

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, (Dec. 22)

4:00PM Chuck DeCrane by *Mary Ann Lapaczonek*
 5:30PM John Marshall by *The Moen Family* - MOLOP

4th Sunday of Advent (Dec. 23)

8:30AM Ralph Husch by *George & Jan Oliver* - MOLOP
 10:00 AM Fr. Jim DeBisschop by *Joe & Crystal Arnold*

Christmas Eve (Dec. 24)

4:00 PM For Our Parish Families - SMG
 4:00 PM For Our Parish Families - MOLOP

Christmas Day (Dec. 25)

8:30AM For Our Parish Families - MOLOP
 10:00AM For Our Parish Families - SMG

Wednesday (Dec. 26)

9:00 AM Communion Service

Thursday (Dec. 27)

8:00 AM Communion Service - MOLOP

Friday (Dec. 28)

9:00 AM Jim Behn by *Marge Behn*

Saturday, (Dec. 29)

4:00PM Living & Deceased Members of Sweeney Family
 5:30PM Stella Schultz by *Ralph & Jean Teerlinck* - MOLOP

Feast of the Holy Family (Dec. 30)

8:30AM Jim Honeywell by *Kurt & Kathy Ruge* - MOLOP
 10:00 AM Richard Frutiger (1st Anniversary)

We still have a few 2019 DINING CLUB BOOKS

available in the Parish Office. They are \$35 with great coupons for two meals for price of one. Coupons are valid thru October 31, 2019. Enjoy some great meals while helping out the parish.

Office Hours

The Parish Offices will be closed from December 24 & 25 and limited hours on Dec. 26 - 28. If there is an emergency please call Dcn. Tom Gainey at (309) 521-8223 or Dcn. Chuck Breeden (309) 236-3488.

If you give electronically but would like to put something in the collection basket. There are small cards on the table by the front door that say "I give electronically". These will be available each week.

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY

Weekly Budget.....\$4,914
 Sunday Collection thru 12/16/2018.....\$3,354



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2018

<u>St. Maria Goretti</u>	<u>Mary, OLOP</u>
	Christmas Eve
4:00 PM	4:00 PM
	Christmas Day
10:00 AM	8:30 AM
	New Year's Eve
	4:00 PM - MOLOP
	New Year's Day (2019)
	10:00 AM - SMG

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Fr. Dick Bresnahan, Sandy Bledsoe, Fred DeCoster, Ken & Donna Frels, Velda Grief, Ellen Harderson, June Hellberg, Lee Kimball, Dale Langel, Sharon Mason, Claudia Saddler, Theresa Sandoval, Rex & Sharon Scranton, & Janice Warner.

Pray for those in Nursing Homes or Homebound (SMG)

Moe Arnold at Amber Ridge, Paul Welsh, Sr. at Illini Restorative Care, Silvis, Yvonne Sherlock at Hope Creek, Moline, Ray Tschopp at Lighthouse, Silvis. Homebound: Ed Bladel, Sue Cartwright, Lynn Eifler, June Hellberg, Ron & Marlene Parker, Jan & Richard Siebert, Bob Sweeney, Mary Ann Verscha & Shirley Wilson.

Prayers have also been asked for.....

Pam Bennet, Deanna Bender, Teddy Butz, Kelly Cullen, Marian Gross, Rick Kelly, Lowell McCellan, Tara Rowlands, Michelle Shake, Dottie Sieffert (Nancy Robinson's sister-in-law), Nick Thomm & Janelle Wilks.

Names stay on prayer list for 4 weeks unless we hear otherwise

For Our Military & and their families

Sgt. Isaac Booth (Army), 1SG Mark Britton (Army), Keegan Carlson (West Point), Lt. Col. James DeReus, Jr. (AF), Michael Fisher (NG), Meghan Gengler (Cadet - Army), Quinten Gengler (PFC Marine Corps), Sgt. Jake Gunn (Army), Cpt. Adam Leemans (Army - USA), 2ndLt. Ryan Leemans (West Point), Cap. Dan Mitchell, Sean Reed (Air Force), PFC Alexa Scott (NG -USA), Major Luke Sustman (AF-USA), CW2 Jeff Topham (Army-Korea), Maj. Mark VanVeldHuizen (Army), E6TechSgt. Austin Van Duyne (AF NG-US), 2nd Lt. Ben VanDuyne (AF-USA) & Justin Welsh (NG)

Thank you to all our service men & women

CHURCH RENOVATION

In May 2018, numerous Parish members were polled to determine Parish improvement priorities. Parish members overwhelmingly recommended replacement of the church carpeting and lighting and sound system improvements, all of which are more than thirty years old. The Renovation Committee (RC) was formed in early October 2018 to develop plans to implement the wishes of the parishioners. Following several RC meetings, a truck ran into the corner of the church on 25 October so the RC temporarily halted its work.

As the RC developed a better understanding of the repair process, several aspects emerged: 1) Our insurance will cover substantially all the damage and associated repair to our church; 2) It is estimated that we will not be able to use the church itself for services until sometime in Spring 2019; 3) Because of damage to the existing carpet, the carpet in the entire church will need to be replaced and will be paid for by insurance. Our old carpet color is no longer available; 4) To replace the carpet will require all pews to be removed.

In light of the pews having to be removed, it presents an ideal time to replace the light and sound systems prior to putting in new flooring. We have reactivated the RC and we are looking at various floor covering options. Insurance will pay to provide similar quality carpet to what we have today; however, many parishioners have suggested we consider other floor covering options, which we are doing. There may be a cost increase compared to what insurance will cover and the Parish will need to make up any difference. The committee has retained John Mahon, an architect from Bracke, Hayes, Miller, Mahon Architects LLP to assist us in developing proposals for floor covering in the church nave and sanctuary, ceiling lights for the entire church and audio system improvements for the church and church hall. We also need to assess how the Parish will fund any improvements the RC recommends.

The RC will communicate updates as we progress. Your Renovation Committee (RC) members with Fr. Tony Ego are: Roberto Alleruzzo, Willie Dukes, Mary Heiar, Henry Hicks, Randy Jaminet, Jack and Mary Knepp, John Kratt, Mary Ann Lapaczonek, Emil Maslanka, Ron and Peg McDermott, Brian and Camy Stone and Aaron Venker. Please direct any questions you might have or share your comments with committee members.

Thanks for sharing your time & talent. YOUR TIME IS APPRECIATED...THANK YOU TO:

- Those who prepared & served meal at St. Joe's Meal site on Tuesday, Dec. 11th: Cheryl & Roberto Alleruzzo, Marcia & Bill Jacobs, Nancy Larsen, Mary Jeanne Gunnare.
- Roberto Alleruzzo for doing maintenance jobs around the parish the last couple of weeks.
- Emil Maslanka for helping with the inventory of damaged items in the church after the accident.
- Rex Scranton, Sr. JT McNulty, Ann Fennell & Patti Jo Brown for helping with the inventory of getting residents to and from their rooms for the weekly Mass on Tuesdays.
- Pastoral members Lois DeCoster, Glen Jeffrey, Sandy Bledsoe, Marcia Jacobs, Kathy McOmber, Sharon Scranton & Pat Turner for taking Communion to Illini Hospital and those who are homebound.

SOCIAL CONCERNS NOTES

During the month of January we will be collecting Coffee & coffee filters. Please place them in the blue container marked **REDISTRIBUTION BOX under the coat rack**

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