

**Mass Schedule & Intentions****Saturday (March 13)**4:00 PM Brian Hall *by Petty Conwell*5:30PM Loretta Driessen *by her Grandchildren* - MLOP**4th Sunday of Lent (Mar. 14)**7:00 AM Richard Dennhardt *by the Family*

8:30 AM Brian Ruppert - MLOP

10:00AM Sonia Riberio *by Margaret Francescon*11:30AM Dale Jones *by Joe & Deanna Seys* - MLOP**Monday (March 15)**9:00 AM Frank Farischon *by Christy Reijonen***Tuesday (March 16)**7:15AM Leo Andres *by Fr. Jim* - MLOP**Wednesday (March 17)**9:00 AM Marie Gravitt *by her Family***Thursday (March 18)**

7:15AM The Faithfully Depurated - MLOP

**Friday (March 19)**

9:00 AM Special Intention of Lean Gengler-Crouch

10:30 AM Special Intention of Donald Cleary - *Hope Creek***Saturday (March 20)**

4:00 PM Living &amp; deceased Members of Sweeney Family

5:30PM Terri Marchant *by D & B Marchant* - MLOP**5th Sunday of Lent (March 21)**

7:00 AM Deceased Members of Behn Family

8:30 AM Roger DeLanghe *by R & J Teerlinck* - MLOP

10:00AM Special Intention of Marcella &amp; Joan Keller

*by Bev Pond*11:30AM Dale Jones *by D & P VanAcker* - MLOP**March 14 - 21, 2010**Sunday - [Josh 5:9, 10-12](#); [Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7](#); [2Cor 5:17-21](#);[Lk 15:1-3, 11-32](#)Monday - [Is 65:17-21](#); [Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-13](#); [Jn 4:43-54](#)Tuesday - [Ezek 47:1-9, 12](#); [Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9](#); [Jn 5:1-3, 5-16](#)Wednesday - [Is 49:8-15](#); [Ps 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18](#); [Jn 5:17-30](#)Thursday [Ex 32:7-14](#); [Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23](#); [Jn 5:31-47](#)Friday - [2Samuel 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](#)Saturday [Jer 11:18-20](#); [Ps 7:2-3, 9-10, 11-12](#); [Jn 7:40-53](#)Sunday - [Is 43:16-21](#); [Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6](#); [Phil 3:8-14](#); [Jn 8:1-11](#)**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 &amp; Thurs.

The second collection today is for Catholic Relief Services. This Collection gives hope to Jesus in dis-

**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 15 Canned Tuna****March 22 Jelly****March 29 Muffin Mixes****SACRAMENTS**

Congratulations & welcome to Norah Anne Smith, daughter of Jason & Jennifer (Mourisse) Smith as she joined the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Baptism Saturday, March 13th.

**FIELD TRIPS****FOR ADVENTUROUS ADULTS!**

**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. **Reservation must be turned into Sr. Sandra or Nancy by March 15th.** Questions call the parish office 799-3414.

**SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY****Saturday, March 27th****8:00 am till noon (lunch included)**

We need help in cleaning up the church property, inside & out, for Easter & Spring. Rakes, buckets and rags would be helpful if you have them to bring with you. Sign up sheets are in the gathering area – sign up so we know how many people for lunch.

Thanks, Building and Grounds Committee

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR HOLY WEEK**

We will need liturgical ministers for Holy Thursday, Good Friday & a few extra ushers & communion ministers for Easter Sunday. Sign up sheets are in the foyer. Please consider helping during this holiest week on the church year.

We want to **THANK YOU**, our parish family for your prayers and support while our daughter, Leah has been in the hospital recovering from brain surgery.

God bless you. Don & Jeanne Gengler

**Stewardship "Sharing Our Gifts"**

**Thank you to....**

- John & Barb Kratt for serving coffee & donuts last weekend at the 7 o'clock Mass and the Armetta family for serving them after the 10 o'clock Mass
- Barb & Mick Herbert, Sharon & Rex Scranton, Beth & John Carlson for preparing and/or serving St. Joes Meal this week.
- Glenda Mahalla for helping with computer data.
- Bill Serandos and Fred DeCoster for volunteering to go to the Riverbend Food Bank this past week for the Coal Valley Food Pantry.
- Nancy Larsen, Dan Tworek, Donna Tworek, Julie Gambon, Peg McDermott & Sue Fournier for volunteering at the Coal Valley Food Pantry this past week

**Stewardship of Treasure**

*From the week of March 7, 2010*

	[Last week]	[Fiscal YTD]
Building Fund	\$ 513.00	\$ 7,222.74
Budgeted Amount		<u>10,362.90</u>
Net Over <Under>		\$< 3,140.16>
Regular Collection	\$ 4,669.27	\$ 130,873.02
Budgeted Amount		\$ <u>123,664.01</u>
Net Over <Under>		\$ 7,209.01

2009-2010 Budget includes \$24,000 deficit  
 Income to date (35 weeks) will result in an anticipated deficit of -\$16,790.99 for the current fiscal year.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. MARIA GORETTI**

**Saturday, 3/13** - Baptism of Norah Smith 5:30 PM

**Sunday, 3/14** - 6 & 7 Grade CCD 9 - 9:45 AM

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

**Tuesday, 3/16** - RCIA at 7 PM

**Wednesday, 3/17** - CCD classes from 5 - 6:30 PM

Salad/Casserole Lunch at MLOP 11am - 1pm

**Thurs. 3/18** - Lenten Service/Lunch at noon

**Friday, 3/19** - Stations of the Cross 5:30 PM

**Saturday, 3/20** - Social Concerns survey

**Sunday, 3/21** - Coffee & Donuts after both Masses

6 & 7 Grade CCD 9 - 9:45 AM  
 Children's Liturgy of the Word &  
 Children's Church during the 10 AM Mass  
 Social Concerns survey

Seton Brownies selling GS cookies after  
 10 AM Mass

**"Corporal Works of Mercy"**

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| <b>Feed the Hungry</b>               | <b>Clothe the Naked</b>     |
| <b>Visit the Sick and Imprisoned</b> | <b>Shelter the Homeless</b> |
| <b>Give Alms to the Poor</b>         | <b>Bury the Dead</b>        |

The entire CCD program will be "Clothing the Naked" by participating in a **Sock Drive!** So, we will be collecting new socks all during Lent. Again, if you would like to support this effort, pick up a couple of pairs of new socks...any size....and leave them in the GIANT SOCK hanging in the church hall. It would be great if we could overwhelm them with dozens and dozens of socks so please be generous! (They also need children's books to help learn to read English so feel free to donate new or slightly used books as well!)

**25th & 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

If you or someone you know in the parish will be celebrating a 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary, please let Nancy in the Parish Office know.

There will be a special Mass in the Fall to commemorate these anniversaries.

*Always in the Peace of the Lord*

*Dear fellow penitents,*

*This weekend at our celebration of Mass we hear the Parable of the Prodigal Son, which I trust is a very familiar parable to us all. This parable speaks of God's forgiveness and mercy and it also speaks of our willingness or unwillingness to seek and/or accept God's forgiveness.*

*There are three main characters, the Father (seen as God), the younger (prodigal) son and the older son (unforgiving brother). Some of us with spiritual maturity may be able to identify with the role of the Father. As Catholic Christians, the unconditional love of the Father with his non-judgmental and merciful stance illustrates to us how we are to behave towards each other, especially the "fallen" among us, and that would include all of us at one time or another. More often than not we identify with the prodigal son or perhaps make that comparison to someone else. A bit of "judging" going on there! Some of us may relate more to the hard working brother, the older son and think that we're "gooooood", but Jesus would have us think again. That's the trouble with Jesus, he makes us rethink our understandings and that is not always easy. But it is Lent, and the good things we are trying to "achieve" or embrace do not come easy—they never really do!*

*Remember Stations of the Cross are prayed on Fridays at 5:30pm at SMG & on Wednesdays at 6:00pm at MCLCP. Also, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Monday, March 22, 7:00pm at Mary, Our Lady of Peace and Wednesday, March 24, at 5:15pm for our Religious Education children and their parents and later that evening at 7:00pm for everyone.*

*Also, this week our Word from the Seven Last Words of Jesus is "Forsaken" "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me."*

*Always in His Peace,  
Fr. Jim*

*P.S. Be faithful to your Rice Bowl!*

**Wanted Boxtop & Campbell Soup Labels** for Jordan & Seton Catholic Grade Schools. Just place your labels in the container for the school you'd like to support. Thank you.

**Devotional booklets** for making the Stations of the Cross in Calvary Cemetery are now available at the cemetery office. Booklets are free. Visitors are invited to drive or walk the Stations of the Cross anytime the cemetery is open to the public. Additional info call the Calvary Cemetery office at 309 788-6179.

## **Pray for Priests**

### **Second Grade parents Meeting**

In preparation for First Holy Communion our Second Grade class parents will have a meeting  
with Father Jim

**at Mary, Our Lady of Peace,**

**Thursday, March 25th, 6:30-8:00pm.**

This is for SMG parents who may have missed  
last week's meeting.

## IS GOD CALLING YOU?

“God is making His appeal through us.” Does a life dedicated to furthering the grace of reconciliation in Christ for others appeal to you? Consider a vocation in the priesthood or consecrated life. Call Father. Brian Brownsey (309) 671-1550 or write: [frbrownsey@cdop.org](mailto:frbrownsey@cdop.org)

St. Joseph the Worker House & Royal Neighbors of America chapter 20061 invite you to

### FOOD FOR FURNACES TACO NIGHT

Tuesday, Mar 23 from 5 - 9 pm

at Mulligan's Valley Pub.

Raffle Baskets 50/50 raffle, Bake sale & Tacos, Tacos, Tacos.

## CURSILLO & TEC NEWS

**Cursillo weekends:** Women's – March 19 - 21. For applications call Nancy in the parish office or online at [www.cdopnwacursillo.org](http://www.cdopnwacursillo.org)

Next Ultreya, Saturday, March 27 at Our Lady of Guadalupe, Silvis at 7:30 pm. All are welcome!

Upcoming TECs: Boys-April 17 - 19

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### NO SOCIABLE SENIORS IN MARCH!

**Sunday, March 14 - Joe Mattingly & the Newman Singers** will be at the 6 pm Mass at St. Pius & follow with a concert at 7:30 pm.

**Sunday, March 21 - St. Mary Monastery - The Call of Discipleship** from 1:45 - 4pm.

**Sunday, March 21 - Spring Carnival** at Culemans Hall, Sacred Heart Church, Moline from 8Am—noon. Proceeds to benefit Seton School.

**March 26 - 28 Women's Lenten Retreat** at Nazareth Retreat House (formerly King's House) Henry, IL. Reservations (309) 364-3084 or go to [www.piercedhearts.org](http://www.piercedhearts.org)

**Thursday, April 1 - April 4 - Holy Week Retreat -** *Participate with the monastic community in silence, prayer and the solemn liturgies of the Last Supper, Death and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Spiritual Direction is available for additional fee with Sr. Catherine Cleary, OSB. Cost: \$150.*

The Friends of the People of Haiti are sponsoring a benefit performance of play

**"The O'Connor Girls",**

**Wednesday, March, 17th**

**at the Playcrafters Barn Theatre in Moline.**

The theatre opens at 6:30 - take time to browse the raffle items and enjoy a dessert before the play begins at 7pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and are available at the door. The money raised from this benefit will be used to help the people of Trouin, Haiti as they continue to recover from the earthquake.

**On Saturday, May 1, 2010**

the seventh annual

**“Call to Catholic Men of Faith”**

will begin at 9:00 AM

at Liberty Park on the Peoria riverfront.

We will march with Bishop Jenky to the Cathedral where he will celebrate Mass at 11:00 AM.

Fellowship and luncheon to follow .

Additional information : Office of Family Life (309) 671-1550 or [www.cdop.org](http://www.cdop.org)

**Divorce & Separated Support Group** at St. Malachy's Church, Geneseo will offer sessions on Thursdays at 7:00 PM . Topic this week **The road to healing/finding help** Everyone is welcome, for additional information please contact Deacon Art Ries (309) 945-9101 or St. Malachy's parish office (309) 944-5393.

**“Mary, Mary, How Does Your Garden Grow?”** the 2010 Mary Our Mother-Heart of the Home Day of Renewal will be held April 17, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.at Culemans Hall of Sacred Heart Parish, Moline.

Spiritual opportunities for the day will include talks by Mary Vogrinc, a Catholic lay evangelist from Rockford, confession, Mass, Eucharistic adoration, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Ladies may also shop at a book fair. Lunch and homemade desserts will be included. The fee is \$20.

For more information, contact Loretta at 309-762-0503 or Elizabeth at [elhill1@mchsi.com](mailto:elhill1@mchsi.com). Registration forms are available at [www.mom-heartofthehome.org](http://www.mom-heartofthehome.org).

## COAL VALLEY

### ECUMENICAL LENTEN LUNCHEONS

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

**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

### LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Mary, Our Lady of Peace will have a Lenten reconciliation service on Monday, March 22 at 7:00 pm. Extra priests will be available.

A Family Lenten Reconciliation Service will be held at St. Maria Goretti on Wednesday, March 24 for our children in Religious Education and their families from 5:15 pm. There will be another Reconciliation service at 7:00 pm open to everyone. Fr. Dick Bresnahan will be joining us too. Pamphlets about the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the table near the door, help yourself.

### TIMES TO REMEMBER DURING LENT

#### Stations of the Cross

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

#### Holy Thursday, April 1 Mass of Lord's Supper

7:00 p.m. at both SMG & MLOP  
Simple bread meal following

#### Good Friday Services, April 2

Stations of the Cross at St. Maria Goretti 12:15  
(outside weather permitting)

Communion Service & Passion at 7:00 - SMG  
& 3:00 p.m. 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

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

### *Please pray for...*

*Those who have died* especially Jerald Kennedy brother-in-law of Bill & Teresa Dukes.

### *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, Eileen McKenzie, Joe Perron, Martha Radsoevich, Carol Solomon, Ann Toney, Chuck Ulfig, Richard Verscha, Bill & Shirley Wilson.

#### 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, Leah Crouch, (daughter of Dan & Jeanne Gengler), Maria Goebel, Luis Gonzales, Doug Hollmer, Steph & baby Jacobs, Marcella & Joan Keller (sisters of Bev Pond), Lynette Marr, Sr. Phyllis McMurray OSB, 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 Underkoffler (Marines - So. Africa), Cpt. Mark VanVeldhuizen (Natl. Guard - Iraq)



Mary Our Lady of Peace Parish  
 Altar & Rosary Society  
**Spring Casserole Luncheon**  
**Wednesday March 17**

**from 11 AM—1 PM in the church hall**

Cost: \$6.00 includes casserole, salad, dessert & beverage.  
 Raffle includes (2) Quilts. \$1.00 raffle tickets on sale day  
 of luncheon.

**THE SOCIAL CONCERN COMMITTEE** wants to help find your passion and then do something about it. On March 20 & 21 they will have copies of the following survey for you to fill out. This will help them determine what social justice issues we as a parish or as individuals need to focus on. Please look over the following and be prepared to submit your survey at that time.

**SOCIAL CONCERNS SURVEY**

Please complete this two-question survey to assist the social concerns committee in determining what issues are high priorities for our parish. We want to know: what is one issue that you are passionate about? This could be a local or a global issue, from pot-holes to earthquakes, abortion to war, economy to ecology, hunger to healthcare, human rights to human-trafficking—but it should be something that arouses your sense of injustice or compassion, something that you wish would change so we could live in a better world.

1. A #1 issue requiring our attention\_\_\_\_\_
2. I would be willing to give up to 5 hours during 2010 to address this issue (perhaps 10 minutes a week, or one Saturday morning or 2 evening meetings:): \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no \_\_\_maybe (call me to discuss options).

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 to you each week

**BINGO**

**Tuesday, March 23, 2010**

**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**



**HOLY THURSDAY**

**BREAD FEAST**

On Holy Thursday, April 1st, everyone is asked to bring a loaf of bread to Mass (preferably homemade bread) that will be carried up during the preparation of gifts procession. At the end of Mass the bread will be taken to the hall, sliced and everyone is invited to the hall for the delicious bread along with jelly and a drink.

We need helpers to slice bread & to clean up afterwards. Please call Nancy in the parish office to volunteer.

**SPRING HAM DINNER**

**APRIL 25, 2010**

On April 25, we will hold our first Annual Spring Ham Dinner. The purpose of the event is two-fold - to raise money for the SMG roofing project, and also to share food, fun, and conversation. The proceeds from the dinner will help fund our roof project. Please consider contributing a raffle item or cash donation towards this event. While this is absolutely not expected, it is GREATLY appreciated!