at the door. Cash is preferred. Hors D'oeuvres at 11:30, lunch served at 12:00.

Strawberry Pick-up

The strawberry delivery date is Tuesday March 19th. Pick-up is at Mary Our Lady of Peace from 2-6pm.



For those of you who have not heard the news yet...as of Sunday March 10th, the Growing Disciples third proposal shows that St. Maria Goretti will **NOT** be closed!! It is showing us a secondary to Mary Our Lady of Peace. We will know the final decision on Pentecost Sunday. Thanks to all of you for writing letters and keep praying for our Church!



WOMEN AT THE WELL PRESENTS



THE GRAY MATTERS COLLECTIVE

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024



Mass at 5:00 pm

Doors open 5:45 pm - Dinner 6:15 pm

\$8.00 donation at the door

St. Malachy Parish Hall

Reservations requested by April 7, 2024
GreggMarcia@gmail.com or 309-269-6897

"Mental health is important and we need to see change." Please see bulletin board for more information."



This Week's Gospel Reflection

5th Sunday of Lent

"I will be their God and they shall be my people." - JEREMIAH 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sun. Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33
Mon. Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62; Jn 8:1-11
Tue. 2Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16; Rom 4:13,16-18,22; Mt1:16,18-21,24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Wed. Dn 3: 14-20,91-92,95; Jn 8:31-42
Thur. Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
Fri. Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
Sat. Ez 37: 21-28; Jn 11:45-56

PRAYER REQUESTS



Those in need of healing at St. Maria Goretti...

Sr. JT McNulty, Marge Behn, Dave & Sandy Bledsoe, Patrick Bredeck, Fred DeCoster, Gwen Escajeda, Lorraine Gengler, Dave Gorge, Velda Grief, Lee Kimball, Dale Langel, John McAlister, Kathy McOmber, Flip Shemek, Maureen St. Clair, Mike Tope, Dcn. Bob Vogelbaugh

Those who are Homebound or in Healthcare Facilities...Jan & Richard Siebert, Jean Teerlinck

Those in need of healing at Mary Our Lady of Peace...Brian Carlson, Pat Dzekunskas, Jim Hamerlinck, Owen Hink, Alice Isaacson, Janet Jacobson, Debbie Jones, Ryan Jones, Gabe Laleman, Ava Lawson, Joel Newman, Jan Oliver and Tom Schulenberg

Prayers have also been asked for...

Kriss Andrews, Jason Bauer, John Baumunk III, Brie Bredeck, Ken Clubb, Kevin Faucett, Patrick Fons, Kevin Francescon, Carolyn Ghezzi, Lynn Gunnare, Nadine Kelly, Glenn Meeker, Bobbie Millwood, Larry Nesbitt, Carol Nichols, Charlie Parks, Vonna Quick, Fr. George Remm, Rob Robison, Megan Severson, Claire Strayer, Hannah Turner, Bernie Weidner, Jerry Wilcox



It's tax time again. If you would like a record or your church donation, please contact the office at 309-799-3414.

Something to Think About.....

"Never go to a doctor whose office plants have died."
—Erma Bombeck