

Mass Intentions**Saturday (March 12)**

4:00 PM William Wilson *by the Family*
5:30 PM Frances Tholl *by Joan Richter* - MLOP

First Sunday of Lent (March 13)

7:00AM Richard Dennhardt
8:30AM Brian Ruppert - MLOP
10:00AM For Our Parish Families
11:30AM Mary Robinson *by Ted & Liz Seabloom* - MLOP

Monday (March 14)

9:00AM Deanne Rush *by Renee McAlister*

Tuesday (March 15)

7:15AM Dorothy Martens *by Joyce Alba* - MLOP

Wednesday (March 16)

9:00AM Ladies of Jerusalem

Thursday (March 17)

7:15AM Mary Robinson *by Tim & Marie Weber* - MLOP

Friday (March 18)

9:00 AM Virgil Carothers *by the parish*
10:30AM Special Intention of JA - *Hope Creek*

Saturday (March 19)

4:00 PM Deceased Members of the Sweeney Family
5:30 PM Dorothy Martens *by Tim Larson* - MLOP

Second Sunday of Lent (March 20)

7:00AM Al Martorano *by Theresa & Brad Keleher*
8:30AM Royce Johnson *by Dorothy Clark* - MLOP
10:00AM For Our Parish Families

No Mass at 11:30AM

March 13 – 20

Sunday - Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17; Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

Monday - Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

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

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

Thursday - Esther 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 - 2Sm 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24, or Lk 2:41-51;

Sunday - Gn 12:1-4; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2Tm 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9

Roof Update

\$6,875.05 Amount raised, to date, from fundraisers and donations.
\$30,000 Preliminary cost estimate

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 Rich Keehner, Sarah Whipple and Andrea Miles of St. Maria Goretti in your prayers throughout these coming days of final preparation.

LIFTING UP OUR HEARTS

Begins this week! Monday night from 7 to 8:30PM OR Wednesday morning from 9:45 to 11:15.

The Adult Faith Formation Committee is delighted with your enthusiastic response to this Lenten offering: over 50 people are registered for the Monday night sessions and 20 more plan to come on Wednesday mornings! Thank you for registering.....and for your willingness to sacrifice free time each week to participate. We are confident that the program will be informative and enriching....both personally and for us as a parish. Even if you did not sign up, it is not too late to decide to join us.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

As part of our faith community's Lenten observance, we 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 available in the foyer.**

Parish Office Hours

Coal Valley 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM Monday - Friday
Orion 9AM-2PM at 526-8422 Tuesday - Friday

BLOOD DRIVE

Lots of food, fun, smiles at the annual Blood Drive last weekend. We had 25 donors and each donation can help up to 3 people. That means we were able to help 75 people. We had a lot of fun, and hope that you will be able to join us next year! Mary Jean, Gunnare, Beth Carlson, Sharon Scranton and Rosemary Mourisse.

Stewardship “Sharing Our Gifts”

Thank you to....

- Beth Carlson for coordinating the annual Blood Drive. Sharon Scranton & Rosemary Mourisse for helping Beth, for those who donated treats but especially thank you to those who donated Blood!
- Fred & Lois DeCoster for taking care of coffee & donuts at the 7 AM Mass and Kerry & Kathy Sommers for taking care of them for the 10 AM Mass.
- Nancy Larsen & Joanne Nice for co-coordinating the Soup Supper.
- For all those who donated food items, prepared the soups, served it and those who cleaned-up hall after the meal...to many to name!
- James, Alec & Noah Ewers, John Cooke, Mike Tope & Roberto Alleruzzo for setting up the hall this past week.
- John & Kay Cooke, Bill & Jodi D’Hondt, Dean Martens, Dan & Donna Tworek, Mary Jeanne and Bob Gunnare for counting the February collections.

Stewardship of Treasure

From the week of March 6, 2011

	[Last week]	[Fiscal YTD]
Building Fund	\$ 125.00	\$ 8,250.00
Budgeted Amount		<u>10,282.26</u>
Net Over <Under>		\$ < 2,032.26>
Regular Collection	\$ 6,215.32	\$ 144,825.20
Budgeted Amount		<u>122,701.64</u>
Net Over <Under>		\$ 22,123.56

Please support our bulletin ADVERTISERS!

They help make this bulletin available each week.

Please pray for...

Those who are sick & for our homebound...

at Maria Goretti

Julia Achs, Bob Bennett, Judy DePorter, Margaret Fender, Lorraine Gengler, Rose & Leroy Glaudel, Earl Greif, Olga Jordan, Dorie Jeffrey, Beverly Lafferty, Dorothy Moross, Dick & Jan Seibert, Yvonne Sherlock, Ann Toney, Gary VanDeCastele, Mary Ann Verscha, Mary Vogelbaugh and Shirley Wilson.

And at Mary, Our Lady of Peace...

Robert Dryoel, Eloise Fransen, Robert & Mary Johnson, Brent Laleman, Sandy McSwain, Stella Schultz, Danny Mount, Stephen Sottos Sr., & Chet Wexell.

Prayers have also been asked for....

Faye DeBisschop, Ann Blomme, Alden Brown, Deb Grawe-Grief, Ken Hanger, Sr. Teresa Ann Harrington OSB, Harriet Knepp, Melissa Konrad, Sr. Phyllis McMurray OSB, Pam Snell, Jennifer VandeVoorde, Frank Vogel, Bernie Weidner, Don White & Elaine Whistler.

from MLOP... Ashley (Jo Schnerre’s granddaughter), Jennifer Bergstrom, Kathleen Booker, Alice Bouche, Karla Carlson, Leslie Ann Carey, Gina Carlile, Robert & Ricki Carr, Lynn Chartier, Katie Dagget, Ralph Dantino, Gabby Decker, Mark DeDecker, Tom Dzekunskas, Clifford Flatt, Linda Fordham, Beverly Fransen, Loretta Gainey, Sylvester Kouassi (Fr. Paulin’s brother), Ken Kempen, Doris Lindquist, Reid Long, Phyllis & Grace Mitchell, John Molburg, Lillian Morrison, Gerry Moyer, Jackie Mowder, Don Nelson, Colton Nescger, Sharon Parks, Dorothy Peterson, Kateland Poff, Tony Pauwels, Germaine Sammons, Leslie Sandau, Donna Schultz, Sherri Shea, Toni Versluys, Patsy Wakeland, Bernice Weidner, 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-Afghanistan), 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-Afghanistan), E6 Amy & Stefan 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 - USA).

[Names of those sick or in need of healing will remain on our prayer list for 4 weeks unless we hear otherwise.]

HAITIAN ADOPTIONS

Haitian authorities have announced they are accepting new adoption applications for Haitian orphans. The process can be challenging and must comply with all Haitian and U.S. regulations. Catholic Charities will be hosting a workshop on March 27th to explain this process. The workshop will be held at their Rock Island office (4703-44th St, Ste. 4) from 3:00 to 4:30 pm. For more information or to reserve your seat, please contact Katrina at (309) 786-0770 or kkainz@ccdop.org.

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

Adoption Option 5K 2011 -Mark your calendars for a morning of family fun, food and healthy exercise...all for a great cause. **Saturday**, June 25th, is the date for the second annual walk/run to support the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption. The event is held right here in Coal Valley and Eric White, a parish member, is Race Coordinator. For more info, or to register, go to www.getmeregistered.com/AdoptionOption or contact Eric at adoptionoption5k@ymail.com. Time to dust off those walking/running shoes - there could be a ribbon with your name on it!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Prayer and Fasting for Life, A Peaceful, Prayerful, Presence outside of the abortion clinic, and Educating our Community about Life Issues

Location: Sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood 2751 Tech Dr., Bettendorf, IA

Hours to cover in prayer:

Monday: 10 a. m.- 4 p. m. Tuesday: 8 a. m. - 4 p. m.

Wednesday: 11 a. m.- 7 p. m.

Thursday: 9 a. m. - 5 p. m. Friday: 11 a. m. - 5 p. m.

3rd Saturday: 9 a. m.- 3 p. m.

Life Issues: Reasonable Answers to Crucial Questions As part of the "Let My People Come" series Tim Roeder, Director of Marriage and Family, for the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Peoria, will offer a program on "Life Issues: Reasonable Answers to Crucial Questions." Tim will present what the Church really teaches and why on such critical issues as: family planning, IVF, surrogacy, abortion, stem cells, cloning, assisted suicide and more. This program will be offered at Cleary Hall, St. Anne Parish, East Moline on Thursday, March 24, at 6:30 P.M. Come and update your knowledge of these important and controversial issues

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Wednesday, March 16 - Spring Salad Luncheon in Farrell Hall, St. Pius X Church, RI from 11 am - 1 pm.

Thursday, March 10 - Divorce & Widowed Support Group at St. Malachy's, Geneseo. This week's focus Single Sexuality

Friday, March 18 - Lenten Fish Fry, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Silvis from 4 - 7:30 pm. Cost: \$8 adult, \$5child or whole family \$25. Menu consists of catfish & shrimp, baked potato, salad bar & beverage.

Friday, March 18 from 9am - 6 pm & **Saturday, March 19 - Spring Rummage Sale** at St. Ambrose Parish, Milan from 9 am - noon, sponsored by St. Ambrose Blue Cross Ladies.

Saturday, March 19 - Our Lady of Guadalupe will host **St. Joseph's Table** after the 5:30 PM Mass. Bring a dish to share, meat provided.

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

Sunday, March 20 - St. Joseph Feast Celebration & Benefit St. Joe's Meal Site dinner at Farrell Hall, St. Pius X, Rock Island. Cost \$10-adults & \$6- children.

Saturday, April 2 - 5th Annual Mary, Our Mother Day Renewal - "A **Rock Solid Faith...Do the Stone Tablets Apply to Me?**" from 8:30am 3:30 pm at Culeman Hall, Moline. More information on the kiosk.

Saturday, April 9th - SPEC (Special Persons Encounter Christ) Annual Spaghetti Dinner at Culeman Hall, Sacred Heart Church, Moline from 4 -7 pm.

Always in His Peace

Dear Parishioners,

Our Lenten journey is four days old now. Five you say? Nope. Just four.

Since Lent began I have been asked several times if Sundays “count”? My diplomatic response is (usually) “It depends how you count.”

Our local newspaper stated that for the Catholic Church Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, which is true, and ends on Palm Sunday, which is not true. For Catholics, Lent ends on Holy Thursday before Evening Prayer is celebrated. Or for practical purposes we can say Lent ends when the Easter Triduum begins, which is The Mass of the Lord’s Supper, on Holy Thursday evening. But if you count those days up, we get only 38 days of Lent. But back to those Sundays.

Before Christmas we celebrate four weeks of Advent. The Sundays during that time are called “The Sundays of Advent”. During the season of Lent the Sundays were called “The Sundays in Lent”, though the last few years they have been called “The Sundays of Lent”. I’m not sure who authorized the change, and perhaps it does not really matter, for the understanding of Sunday as a FEAST Day has not changed. Sunday is the day the Lord rose from the grave and conquered death. Sunday is a day of resurrection. Sunday is a day of celebration. We do not FAST on a FEAST DAY.

So, we do not count Sundays as days in Lent. If we did then we would have 44 days of Lent. However, that does not mean that all things of Lent go out the window on Sundays. On the contrary, in the DeBisschop household of my youth Sunday was like any other day of Lent. We still fasted from what we said we would do.

If you think about the other two aspects of Lent, Prayer and Almsgiving (Charity) it seems most logical to do those on the Sundays of Lent. So why not fasting too! It makes sense, doesn’t it? Giving up TV for Lent? Then no TV on Sundays! Give up pop? Guess what—no pop on Sunday! Fasting from your favorite candy? Then you will be missing it on Sunday too! Trying to stop gossiping? You cannot catch up on tidbits on Sunday!

The point is that it is the Spirit of the law that we follow, without neglect to the letter of the law that tell us to fast.

But about 38 days, 40 days, 44 days? I try not to count them, I just do them all so that I will be a step or two closer to being who God desires me to be.

Always in his Peace, Father Jim

BINGO
Tuesday, March 22, 2011
1 - 3 PM

There is no cost for this and everyone is welcome! It's a time when Hope Creek residents, shut-ins, and parish members get together for an afternoon of fun.

We would like prizes donated for this and these do not have to be costly. Suggested BINGO items:

**caramel corn peanut butter fresh fruit cans of fruit
candy bars or bags of cookies side dish mixes liter
bottles of pop bar soap hand lotion toothpaste &
toothbrushes stationary or knick-knacks (new or
nearly new)** Items may be left in the church kitchen.
Please mark as BINGO

Confirmation Choir

Anyone who would like to sing at Confirmation, April 2nd at the Cathedral in Peoria is welcome to. Please be at the Cathedral at 2:45 for practice. The service is at 4 Pm. Steph Moen of Orion had the music if you'd like to know will be sung.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, 3/13 - 2nd ANNUAL HAM DINNER 11AM
6th grade Religious Ed. 9:00 AM
Children's Liturgy of the Word &
Children's Church during 10 AM Mass
RCIA - Rite of Sending as they travel to Peoria
for the Rite of Continuing Conversion
Monday, 3/14 - Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 am - noon
Lifting Up Our Hearts starts at 7 PM
Wednesday, 3/16 - Religious Education classes 5PM.
Thursday, 3/17 - Lenten service & lunch noon at First
Presbyterian Church
Friday, 3/18 - Stations of the Cross at 5:30pm
Sunday, 3/20 - 6th grade Religious Ed. 9:00 AM
Children's Liturgy of the Word &
Children's Church during 10 AM Mass
Confirmation Class at MLOP 11:15 AM

2nd ANNUAL SPRING HAM DINNER

is today

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. There will be a 50/50 raffle as well as gift baskets raffle. The baskets are on display in the hall.

THANK YOU

from Nancy Larsen

Thank-You note to all the wonderful people who helped with either helping in the Kitchen and setting up and the clean-up duties. Also, thanks for the contributions of groceries. I especially want to thank Joanne Nice, Lois DeCoster, and Sharon Scranton for staying around and helping all the way through to the end. I could not have done it without their help.

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 weekend, March 17-20, guided by 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

ALTAR SERVERS CLASS

SUNDAY, MARCH 27th

after the 10 AM Mass

Boys & girls in the 4th grade and older can be altar servers. If interested contact Troy Pfannenstiel 799-5152 or Sr. Sandra in the parish office 799-3414.

DATES TO REMEMBER DURING LENT

Stations of the Cross

5:30 pm All Fridays of Lent - SMG

6:00 pm all Wednesdays - MLOP followed
by a simple supper

Lenten Reconciliation & Other Services

April 13 at St. Maria Goretti Shadow Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm & Communal Reconciliation afterwards

March 23 at MLOP Shadow Stations

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 coming soon.

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:

March 13 – Macaroni and Cheese

March 20 – Toiletries (toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc)

March 27 – Peanut Butter

April 3 – Jelly

April 10 – Tuna

April 17 – 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.

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.

COAL VALLEY

ECUMENICAL LENTEN LUNCHEONS

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

March 17 – First Presbyterian Church, 2431–1st St.

Speaker: Rev. Tracy Irwin

March 24 - New Hope Baptist, 706 First St.

Speaker: Rev. Russ Bottom

March 31 - St. Maria Goretti Church

Speaker: Fr. Jim DeBisschop

April 7 - Church of the Nazarene, 103 E. Third

Speaker: Rev Charles Cunningham

April 14 - Beulah Presbyterian Church

(1/2 mile pass Arrow Head Ranch)

“Ownership Day” (Clean up Day)

April 9 8:30 till Noon

April 16 – rain date

Lunch will be provided.

Please bring rags, paper towels, rakes, tarps, shears, gloves. We will be working inside and outside – weather permitting. Make it a family event!

Prayer Shawl Ministry group meets on the second Monday and the 4th Saturday of the month from 10 AM to 12 PM in the parish hall. Next session is on **Monday, March 14th**. All are welcome to attend, and kits are available to take home if you aren't able to attend meetings. Contact Lorrie Polesky at [\(309\) 797-1516](tel:3097971516).