

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (April 10)

4:00 PM Daniel Ash by *Frank & Kathy McComber* SMG
5:30 PM For Confirmands at MOLOP

Divine Mercy Sunday (April 11)

8:30 AM Donna Bender by *Jeff & Stacy DePorter* MLOP
10:00AM Fr. Jim by *Camy, Brian & Lilly Stone* - SMG

Tuesday (Apr. 13) - MOLOP

8:00AM Jeremie Robinson Family
by *Brad & Theresa Keleher*

Wednesday (Apr. 14) - SMG

9:00AM Ladies of Jerusalem

Thursday (Apr. 15) - MOLOP

8:00AM Nathan Robinson Family
by *Brad & Theresa Keleher*

Friday (Apr. 16) - SMG

9:00AM Gene Washburn by *Nancy Robison*

Saturday - (Apr. 17)

4:00PM Luella Summers by *Mary Wells*
5:30PM Tom Schnerre by *Ralph & Jean Teerinck* - MLOP

Third Sunday of Easter (Apr.18)

8:30AM Dale & Kathleen Mielke by *the Family* - MLOP
10:00AM Vance Edmondson by *Camy, Brian & Lilly Stone*

**Drive thru Communion available after each Mass
Reconciliation by Appointment**



**St. Maria Goretti
ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE**

Our Annual Blood Drive is next weekend: Saturday, April 17th from 7:00am - 12noon in our fellowship hall. Masks & Appointment are required. To schedule an appointment, please call the Donor Scheduling Team at (800) 767-5401 ext. 1281 or online at www.bloodcenter.org. All donors will receive a voucher to redeem for socks or a gift card. Please consider helping with this project by donating blood.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Sr. JT McNulty, Sr. Mary Core, Dave & Sandy Bledsoe, Patrick Bredeck, Fred DeCoster, Gwen Escajeda, Ken & Donna Frels, Lorraine Gengler, Sarah Hallas, Barb Herbert, Lee Kimball, Dale Langel, Pauline Machodi, Maureen St. Clair, Dennis VanDuyne & Janice Warner

Those who are Homebound or in Healthcare Facilities...

Yvonne Sherlock, Ken & Eloise Franzen (Hope Creek), June Hellberg, Mary Newton, Martha Radosevich, Jan & Richard Siebert, Bob Sweeney & Shirley Wilson.

Those in need of healing at Mary Our Lady of Peace...

Brian Carlson, Lisa Carlson, Sr. Mary Core, Eloise Fransen, Deb Gainey, Jim Hamerlinck, Owen Hink, Alice Isaacson, Janet Jacobson, Debbie Jones, Theresa Keleher, Gabe Laleman, Ava Lawson and Tom Schulenberg

Prayers have also been asked for...

Baby Khloe & her mother Caytie Arnold, John Baumunk & Regina Chiri, Debbie Cheban & Renate Rowell, Ed & Leah Crouch, Kevin Francescon, Lowell McClellan, Brenda Mitchell, Stacie Ringier (daughter of Judy & Frank Meirhaeghe), & for Mary Jo Verhulst.

Names will be removed after 4 weeks unless we hear otherwise.)

MASS INTENTIONS....If you'd like to have a Mass celebrated in memory of a deceased relative or friend or in honor of an Anniversary or Birthday or for a Special Intention please contact SMG Parish Office to schedule a Mass. Mass stipend is \$10.

Additional donations for EASTER flowers

In Memory of our parents
by Rex & Sharon Scranton

47th ANNUAL HERITAGE BALL

This year's Virtual Heritage Ball will be Saturday, April 17 live from Alleman's Facebook page!
6:30 PM Live Auction & \$150,000 Dream Big Raffle drawing to enter visit AllemanHighSchool.org/heritage-ball

SILENT AUCTION opens Apr. 15 & can be found online at same address above. Proceeds will benefit Alleman Student Education Fund.

**St. Thomas Aquaintas Guild
PRESENTS**

"THE GOSPEL OF JOY IN HEALTH CARE"
Free online presentation by
Monsignor Mark Merdian
Pastor, St. Pius X Church, Rock Island, IL
Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 0:00 A.M.

Over the past several decades, advances in medical care have resulted in dramatic improvements in our health and life expectancy. However, the increasing focus on the technological and data-driven factors in health care have had a depersonalizing effect on both those who provide the care and those receiving it. The joy contained within the Gospel message is a powerful and effective means to provide fulfillment for all involved in health care. As stated in Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, "The Joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus." This presentation by Monsignor Merdian will provide encouragement and inspiration that will be transformational on both spiritual and professional levels.

This Zoom meeting can be joined at this link:
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[pwd=eUNBZ0xSQk1GcERnRElhTm03RzRGdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88617831354?pwd=eUNBZ0xSQk1GcERnRElhTm03RzRGdz09)

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JR & Michelle Greenwood
MOLOP Parishioners**

The Chaplet

Today's observance of Divine Mercy Sunday is a good time to renew our devotion to the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. There is a close link between this devotion and the pro-life movement. Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, MIC, who was a principal translator of St. Faustina's diary, and the postulator of her cause of canonization, writes the following:

"On at least three occasions, from 8:00-11:00 in the evening, she felt like her insides were being torn apart. She suffered so much that she thought she was going to die. The doctors couldn't figure out what was ailing her, and no medication was able to alleviate her sufferings. Later, she was given to understand that she was undergoing those pains for mothers who were aborting their children (*Diary, 1276*).

"On another occasion, she had a vision of an angel coming with thunderbolts to destroy one of the most beautiful cities of her country. And she felt powerless to do anything about it (*Diary, 474*). What antidote did the Lord give her? The Chaplet of Divine Mercy. [She explained] that the city was to be chastised for its sins, primarily the sin of abortion." (*"Wombs of Mercy," Marian Helpers Bulletin, Summer 1995, p.13*).

In 2003, Pope John Paul II issued an Apostolic Blessing to all who pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet "for mothers, that they not abort their offspring; for infants in danger of being put to death in the womb; for a change of heart of providers of abortions and of their collaborators; for human victims of stem cell research, genetic manipulation, cloning and euthanasia; and for all entrusted with the government of peoples, that they may promote the Culture of Life, so as to put an end to the culture of death."

**JOIN THE FRIENDS OF THE PEOPLE OF
HAITI ON ZOOM
at 7:00PM on Saturday, April 17
for Rock n Roll BINGO**

BINGO CARDS \$10, ADDITIONAL CARDS \$5. For each card purchased your name will be entered for a chance to win \$100 Visa Gift Card. Bingo cards will be emailed to participants. Round winners will be awarded & mailed a \$25 Gift Card. Purchase BINGO Cards at www.fophqc.org Registration deadline Friday, April 16 at 5:00PM. Any questions?

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Greetings from the Pastor:

To lead off, a big thank-you to everyone who gave of their effort and time and talent in helping with and enhancing our Holy Week services and Easter Sunday liturgies. It was very much appreciated. I thought we had a glorious week.

As we move into our Easter season, it is seven weeks long, we continue to focus on the Risen Lord and how we incorporate the joy of Easter and the Resurrection into our everyday lives.

St. Thomas had trouble believing to say the least.

There is an old story that goes something like this-

Once upon a time a mountain climber fell from his position and found himself clinging to the safety rope between heaven and earth. He cried out, "is there anyone up there?" A heavenly voice replied, "Yes." "Can you help me?" said the anguished man. The voice asked, "Do you have faith?" "Yes," said he. "Then let go," advised the voice. Silence. Then, "Is there anyone else up there?"

Every tested believer knows that faith in Christ involves growth and trial and to reach maturity one journeys through many stages. Thomas journeyed to belief as he saw and believed. One can overcome doubt to reach faith. During these strange times we continue to find ourselves and our faith has been tested to say the least.

A big reminder, this Saturday April 10 at MOLOP we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Tylka at the 5:30 evening Mass. It will be the Bishop's second visit to the parish, and we are most excited to welcome him once again.

Another date to mark on your calendar is Saturday April 24. It is First Communion at Mary Our Lady Of Peace at the 5:30 evening Mass.

I hope everyone had a good Easter and a thank-you for all those who took advantage of the extras Masses. Because everyone cooperated, everybody had a seat and no one was turned away, thanks, thanks and many thanks.

Alleluia,
Fr. Tony

The Benedictine Sisters of St. Mary Monastery invite you to participate in upcoming Retreats & Sessions. These **virtual sessions are held via Zoom.** Once registered, you will receive a link to join the retreat and access to materials. For payments, **checks may be made payable to the Sisters of St. Benedict or you may call Sr. Jackie Walsh at 309-283-2108 to provide credit card information.**

Lectio Divina: Sacred reading of Scripture, poetry, nature, and art: Through contemplative reading, listening, and seeing, we can learn to recognize the Divine Presence in all things. **Retreat Leader:** Linda Clewell, SMM Oblate. **Tuesdays: Apr. 13, 20 and 27; 9-10 am;** Fee: Free will offering.

Centering Prayer: Leader: Linda Clewell, SMM Oblate. **Wednesdays: Apr. 7, 14, 21 and 28; 1-2 pm;** Free will offering.

The Psalms: Retreat Leader: Sr. Bobbi Bussan, OSB. 2nd Thursday of each month. **Next session: Apr. 8; 9:30-11:30 am;** Fee: \$15 session.

Word Among Us: Retreat Leader: Sr. Charlotte Sonnevile, OSB. **Next sessions Apr. 12 & 26; 1-2:30 pm;** Fee: \$50 series, plus cost of subscription to Word Among Us Publication.

Wisdom Women Series: Rejoice in and Discover Our Wisdom: We will nurture our Wisdom by reflecting on and discussing Wisdom in Scripture. 3rd Thursday each month. **Next session: Thurs. Apr. 15, 11-12:30 pm;** Leader: Sr. Bobbi Bussan, OSB. .

Spirituality and Poetry: Prayer and poetry are rich companions for Seeking God and a beautiful way to deepen your love of God. Retreat Leader: Lisa Breger. 3rd Thursday each month. **Next session: Thurs. Apr. 15, 9-11 am;** Fee: \$25.