

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (December 7)

4:00PM Shirley & (Late) Dennis Van Duyne Wedding Anniversary
 5:30 PM Bob Tholl by Joan Wexell & Beverly Catton **MOLOP**

Second Sunday of Advent (December 8)

8:30AM Tom Schnerre by The Family **MOLOP**
 10:00AM Sandy Witzel by Dean & Sandy Martens

Monday December 9th Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am For Our Parish Families

Tuesday (December 10) MOLOP

8:00AM John & Mary Newton by Keith & Nancy Hamerlinck

Wednesday (December 11) SMG

9:00AM Mary Jane Kerns

Thursday (December 12) MOLOP

8:00AM Faithfully Departed by Dan Gelaude

Friday (December 13)

9:00AM Jeanie Gengler by Laurie Bonjour

Saturday (December 14)

4:00PM Stacie Ringier by Frank & Judy Meirhaeghe

5:30PM Matthew Andrae by The Andrae Family **MOLOP**

Third Sunday of Advent (December 15)

8:30AM Mark Sottos by The Family **MOLOP**

10:00AM Dale Langel by Dean & Sandy Martens

Reconciliation Saturdays 3-3:30

Monday December 9th The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass at 8:00am
Mary Our Lady of Peace



Advent Schedule

Penance Service

St. Maria Goretti, Thursday, December 12th 6-7pm
 Mary Our Lady of Peace, Monday, December 16th 6-7pm

Advent Communion Service at Mary Our Lady of Peace

Monday, December 16th at 8:00am
 Monday, December 23rd at 8:00am

The family of Kathy McComber would like to thank Father Tony and all who helped with Kathy's funeral. Thank you for all the love, support and prayers at this difficult time.



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The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighed down and distracted by the cares of this world (Lk 21:34-36). As we journey through the liturgical season of Advent, there is a profound connection between this period of awaiting and the Eucharist. Advent offers us a special opportunity to understand more fully that Jesus still dwells with us in his glorified state – in His continued presence with us in the Eucharist. This is a time when Catholics prepare our hearts to welcome Jesus – as the infant born in Bethlehem, as the Lord who will come again in glory to judge and living and the dead, and in the Eucharist. It is through the Eucharist that we enter into intimate communion with Jesus, who comes to us in the humble form of bread and wine. When we receive the Eucharist, we not only encounter Christ's historical presence in the past but also experience His future coming. The Eucharist becomes a foretaste of the heavenly banquet that awaits us in eternity.

Bible Trivia Question



What did King Solomon ask for when God appeared to him in a dream?

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

DECEMBER 2024

LECTOR/READERS
 Saturday 4:00a.m. Chris Hicks
 Sunday 10:00a.m. Camy Stone



USHER/GREETER
 Saturday 4:00 p.m. Crystal Arnold & Marcia Jacobs
 Sunday 10:00 a. m. Randy & Christy Jaminet
 Donna Davis & Marge Bowerman

Sacred Heart Parish, Moline needs and Administrative Assistant. This is a full-time position. Resumes are being accepted at 1608 13th St. or by emailing desutter@sacredheartmoline.com

Journey to Joy

Come experience a LIVE nativity put on by MOLOP'S Youth Group.
 When: December 14 7p.m.-9 p.m.
 Cost: Free will donation



NEWS AND EVENTS



Holiday Hope

Our Angel tree is in the vestibule with gift tags for families we are sponsoring through the Center for Youth and Family

Solutions. If you like, take a tag and purchase the gift. The gifts need to be returned no later than December 16th. They need to be in a gift bag with the gift tag attached. Not wrapped. We at SMG have been generous in the past, and it is very appreciated. Any questions, call Ann Fennell at 309-235-4465.

Rejoice Advent Mission



We will explore the Sunday Mass readings through daily reflections and come together as a parish community to share and watch a short video by Fr. Mark Toups and his friends.

Wednesday Mornings after 9:00 a.m. Mass Dec. 11, Dec.18 St. Maria Goretti Church Hall Refreshments will be served

Sign up in vestibule. But if you don't get signed up, come anyway. Bring a friend. If you are unable to join on Wednesday's, the Mission can be done at home. Contact Barb Kratt, 309-236-1385.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



If you wish to make a donation in honor of a family member or friend for Christmas, now is the time. Please use an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" along with the name of the person (s) being honored and your name. Names need to be in by December 18th in order to be on the memorial list in the Christmas bulletin. Thank-you!



Thank you for your gift of diapers (29 babies), baby wipes, blankets, and baby lotion to support the life-saving work at Women's Choice Center. We are very grateful to you for your donation in support of our ministry. Thanks to you for participation in our mission, we can continue helping women & families in our community. May God bless you. Sincerely, Rachel Kramer

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the family and friends of:

Jo Ann Mier
 Mother of Connie (Kenneth) White

REST IN PEACE



2nd Sunday of Advent

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them and learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.

SCRIPTURES READINGS

Sun Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6
 Mon Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
 Tues Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14
 Wed Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30
 Thurs Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
 Fri Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19
 Sat Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
 Sun Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

PRAYER REQUESTS



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

Sr. JT McNulty, Cheryl Alleruzzo, Marge Behn, Dave & Sandy Bledsoe, Patrick Bredeck, Fred & Lois DeCoster, Gwen Escajeda, Lorraine Gengler, Dave Gorge, Velda Grief, Lee Kimball, Cullen John Jamieson, Gene Mourisse, Kathy Mosley, Rex & Julie Shake, Flip Shemek, Maureen St. Clair, Charles Stone, Marolyn Tope, Dcn. Bob Vogelbaugh, Richard Wilks

Those who are Homebound or in Healthcare Facilities...Jan Seibert

Those in need of healing at Mary Our Lady of Peace... Brian Carlson, Pat Dzekunskas, Jim Hamerlinck, Owen Hink, Alice Isaacson, Janet Jacobson, Debbie Jones, Ryan Jones, Gabe Laleman, Ava Lawson, and Tom Schulenberg

Prayers have also been asked for...

Jason Bauer, John Baumunk III, Kyle, Scott Bowerman, Brie Bredeck, Ken Clubb, Jason Ferguson, Patrick Fons, Kevin Francescon, Carolyn Ghezzi, Lucas, Glenn Meeker, Carol Nichols, Charlie Parks, Vonna Quick, Rob Robison, Megan Severson, Claire Strayer, Matt Wadlow, Bernie Weidner, Jerry Wilcox

Something to Think About....

"The difference between fiction and reality is that fiction has to make sense."
 -Tom Clancy

Bible Trivia Answer: Wisdom (to judge between good and evil) (1 Ki 3:9)