

Mass Schedule & Intentions**Saturday (Feb. 20)**

4:00 PM George White *by the family*
 5:30PM Nellie Martens *by Her Children* - MLOP

1st Sunday of Lent (Feb. 21)

7:00 AM Special Intention of RV
 8:30 AM Tom Richter *by K & B Link and Family* - MLOP
 10:00AM Caden DeLeon *by D & K Gorge*
 11:30AM Dale Jones *by Mike & Karen King* - MLOP

Monday (Feb. 22)

9:00 AM Special Intention

Tuesday (Feb. 23)

7:15AM Ed Fyfe *by the Famly* - MLOP

Wednesday (Feb. 24)

9:00 AM Jan Strohsal *by Marge Behn*

Thursday (Feb. 25)

7:15AM Paul J. Coryn *by Fr. Jim* – MLOP

Friday (Feb. 26)

9:00 AM Our Parish Families
 10:30 AM Dc. Ron Rager *at Hope Creek*

Saturday (Feb. 27)

4:00 PM Brian Hall *by Bill & Kathy Farber*
 5:30PM Julia Forbes *by M & K Robinson* - MLOP

2nd Sunday of Lent (Feb. 28)

7:00 AM Dc. Ron Rager *by Fr. Jim*
 8:30 AM David Peters *by Tom & Betty Peters* - MLOP
 10:00AM Leo Van Steenhuyse *by Margaret Francescon*
 11:30AM Albert Martens *by Dorothy & Family*- MLOP

February 21 – 28, 2010

Sunday -Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Rom 10:8-13;

Lk 4:1-13

Monday - 1Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday - Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday - Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday - Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 7-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday - Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday - Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

*Sunday - Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17-4:1 or
 3:20-4:1; Lk 9:28-36*

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 M-W-F and
 at MLOP on Tues & Thurs.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

As part of our faith community's Lenten observance, we will participate in Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program, Operation Rice Bowl. Operation Rice Bowl has inspired Catholics in the U.S. to **pray, fast, learn** and **give** as we increase our understanding of our global community. We will connect this understanding with the principles of Catholic Social Teaching throughout our Lenten journey. We encourage you to participate in Operation Rice Bowl at home with your family and loved ones. **Rice Bowls are near the front door.**

ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, March 6

from 7am to noon.

Please contact Beth Carlson at 781-1786 if you would like to donate or you may sign up in the foyer of the church. **Give the Gift of Life** and let's make this year's drive a great success!

Parish Council Election

We will be having a Parish Council Election in May. There are no special requirements to be a candidate. Any parish member 18 years or older who has a desire to serve the parish in a unique way and be able to attend approximately 10 evening meetings a year can be a candidate. If you would like to be a nominee or if you would like to nominate someone, please contact Nancy at the parish office (799-3414) or Marcia Jacobs (234-5516) by March 10.

THE CATHOLIC POST

Subscription renewals to the diocesan newspaper "The Catholic Post" are due in February. You may use the yellow envelope included with your weekly collection envelopes or blue envelopes on the table near the door to either subscribe or renew the POST. The cost is \$25 and checks should be made out to St. Maria Goretti. Your envelope may then be dropped into the collection basket any Sunday in February.

ATTENTION CONFIRMED TEENS

Join MLOP teens bowling on Sunday, **February 28 from 3 - 5 PM** at the Alpha Bowling Lanes and share pizza at Pizza Hut pizza afterwards. Cost: \$5.00 donation. We will meet at Mary, OLOP in Orion at 2:30 to car pool. If interested call Nancy in parish office.

Pray for Priests

Stewardship “Sharing Our Gifts”

Thank you to....

- Jackie Sottos & Nancy Robison for preparing, folding and stuffing envelopes for the Lent letter last week.
- Nancy Larsen for coordinating the Soup Supper on Ash Wednesday & Joanne Nice who shared her expertise in soup making. Thanks so much ladies!
- All those who donated soup items, prepared & set-up the hall, served and cleaned up after the meal. It’s always good to see so many volunteers and that made the evening go well while MANY people enjoyed the wonderful homemade soups!
- The men (Chuck Breeden, who helped Fr. Jim take down walls and set up tables & chairs on Wednesday morning for the Soup Supper.
- Environment committee for preapring the altar & church environment for Ash Wednesday & Lent.
- Music, lectors, communion ministers, ushers/greeters, for Ash Wednesday Masses.

Stewardship of Treasure

From the week of February 14, 2010

	[Last week]	[Fiscal YTD]
Building Fund	\$ 170.00	\$ 6,584.74
Budgeted Amount		<u>9,464.29</u>
Net Over <Under>		\$<2,879.55>
Regular Collection	\$ 3,375.75	\$ 119,534.25
Budgeted Amount		\$ <u>112,940.50</u>
Net Over <Under>		\$ 6,833.75

2009-2010 Budget includes \$24,000 deficit
 Income to date (32 weeks) will result in an anticipated deficit of -\$17,166.25 for the current fiscal year.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARIA GORETTI

Sunday, 2/21 - Coffee & Donuts after Masses
 6 & 7 Grade CCD 9 - 9:45 AM
 Children's Liturgy of the Word &
 Children’s Church during the 10 AM Mass

Tuesday, 2/23 - RCIA at 7 PM

Wednesday, 2/24 - CCD classes from 5—6:30 PM

Thursday, 2/25 - Lenten Service & Lunch at
 1st Presbyterian Church at noon.

Friday, 2/26- Stations of the Cross 5:30 PM

Saturday, 2/27 - 40th Wedding Anniversary of
 Vance & Pat Edmondson

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 Teens bowling at Alpha Lanes from 3 - 5PM

TAX STATEMENTS will be mailed upon request only. Please call or email Nancy in the parish office for a copy of your statement.

THANK-YOU

I want to say that when I took on the responsibility of the soup supper, I was really stepping out of my comfort zone but was so amazed at the generosity of the parish with donating the food, and everyone just pitching in no matter what the task. I look at the soup supper from a whole different side and I am so proud of our parish.

Thanks again, Nancy Larsen

WE ARE WELCOME ...To attend a class on Christian Morality that Fr. Mike Schaab will be offering during Lent at St. Pius X parish in Rock Island. Sessions will be on Tuesday evenings, Feb 23 through Mar 23, from 6:30 to 8:00pm in Farrell Hall at St. Pius. A ‘text’ will be available for purchase at the first class

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Always in the Peace of the Lord

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Back at the helm, so to speak, after a few days at sea with my mother Faye, and my oldest niece and nephew, Amy and Michael and some other people including some parishioners who joined the Newman Family and Friends cruise arranged by Bonnie Newman of Blue Horizon of our parish. It was the first time I had ever been on a ocean cruise and I was thankful that I could afford to do it (start saving up if you can). It was a great opportunity for some fun and relaxation.

I accomplished a lot of what I had hoped to do. I started a book (reading one not writing one) entitled "Have a Little Faith", by Mitch Albom (passed forward by a parishioner), exercised (burn those calories) and prayed a lot (getting primed for Lent) as well as ate a lot (no one goes hungry on a cruise ship), though I did not gain any weight and in fact lost a pound or two. I also took a few naps (a blessing of vacations), though not as many as I hoped to do (only four).

I also renewed my relationship with my family members which was a nice gift. That certainly gave me a jump start on my Lenten practices since part of my "Almsgiving" this Lent is to "touch bases" and share some time with family members, something we all could put near the top of our "To Do" Lenten list. The interesting thing about this is that for some of us, if not many of us, we don't even have to leave the house to do it, and I don't mean because we can use email or the phone, but because many of our relationships need to be renewed with the people we share our home with—our spouses, children and parents.

Since I have been back I finished reading "Have a Little Faith" and it has really got me thinking about my life and my faith life in particular. I have so much more to learn. We all do! I pray that Lent 2010 we help us all learn more about ourselves and our love for God.

So, all in all it was a good vacation for it got me ready for Lent.

Always in His Peace,

Fr. Jim

P.S. Did you pick up your Lenten Prayer Book and your Rice Bowl?

P.S.S. "Forgive"; "Paradise"

EVENTS AT ST. MARY MONASTERY

Suffering, Death & Hope: Muslim & Christian Perspectives: - *Join us as we compare the ways their different traditions interpret suffering and death, and how they cultivate endurance and hope.* Presenters: Dr. Cyrus Ali Zargar (Islam) and Dr. Jason Mahn (Christianity), both teach in Augustana College Religion Department, R.I. Monday, March 8, 7-8:30 pm. at Benet House. Free will donation.

The Call of Discipleship - *We will explore the strategy and tactics of Jesus to call people to discipleship and send them on mission, and then consider the profile of discipleship.* Presenter: Dr. Anthony Gittins CSSP. Professor of Theology and Culture at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. He is author of 18 books, and has served in Sierra Leone, as a missionary pastor and as an anthropological missionary in Africa. Sunday, March 21, 1:45-4 pm. \$15

CURSILLO weekends: Men's - February 24 - 28 & Women's - March 19 - 21. For applications call Nancy in the parish office or online at www.cdopnwacursillo.org

TECs: Girls-March 6 - 8 & Boys - April 17 - 19

Divorce & Separated Support Group at St. Malachy's Church in Geneseo will offer sessions on Thursdays at 7:00 PM in the School's Art & Music room. A different topic will be presented each week. This week Facing My Anger. Everyone is welcome, for additional information please contact Deacon Art Ries (309) 945-9101 or ries@geneso.net or the St. Malachy's parish office (309) 944-5393. See flyer on kiosk

DIOCESAN HAPPENINGS

Rachael's Vineyard Retreat is March 12—14, 2010. Healing the wounds of abortion. Don't suffer any longer from guilt, despair, psychological and spiritual problems. Call 1-800-367-0702 or (309) 671-1550 for a weekend retreat of reconciliation and healing.

A Call to Catholic Men of Faith, Men's March & Mass on Saturday, May 1st beginning at 9AM. Watch for more information & possible bus to Peoria. MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

BINGO

Tuesday, March 23, 1 - 3 PM at SMG
Need BINGO prizes. More info next bulletin!

Alleman High School

Registration for Class of 2014 - March 3rd,
2:30—5:30pm in Cafeteria

Seton Catholic School, Moline

3 & 4 year old Preschool Open House,
Thursday, March 11, 4:30 - 5:30pm
Kindergarten Round-up March 18, 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Jordan Catholic School, Rock Island

Preschool/Kindergarten Round-up (RI) March 11
Preschool/Kindergarten (Milan) March 18

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Friday, Feb 26 - VIANNEY performed by Leonardo De-Filippis at Sacred Heart Church, Moline at 7 PM. Come experience the gripping story of the remarkable priest who battled the devil to save souls. Suitable for age 9 & above. Admission \$5 /\$20 family.

Friday, Feb. 26 -FISH FRY at Our Lady of Guadalupe, Silvis from 4 - 7PM. Catfish & shrimp available with several sides. Mac & cheese also served. See St. Anne's above for cost.

Sat. Feb. 27 - Lenten Day of Prayer "**Journey with Jesus Up the Mountain**" with Sr. Marilyn Ring from 9 AM—3 PM \$30 (includes lunch)

Tuesdays, March 2 thru May 4 - Befriender classes at Trinity Medical Center from 1—4 PM. Classes prepare participants for parish or hospital visitation. More info or to arrange an interview, call director of pastoral Care Lynn Batcher at 779-2991 or 799-2989

Saturday, March 6—Belgian Waffles at the Center for Belgian Culture, Moline from 7:30 - 11am. Lace makers are the center from 1—4pm.

Sat. March 13 - Retreat with the Christ Child Society in Princeville, IL from 10 - 4pm. Lunch provided. For reservation & more information call Maggie 309-738-1104.

March 26 - 28 Women's Lenten Retreat at Nazareth Retreat House (formerly King's House) Henry, IL. It will be lead by the Servants of the Pierced Heart of Jesus & Mary. Make reservation by call (309) 364-3084 or go to www.piercedhearts.org

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart.” Jesus the Eternal Word continues to call many to lives of holiness in the priesthood or consecrated life. Could you be one of them? Call Fr. Brian Brownsey (309) 671-1550 or write: frbrownsey@cdop.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Each year the Diocese of Peoria has a Kickoff for the Annual Diocesan Appeal or ADA. This year on Saturday, March 13th Bishop Jenky will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral at 10 AM & the kickoff lunch & presentation will take a place at the new Spalding Pastoral Center. At the presentation there will be drawings for \$22,000 in prizes for the different parishes. Top prize being \$10,000 would be added to the parish’s ADA goal. Each parish is encouraged to send up to 5 persons for a chance to win the big money for their home parish. If you think you may be interested in going to Peoria with Father Jim and representatives from Mary, Our Lady of Peace please call Nancy in the office 799-3414.

DATES TO REMEMBER DURING LENT

Stations of the Cross

5:30pm Fridays - SMG & 6 pm Wednesdays - MLOP followed by simple supper

Lenten Reconciliation Services

March 24 (7 pm) at SMG & March 23 (7 pm) MLOP
SMG CCD/Family Service March 24 at 5 pm.

Holy Thursday, April 1 Mass of the Lord’s Supper

7:00 pm at both SMG & MLOP
Simple bread meal following

Good Friday Services, April 2

7:00 pm at SMG & 3:00 pm at MLOP

Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday, April 3

7:45 pm at SMG this year with reception following

Easter Sunday Masses on April 4

8:15am & 10 am - SMG & 8:30am & 10:30am - MLOP

Please pray for...

Those who have died, especially Ramon Vielma, brother-law of Theresa & Bill Dukes.

For those who are sick and in need of healing...

at Maria Goretti

Jim Behn, Bob Bennett, Pat Bitel, Robert Cartwright, Donald Cleary, Eugene & Sue Francis, Rose & Leroy Glaudel, Earl Greif, Bob Gunnare, Olga Jordan, Eileen McKenzie, Martha Radsoevich, Carol Solomon, Ann Toney, Chuck Ulfig, Richard Verscha. & Roy Yeater.

And at Mary, Our Lady of Peace...

Derrick Andrae, Ed Carey, Robert Dryoel, Alice Isaacson, Blondie Jackson, Robert & Mary Johnson, Barb Marchant, Gloris Mahieu, Betty Mielke, Dino O’Leary, Keith Robinson, Stephen Sottos, Myrtle Versluys and Joan & Chet Wexell.

Prayers have also been asked for....

Alice Bonche, Linda Bloodsworth, Sandi Brandes, Dick Brown, Otto Denny, Maria Goebel, Luis Gonzales, Doug Hollmer, Ed Jacobs, Steph Jacobs, Lynette Marr, Kay Murphy, Shirley & Len Nelson, Sonia Riberio, Abby Scott, Elaine Siebers, Kris Sommers, Ann Tillman, 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, and Ken Kempen. Fr. James King, Kim Kingsley, Sylvester Kouassi (Fr. Paulin’s brother), 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 (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), PFC Aaron DePorter (Army – U.S.), E6 Amy Rogan (Navy - on ship), Major Luke Sustman (Air Force - U.S.), Shawn Taylor (Army), Cpt. Adam Underkloffer (Marines - So. Africa), Cpt. Mark VanVeldhuizen (Natl. Guard - Iraq)

HAITI RELFIE & BELIZE MEDICAL MISSION

Just to let you know we sent a check for \$3100 to the Diocese of Haiti Relief and a check for \$1100 to the Viatorian Fathers for the Belize Medical Mission. Your donations are great appreciated and shows what a caring parish we have. Thank you for your generous support of these two missions.

COAL VALLEY

ECUMENICAL LENTEN LUNCHEONS

will be held on four Thursdays during Lent at noon. They consists of a short service followed by a light lunch.

February 25 – First Presbyterian Church, 2431–1st St.

Speaker: Rev Charles Cunningham

March 4 - New Hope Baptist, 706 First St.

Speaker: Rev. Tracy Irvin

March 11 - Church of the Nazarene, 103 E. Third

Speaker: Fr. Jim DeBisschop

March 18 - Beulah Presbyterian Church

(1/2 mile pass Arrow Head Ranch)

Speaker: Rev.. Russ Bottom

March 25 - St. Maria Goretti Church

Speaker: Rev. Tim Snart

LENT AND FASTING

Fasting is a way to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters who do not have enough food. In addition to making monetary contributions to Operation Rice Bowl with savings from fasting, we will be collecting food for our local food pantry during Masses every Sunday of Lent. Please plan now to help build up the food stock at the pantry with the following items:

Feb 21 Canned Fruit

Feb 28 Macaroni and Cheese

Mar 7 Jell-O and Pudding

Mar 15 Canned Tuna

Mar 22 Jelly

Mar 29 Muffin Mixes

You might use the Operation Rice Bowl recipes to prepare simple meals and consider the fasting suggestions found in the Lenten Calendar that will be provided.

RCIA UPDATE

This week-end our RCIA candidates will travel to the Cathedral in Peoria to celebrate the Rite of Continuing Conversion with Bishop Jenky and people from around the diocese preparing for entry into the Church at Easter. Please keep Raegan Hanne and Sarah Coe of St. Maria Goretti and Steve Nightingale of Mary Our Lady of Peace in your prayers throughout these coming days of final preparation.

FIELD TRIPS FOR ADVENTUROUS ADULTS!

Parishioners have car—pooled to these events for the past several years, and have come to look forward to them.

Women of the Bible Drama by Anita Gutschick at Sinsinawa Mound Center near Dubuque. Wednesday, March 24; Dinner at noon; performance at 1:30 pm. Cost \$25. To make a reservation contact Sister Sandra

Spirituality in the 21st Century annual event at Prairie woods, Franciscan Spirituality Center near Cedar Rapids, IA Saturday, March 27, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. “God, Jesus, Prayer and Ritual in the New Universe Story” Presenter: Michael Morwood, currently in South Bend, IN. Registration in advance: \$40.00. (Contact Sister Sandra and check bulletin board for more info.)

ST. JOSEPH DAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, March 21, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X Church

A Celebration of the Feast & Benefit for the St. Joseph Evening Meal

Dinner Adults—\$10 & children—\$6.

Reservations must be made by Tuesday, March 6th.

Auction items are being sought. For more information see flyer on the kiosk.

CHARLOTTE’S WEB

The Spring play at Alleman will be “Charlotte’s Web” and ageless story of friendship & kindness. The production is scheduled for Thursday, March 4 at 7PM, Saturday, March 6 at 7PM and Sunday, March 7 at 4PM. Admission is \$6 adults, \$5 seniors and \$4 for students kindergarten thru 12th grade.