

**Mass Schedule & Intentions****Saturday (April 24)**

4:00 PM Our Parish Families  
 5:30 PM Julius Tholl *by the Tholl Family* - MLOP  
 (16th Anniversary)

**Fourth Sunday of Easter (April 25)**

7:00 AM Elizabeth Parks *by Fr. Jim*  
 8:30 AM Albert Martens *by Dorothy & Family* - MLOP  
 10:00AM Charlotte Hanna *by Patti Jo Wiedner*  
 11:30AM For Our First Communicants - MLOP

**Monday (April 26)**

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the DeCoster/Math Families

**Tuesday (April 27)**

7:45AM Charlie Swanson *by Stella Schultz* - MLOP

**Wednesday (April 28)**

9:00 AM Al Martorano *by Theresa & Brad Keleher*

**Thursday (April 29)**

7:45 AM Beverly Kauzlarich *by Papini Family* - MLOP

**Friday (April 30)**

9:00 AM For Our Parish Families  
 10:30 AM Josephine Trosley *by Fr. Jim* - Hope Creek

**Saturday (May 1)**

4:00 PM For Our Military & their Families  
 5:30 PM For Altar & Rosary Society Members - MLOP  
 Living & Deceased

**Fifth Sunday of Easter (May 2)**

7:00 AM Kate Farischon *by Christy Reijonen*  
 8:30 AM Myrtle Versulys *by Delores/Tom & Family*-MLOP  
 10:00AM For Our First Communicants  
 11:30AM Special Intention *by Blondie Jackson* - MLOP

**April 25 - May 2, 2010**

*Sunday - Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rev 7:9, 14-17; Jn 10:27-30*

*Monday - Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10*

*Tuesday - Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30*

*Wednesday - Acts 12:24--13:5; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50*

*Thursday - Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20*

*Friday - Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11; Jn 14:1-6*

*Saturday - Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; Jn 14:7-14*

*Sunday - Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Rev 21:1-5;*

*Jn 13:31-33, 34-35*

**Parish Office Hours**

**Coal Valley** 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM Monday - Friday  
**Orion** 9AM-2PM at 526-8422 Tuesday - Friday  
 Fr. Jim tries to be at SMG on M-W-F and  
 at MLOP on Tuesdays & Thursdays

**1ST ANNUAL SPRING HAM DINNER**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 25**

**11 AM - 2 PM**

Dinner tickets are \$8 for adults, \$3 for children (4-12 years old) with a maximum price of \$25 per family. Tickets will be at the door. Raffle tickets for 50/50 and other items are available too.

**FIRST COMMUNION****NEXT SUNDAY AT 10:00 MASS**

Please remember in your prayer the 19 children who will celebrate their first communion at the 10:00 Mass next Sunday May 2.

Myah Baldwin	Geneva Blunt	Madison Dearing
Sydney Gibbs	Hannah Jones	Holly Jacobs
Utah Keehner	Devin Kiernan	Rachel Lapaczonek
Gabriella Lopez	Joseph Reddy	Colin Reed
Nicole Smith	Grace Sottos	Breta Specht
Kaylee Staf	Jacob Stevenson	Kyle Yeater

.....We expect a full church!! If you are not connected with the celebrating families you may want to consider attending another Mass.

First Communion at Mary Our Lady of Peace in Orion will be this Sunday at 11:30AM.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

Two couples from St. Maria Goretti will receive the Sacrament of Matrimony in May: Nick Maas & Amy Fuller on the 15th and Amy Rogan & Stephen Huitrado on the 22nd. Please keep them in your prayers too.

**MARRIAGE: CHALLENGES THROUGH ITS LIFE-CYCLE** Continues Monday April 26 from 7 to 8:30PM Topics this week: Parenting adolescents & what parents need to know about the internet, facebook, and other social media.

Presenters: staff members of Rock Island Catholic Charities. We hope parents of adolescents and adolescents-to-be will take advantage of this opportunity being offered by the Adult Faith Formation Committee and staff of Catholic Charities.

**Stewardship “Sharing Our Gifts”**

**Thank you to....**

- Nancy Larsen for preparing & serving coffee & donuts after the 7AM Mass. Ruben & Gwen Escedja family for serving and clean-up after the 10 o'clock Mass
- BJ Keegan, John Mahon, Alice Maslanka, Lois DeCoster, Judy DePorter, and Sandy Bledsoe for the music at Mary Selhost's funeral this past week.
- Henry Hick, Dc. Chuck Breeden, Sr. Sandra, Marge Behn, Margaret Francescon, John Cooke & Rex Scranton for their part in preparing the environment and serving at the funeral last Monday.
- Charmaine DeCrane, Barb Herbert, Sharon Scranton, Donna Boens, Sandy Bledsoe, Lois DeCoster, Noreen Felz, Rita Pearson, Marie Bender, Velda Grief, al Deporter & Rex Scranton for helping in the kitchen during the funeral lunch.
- Donna Boens, Pat Edmondson and all those who called for food for the funeral lunch.
- All parishioners who made food for the funeral luncheon.
- Mike Crider, Dale Langel, Aaron Venker, Cliff Nice, John Katherman, Mary Seaton-Ewers, Crystal Arnold, Marcia Jacobs & Jack Achs for organizing the Ham Dinner and Raffle this weekend.
- John Cooke for helping Fr. Jim put up & take down walls, tables & chairs this week.

**Stewardship of Treasure**

*From the week of April 18, 2010*

	[Last week]	[Fiscal YTD]
Building Fund	105.00	\$ 8,267.74
Budgeted Amount		<u>12,083.33</u>
Net Over <Under>		\$ <3,815.59>
Regular Collection	\$ 3,794.41	\$ 155,906.55
Budgeted Amount		\$ <u>144,194.48</u>
Net Over <Under>		\$ 11,977.07

2009-2010 Budget includes \$24,000 deficit  
 Income to date (41 weeks) will result in an anticipated deficit of -\$12,022.93 for the current fiscal year.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. MARIA GORETTI**

**Sunday, 4/25** – HAM DINNER from 11—1

6th & 7th CCD class at 9 AM

Children's Church & Children's Liturgy of the Word during 10 AM Mass

**Monday 4/26** - Marriage & Family session from 7 -8:30

Raising Adolescents.

**Tuesday, 4/27** – RCIA 7PM

**Wednesday, 4/28** - CCD 5 PM

**Saturday, 5/1** - Jesus Day Retreat for 2nd graders

**Sunday, 5/2** – First Communion at 10AM Mass.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

will be meeting in the hall on

**Saturday, May 8th**

**10AM-12PM**

Everyone is welcome to attend

Kits are available at the meeting.

Questions call Lorrie Polesky 799-3210

**ARE YOU WEB-SAVVY?**

Our web-site committee could use a boost! We would love to find a person or two with the ability and interest and time to devote to maintaining and developing our parish website. If you are interested--or know someone you would like to recommend--please contact Sister Sandra in the parish office.

**MEMORIAL & HISTORY BOOK**

Under Father Jim's direction, we are preparing a memorial book covering the history and contributions to St. Maria Goretti Parish. Yet, our parish records may not be complete. If you or your family have made a memorial contribution to SMG, please call Crystal Arnold (309)738-5117 to confirm that we have your family's memorial recorded. Thank you

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*“I give them Eternal Life”*

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,*

*In our Gospel today we hear Jesus say that we are his sheep who follow him to eternal life. It is true, that if we belong to the Lord we will be with the Lord. No one, no thing, nothing can keep us from Jesus. Nothing, except ourselves. Each and every day when we rise from our beds, we either give our day and everything that will take place that day to the Lord or we will not. It is a daily choice that we make.*

*I was conversing with one of our fellow parishioners this week and I mentioned that my day usually goes quite well, even when bad things happen during it, whenever I really make a good try at beginning my day with prayer. John Paul II, Mother Theresa, Ghandi, Fulton Sheen are some saintly people who did just that. It seemed to work for them and it seems to work for others too! Fulton Sheen said that he always began his day with an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. We all can not come to church to do that, but we can take some time, perhaps even an hour, if we get up earlier enough, to spend some good quality time with the Lord Jesus. And when something negative happens that day, or we get some bad news, or we have something fantastic happens to us, we are more likely to say “Thank you Lord Jesus, for being with me today to help me deal with this, or thank you for this blessing.”*

*As we continue celebrating the Easter season, please remember our young children who will be making their First Holy Communion this Sunday at Mary, Our Lady of Peace and next Sunday at Saint Maria Goretti. Please congratulate them and offer them your prayers and if you were able to give a card or a gift don't forget to put it in their “sack” that is located in the gathering space (on the counter) at MCLCP or in the parish center (along the far wall) at S.MG.*

*I also would like to (belatedly) thank those parishioners who gave me a birthday card or gift and a Thank You for the Easter cards and gifts that were offered to me. I appreciate your kindness. I have used the monetary gifts that I received for charity. Thanks for assisting me in that endeavor of mine.*

*I also would like to thank those who have completed their ADA pledge cards and updated their census information. I encourage everyone to complete this little task and to send in your information or place it in the collection basket or hand it directly to me. I appreciate your goodness.*

*Always in the Peace of the Risen Lord,*

*Fr. Jim*

## **ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL**

### **Giving With Love**

Thanks to all who made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Currently, we have pledges of \$15,530 toward our goal of \$36,856.) No gift is too small, and our parish is trying to reach 100% participation. If you have not yet made a gift to the ADA, we invite you to do so today. There are ADA packets in the foyer this weekend. Every dollar raised to make our goal supports important diocesan services and every dollar raised over our goal will be kept in the parish to help us with roof repair.

## WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP SPRING SERIES.

A book group for women will be offered for 3 consecutive Wednesdays, April 28, May 5 and 12. It will be held after the 9AM Mass at St. Maria Goretti in Coal Valley. We will complete our study of Joyce Rupp's Open the Door which we began last fall. Please be ready to discuss the content of Week 5: "Closing the Door" on April 28. Sister Sandra will facilitate the gathering. All are welcome!!

**FAMILY PAGE....**May and June contain several feast days in the Church's liturgical calendar. Use today's bulletin insert and share them in your families.

## THANKS FOR SUPPORT OF EUCHRE TOURNEY!!

Last Saturday's Euchre tourney raised a total of \$341.64 for St. Viator Vocational High School in Belize. Thanks to all for your support! Special thanks go to the Project Belize committee and Joyce & Velda Grief. Plan now to attend the Richmond Hill play "Funny Valentine" on June 9!

**REMINDER:** If you are the last one to leave the church please make sure all doors are locked and closed tight. We have had several instance lately where a door was locked but it not shut tight. If you have a problem with a door after office hours please call Dc. Chuck Breeden at 799-8109. Thank you!

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Wednesday, April 28 - Salad Lunch** at St. Mary's Rock Island 11AM - 1PM. No tickets sold at the door. Call 788-8371 or 786-0170 to purchase tickets.

**Friday, April 30** - Sacred Heart Church presents an hour long **documentary** on the life of Peoria Priest & Servant of **Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, "Servant of All"** 6:30 PM.

**Friday, April 30—Ultimate Date Night with Jay & Laura** presenting "He said, She said" at Christ the King, Moline. An evening of music, comedy & fun. Tickets & more info at [www.ultimatenight.com](http://www.ultimatenight.com)

**AT ST. MARY MONASTERY...Who Is This Mary, the blessed Mother of Us All?** How do scripture & related stories make Mary, the Blessed Mother, known & yet mysterious? Join Sr. Mary Schmidt, OSB as she shares on this amazing woman during our Mary Day. **Thursday, May 6 from 9 - 3pm.** Cost \$30 includes lunch. Register at (309)283-2108 or [www.smmsisters.org](http://www.smmsisters.org)

## *Please pray for...*

*Those who have died* especially Sr. Maureen OSB and for Graydon Krantz, father of Rhonda (Gary) VanDeCastele.

## *Those who are sick and in need of healing...*

### at Maria Goretti

Bob Bennett, Pat Bitel, Faye DeBisschop, Robert Cartwright, Donald Cleary, Rose & Leroy Glaudel, Earl Greif, Bob Gunnare, Olga Jordan, Eileen McKenzie, Joe Perron, Martha Radsoevich, Gary Schnell, Carol Solomon, Ann Toney, Richard Verscha, Bill & Shirley Wilson and Roy Yeater.

### And at Mary, Our Lady of Peace...

Derrick Andrae, Ed Carey, Robert Dryoel, Alice Isaacson, Blondie Jackson, Robert & Mary Johnson, Barb Marchant, Gloria Mahieu, Betty Mielke, Dino O'Leary, Keith Robinson, Stephen Sottos, Sr., Joan & Chet Wexell.

### Prayers have also been asked for....

Alice Bonche, Dick Brown, Steve Cronkleton, Leah Crouch, Luis Gonzales, Doug Hollmer, Steph & baby Jacobs, Dc. Matt Levy, Marcella & Joan Keller, Sr. Phyllis McMurray OSB, Kay Murphy, Judy & Craig Reaktenwalt, Abby Scott, Elaine Siebers, Kris Sommers, Jerry Sottos, Ann Tillman and Kathy Watson.

from MLOP...Kathy Anderson, Jennifer Bergstrom, Alice Bouche, Leslie Ann Carey, Gina Carlile, Lynn Chartier, Jeff Dahl, Ralph Dantino, Darrell DeMont, Beverly Fransen, Loretta Gainey, Melissa Haynes, Jean Honeywell, Ken Kempen. Fr. James King, Kim Kingsley, Sylvester Kouassi, Matthew Lee, Phyllis & Grace Mitchell, Lillian Morrison, Gerry Moyer, Jackie Mowder, Don Nelson, Becky Nightingale, Jordan Palmer, Sue Peterson, Carol Phillips, Tony Powell, Emma Schnerre, Donna Schultz, Helen Sheesley, Toni Versluys, Betty Volk and Bernice Ziegenhorn

### Don't forget our Military & and their families

Sgt Mark Britton (Army-U.S), AB Corbin Carlson (Air Force-USA), John Goebel (Natl. Guard-U.S.), Michael Gravitt (Marines-Japan), Luke Heritage (Natl. Guard-U.S.), Major Andy Maguire (Natl. Guard - Iraq), Sr. Airman Jeff Topham (Air Force - US), Sgt. Aaron DePorter (Army - Afghanistan), E6 Amy Rogan (Navy - USA), Major Luke Sustman (Air Force - Afghanistan), Shawn Taylor (Army), Cpt. Adam UnderKloffler (Marines - So. Africa), Cpt. Mark VanVeldhuizen (Natl. Guard - USA)