

Mass IntentionsSaturday (July 8)4:00PM Paul Naert by *Fr. Jim*

5:30 PM Bill & Bernice Hamerlinck

*by Friends & Family - MOLOP*14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 9)8:30AM Blondie Jackson by *Rick & Jenny Mason - MOLOP*10:00AM Tim St. Clair by *Maureen St. Clair & Family*Monday (July 10)

No Mass

Tuesday (July 11)8:00AM Jim Cravens by *George & Jan Oliver- MOLOP*

10:30AM Hope Creek Mass

Wednesday (July 12)

9:00AM Special Intention of Fr. Jack

Thursday (July 13)8:00AM Beulah Murphy by *Joyce Alba - MOLOP*Friday (July 14)9:00 AM Steve Moross (*1st Anniversary*)Saturday (July 15)

4:00PM Living & Deceased Members of Sweeney family

5:30 PM Rick Kurtenbach by *the Reed Family - MOLOP*15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (July 16)8:30AM Joe Ryan by *Kurt & Kathy Ruge - MOLOP*10:00AM Julius & Rose VandeVoorde by *Julie & Steve Bush*

If you need a gluten-free host please go to Father or the deacon during Communion & whisper "gluten free".

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

If you know of someone who would be interested in serving please let the office know. We are in need of servers at both 4 PM Saturday & 10AM Sunday Masses.

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This week we recognize one of our advertiser

THE KIDS CORNER
Lori & Dale Langel, Parishioners

**Congratulations to
Deacon Chuck & Mike Breeden
on their 25th Anniversary to the Diaconate.**

Join us in the Parish Hall for an Open House
today, Sunday, July 9th from 11 - 1PM

**Prayer Shawl Ministry group will be meeting on
Monday, July 10th** at 10 a.m. for coffee, conversation and knitting or crocheting. All are invited to join. Bring your current project & ideas about how we can enliven the ministry. Both novice and experienced knitters or those who crochet are welcome.

**Attention St. Maria Goretti Parishioners
Prayer Shawls for Available**

Do you know of someone who is ill or in need of emotional support and would find comfort in receiving a prayer shawl? You may come to the parish office to pick out a prayer shawl that has been knitted by one of the members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry group. A prayer card is attached to each shawl so that you can say a special prayer with the person as you present it. There is no charge for the shawl, and the recipient does not need to be a parishioner of St. Maria Goretti. However, those requesting the prayer shawl should be a parishioner. Donations are accepted.

BIG THANK YOU

To Fr. Jim and all the ladies & gentlemen who were so kind and generous with their time this past weekend by helping make the participants feel welcome from sharing their homes (Mark & Ann Fennell, Fr. Jim and Maureen Bennett) and sharing hospitality with them at SMG (Lorrie, Lois, Randy, Christy, Dale, Carol, Camy & Marge) during the National Conference of Burmese American Catholics.

Sincerely, John Salens & Kathy Rollwer

SACRAMENT

Congratulations to Rowan Crow & Michael Currie who were joined in the **Sacrament of Holy Matrimony** at Sacred Heart Church in Moline July 8th. Rowan is the daughter of parishioner, Diane Crow.

WEBSITE COORDINATOR

Do you enjoy being on the computer? We are in need of a website coordinator to help with our parish website. If interested or need more information please contact Randy Jaminet (309) 593 - 2474.

**Thanks for sharing your time & talent
It is truly appreciated....**

- Lorrie Polesky, Lois DeCoster, Randy & Christy Jaminet for helping at parish on Saturday with Burmese priests.
- Dale Witzel, Carol Nichols, Marge Behn & Camy Stone for taking care of Burmese priest on Sunday at the Parish..
- John Katherman & Roberto Alleruzzo for doing some trimming of bushes and shrubs around the church grounds.
- Bill & Kim Gordon for their generous donation of mulch for the church grounds.

"PRODUCE GIVE AWAY"

It is that time of the year. The Food Pantry will once again be having the Produce Give Away Days. It will just be for the summer months: July 12th, & August 9th, 9:00 until noon. These are the SECOND WEDNESDAYS of the month. If anyone is **interested in volunteering** on any one of the given Wednesdays please call Sue Fournier at 799-5851.



**MOLOP 16TH ANNUAL
BOUNTIFUL HARVEST
GALA & AUCTION
SAT. OCTOBER 14, 2017**

Raffle tickets on sale now (\$100 per share) for
\$10,000 Cash Grand Prize
\$3,000 Second Place Prize
\$2,000 Third Place Prize
(3) \$1,000 Fourth Place Prizes

The next **Early Bird Drawing for \$500 - July 29th**
Burgers, Brats & Beer at 6:30PM
Parish Picnic on Sunday, **August 27th**

Raffle ticket forms on the table by front door

PRAYER REQUESTS**For Those in need of healing at St. Maria Goretti...**

Fr. Jim, Moe Arnold, Patrick Bredeck, Sue Cartwright, Fred DeCoster, Donna Davis, Ken Francescon, Bob Gunnare, James & Sharon Mason & Maureen St. Clair.

For Those who are in Health Care Facilities or Homebound...

Chuck DeCrane & Paul Welsh, Sr. at Illini Restorative Care, Silvis, Richard Frutiger, Yvonne Sherlock & Donald White at Hope Creek, Moline, Mary Jo Trant at Bickford Senior Living, Ray Tschopp at Lighthouse, Silvis. The Homebound include...Ed Bladel, Lynn Eifler, Earl & Velda Greif, Dick & Jan Siebert, Bob Sweeney, Mary Ann Verscha & Shirley Wilson.

From Mary, Our Lady of Peace parish...

Fr. Jim, Donna Bender, Eloise Fransen, Marita Frietsch, Deb Gainey, Jim Hamerlinck, George & Katie Huggins, Debbie Jones, Ava Lawson, Cathy Mott, Pat Murphy, Mary Phillips, Rosamaria & Joe Rivera, Ted Seabloom. Continued prayers for Shirley Nelson & Alice Isaacson.

Prayers have also been asked for.....

Fr. Bob Spilman, Msgr. Greg Ketcham, Fr. Steven Bird, Ms. Paul Showalter, Brenda Baumunk Deanna Bender, Barbara Brick, Teddy Butz, Mary Ann Graham, Marian Gross, Kathy Mueller Heseman, Joel Kaufman, Bertha Maslanka, Lowell McClellan, Pam Roberts, Dottie Siefert & Tim Weidner

For Our Military & and their families

Sgt. Isaac Booth (Army), SFC Mark Britton (Army), Keegan Carlson (West Point), Lt. Col. James DeReus, Jr. (AF), Michael Fisher, (NG), Spec. Meghan Gengler, Sgt. Jake Gunn (Army), Adam Leemans (Army - USA), CW2 Jeff Topham (Army-USA), Cap. Dan Mitchell, Sean Reed (Air Force), PFC Alexa Scott (NG-USA), Airman Kiley Sommers (AF), Major Luke Sustman (AF-Afghanistan), Maj. Mark VanVeldHuizen (Army), E6TechSgt. Austin Van Duyne (AF NG-US), 2ndLT Ben VanDuyne (AF)-US & Justin Welsh (National Guard)

Thank you to all our service men & women

Please note Hospitals will not notify the parish if you or a family member is admitted through emergency. Please call the office and let us know if you or family member is in the hospital.

(Names stay on the prayer list for 4 weeks)

Tune into KTJT 95.3 FM Relevant Radio. It can help bridge the gap between Faith and everyday life!

Continuation of Fr. Jim's letter....

him through his Cursillo involvement (Mike too). However, we here at Saint Maria Goretti, and Mary, Our Lady of Peace these past ten plus years, have been so privileged to have Deacon Chuck serve us as our parish deacon and he has done so quite faithfully. Through his ministry he has brought God's grace to us when we have needed it the most. Be it in the hospital, at the nursing home, in our own homes or at church; as a group or as an individual; as a Cursillista, a parishioner, a friend. He has been there.

When I first got sick over 4 ½ years ago, Deacon Chuck was one of the people (along with Nancy, Sister Mary Core and Deacon Tom) that helped to make sure that the ministry of church continued. The Sick received Holy Communion and were anointed, the engaged were prepared and married, the visiting priests were welcomed and guided—in other words, the work of the church continued. Even to this day Deacon Chuck attends to those parishioners in the hospital or nursing homes since I am supposed to avoid them due to my low immunity system.

For all that he has been for me, for all that he has been for us, for all that he and Mike have been for all of God's people, let us give thanks. See you at the reception.

Saint Maria Goretti, pray for us

Always in the Peace of the Risen Lord, *Father Jim*

P.S. This Tuesday, 6:30pm-8:00pm, at Saint Maria Goretti hall, I will lead a gathering to discuss the Feasibility of a Diocesan wide campaign and to complete the surveys that were distributed with our bulletins last weekend. The Bishop would like to have a Capital Campaign and he desires our input to formulate dollar goals and vision goals. Hope to see you there.

14th ANNUAL CURSILLO GOLF OUTING

Saturday, July 29th at 9AM

Hawthorne Ridge Golf Course in Aledo

Cost \$60 Includes Golf Cart & Meals.

No refunds. All proceeds donated to Cursillo

All are welcome! Groups preferred, Singles

Accepted! Four Person Preferred Ball

Tournament, Shotgun Start! Flyer, regis-

trations forms & more information of the kiosk.



The National Touring Relic of Pope Saint John Paul II on August 16, 2017 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 800-17th St., Silvis, Illinois

6:30 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet. 7:00 pm: Holy Mass - followed by the Rosary and Veneration with an opportunity to touch and kiss the holy relic. One Night Only! The only QC stop for this holy relic! No cost to attend, however, donations joyfully accepted! Presented by the parishes of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Silvis and St. Patrick's, Colona in union with the Servants of the Pierced Hearts

BENET HOUSE RETREAT CENTER ST. MARY MONASTERY

Exploring the Human Condition: A Journey to Interior Freedom and Self-Transcendence: Fri. Aug. 18, 4:30 pm-Sun. Aug. 20, 1 pm;

The Centering Prayer Post Intensive Retreat: Sun. Aug. 20, 6:30 pm-Fri. Aug. 25, 4 pm;

Combine Retreats in #1 and #2: Fri. Aug. 18, 4:30 pm-Fri. Aug. 25, 4 pm;

For more information and pricing: Phone: 309-283-2108 or **309-283-2300 Email: retreats@smmsisters.org or ** vocation@smmsisters.org

Web: www.smmsisters.org/retreats/retreats-and-programs

PRAYER OF FAVOR FOR FR. JIM

Eternal Father, You alone grant us every blessing in Heaven and on earth, through the redemptive mission of Your Divine Son, Jesus Christ, and by the working of the Holy Spirit. May it be according to Your Will, to glorify your servant, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, by granting the favor we now request through his prayerful intercession that Fr. Jim will be cured of cancer, healed and restored to us. We make this prayer confidently through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen

Always

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

May the prayerful intercession of Saint Maria Goretti be with us all.

The National Conference of Burmese-American Catholics (NCBAC) held last weekend was quite a joyful event and proved to be very successful. I was able to con-celebrate three Masses with them. First was the opening Mass on Saturday at 8:30am when there was standing room only at the Rock and where they held their conference. It was beautiful. Then on Sunday I was able to join them for a smaller group Mass that was held at Saint Maria Goretti Church at 1:30pm for a group that had to leave early to get back home. Then Mass again at the Rock which was nearly full at 5pm. Sunday evening I was able to eat with the Archbishop, some priests and some laity (about 45 people) here at SMG. I did not try the curried eggs, but I did try everything else and my stomach and I survived. I was able to share some Whitey's Ice Cream with them, which they enjoyed very much. They all were very thankful and appreciative of all that we did to host them. I for one wish to thank the members of the SMG Parish Council and others who "stuck around" on Saturday and Sunday to welcome everyone to our parish and to assist them in whatever ways that they could. Thank you so very much for being the face of Saint Maria Goretti to all the bishops, priests and people visiting from Burma and all over the USA.

I have made several notes from this experience. First, it was an awesome experience. I felt overwhelmed by all the joy that I witnessed and their celebration of Mass brought me to tears all three times. And, the Archbishop, the two Bishops, the 30 some priests and the five (or so) Sisters were all so beautiful and humble and gracious and appreciative of all that we were able to do for them. The priests and sisters were so very young, always smiling, and even though I could not understand them when they were talking to the congregation, they all must be comedians for the people were laughing and smiling when the priests and sisters were introducing themselves.

Secondly, it would be great if we could continue to reach out to these good people, mostly refugees, who have now made their home among us. If you have any ideas on how we might accomplish this, please give me a holler. Some of the adults do speak English and most of the school age children speak English, so language does not have to be a barrier. Though I was very exhausted from the whole event (I slept most of Monday), as I reflected on it I find myself smiling, tired as I might have been, for all the many God moments that enriched me. One more observation. Many of the little ones were wearing, not native clothes, but red, white and blue. And me just in black!

The Burmese-American community of the QCA number about ten families and most attend Sacred Heart in Rock Island. They usually celebrate a bi-lingual Mass in English and Burmese at 1:00pm every Sunday at Sacred Heart in Rock Island. They are open to having us join them in their prayer. We may not understand most of the Mass, but we will understand their love for their (our) faith and their love of God and for all people. Oftentimes, Father John Onderko is the Celebrant for the Sunday Mass.

There is also a small community of Catholic Burmese that live in Monmouth (south of here on US 67) and there is a large group that live in Waterloo, Iowa.

If you are reading this following Mass on Saturday or Sunday I wish to remind you that we are having an Open House at Saint Maria Goretti from 11am to 1pm to honor Deacon Chuck on the occasion of his 25th Anniversary diaconal ordination. Please stop by and congratulate Deacon Chuck and his wife Mike and enjoy some fellowship with your parish family along with some delicious food catered by Maple Street Grille of Orion.

I have known Mike from her days of owning "The Mustard Seed" and have known of Deacon Chuck because of his leadership and spiritual guidance in [Northwest] Cursillo as I am sure many others in our area have known