

Mass Schedule & Intentions**Saturday (Jan. 2)**

4:00 PM For Our Military & Their Families
 5:30PM David & Douglas Peters by *Tom & Betty*
 MLOP

Epiphany of the Lord (Jan. 3)

7:00 AM For the Faithful Departed
 8:30 AM Altar & Rosary Society Members - MLOP
 Living & Deceased
 10:00AM Special Intention of Luis Gonzales
 by *Luz Helena & Jose Upegui*
 11:30AM Special Intention of Thanksgiving
 by *Lynn & Irene Conklen* - MLOP

Monday (Jan. 4)

9:00 AM Special Intention of Luis Gonzales
 by *Luz Helena & Jose Upegui*

Tuesday (Jan. 5)

7:45AM Fr. Robert Reynolds by *Fr. Jim* - MLOP

Wednesday (Jan. 6)

9:00 AM For Our Parish Families

Thursday (Jan. 7)

7:45AM Special Intention of SCJ - MLOP

Friday (Jan. 8)

9:00 AM George White
 10:30AM Residents of Hope Creek

Saturday (Jan. 9)

4:00 PM Chuck Toney by *Patricia Redecker*
 5:30PM Terri Marchant by *T & B Marchant* - MLOP

Baptism of the Lord (Jan. 10)

7:00 AM For Our Parish Families
 8:30 AM Gary Larson by Fr. Jim - MLOP
 10:00AM Velma Lee Britt by *the Fowler family*
 11:30AM Dale Jones by *Thad Jones* - MLOP

Readings for the Week of January 3 - 10, 2010

*Sunday - Sir 24:1-4, 8-12; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Eph 1:3-6
 15-18; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14*
Monday - 1Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42
Tuesday - 1Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51
Wednesday - 1Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday - 1Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7-8, 10-11; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Friday - 1Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Saturday - 1Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
*Sunday - Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38;
 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22*

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.

**Join us for coffee, donuts, bagels & juice after
 Sunday Masses this weekend.**

SACRAMENTS

We welcome Adalynn Diana Viren, daughter of Ryan & Jaci Viren to the Catholic Faith thru the **Sacrament of Baptism** last weekend.

First Reconciliation is scheduled for next weekend

Saturday, January 9th, 9:00am to 11:00am.

Please pray for our second graders as they approach their first celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Parents of 2nd grade students: Don't forget we are meeting on **Wednesday, January 6th, 5:00-6:30pm.**

NEW 2010 CALENDARS

Courtesy of Rafferty Funeral Home are available in the foyer. Thanks to Kevin Rafferty for his generosity and support.

Additional donations for Christmas flowers have been received by Eileen McKenzie in honor of her husband, Owen and her son, Greg. As well as donations from Debra Singley, Marty & Marge Bowerman, Olga, Tony & Sandy Jordan.

Thanks to all who donated to the flowers & Christmas decorations.

Pray for Priests

What is Your Gift?

“Opening our treasure chest, they offered Him gifts.”
 Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest, or religious sister or brother?
 Call Father Brian Brownsey (309) 671-1550 or write frbrownsey@cdop.org

Advantages of donating electronically

to your parish family

Electronic giving replaces 52 decisions to give weekly. 38% of Catholics decide what they will give on the basis of what is in their checkbook on a given Sunday. Stewardship giving is thoughtful, planned, proportionate and sacrificial. Donating electronically automatically makes you a thoughtful giver.

More important than frequency is faithfulness. You are 100% faithful when you give with your weekly envelope or electronically make an offering. You also provide a more steady flow of income for your parish.

Giving is a public expression of faith. Dropping an envelope into the basket at offertory time shows your participation in your parish. You may write "I give electronically" on your envelope. Your gift still comes from your heart.[as found in Catholic Messenger, Sept. 17]

Contact the parish office about giving electronically.

At SMG contact Nancy & at MLOP contact Kay.

Stewardship "Sharing Our Gifts"

Thank you...

- Those who shoveled snow & salted the sidewalks on Sunday, December 27th.
- Those who helped with the funeral lunch on December 24: Jean Klauer, Barb Herbert, MaryAnn Lapaczonek, Sharon & Rex Scranton, Lois DeCoster, Al DePorter, Deb Scranton, Marie Bender
- Rex Scranton for shoveling on Wednesday AM.

Stewardship of Treasure

From the week of December 27, 2009

	[Last week]	[Fiscal YTD]
Building Fund	\$ 100.00	\$ 4,972.00
Budgeted Amount		<u>7,379.03</u>
Net Over <Under>		\$<2,407.03>
Regular Collection	\$ 6,665.50	\$ 96,621.03
Budgeted Amount		<u>88,056.47</u>
Net Over <Under>		\$ 4,564.56

Please pray for...

For those who have died recently, especially George White.

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

at Maria Goretti

Bob Bennett, Pat Bitel, Robert Cartwright, Donald Cleary, Rose & Leroy Glaudel, Earl Greif, Bob Gunnare, Olga Jordan, Ann Toney, Chuck Ulfig, Richard Verscha, and George White

And at Mary, Our Lady of Peace...

Joyce Alba, Derrick Andrae, Robert Dryoel, Alice Isaacson, Robert & Mary Johnson, Barb Marchant, Keith Robinson, Steve Sottos, Myrtle Versluys and Chet Wexell,

Prayers have also been asked for ...from SMG....

Alice Bonche, Sandi Brandes, Otto Denny (father of Angela Dussliere), Maria Goebel, Robert Greif Brian Hall, Doug Hollmer, Linda Johnson, Helen Mole', Lynette Marr, Tom Marshio, Sr. and Tom Mashio, Jr., Kay Murphy, Jake Peca, Sylvia Penca, Amy Lavery, Sonia Riberio, Abby Scott, Elaine Siebers, Gary & Janice Slavish, Kris Sommers, Sarah Swanson, Ann Tillman, Kathy Watson, Al VanAuwelaer and Jennifer VandeVoorde.

from MLOP...Kathy Anderson, Jennifer Bergstrom, Alice

Bouche, Gina Carlile, Lynn Chartier, Jeff Dahl, Ralph Dantino, Darrell DeMont, Loretta Driessens, Beverly Fransen, Loretta Gainey, Beverly Graham, Betty Harlan, Melissa Haynes, Bob Helke, Mark Hockenberry, Kathy Johnson, Ken Kempen, Fr. James King, Kim Kingsley, Sylvester Kouassi (Fr. Paulin's brother), Dale LaMar, Gary Larson, Matthew Lee, Nancy Leonard, Kevin Long, Frank Majeske, Kathy Miller, Lillian Morrison, Jackie Mowder, Gerry Moyer, Don Nelson, Jordan Palmer, Vicki Palmer, Carol Phillips, Charles Pugh, Donna Schultz, Helen Sheesley, Jacob Smith, Elaine Sward, Stanley Sward, Charles Swanson, Marge Tvrdy, Tony Versluys, Hannah West 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-U.S.), Luke Heritage (Natl. Guard-U.S.), Major Andy Maguire (Natl. Guard - Iraq), Sr. Airman Jeff Topham (Air Force - Korea), PFC Aaron DePorter (Army - U.S.), E6 Amy Rogan (Navy - on ship), Major Luke Sustman (Air Force - U.S.), Shawn Taylor (Army), Cpt. Adam Underklofner (Marines - So. Africa), Cpt. Mark VanVeldhuizen (Natl. Guard - Iraq)

Always

Blessings of the New Year,

We now begin the second decade of this “new” century. Seems like yesterday that we all gathered to celebrate the millennium with Bishop Myers and each other at Wharton Field House. Remember that? As we end a year and begin another it is “tradition” to reflect on what our year was like and to voice some hopes for the year that lies ahead. Some people may call this making some new year’s resolutions.

I think most of us think about how we are going to ring in the new year with parties, a dinner out, going to the movies or simply staying home ushering in the new year at “Times Square”. Of course I have to put a plug in for going to church to celebrate Mass as it is the Solemnity of Mary, a Holyday. Whether we think much about the holydays or not, I have always liked the fact that we have this holyday. I like that we end and begin the year with prayer. It is neat to have God as part of the mix in everything including as we are starting a new year.

As we think about ending 2009 and starting 2010 it is good to pause in prayer as we give thanks for all the good and not so good things that was part of our lives in 2009. Sometimes we forget to thank God for all the nice people, events and things that were part of our lives. We really should say thank you when we are experiencing them, but sometimes we forget or it just isn’t on our radar screen. But even if we did give thanks, at the end of the year it is good to do it again. Of course saying thank you for goodness is a bit easier than saying thank you for the not so good things that have taken place in our lives (and in our world). I mean, how do we say thank you for losing your job, an illness within your family (yourself or another) or the death a family member or friend. That is part of the Christian task. To find God in the midst of all things, even suffering. And God is present, we know, for He sent His only Son to share in all things, even in death, death on a cross.

I think it is good to stop every now and then, like every Sunday, and at special places in time, like at year’s end, to stop and rest in God’s grace. That is what we are about as Catholic Christians. We try to do that every Sunday. We try to do that at year’s end so that we can know our mistakes (and learn from them), know how we have been gifted (and learn to share them), and know how God is an integral part of our lives.

As we are now in the year of our Lord, 2010, rich in new possibilities, may we know that God is with us.

Always, Fr. Jim

P.S. Thank you to all who contributed to the Christmas Collection. It is part of our overall budget and is necessary for our fiscal stability. Unfortunately, the Christmas envelope at Mary, Our Lady of Peace was not included in our envelope packet and some people thought that we were not having a collection. Also, with Christmas being so close to Sunday, some people gave only to the Christmas collection or only to the Sunday offering. Perhaps due to the weather, attendance was down at most of the Masses and this also affected the Sunday offering at both churches. At SMG our Christmas Offering was \$4,574 and at MOLOP it was \$3,164.75

The Alleman Drama Dept. will present two plays, “The Proud and Haughty Beauty” by John Donald O’Shea and “Out of Sight...Out of Mind!” by Fred Carmichael on January 8, 9, & 10. Friday & Saturday’s performances are at 6:30 pm. The Sunday show is at 4 pm. Tickets available at the door Alleman’s Performing Art Theater at \$4 for students, \$5 for seniors and \$6 for adults.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. MARY MONASTERY

Evening at the Monastery, Thursday, January 7, 4:45 pm -7 pm, \$15.

Book club: Spirituality of Kinship - Thursday, January 14 (6 weeks) 9:30—11AM., \$5/session or \$25/series.

Directed Retreats: Come to Know the Mysteries of Christ Jesus, Sunday, January 17 at 4 pm thru Wednesday, Jan 20, 5 pm \$225.

Surprised by the Spirit, Friday, Jan 22, 7 pm—Saturday, January 23 7 pm, \$95 private room or \$85 shared room.

Call (309) 283-2108 or email: retreatss@smmsisters.org

JOB OPENING

Principal—Marquette Academy, a Catholic diocesan, co-ed, pre-k through grade 12 school, of approximately 600 student, in, Ottawa, Illinois, is seeking a qualified person for the position of principal beginning July 1, 2010. The academy is the result of the restructuring of the current Marquette High School and the two Catholic, parish schools in the city. The principal will be the chief executive of the academy. A candidate must be a practicing Catholic, have school administrative experience, and hold at least a Masters Degree and have appropriate state certification. Information about the position and about the school as well as application materials are available at the Diocese of Peoria website www.cdop.org [click on Catholic Schools] or the Marquette website www.marquettehs.com . The application deadline is February 19, 2010. Interviews will take place in late March. Interested individuals may also call the Office of Catholic Schools, Diocese of Peoria at 309-671-1550 to obtain materials.

JOHN LANCASTER SPALDING

SCHOLARSHIP FUND GRANTS

Tuition assistance scholarship grants from the endowment fund established as a result of the Diocese of Peoria ROOTED IN FAITH Campaign and named in honor of Archbishop Spalding, the first Bishop of Peoria, will be available for the 2010 –2011 school year for students enrolled in or intending to enroll in grades kindergarten through we in any Catholic school located in the Diocese of Peoria whose families are members of a Catholic parish in the diocese. All grants will be based on financial need objectively assessed. Information about the grants and application materials may be obtained from any Catholic elementary or secondary school in the Diocese of Peoria or on the Diocesan website www.cdop.org

Click on EDUCATION; then on OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS; and then on SPALDING SCHOLARSHIPS. Families of students currently receiving grants are reminded that all grants are for one year only, and anyone seeking to renew a grant for 2010-2011 must reapply. The application deadline is February 15, 2010. Notification of grant awards will be made by mid-April.

Wanted Boxtop & Campbell Soup Labels

There are containers in the foyer for Campbell Soup labels and Boxtop labels that are being collected for Jordan & Seton Catholic Grade Schools. Just place your labels in the container for the school you’d like to support. Thank you.

Think Spring! Think Ireland! You could be part of a tour group to the ‘Emerald Isle’ this **May 10-20, 2010** led by Msgr. Paul E. Showalter, Vicar General of the Diocese of Peoria. Msgr. Paul will host the journey down winding roads and

past the quaint thatched roof cottages visiting Dublin, Waterford, Killarney, Galway, Connemara, Sligo and Knock.

Contact Karen Small for a brochure: ksmall@cdop.org or by phone: 309.671.1550 x269.