

*Mass Schedule & Intentions***Saturday (May 1)**

4:00 PM For Our Military & their Families
 5:30 PM For Altar & Rosary Society Members - MLOP
 Living & Deceased

Fifth Sunday of Easter (May 2)

7:00 AM Kate Farischoon *by Christy Reijonen*
 8:30 AM Myrtle Versulys *by Delores/Tom & Family*-MLOP
 10:00AM For Our First Communicants
 11:30AM Special Intention *by Blondie Jackson* - MLOP

Monday (May 3))**No 9AM Mass**

10:30 AM Funeral Mass for Frederick Blodgett

Tuesday (May 4)

7:45AM Laurel Ann Hastrieter *by Stella Schultz* - MLOP

Wednesday (May 5)

9:00 AM Velma Lee Britt *by the Fowler Family*

Thursday (May 6)

7:45 AM Larayne Papini *by Papini Family* - MLOP

Friday (May 7)

9:00 AM For Our Parish Families
 10:30 AM Special Intention of Ann Toney - Hope Creek

Saturday (May 8)

4:00 PM Living & Deceased Members of Sweeney Family
 5:30 PM Loretta Driessen *by Eloise Fransen* - MLOP

Sixth Sunday of Easter (May 9)

7:00 AM For all Mothers & Grandmothers
 8:30 AM For all Mothers & Grandmothers - MLOP
 10:00AM For all Mothers & Grandmothers
 11:30AM For all Mothers & Grandmothers - MLOP

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Sunday - [Acts 14:21-27](#); [Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13](#); [Rv 21:1-5](#);

[Jn 13:31-33, 34-35](#)

Monday - [1Cor 15:1-8](#); [Ps 19:2-3, 4-5](#); [Jn 14:6-14](#)

Tuesday - [Acts 14:19-28](#); [Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 21](#); [Jn 14:27-31](#)

Wednesday - [Acts 15:1-6](#); [Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5](#); [Jn 15:1-8](#)

Thursday - [Acts 15:7-21](#); [Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 10](#); [Jn 15:9-11](#)

Friday - [Acts 15:22-31](#); [Ps 57:8-9, 10-12](#); [Jn 15:12-17](#)

Saturday - [Acts 16:1-10](#); [Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5](#); [Jn 15:18-21](#)

Sunday - [Acts 15:1-2, 22-29](#); [Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8](#); [Rv 21:10-14, 22-23](#);
[Jn 14:23-29](#)

MARRIAGE: CHALLENGES THROUGH ITS LIFE-CYCLE Continues Monday May 3 from 7 to 8:30PM Topics this week: Empty nest (?) Presenters: are staff members of Rock Island Catholic Charities.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Two couples from St. Maria Goretti will receive the Sacrament of Matrimony in May: Nick Maas & Amy Fuller on the 15th and Amy Rogan & Stephen Huitrado on the 22nd. Please keep them in your prayers.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Three candidates have volunteered for the positions on Parish Council. Since only three candidates are needed, an election will not be held. Mike Crider and Mary Seaton-Ewers have volunteered to serve a second term on the Council. Jodi D'Hondt has volunteered for the third position. Jodi is a life-time member of the Parish, and in the past she has volunteered her time on various committees including Parish Council. Jodi is the wife of Bill D'Hondt and mother of Chris and Caitlin. Besides being a wife and mother, Jodi is a first grade teacher for Geneseo Schools. We would like to thank these candidates for volunteering their time to serve on our Parish Council.

**ANNUAL HOT DOG COLLECTION**

It's been one year since we've joined forces with three other churches in Coal Valley to help keep the Coal Valley Food Pantry supplied. We started one year ago with a hot dog collection. We will be doing a **hot dog collection again on the weekend of May 8-9.**

Last year the four Coal Valley churches collected 300lbs of hot dogs in May. Those donations kept the food pantry supplied until October. All four churches will be collecting hot dogs in May again and we are hoping for an even larger collection this year.

In 2009 our donations helped to feed 1235 individuals (370 families). In addition to those individuals 82 baskets were distributed for Christmas. Thank you for your generosity.

Stewardship “Sharing Our Gifts”

Thank you to....

- John Katherman, John & Kay Cooke for taking down walls and setting up tables for the Ham Dinner.
- Margaret Francescon & Marolyn Tope for table decorations for the Ham Dinner.
- Cheryl & Roberto Alleruzzo, Sandy Martens, Rita Pearson, Nancy Robison, John & Carolyn Slavish, Claudia Saddler, Carol Nichols, Kathy McOmber, Nancy Larsen, Dan & Donna Tworek, Sr Sandra, Ally, Noal & Alec Ewers, Mary Ann Lapaczzonek, Lois DeCoster, Marolyn Tope, Margaret Francescon, Sandy Bledsoe, Judy Deporter, Mary Seton-Ewers, Chris Arnold, Marcia Jacobs, and John Katherman for their part (set-up, clean-up & serving) in making the Ham Dinner a success.
- All who contributed great desserts.
- Those who helped pass out ADA packets this past weekend.
- Computer help from Rom McDermott for ADA and Mary Jeanne Gunnare for the First Communion cover.
- Anna DeMeulenaere, a parishioner and Catholic Charities staff member, who presented the session of adolescents last Monday.
- Anna DeMeulenaere, John & Kay Cooke for moving walls and table & chairs this past week.
- Dan Tworek for taking down walls for Jesus Day.
- Parish Nurses Beth Carlson & Maureen Bennett for all the time you have given to the parish.

Stewardship of Treasure

From the week of April 25, 2010

	[Last week]	[Fiscal YTD]
Building Fund	\$ 25.00	\$ 8,292.74
Budgeted Amount		<u>12,375.00</u>
Net Over <Under>		\$ <4,082.26>
Regular Collection	\$ 2,461.65	\$ 158,368.20
Budgeted Amount		\$ <u>147,657.03</u>
Net Over <Under>		\$ 10,958.17

2009-2010 Budget includes \$24,000 deficit
 Income to date (42 weeks) will result in an anticipated deficit of -\$13,041.83 for the current fiscal year.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARIA GORETTI

- Saturday, 5/1** - Jesus Day Retreat for 2nd graders
Sunday, 5/2 – First Communion at 10AM Mass
Monday 5/3 - Project Belize meeting 1 PM.
 Marriage & Family: Empty Nest? session from 7 -8:30
Tuesday, 5/4 – Social Concerns Meets at 6 PM
 RCIA Dinner 7PM
Wednesday, 5/5 - Last CCD class with Mass at 5 PM
Saturday, 5/8 - Shawl Ministry Group meets 10—noon
 Baptism of Justin Todd Burton 2:30 PM
Sunday, 5/9 – Happy Mother’s Day to all Mothers and Grandmothers

Prayer Shawl Ministry

will be meeting in the hall on

Saturday, May 8th

10AM-12PM

Everyone is welcome to attend

Kits are available at the meeting.

Questions call Lorrie Polesky 797-1516

OUR FIRST ANNUAL HAM DINNER....

was a success & brought in \$ 1372 from the dinner and raffles items. Thank you those who helped in anyway especially Parish Council members Crystal Arnold, Marcia Jacobs, John Katherman and Mary Seaton-Ewers for organizing the dinner. Also, special thanks to the many businesses that donated the raffle items: Two Rivers YMCA, Circa 21, Happy Joe’s, Headquarters Bar & Grill, Hungry Hobo, Isabel Bloom, Mulligan’s Valley Pub, Niabi Zoo, Water Park Car Wash, Valley Bakery, Sally Johnson and Lori Langel,

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 on M-W-F and at MLOP on Tuesdays & Thursdays

*Always in the Peace of the Risen Lord
"Love One Another"*

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

As we gather to celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Easter we have a short and simple Gospel passage that gets right to the point—"love one another." Simple, yet now necessarily easy to fulfill. How do we love one another? Who do we love and why do we love? If we think about it, it is not really easy to love others. It is especially challenging to love one's enemies. Anyone care to visit Adolph Hitler's grave and offer a prayer? [He actually doesn't have a grave. He was cremated, or so the reports say.]

Perhaps for some that might be an easier task than to say, we still will respect and honor our former spouse and not sour the kids on them. Or harder maybe to value and appreciate the sibling that took all of our parent's money. Ahhh, perhaps we're getting the picture. It may be easy to love some enemies but not family or friends that became our enemies.

Or maybe we find it hard to love our former boss that fired us, or our teacher that ridiculed us in front of our peers, or the friend that turned their back on us. Or the..., well you fill in the blank.

Our Gospel talks about Jesus being glorified by God his Father. He is so glorified because he was obedient to the Father's commandment of love, even unto offering up his life on the cross for you and for me. As sinners we deserve death, but now death no longer has any power over us, for he has freed us from our death and the promises of heaven are ours if we but only give our lives [back] to Jesus.

Jesus gave us a great commandment. Love God with your whole heart, mind, strength and being. And to love one another as you would wish to be so loved. It can not get any more direct than that.

So, let us love one another, for we are followers of Christ, and followers of Christ, us Christians, are to be known for our love.

Always in the Peace of the Risen Lord,

Fr. Jim

P.S Thank you very much for completing your Annual Diocesan Appeal forms and if you have not done so already please complete at your convenience and drop into the collection basket.

P.S.S. Congratulations to our First Communicants this weekend.

P.S.S.S. Thanks to everyone under the direction of Parish council members, Crystal Arnold, Mary Seaton-Ewers, Marcia Hughes and John Katherman for making our 1st Annual Ham Dinner a success.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Giving With Love

Thanks to all who made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Currently, we have pledges of \$ **26,690** toward our goal of \$36,856. We have received pledge forms from 105 parishioners. A gift to ADA, no matter how great or small, can go a long way. A pledge of \$10 or \$20 a month can add up. Even a one-time gift is helpful to the cause. To those who have contributed, we are most grateful. If you have not yet made a gift to the ADA, we invite you to do so today. There are packets in the vestibule or contact the parish office for your packet. Every dollar raised to make our goal supports important diocesan services and every dollar raised over our goal will be kept in the parish to help us with the church roof repair.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT SESSION

If you plan to help with Vacation Bible School this summer, coach a ball team or work with young people in anyway please consider this **Safe Environment Presentation** on **Tuesday, May 4th** from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Seton Middle School. Please call Connie Knuckey at 764-5418 if you plan to attend.

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

“By this everyone will know that you are My disciples.” How will you manifest your discipleship? Consider living the Lord’s new commandment of love as a priest, sister or brother. Call Father Brian Brownsey (309) 671-1550 or write: frbrownsey@cdop.org

AT ST. MARY MONASTERY...

WHO IS THIS MARY, THE BLESSED MOTHER OF US ALL? How do scripture & related stories make Mary, the Blessed Mother, known & yet mysterious? Join Sr. Mary Schmidt, OSB as she shares on this amazing woman during our Mary Day. **Thursday, May 6 from 9—3pm.** Cost \$30 includes lunch.

Diocesan Summer Institute

Theme: “Let My People Come”

Celebrating the Life of the Faithful Servant of God
Archbishop Fulton J. sheen

Dates: Friday, June 11 and Saturday, June 12

Place: St. Vincent DePaul Parish, Peoria, IL

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MEMORIAL & HISTORY BOOK

Under Father Jim's direction, we are preparing a memorial book covering the history and contributions to St. Maria Goretti Parish. Yet, our parish records may not be complete. If you or your family have made a memorial contribution to SMG, please call Crystal Arnold (309)738-5117 to confirm that we have your family's memorial recorded. Thank you

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Thursday, May 6—Stories of Abraham - Transforming Hostility to Hospitality, an inter-religious discussion at Farrell Hall of St. Pius Church, Rock Island from 7—8:30 PM.

Saturday, May 8—Special Mothers’ Day prayer service at Calvary Cemetery at 9AM. Fresh flowers will be available for distribution by family members to gravesites as a tribute to mothers & grandmothers interred in Calvary Cemetery & Mausoleum.

Tuesday, May 11 - Longaberger Basket/Scentsy Wickless Candles BINGO at St. Anne's Cleary Hall, East Moline. Doors open at 4:30 pm. All proceeds go to Our Lady of Grace. For more information or tickets contact the school office at 309-755-5071.

Thursday, May 13—Theology on Tap at Phil & Larry’s Saloon, Davenport at 7 PM. Fr. Tim Sheedy will present Marian Apparitions. Fr. Sheedy has traveled to Lourdes, & Fatima, where Mary appeared.

Saturday, May 15 - “Garden of Eden” Garage Sale (Everything in the World Except Clothing) at the Believers Together Center, Moline from 8AM - 2PM. Donated items will be accepted on Thursday & Friday, May 13 & 14 from 10 AM - 7PM. Questions, call Phyllis 764-0586.

LITURGICAL ROLES

MAY 2010

LECTORS/READERS

4:00 pm - Mary Seaton-Ewers (L), Deb Scranton (R)
7:00 a.m. - Bill Dukes (L), Judy DePorter (R)
10:00 a.m. - Julie Gambon (L), Marolyn Tope (R)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 p.m. - Marcia Jacobs, Sr. JT McNulty, Kathy Doyle
7:00 a.m. - Dc. Chuck Breeden, Joe & Crystal Arnold
10:00 a.m - Dc. Chuck, Gene & Rosemary Mourisse,
Dale & Mary Heiar

USHERS

4:00 p.m. - Chuck Stone, Bob Sweeney,
Steve DePorter
7:00 a.m. - Joyce Greif, Jim Vyncke,
Charmaine DeCrane
10:00 a.m. - Mitch Heiar, John Cooke, Frank Huyten,
& Mike Tope

CROSS BEARER

4:00 p.m. - Chet Doyle
7:00 a.m. - Jim Vyncke
10:00 a.m. - John Cooke

ALTAR SERVERS

May 1 & 2

4:00 p.m. - Taylor Gengler & Matt Wegerer
7:00 a.m. - need server
10:00 a.m. - Allison Dussliere & Matt Fournier

May 8 & 9

4:00 p.m. - DJ & Nicole Roush
7:00 a.m. - need server
10:00 a.m. - Addie & JC Brenny

May 15 & 16

4:00 p.m. - AJ Scott & Maddy Reddy
7:00 a.m. - Matt Fournier
10:00 a.m. - Audrey & Luci DeBo

May 22 & 23

4:00 p.m. - Alec & Noah Ewers
7:00 a.m. - need server
10:00 a.m. - Tara Gambon & Gabriella Armetta

May 29 & 30

4:00 p.m. - Matt Wegerer & Nathan VanDeCastelee
7:00 a.m. - need server
10:00 a.m. - Savannah Schauff & Matt Fournier

Please pray for...

Those who have died especially Cindy Savery, sister of Kathy (Dennis) Barron, Ronald "Butch" Creen, uncle of Joyce Anderson & Thomas (Kathy) Creen and for Fred Blodgett.

Those who are sick and in need of healing...

at Maria Goretti

Bob Bennett, Pat Bitel, Faye DeBisschop, Robert Cartwright, Donald Cleary, Rose & Leroy Glaudel, Earl Greif, Bob Gunnare, Eileen McKenzie, Joe Perron, Martha Radsoevich, Gary Schnell, Yvonne Sherlock, Carol Solomon, Ann Toney, Richard Verscha, Bill & Shirley Wilson and Roy Yeater.

And at Mary, Our Lady of Peace...

Derrick Andrae, Robert Dryoel, Alice Isaacson, Blondie Jackson, Robert & Mary Johnson, Betty Mielke, Keith Robinson, Stephen Sottos, Elle Weber, and Chet Wexell

Prayers have also been asked for....

Alice Bonche, Dick Brown, Virginia E. Cooke (step-mother of John Cooke), Steve Cronkleton, Leah Crouch, Luis Gonzales, Doug Hollmer, Steph & baby Jacobs, Dc. Matt Levy, Marcella & Joan Keller, Sr. Phyllis McMurray OSB, Kay Murphy, Shirley & Leonard Nelson (family of Nancy Robison), Judy & Craig Reaktenwalt, Abby Scott, Elaine Siebers, Kris Sommers, Jerry Sottos, Ann Tillman and Kathy Watson.

from MLOP...Kathy Anderson, Jennifer Bergstrom, Alice Bouche, Karla Carlson, Leslie Ann Carey, Gina Carlile, Lynn Chartier, Katie Dagget, Ralph Dantino, Gabby Decker, Darrell DeMont, Charlie Faoro, Beverly Fransen, Loretta Gainey, Janetta Hawkins, Ken Kempen and Carol Klauer. Fr. James King, Sylvester Kouassi (Fr. Paulin's brother), Matthew Lee, Nancy Leonard, Phyllis & Grace Mitchell, Lillian Morrison, Gerry Moyer, Jackie Mowder, Don Nelson, Jordan Palmer, Sue Peterson, Kateland Poff, Tony Powell, Leslie Sandau, Emma Schnerre, Donna Schultz, Toni Versluys, Betty Volk (Ron Volk's mom), and Bernice Ziegenhorn.

Don't forget our Military & and their families

Sgt Mark Britton (Army-U.S), AB Corbin Carlson (AF-USA), John Goebel (NG-U.S.), Michael Gravitt (Marines-Japan), Luke Heritage (NG-U.S.), Major Andy Maguire (NG - Iraq), Sr. Airman Jeff Topham (AF - US), Sgt. Aaron DePorter (Army - Afghanistan), E6 Amy Rogan (Navy - USA), Major Luke Sustman (AF - Afghanistan), Shawn Taylor (Army), Cpt. Adam Underkloffler (Marines - So. Africa), Cpt. Mark VanVeldhuizen (NG - USA)

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

May 2, 2010

Congratulations to the following

Myah Baldwin

daughter of Rebecca Baldwin

Geneva Blunt

daughter of Chad & Gretchen Blunt

Madison Dearing

daughter of Marcus & Shelli Dearing

Sydney Gibbs

daughter of John & Debbie Gibbs

Hannah Jones

daughter of Shawn & Kym Jones

Holly Jacobs

daughter of Mark & Lisa Jacobs

Utah Keehner

son of Rich & Kimberly Keehner

Devin Kiernan

son of Joleyne & Jacobs Phelps

Rachel Lapaczonek

daughter of Jim & Sue Lapaczonek

Gabriella Lopez

daughter of Chris & Annette Lopez

Joseph Reddy

son of Philip & Nanlee Reddy

Colin Reed

son of Brian & Julie Reed

Nicole Smith

daughter of Jeff & Michelle Smith

Grace Sottos

daughter of Deb & Mike Sottos

Greta Specht

daughter of Tony & Jenny Specht

Kaylee Stalf

daughter of Tom & Colleen Stalf

Jacob Stevenson

son of Jason & Patti Stevenson

Kyle Yeater

son of Jeff & Laura Yeater