

Mass Intentions**Saturday (Feb. 26)**4:00 PM Rose Gemeignani *by Jan Britton*5:30 PM Julia Forbes *by K & M Robinson* - MLOP**Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Feb. 27)**7:00AM Richard Dennhardt *by the Family*8:30AM David Peters *by Tom & Better Peters* - MLOP

10:00AM For Our Parish Families

11:30 AM Dorothy Martens *by Marilyn DeClerk* - MLOP***Monday (Feb. 28)**

No 9 AM Mass

10:00 AM Richard Verscha Funeral Mass

***Tuesday (March 1)**

No Mass - MLOP

Wednesday (March 2)

9:00AM Special Intention of MAV

Thursday (March 3)7:45AM Mary Robinson *by Elizabeth Greene* - MLOP**Friday (March 4)**

9:00 AM For Our Parish Families

10:30AM Virgil Carothers at *Hope Creek***Saturday (March 5)**

4:00 PM For Our Military and their Families

5:30 PM MLOP Altar & Rosary Society Members

Living & Deceased

Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time (March 6)

7:00AM For Our Parish Families

8:30AM Bob McSwain *by Sandi McSwain* - MLOP10:00AM Jim Witzel *by Dale & Sandy Witzel*11:30 AM Dorothy Martens *by Paul Mariman* - MLOP*** Note : No daily Mass this week on Monday & Tuesday****February 27 - March 6, 2011**Sunday - [Is 49:14-15](#); [Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 8-9](#); [1Cor 4:1-5](#); [Mt 6:24-34](#)Monday - [Sir 17:19-27](#); [Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7](#); [Mk 10:17-27](#)Tuesday - [Sir 35:1-12](#); [Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14, 23](#); [Mk 10:28-31](#)Wednesday - [Sir 36:5-6, 10-17](#); [Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13](#); [Mk 10:32-45](#)Thursday - [Sir 42:15-25](#); [Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9](#); [Mk 10:46-52](#)Friday - [Sir 44:1, 9-13](#); [Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 9](#); [Mk 11:11-26](#)Saturday - [Sir 51:12-20](#); [Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11](#); [Mk 11:27-33](#)Sunday - [Dt 11:18, 26-28](#); [Ps 31:2-3, 3-4, 17, 25](#); [Rom 3:21-25, 28](#);[Mt 7:21-27](#)**Parish Office Hours****Coal Valley** 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM Monday - Friday **Orion**
9AM-2PM at 526-8422 Tuesday - Friday**PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY**

Please bring back your palms from last Palm Sunday. These will be burned and used for ashes. There will be a basket in the foyer to collect them in.

NEW COMMUNION MINISTERS

Today we commission several parishioners to be extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. Please join us in prayers that their ministry will be fruitful. Our new communion ministers are: Theresa & Brad Keleher, Pat Turner, Kay Carruthers, Lisa Francescon, Aaron Venker, and Cliff Nice.

ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE**Saturday, March 5th from 7am to noon.****Appointment time still available to****give the gift of life!****Pancake Breakfast**

Orion Church Association is hosting
a pancake breakfast

Sunday, February 27 from 7 am to 1 pm

Mary, Our Lady of Peace parish hall

Free will donations

All proceeds benefit the Orion Food Pantry

Next Sunday we will join **Bread for the World** and provide cards for you to send to Congress to ask for reforms in U.S. foreign assistance. These reforms will help hungry people in Haiti, Africa, and other parts of the world—as they become more self-sufficient and create a better future for their families.

Bread for the Word seeks changes in U.S. foreign assistance on four fronts:

—A stronger focus on reducing poverty

—Clearer accountability for how U.S. aid dollars are spent and their results

—A transformed U. S. development agency

—U.S. aid that meets the needs and wants of local people in developing countries.

COAL VALLEY FOOD PANTRY

Our February tuna donations were very welcome at the Coal Valley Food Pantry. During the month of January the Coal Valley Food Pantry served 163 individuals (44 families). Each family is allowed one monthly visit to the food pantry except for unusual circumstances. During the **March 12-13 weekend we will be collecting boxes of macaroni and cheese.** The macaroni and cheese shelf is bare. Let's try to fill it like we did with our tuna donations! Thank you to all those who faithfully donate and volunteer at the food pantry and the food bank.

THE WORD AMONG US...With ash Wednesday approaching, please take a few minutes a day to us The Word Among Us to grow closer to the Lord throughout Lent. This is a great way to prepare for Holy Weekend Easter. Copies are provided by the parish and located in the foyer.

Stewardship "Sharing Our Gifts"

Thank you to....

- Thank you to Mary Ann Lapaczonok, Lois DeCoster, Christy Jaminet, Donna Tworek and Dan Tworek for recently volunteering at the Coal Valley Food Pantry.
- Thank you to Al DePorter and Jim Vyncke for recently making a pick up at the River Bend Food Bank for the Coal Valley Food Pantry.
- Camy Stone & Marge Behn for taking care of coffee & donuts at the 7 o'clock Mass last weekend.
- Flip & Pat Shemek for taking care of coffee & donuts at the 10 o'clock Mass last Sunday.

Stewardship of Treasure

From the week of February 20, 2011

	[Last week]	[Fiscal YTD]
Building Fund	\$ 80.00	\$ 7,510.00
Budgeted Amount		<u>9,776.79</u>
Net Over <Under>		\$ <2,266.79>
Regular Collection	\$3,120.00	\$ 136,284.88
Budgeted Amount		<u>116,669.67</u>
Net Over <Under>		\$ 19,615.21

Please pray for...

Those who are died, especially Richard Verscha, husband of Mary Ann and for Virgil Carothers.

Those who are sick & for our homebound...

at Maria Goretti

Julia Achs, Bob Bennett, Mike Crider, Lorraine Gengler, Rose & Leroy Glaudel, Earl Greif, Olga Jordan, Dorie Jeffrey, Beverly Lafferty, Dorothy Moross, Yvonne Sherlock, Ann Toney, Gary VanDeCastele, Mary Ann Verscha, Mary Vogelbaugh and Shirley Wilson.

And at Mary, Our Lady of Peace...

Derrick Andrae, Robert Dryoel, Eloise Fransen, Gladys Junker, Alice Isaacson, Robert & Mary Johnson, Brent Laleman, Starla Martens, Danny Mount, Stephen Sottos Sr., Joan & Chet Wexell.

Prayers have also been asked for....

Faye DeBisschop, Ann Blomme (mother of Michelle Keller), Alden Brown, Deb Grawe-Grief, Ken Hanger (friend of Maslankas), Sr. Teresa Ann Harrington OSB, Harriet Knepp, Melissa Konrad, Sr. Phyllis McMurray OSB, Pam Snell (daughter of Marge Bowerman), Jennifer VandeVoorde, Frank Vogel, Bernie Weidner, Don White & Elaine Whistler.

from MLOP...Jennifer Bergstrom, Kathleen Booker, Alice Bouche, Karla Carlson, Leslie Ann Carey, Gina Carlile, Robert & Ricki Carr, Lynn Chartier, Katie Dagget, Ralph Dantino, Gabby Decker, Tom Dzekunskas, Larry Fitzwater, Clifford Flatt, Beverly Fransen, Gus & Loretta Gainey, Janetta Hawkins, Ken Kempen, Matthew Lee, Doris Lindquist, Phyllis & Grace Mitchell, John Molburg, Lillian Morrison, Gerry Moyer, Jackie Mowder, Daniel Mount, Don Nelson, Sharon Parks, Jordan Palmer, Dorothy Peterson, Kateland Poff, Tony Pauwels, Germaine Sammons, Leslie Sandau, Donna Schultz, Toni Versluys, Patsy Wakeland, Brad Weller and Bernice Ziegenhorn.

Don't forget our Military & and their families

Sgt Mark Britton (Army-U.S), AB Corbin Carlson (AF-Saudi), John Goebel (NG-USA), Michael Gravitt (Marines-USA), SPC Jake Gunn (Army-Afghanistan) Luke Heritage (NG-Afghanistan), LCPL Sean Keehner (Marines - Afghanistan), Cpt. Jeremy Miles (NG- Egypt), Sr. Airman Jeff Topham (AF-USA), Sgt. Aaron DePorter (Army-USA), E6 Amy & Stefen Huitrado (Navy - USA), Major Andy Maguire (NG - Iraq), AB Dale Shake (AF - USA) Major Luke Sustman (AF - USA), Shawn Taylor (Army) and Cpt. Adam UnderKloffler (Marines - So. Africa).

Jordan Catholic School Round-UP

for preschool, kindergarten and daycare on Thursday,
March 10 from 11:30AM - 1 PM and 4:30 - 6PM
2901 24th Street, Rock Island

Henry County Right to Life Scholarship

A \$500 scholarship is available to a high school senior or a student that will be a freshman, sophomore or junior in an accredited college. You must live in Henry County. Deadline to apply is April 15, 2011. Application forms are available in the Orion parish office

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Peoria is recruiting volunteers in the Rock Island area for our Caring Companions Program. The program aims to improve the quality of life for isolated seniors by providing companionship, transportation, and help maintaining connections within their communities. Trained volunteers will visit identified seniors a minimum of once a week for 1-3 hours. If you are interested in volunteering for this program or know of a senior in need of this service, please contact Nancy Swanson at 309.755.7341

BEFRIENDERS

Befrienders provide a compassionate, listening ear to patients and families who are experiencing the physical, emotional and spiritual changes brought by illness and other life crisis. Trinity Regional Health Systems will be offering a basic Befrienders training course March 8—May 3 on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30—4pm. If interested call the Director of Pastoral Care Robert Hansen 779-2991 or the Pastoral Care Office 770-2989

PRINCIPAL & TEACHER APPLICATIONS:

The Catholic Diocese of Peoria is seeking applicants for anticipated principal and anticipated teacher openings for the 2011-2012 school year. Application materials for principal and teacher positions outlining qualifications and procedures are available at www.cdop.org [highlight Education, highlight Office of Catholic Schools, click on drop-down list and highlight Application Packets and School Openings] or by calling the Office of Catholic Schools (309) 671-1550.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Wednesday, March 2 - St. Pius X, RI is hosting a pre-Lent prayer service from 7:00 to 8:00 PM

Thursday, March 3 - Divorce & Widowed Support Group at St. Malachy's, Geneseo. This week's focus Financial Survival.

Saturday, March 5 - Behold: A Conference on the Dignity & Vocation of Women at Five Points, Washington, IL from 8am - 4:30 pm. A day of reflection & fellowship.

Saturday, March 5 - Sacred Heart Emerald Gala, Rock Island. Evening of Irish flare with friends, dinner, dancing & superb auctions. Irish Mass at 5:15, followed by cocktails at 6, dinner & - dancing at 6:45. Cost &30/person, cocktail attire suggested. Order tickets by calling SH parish office 794-0660.

Sunday, March 5 - Mardi Gras Event at Cleary Hall, St. Anne's, East Moline. \$25,000 raffle tickets available at 309-755-9771. All proceeds to benefit Our Lady of Grace School.

Thursday, March 7 - Theology on Tap, Phil & Larry's Salon, Davenport. Presenter: Msgr Bob Gruss "What's the Minimum You Can do and Still be Catholic?"

Saturday, March 12 - St. Patrick Day Dinner, Cleary Hall at St. Anne Parish, East Moline from 5-8pm. Corned Beef & Cabbage or Roast Beef...cost \$9.00. Entertainment: Live Music by "Fire in the Belly" & Irish dancing.

Sunday, March 13 - St. Cecilia's children, a talented, home-schooled group will perform traditional fold music & old hymns to raise money for the American Chesterton Society at 5PM, Farrell Hall, St. Pius X Church, RI

Events at St. Mary Monastery, Rock Island:

Thursday, March 3 - Lenten Day of Prayer: Fire in the Deep The Power of the Trinity in our Faith & Life Bring your Bible to focus on the power & the role of the Trinity in the Faith, scripture and theology. Presented by Fr. Robert Miller of Chicago from 9am - 3pm. Fee: \$30 include lunch.

Sunday, March 20 - The Gospel of Matthew presented by Micah Kiel, Asst. Professor, St. Ambrose Univ. 1:30 - 4pm. Fee: \$15.

Always in His Peace

Dear Parishioners,

So, what's in your wallet? Perhaps a picture of God!

Well, I do not have a picture of God (I also do not have any pictures of family members), but I do carry a prayer card. It is called "The cross in my pocket" and it reminds me, whenever I look at it, that Jesus died for me (and for you) so that I might follow him while I am on earth and be with him in heaven for all time. This Lent we will be receiving a prayer card to carry with us for our Lenten journey. Perhaps by the end of our 40 days of Lent the card will be worn and tattered or maybe you might be able to save it for Lent 2012. Now that's thinking ahead!

This prayer card speaks of our Lenten journey and what lies ahead, namely, giving of ourselves (charity), turning away from sin and also fasting and praying, all so that we might serve God better.

Our readings today, I believe, speak to this.

In the Gospel of Matthew we hear that we can not serve two masters. We have a choice. Embrace the cross of Christ or not! We have a choice. Live a life with Christ or live a life without Christ! We have a choice. Be a follower of Jesus Christ or be a follower of whatever suits our fancy! We have a choice. Know Jesus as our Lord and Savior or live as if only the moment matters! We have a choice. Have our hearts fixed on heaven with the promise of eternal life or have our hearts on the here and now with no promise of tomorrow.

That is what our Gospel means when it says "do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink or about your body and what you will wear". It is all about who do we trust, Jesus or ourselves. Jesus is inviting us to trust him. Jesus is asking us not to worry for God not only knows everything, God understands everything. He understands because he has embraced our humanity by his birth, life, suffering and death. He offers us life by his victory over death—by his rising from the grave. He tells us that God will provide, so take it one day at a time and begin each day with God as #1 and the rest of the day while it, may not be perfect, will have its ups and downs, will not be without pain, but will always have peace, Jesus who is the Prince of Peace.

So, is God #1 in our lives. For a Christian, our daily Christian practices can help us have God as #1, and the 40 days of Lent, with its focus and purpose, can really do it for us. Here's to our 40 days of Lent, just around the corner. May we be faithful to God so that we can be faithful to one another.

So, what's in your wallet!

Always in his Peace, Father Jim

P.S. And about no family pictures in my wallet. Well, I usually do not have any pictures of presidents (or Ben or Alexander) either.

Weekly Calendar

Saturday, 2/26 - Registration for Lenten Program
Sunday, 2/27 - 6th grade Religious Ed. 9:00 AM
Children's' Liturgy of the Word &
Children's Church during 10 AM Mass
Registration for Lenten Program
Tickets available for Ham Dinner
Richard Verscha Visitation 4 - 6PM, Rosary 5:30
Monday, 2/28 - Richard Verscha Funeral 10AM
Tuesday - 3/1 - RCIA 7 pm
Wednesday, 3/2 - Religious Ed. classes 5 - 6:30
Saturday, 3/5 - Annual blood Drive 7AM - noon
Adult Faith Formation Meeting 10AM
Registration for Lenten Program
Letter Writing Campaign (Poverty)
Sunday, 3/6 - Coffee & donuts after Masses
6th grade Religious Ed. 9:00 AM
Children's Liturgy of the Word &
Children's Church during 10 AM Mass
Registration for Lenten Program
Tickets available for Ham Dinner
Letter Writing Campaign (Poverty)
Confirmation Class at MLOP 11:15—2:15

EUCHRE TOURNEY UPDATE!!

Thanks to all who came to the euchre tourney last week! We had the largest crowd ever and netted \$737.00. This money will be used to purchase meat for meals that St. Maria Goretti parishioners regularly provide for the St. Joe's evening meal program at the Rock Island Township Hall. Cheryl Alleruzzo coordinates our commitment to the second Tuesday of each month. If you or a group of friends would like to help with this good work of mercy contact the parish office for more information.

Very special thanks go to these businesses that made contributions for door prizes: Farm & Fleet, Highland Bowl, Hy-Vee, Headquarters, Joe's Place, and Hardees on 16th Street.

And thanks to Carol & John Slavish, Rich Wilks, and Kathy & Chet Doyle for their work in organizing the event!

TIME TO SIGN UP FOR

LENTEN PROGRAM

WHAT: "Lifting Up Our Hearts" A series of five sessions for adults on Monday evenings, 7 - 8:30 beginning March 14th & Wednesday mornings, 9:45 - 11:15 beginning March 16th. These sessions will combine prayer, large and small group interaction. We will deepen our appreciation for the Mass and its significance in our lives and be introduced to the coming changes in the people's parts of the Mass.

REGISTRATION: after Masses this weekend.

Would you volunteer to be a small group facilitator? If interested, please call Sister Sandra 799-3414.



ASH WEDNESDAY IS MARCH 9th

JOIN US FOR THE SOUP SUPPER

Our annual Soup Supper will be on after the evening Mass. All are welcome. There is no charge for this meal. This is an all parish event and help is always needed in the kitchen from making soups on Wednesday morning, to serving soup Wednesday evening & cleaning up after the meal. Sign up sheets for the special soup items are in the foyer. Questions or to offer you help call the parish office 799-3414.

2nd ANNUAL SPRING HAM DINNER

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2011

11 AM - 2 PM



This is sponsored by the Parish Council and proceeds will go to a new roof for the church. Dinner tickets are \$8 for adults, \$3 for children (4-12 years old) with a maximum price of \$25 per family. Tickets will be on sale this weekend.

Sign up sheets for helpers (set-up, kitchen, clean-up) and dessert donations will be in the back of the church for the next few weeks.

Please support our bulletin ADVERTISERS!

They help make this bulletin available each week.

HOLY WATER BOTTLES

Holy Water Bottles that you took home last Easter need to be returned to the church so that they can be refilled and available to give out again this Easter. Please leave your bottles in the basket provided in the foyer.

Encourage Gov. Quinn to end the death penalty in Illinois

Illinois is just one signature away from becoming the 16th state without the death penalty. The General Assembly passed legislation to repeal the death penalty on January 14, 2011.

Please call Governor Quinn to tell him you hope he'll sign the death penalty repeal bill (Senate bill 3539).

If you like talking points or more information, visit the website for the Illinois Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, <http://www.icadp.org>

DAY TRIP TO SINSINAWA, WI

Join a group of women from both parishes for a fun day-trip on Wednesday, April 6. We will plan on lunch at noon at the Sinsinawa Mound Center in Wisconsin (near Dubuque) and enjoy a Women of the Bible Drama presentation by Anita Gutschick. This is Anita's 10th Mound performance. Women from our parish have attended for several years and look forward to what has become an annual outing. We will leave from St. Maria Goretti after the 9AM Mass and return by dinnertime. Cost for lunch and program is \$25. Reservations required by March 23—make them through Sr. Sandra or the SMG parish office (799-3414). For more information visit www.womenofthebible.com

AND ANOTHER DAY TRIP

“WOMEN OF SPIRIT” telling the story of Catholic Sisters in America is now on display at the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium in Dubuque. We will plan a group visit on Wednesday, May 4, leaving after the 9AM Mass in Coal Valley and returning in the late afternoon. Cost: lunch plus admission: adults-\$15. Seniors-\$13. More info on registration process will be com-

Next Step for Permanent Diaconate

Did you know, Mary, Our Lady of Peace parish is blessed to have a candidate, Tom Gainey & his wife, Deb & from our parish, past parishioner, Terry Stalsberg and his wife, Brenda for the Permanent Diaconate. They all have been attending formation weekends once a month, ten months a year for three and half years now.

The next formal step on the road to Ordination as a Permanent Deacon will take place next Saturday, March 5th at an 8:00 am Mass in our Cathedral. On that day Bishop Jenky will institute Terry, Tom and their classmates in the Ministry of Acolyte. Those who wish are invited to attend.

An Acolyte is appointed to attend the service on the altar. Thus he assists the Deacon and the Priest at liturgical celebration, distributes Holy Communion and instructs others who are to assist at liturgical celebrations.

Cursillo/Spiritual Renewal

Our Diocese offers a ecumenical Christian renewal experience called Cursillo. In our area it is offered at the Believers Together Center at Christ the King Church, Moline. It is a three day experience that begins on a Thursday evening and concludes on Sunday evening. Past weekend participants have many positive remarks about their “weekend”. There are 5 talks and discussion/reflection time each day. Three delicious meals, wonderful cookies and plenty of time for individual prayer. The next Women’s Cursillo will be next month, March 17-20, guided by another St. Maria Goretti parishioner, B.J. Keegan.

If you think God may be inviting you to make a Cursillo, please ask one of our parishioners who are involved to sponsor you.

Deacon Chuck & Mike Breeden 799-8109
Nancy Robison 799-3414
John & Darlene Katherman 799-7995
Tom & Deb Gainey 521-8223
Tim & Steph Moen 781-2150