

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday - (Apr. 24)

4:00PM Vance Edmondson by Mike & Patty Rogiers
5:30PM MOLOP First Communion

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Apr. 25)

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

Tuesday (Apr. 27) - MOLOP

8:00AM Joe Seys by Tim & Stephanie Moen Family

Wednesday (Apr. 28) - SMG

9:00AM Robert Kratt by John & Barb Kratt

Thursday (Apr. 29) - MOLOP

8:00AM Faithfully Departed by Bob & Judy Ferry

Friday (Apr. 30) - SMG

9:00AM Vance Edmondson by Kathy Rogiers

Saturday - (May 1)

4:00PM Jim Behn by Camy, Brian & Lilly Stone
5:30PM Keith Linden by Jeff & Stacy DePorter - MLOP

Fifth Sunday of Easter (May 2)

8:30AM Dennis Hamerlinck
by Brian & Becky Nightingale- MLOP
10:00AM Bob Shilling by Dcn. Chuck & Mike Breeden

Reconciliation by Appointment Only
Call Fr. Tony at 309-581-2923, Ext. 1

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
April 1 - 19, 2021.....	\$11,694	14,232

Thank you to all who have mailed donations, contributed electronically or placed in the drop-box at Mass.

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.

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.

PARISH COUNCIL has 3 positions open as other members terms will be expiring soon. Parish Council only meets quarterly and decides what is the best way for our parish as a community to grow in faith and serve others. Please consider volunteering for this very rewarding ministry. If you have any questions about Parish Council call Emil Maslanka 309-235-0746.

SMG ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

Our Annual Blood Drive last weekend it brought in 13 units of blood potentially saving 39 lives! If you missed the blood drive and would like to donate please contact the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center to make an appointment and let them know you are giving for St. Maria Goretti Church in Coal Valley. Again, thank you so much for making a lifesaving impact in our community!

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 8th & come help clean up around the parish between 8AM and noon. The more helping hands the quicker the work gets done. Please bring your gloves, rakes, pruners, trimmers, wheelbarrows, and any other tools you think would be helpful. Also, buckets & rags for washing windows.



PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY FOR AMERICA

PRAYER SHAWLS 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.

YOUR TIME IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED !!

THANK YOU to March and April Food Pantry volunteers. Marge Bowerman, Patti Jo Brown, Ann Fennell, Connie Fink, Mary Ann Lapaczonok, Lorrie Polesky, & Celia Riesebieter and our parish coordinator Sue Fournier.

A MESSAGE FROM SUE FOURNIER TO SMG PARISHONERS

Just want you to know why there hasn't been any Food Pantry requests. Fortunately, the Coal Valley pantry is well stocked at this time. The number of people coming to the pantry has been rather low lately. Which is a good thing. If there are needs, I will be sure to post them in the bulletin.

Laying down our lives

The Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep. This theme is found also in the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) On the road from Jerusalem to Jericho, a man fell in with robbers. A priest and a Levite came by, but did not stop to help. Despite their knowledge of the Law and Prophets, they walked right by. Why?

One of the reasons may be that they were afraid. The road from Jerusalem to Jericho is a dangerous road. Because of its numerous steep curves, it lends itself to attacks by robbers who can easily hide not too far from their victims. Perhaps the priests and Levites who passed by that man asked themselves, "If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me? Maybe the robbers who attacked him are still here. Maybe they're hiding just around the bend. This is a dangerous road. I better keep going."

Sometimes we ask the same question. If, for example, I speak up too loudly about the victims of abortion, what will happen to me? Will I face persecution, will I encounter opposition, will I lose popularity if I get involved in a cause like this?

And then the Good Samaritan came along, and he reversed the question. He didn't ask, "If I help this man, what will happen to me?" The Good Samaritan asked, "If I do not help this man, what will happen to him?" And that's the question for us. If I do not address this evil, what will happen to the unborn? If I do not get involved, what will happen to those who are vulnerable, to those who are marginalized our society, those who are oppressed, those who have no one to speak for them?

PRAYER REQUESTS

For those who have died especially Phyllis Henderson.

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 Radosovich, 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 Schulerberg

Prayers have also been asked for ...

Baby Khloe & her mother Caytie Arnold, Jason Bauer (Member of Nice & Venker family), 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.)

If you or a family member are hospitalized, please contact Fr. Tony or the Parish office, so Fr. Tony can visit. Father must be on a list in order to visit the hospital under new regulations

A New Address for Sr. Judith Terese McNulty BVM
1150 Carmel Drive
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Sr. JT & Sr. Mary enjoy hearing from parishioners.

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