

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday (December 21)

4:00PM Tom Chappell by Lydia Chappell

5:30 PM Deb Gainey by Dcn. Jim & Jeni Brewer **MOLOP****Fourth Sunday of Advent (December 22)**8:30AM John Roegiers by The Family **MOLOP**

10:00AM Kathy McComber by Dcn. Tom Gainey

**Tuesday (December 24)**

8:00AM Faithfully Departed by Mike &amp; Chris Nightingale

**Christmas Eve (December 24)**

4:00PM Our Parish Families

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10:00AM Our Parish Families

**Thursday (December 26) MOLOP**8:00AM **NO MASS****Friday (December 27)**9:00AM **NO MASS****Saturday (December 28)**

4:00PM David Klauer by Jean Klauer &amp; Family

5:30PM Esther Shiemeyer by Jim & Barb Ziegenhorn  
**MOLOP****Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (December 29)**8:30AM Nancy Harlow by Jo Schnerre Family **MOLOP**

10:00AM Our Parish Families

**Reconciliation Saturdays 3-3:30  
or by Appointment  
Call Fr. Tony at 309-581-2923**

There will be Advent Penance Services offered:

At Sacred Heart Church Moline, Monday December 23rd at 6:30pm

Advent Communion Service at Mary our Lady of Peace Monday, December 23rd at 8:00am

**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[eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org)**THE GRACE I SEEK:** to wait with Mary for the celebration of the Nativity

From the Pastor's Desk

"What a wonderful time of the year..." as the song goes. Indeed it is. As we once again gather to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior we are filled with joy as we embrace the great event of our salvation, the Lord God taking on human flesh-the Incarnation. We are familiar with the Christmas story which oftentimes can get lost in the trappings of the season. The pieces of our Nativity sets remind us of what our celebration is all about. We have the Holy Family, the shepherds, the animals and all the rest. As we gaze on the truth of this day, a day which changed the world forever. Because of Christmas our lives are changed. As I reflect, please be assured of my prayers and warm wishes for all of you this Christmas and I must say what a great pleasure it is to celebrate with you. It is truly a blessing and a great joy. May the joy of Christmas be yours today and all the days of 2025.

Wishing all A Very Blessed and Merry Christmas and the best in the New Year.  
Fr. Tony

**Christmas Mass Schedule****Christmas Eve 4:00pm St. Maria Goretti  
Christmas Eve 4:00pm MOLOP****Christmas Day 8:30am MOLOP  
Christmas Day 10:00 St. Maria Goretti****No Mass December 26th or 27th****New Years Day Mass Schedule****January 1st 8:30am MOLOP  
January 1st 10:00am St. Maria Goretti****NEWS AND EVENTS****MERRY CHRISTMAS**

From Fr. Tony and the Parish Staff



Thank you to everyone who picked a name off our angel tree this year. These precious children will have a happier Christmas because of you!! You are truly appreciated!!

**Jubilee Year 2025**

**Pope Francis has invited "everyone to an intense experience of the love of God" and "calls on all Christians to become Pilgrims of Hope."** Pilgrims of Hope is the theme for the 2025 Jubilee Year which will begin on December 24, 2024, with the opening of the Holy Door at the Basilica of St. Peter in Rome and will continue until the closing of the Jubilee Year on January 6, 2026.

Pope Francis has invited Catholics to renew our hope and discover a vision that can "restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone." We are also invited to rediscover a spirituality of God's creation in which we understand ourselves as "pilgrims on the earth" rather than masters of the world. We are called to rediscover the spirituality God's creation and promote peace among nations.

Globally, thirty-five million pilgrims are expected to visit Rome for the Jubilee Year. As part of the Jubilee, pilgrims to any of the sacred sites will be able to obtain the grace of the Jubilee Indulgence under the usual Indulgence conditions.

So what is a Jubilee Year. A Jubilee Year is also called a "Holy Year." They are celebrated every 25 years within the Catholic Church. The focus is on forgiveness, reconciliation, spiritual renewal, faith reflection and pilgrimages to sacred sites. The Jubilee Year is above all about Jesus Christ. The origin of the Jubilee Year goes back to the Law of Moses where he prescribed a special year for the Jewish people, "You shall hallow the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout the land." (Lev 25:10-14) The celebration included the restitution of land to the original owners, the remission of debt, the liberation of slaves & the land was left fallow. In 1470 Pope Paul II changed the interval between Jubilee Years from 50-25 years.

Let us use this Advent as a time to prepare for the upcoming Jubilee Year. As Fr. Mark Thibodeaux says, "In Advent, God is calling us to step out our learned hopelessness and step into the river of hope."

**Something to Think About.....**

"Your children need your presence more than your presents."

—Jessie Jackson



4th Sunday of Advent

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy."  
(LUKE 1:44)

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

**SCRIPTURES READINGS****Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45**Monday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4, 5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79**Wednesday: Vigil Mass:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25 **Mass during the Night:** Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14**Mass at Dawn:** Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 **Mass during the Day:** Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14**Thursday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22**Friday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8**Saturday:** Jn 1:5 -2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7-cd-8; Mt 2:13-18**Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52**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, Jason Ferguson, Patrick Fons, Kevin Francescon, Carolyn Ghezzi, Lucas, Glenn Meeker, Vonna Quick, Megan Severson, Claire Strayer, Matt Wadlow, Bernie Weidner, Jerry Wilcox