

MASS INTENTIONS

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*

Tuesday (Apr. 20) - MOLOP

8:00AM Underkoffler Family

Wednesday (Apr. 21) - SMG

9:00AM Nick Thomm *by Nancy Robison*

Thursday (Apr. 22) - MOLOP

8:00AM Colleen Lasar *by Brad & Theresa Keleher*

Friday (Apr. 23) - SMG

9:00AM Judy Wilhite *by Sharon Young Family Members*

Saturday - (Apr. 24)

4:00PM Vance Edmondson *by Mike & Patty Rogiers*
 5:30PM First Communion- MLOP

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Apr. 25)

8:30AM Mary Green *by Joyce Alba* - MLOP
 10:00AM Deanne Bender *by Terry & Sandy Bender*

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

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
April 1 - 12, 2021.....	\$8,664	9,488

Thank you to all who have mailed donations, contributed electronically or placed in the drop-box at Mass. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual parish members & provides much needed donation consistency for our parish budget. For the continued success of our Parish, please continue to do so. Father and the Finance Council want to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. To enroll please call the parish office 799-3414 or fill out the form online at our website: smgcv.org & go to the "Visit Us" heading.

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.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Congratulations Tanner Soucinek son of Brian & Amber Soucinek. Tanner was confirmed by Bishop Tylka at Sacred Heart Parish in Moline on Monday, April 12th.

PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who have died especially Renate Rowell daughter of Natalie Lassuy.

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, Jason Bauer (Member of Nice & Venker family), brother John Baumunk & Regina Chiri, Debbie Cheban, Cathy Fennell (Mark Fennel's sister), Kevin Francescon, Lowell McClellan, Brenda Mitchell, Stacie Ringier (Frank & Judy Meirhaeghe's daughter), & for Mary Jo Verhulst.

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

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.

From the Pastor's Desk

Congratulations all around for our young people from both parishes who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this past weekend. Great job! And a thank-you to all who helped in any way to prepare and execute the big day. Thanks, thanks, much thanks.

As we move into the 3rd week of Easter, we recall the post-resurrection story after the disciples on the road to Emmaus return to Jerusalem and share their encounter with Jesus and how He was made known to them in the breaking of the bread. As they were telling their incredible story, Jesus suddenly appeared in their midst, greeting them with peace and eventually asked for something to eat.

Jesus is risen! Joy, exultation, a grand hurrah! Alleluia is our song. The disciples running back to Jerusalem are jubilant. As they make their way, running all the time, they shout to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us as we walked on the road with Him? Jesus is alive!"

It goes without saying the Resurrection is more glorious than we could ever imagine. Some scholars suggest that the unnamed disciple, the second of the disciples on the road to Emmaus is unnamed for a reason. He is unknown in order to allow us to be that traveler on the road, which begs the question when has one felt one's heart burning with jubilation within or how could we grow more fervent in living new life?

A reminder next Saturday April 24 at MOLOP is First Holy Communion at the 5:30 Mass. The second graders have worked hard for this day and are most excited. A thank you to all who helped with their preparation.

On the business side, we are at the end of the third quarter. We continue to meet our ordinary expenses thanks to all of you and your generosity. Like many parishes our income is down as expected, but overall, we have done quite remarkable with all the uncertainty that still exists because of the pandemic. It is so good to see people returning to Mass due to people being vaccinated. Glad to have you back! I would encourage direct deposit for one's Sunday offering. Forms are available on the parishes respective websites or call the office and we can mail the form to you, or simply stop by office if it is easier.

As of now, MOLOP has met its ADA Goal--Very Good. SMG is almost there; with a little more effort I am sure we can get there as well. Thanks to all who support the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

Back to the top -This burning of the heart in jubilation is the opposite of Good Friday's burden of the heart in sorrow. It is a foretaste of heaven. Death is not life's final answer. Jesus is Risen! We too will be raised! God be praised!

Fr. Tony

Easter is a Season

Just as Sunday is one day out of seven, so the Easter season, a period of 50 days, is approximately one-seventh of the year. The Easter season, a time of special rejoicing and celebration of the Resurrection of Christ, is the "Great Sunday" of the year. The liturgical prayers and readings focus on the Resurrection and the effects that it has on believers and on the world. The Acts of the Apostles is a book of Scripture that provides the source of most of the readings of the Easter Season, and it shows the vigor with which the apostles proclaimed the Resurrection and brought many to the waters of baptism to share the new life of Christ. This season is a celebration of life, and leads us all to a deeper commitment to proclaim, celebrate, and serve the gift of human life.