

Mass Intentions**Saturday (Sept. 23)**4:00PM Margaret Foster by *Jorja Beert*5:30PM Dorothy Seys by *Lili Moen* - MOLOP**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sept. 24)**8:30AM Rosamaria Rivera by *Ted & Liz Seabloom* - MOLOP

10:00AM For Our Parish Families

Monday (Sept. 25)9:00 AM Emma Jean Buchmeyer by *Fr. Jim***Tuesday (Sept. 26)**8:00AM Stella Schulz by *George & Katie Huggins* - MOLOP

10:30AM Mass at Hope Creek

Wednesday (Sept. 27)

9:00AM Special Intention of Fr. Jim

Thursday (Sept. 28)8:00AM Ronnie Rambo, Jr. (*10th Anniversary*)
by *Joan Wexwell* - MOLOP**Friday (Sept. 29)**9:00 AM The Sweeney Family by *Bob Sweeney***Saturday (Sept. 30)**

4:00PM Faye DeBisschop

5:30PM Bill Hammerlinck by *Friends & Family* - MOLOP**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Oct. 1)**8:30AM Bonnie Jackson by *Richard & Chloe Hewitt* - MOLOP10:00AM 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".



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

It starts with Mass followed by Dinner from 5 - 6:30, Silent Auction, many raffle items & Live Auction after dinner. Don't forget the Grand Prize Raffle \$10,000.

\$3,000 Second Place Prize

\$2,000 Third Place Prize

(Three) \$1,000 Fourth Place Prizes

Must be present to win the 5th Place Prize of \$1,000

Raffle tickets on sale (\$100 per share) & forms are on the table by front door.

SACRAMENTS

Congratulations to Katie Langel & Sam Sothman who were married recently. Katie is the daughter of Dale & Lori Langel.

Congratulations to Kayla Fowler & Craig Shehorn who will receive the Sacrament of Matrimony next weekend, September 30. Kayla is the daughter of James & Sheila Fowler.

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**

If you haven't had an opportunity to sign up for a portrait appointment please do so soon. We would like your picture in our new Parish Directory. Photos sessions will take place on Friday & Saturday, Oct. 13 & 14 & again the next week on Thursday, Friday & Saturday, Oct. 19, 20, 21st. You may sign up thru the parish website at smg@smgcv.org during the week & on weekends you'll find appointment sign-up sheets on a table in the foyer. Questions or concerns call Crystal Arnold (309) 738-5117.

You may invited family, friends and neighbors to have their picture taken too but they will not be placed in the parish directory. You may also have a picture taken with a favorite pet and something that means a lot to you. And you may order Christmas cards at that time too!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATIONS**CCD Classes start**

Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 5:00PM.

Parents are encouraged to come for an Open House.

Come meet teachers, see your children's classrooms and enjoy refreshments.

SMG WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wed, Sept. 27 - Wisdom Seekers Book Club 9:45AM

CCD begins from 5 - 6:30 PM

Fri. Sept. 29 - Fowler/Shehorn Wedding Rehearsal

Sat. Sept. 30 - Kayla Fowler-Craig Seahorn

Wedding 2PM

Sign up for Portraits after Mass

Sun. Oct. 1 - Sign up for Portraits after Mass

Confirmation classes begin 11AM

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 24 - Holy Land Pilgrimage at First Presbyterian Church, 2431 1st St., CV. There is no charge & guided tours take place at the top of each hour. Self-guided tours are also available during open hours. The pilgrimage gives you a good idea of what you would see, it's biblical significance and where you would see it in the holy land.

Sunday, Sept. 24 - Oktoberfest at St. Mary's Church, 2208 4th Ave, RI from 11:30a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Bingo, Raffle, Games, Bake Sale, Beer & Pop. Silent Auction, 50/50 Drawing at 2pm (must be present). Brats, Hot Dogs, Maid-Rites, German & American Potato Salad. Music by the John Restich Band. Rain or Shine

Sunday, Sept. 24 - Chicken Dinner at St. John the Apostle Church, 390 E. Hwy Ave, Woodhull from 11:30AM to 2PM. Dinner served family style. Adults \$10 & children 12 & under \$5.00

Monday, Sept. 25 - 12th Annual Conversation for Jewish, Christian & Muslim Women will be held at Culeman Hall, Sacred Heart Parish in Moline from 7—8:30 pm. The topic "Who Is My Neighbor?"

Thursday, Sept. 28 - Women at the Well at St. Malachy's, Geneseo presents "Gifting Life & Hope sharing by Cheryl Pacilio. Doors open at 6 with dinner served at 6:30. \$7.00 per person. Reservations required by Sunday, sept. 24 by calling Nancy Schott 944-4904 or email dschott@mchsi.com.

Sunday, Oct. 1 - Breakfast at Our Lady of Guadalupe church, Silvis from 7am to 11:30am. Cost is \$8.00 per person and the menu will include biscuits & gravy, eggs, hash browns, chorizo & eggs, chorizo and beans, pancakes, sausage and bacon. We will also offer fruit and a variety of beverages. All are welcome!

Sunday, Oct. 1 - Pro Life Mass at 9AM at St. John the Apostle, 1007 Rusholme St. Davenport,

Saturday, Oct. 7 - Memorial Mass at the Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum Chapel on at 9:00 a.m. Fr. Scott Potthoff will be the celebrant

Saturday, October 7th - March for Mary 1 - 4 p.m. from St. Joseph's Church, Peoria to St. Mary's Cathedral with Mass at 4 pm. Group registration at cdop.org/march-for-mary or call Suzie Meismer 309-966-0385

Saturday, Oct. 7 - Belgium Waffles from 8-11am served by the Center for Belgium Culture at the Friends Circle Club, 701-18 Ave Moline. The Center will be open from 9am-4pm and the lace makers will be at the Center from 1-4pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Clair VanSpeybroeck of St. Pius & Alleman Seniors will hold **3rd Annual Meal Packaging Event** at the Believers Together Center, 3209 60th St. Moline on **Sunday, Sept. 24 from 12:30 - 2:30**. More than 200 volunteers are needed to assemble over 40,000 non-perishable meals. Which will be distributed locally. All are welcome to come help. Alleman High School will received acknowledgement for approximately 6,000 pounds of food for the Student Hunger Drive.

THANK YOU

The Knights of Columbus, Leo Council 716, would like to thank the parishioners of St. Maria Goretti for their donations to our Tootsie Roll Drive to help the Intellectually Disabled. You can be assured that all of the funds collected will be used to help these disabled people.

Annual Red Mass: Bishop Jenky invites you to the Cathedral to join him for the Annual Red Mass on **Sunday, October 15, 10:30am**. This annual Mass asks for the guidance of the Holy Spirit for all of our civic servants, elected leaders and public officials, especially those in the legal profession.

46th Annual Quad Cities CROP Hunger Walk & Food Drive, Sunday, October 1st at Modern Woodman Park. Gather at 1:00PM & Walk at 2PM. Start a team & begin fundraising today by going to crophungerwalk.org/quadcities.

END HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME.

Alleman's Homecoming Pioneer Pace and Fun Night! Wednesday, October 4th

All families are welcome, and pre-school through 8th grade students are encouraged to participate in the carnival games and race. Carnival games in Alleman's Courtyard from 5:00-7:00 and races will begin at 6:30, with a Homecoming pep assembly to follow. Cost to participate in the 30-50 yard race is \$15 per student, which includes the Pioneer Pace Race, a t-shirt & tickets to use in the carnival games. A concession stand with Happy Joe's pizza, hot dogs & more will be available. Registration forms are available online at www.allemanhighschool.org All registration forms must be turned in to Alleman by **Wednesday, September 20th** to ensure the participant receives a t-shirt.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

OCTOBER 2017

LECTORS/READERS

4:00 p.m. - Karen Scott
10:00 a.m. - Jim Marando

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 p.m. - Sr. JT McNulty, Frank & Kathy McOمبر,
and Jackie Sottos
10:00 a.m. - John & Darlene Katherman, Joleen Easley
& Therese Gordon

USHERS

4:00 p.m. - Dave Gorge & Camy Stone
10:00 a.m. - Randy & Christy Jaminet
Jill Dzekunskas

CROSS BEARER

4:00 p.m. - Chet Doyle & 10:00 a.m. - Randy Jaminet

ALTAR SERVERS

Oct.1 10 am Maddie Dobbles

Oct. 7 & 8 4 p.m. Cole Dowdal
10 a.m. Gianna Kane

Oct. 14 & 15 4p.m. Cole Dowdal
10 a.m. Anna Francescon

Oct. 21 & 22 4 p.m. Need server
10 a.m. Maddie Meeker

Oct. 28 & 29 4 p.m. Cole Dowdal
10 a.m. Gianna Kane

Trained adults & children servers are welcome to help on the altar anytime they are here.

NEED LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Being a liturgical minister is not a difficult job and we need parishioners to step up and help in different areas (Altar Servers, Ushers/Greeters, Cross Bearers & Lector/Readers) At this time we could use a few more Ushers & Cross-Bearers at the 4 o'clock Mass. We would like 4 ushers at each Mass to help greet parishioners as they arrive and help with the collection. We also are in need of a few more servers. Maybe you served as child or want to help Fr. Jim is some small way. Altar serving can be done by a child, woman or man. If either position interest you please call the Parish Office

PRAYER REQUESTS

For Those in need of healing at St. Maria Goretti...

Fr. Jim, Sue Cartwright, Fred DeCoster, Donna Davis, Ken & Donna Frels, Ken Francescon, Bob Gunnare, Ted Lapaczzonek, James & Sharon Mason, Sharon Scranton and Janice Warner.

For Those who are in Health Care Facilities or Home-bound...

Chuck DeCrane, Paul Welsh, Sr. Richard Frutiger, Yvonne Sherlock, Donald White, Moe Arnold, Mary Jo Trant, Ray Tschopp, Ed Bladel, Lynn Eifler, Earl Greif, Dick & Jan Siebert, Bob Sweeney, Mary Ann Verscha & Shirley Wilson.

From Mary, Our Lady of Peace parish....

Fr. Jim, Donna Bender, Pat Dzekunskas, Eloise Franzen, Marita Frietsch, Deb Gaaney, Jim Hamerlinck, Janet Jacobson, Debbie Jones, Ava Lawson, Cathy Mott, Pat Murphy, Mary Phillips, Joe Rivera, Ted Seabloom and Tom Schulenberg.

Prayers have also been asked for.....

Fr. Bob Spilman, Msgr. Greg Ketcham, Darrell & Anna Jane Core (Sr. Mary's parents), Deanna Bender, Barbara Brick, Teddy Butz, Melanie Coleman (Maureen Bennett's sis-in-law), Sharon DeVriese, Mary Ann Graham, Marian Gross, Kathy Mueller Heseman, Joel Kaufman, Peg LaForge (Nancy Robison's sisters), Bertha Maslanka, Lowell McClellan, Amanda Puebla (Pam Wilk's niece), Pam Roberts, Nick Thomm, Chris Topham, Herman VanDuyne, Tim Weidner and Mari Zimmerman.

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), Cap. Dan Mitchell, Sean Reed (Air Force), PFC Alexa Scott (NG-USA), Airman Kiley Sommers (AF), Major Luke Sustman (AF-Afghanistan), CW2 Jeff Topham (Army-USA), Maj. Mark VanVeldHuizen (Army), E6TechSgt. Austin VanDuyne (AF NG-US), 2ndLT Ben VanDuyne (AF)-US &

Thanks for sharing your time & talent

It is truly appreciated....A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

- To all Parish Council members involved with the Parish Picnic...Great day was had by all who attended.
- To those who give of their time on Sundays to count the collection: Dean Marten, Carol Nichols, Nancy Mueller, Patti Brown, Bill & Jodi D'Hondt, Pam & Rich Wilks, Jill Dzekunskas and Jodi Porter.
- To the ladies who meet monthly and use their gift for knitting or crocheting to make prayer shawls for those who are need comfort.

JMJ

Always in the Peace of the Lord

PJJ

Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

"...and there is love..." When I was growing up there was a song, entitled "The Wedding Song", I believe by Peter, Paul and Mary, that said these words at the end of all the verses. It was one of my favorite songs and still is today. I imagine if God had called me to be married, I would have valued and appreciated this song being sung (if the bride consented, of course) at the Wedding Mass. I mention this because I believe these words are important. In context, the song says, "For when two or more are gathered in His name, there is love." Do you believe this? Truly believe this? Do you allow this to happen in your life? Do you work to enable this to happen in your life?

In our first reading last weekend from the Book of Sirach it says "Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord?" Though it truly was difficult, and it did take some doing, including some frank discussions with the Lord (prayer), as I said with time I was healed. And I even found myself praying for the man throughout the years and at his death I prayed for the repose of his soul. With the prayer I did not pray with judgement, but more generally, "Please Lord, give to him what he needs, whatever that might be, including your promised peace that you have given to me."

How can we expect anything good from life if we ourselves have a wounded heart that does not cry out to God for healing? I have yet to find an adult person who has not been hurt by another. It could be a stranger or it could be someone in our family or among our friends. As I mentioned in my homily this past weekend, those that love us the most or often the ones who hurt us the most. Sometimes it is a cumulative effect. But the non-family member like our boss, or fellow student can hurt us too.

In this weekend's first reading from the Prophet Isaiah, found in the Old Testament we hear "Seek the Lord..." and "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord." With these words God is telling us that if we desire to think as He thinks and act as He does then we need to know the Lord and the only way to do that is to seek the Lord. We seek the Lord together (when two or more are gathered in my name) and in discovering the Lord we will know love (...there is love). And where there is love, there is no hatred or anger (from Sirach above—to hug tightly) but only forgiveness and faith. For where there is love there is no jealousy ("Are you envious because I am generous?") as found in our Gospel passage this weekend from Matthew [20:1-16a].

To have faith in God is to believe and trust in God. God is calling us to forgive others and to love one another. More on this next week.

I wish to thank Father Paulin for being with us this summer and I pray that God will send him to us soon. Thank you for your generous spirit to him and Father Nemo and to the Society of African Missionaries.

Now and Always, *Father Jim*

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