MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (March 1)

4:00PM Benhard Johnson by John & Kathy Roegiers 5:30PM Keith Linden **MOLOP**

Eighty Sunday in Ordinary Time (March 2)

8:30AM Our Parish Family MOLOP

10:00AM Marilyn Cronkleton

Tuesday (March 4) MOLOP

8:00AM Marilyn Nightingale by Mike & Chris Nightingale

Ash Wednesday (March 5)

7:00 AM Liturgy Service, Ashes & Communion MOLOP

9:00 AM Our Parish Family

5:30 PM Our Parish Family MOLOP

Thursday (March 6) MOLOP

8:00AM Faithfully Departed by Dan Gelaude

Friday (March 7)

9:00AM Mary Jane Kearns

Saturday (March 8)

4:00PM Dale Shake by Rex & Julie Shake

5:30PM Theresa Colmone by Frank & Barb Colmone

First Sunday of Lent (March 9)

8:30AM Ted Seabloom by The Family MOLOP

10:00AM Sam Rice by Fred & Lois DeCoster

Reconciliation Saturdays 3-3:30



Ash Wednesday

-Lent Begins

Ash Wednesday March 5, 2025 Mass /Service Schedule

7:00 A.M. Liturgy Service, Ashes & Communion MOLOP

9:00 A.M. St. Maria Goretti

5:30 P.M. Mary Our Lady of Peace followed by a simple soup supper.



St Maria Goretti will have The Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent after the 9:00 a.m. Mass starting March 7th.

Mary Our Lady of Peace will have The Stations of the Cross every Wednesday during Lent at 5:30 p.m. followed by a simple supper.



"You go to the celebration of Mass, receive communion, adore the Lord and then what do you do after? You go out and evangelize. Jesus asks this of us. The Eucharist, then impels us to strong and committed love of neigbor..especially those who are poor, suffering, weary or who may have gone astray in life." POPE FRANCIS to the Organizing Committee of National Eucharistic Congress 6/19/23



Complete the saying of Jesus: "for the tree is known by his"

Church regulations for fasting & abstinence during Lent

* Ash Wednesday is on March 5, 2025

* Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

*Everyone 18 or older, and under 59 years of age, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

- * On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
- * Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.



If you ordered strawberries from the Alter Rosary Society at MOLOP they will be in on Wednesday March 5, at 2:00. If you have not prepaid please bring your payment with you.

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, Barbra Herbert, Lee Kimball, Cullen John Jamieson, Jean Lawman, Peg McDermott, Gene Mourisse, Kathy Mosley, Rex & Julie Shake, Flip & Pat Shemek, Carolyn Slavish, Maureen St. Clair, Charles Stone, Marolyn Tope, Dcn. Bob Vogelbaugh, Richard Wilks

<u>Those who are Homebound or in Healthcare Facili-ties</u>...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

<u>Prayers have also been asked for ... Pope Francis</u>

Jason Bauer, John Baumunk III, Kyle, Scott Bowerman, Brie Bredeck, Jason Ferguson, Patrick Fons, Kevin Francescon, Carolyn Ghezzi, Hailey Hall & Caleb, Lucas, Glenn Meeker, Vonna Quick, Mary Ellen Rogers, Megan Severson, Claire Strayer, Dcn. Robert & Ann Viviano and family, Matt Wadlow, Bernie Weidner, Jerry Wilcox

NEWS AND EVENTS

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



DON'T GIVE UP CHOCOLATE THIS LENT: TRY A LENTEN PILGRIMAGE-"NO GREATER LOVE"

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, **No Greater Love** is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for you-and to grow closer to Jesus.

Six videos filmed in the Holy Land, authored and presented by Dr. Edward Sri.

Wednesday mornings after 9:00 a.m. Mass March 5-April 9

Gather in church hall, watch the 30 minute video, followed by a short table discussion.

Refreshments will be served.

Senior and Retiree Luncheon RETURNS

Senior and Retiree Luncheon will be on **March 20th.** Menu includes Fried Chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, tossed salad and pie. Please sign up today! Cost is \$10 at the door. Cash is preferred. Hors D'oeuvres at 11:30, lunch served at 12:00 noon.

St. Joe's Evening Meal Mission

Shared monthly St. Joe Evening Meal Mission has been blessed with acts of service from Sister Parishes SMG and MOLOP parishioners. The following are appreciated and Gratefully thanked:

MOLOP Altar & Rosary Makers Nov 24 SMG Kenny White and Roberto Alleruzzo Dec 24 MOLOP Mary Morris and Daughters Jan 25 SMG Ann and Mark Fennel and Roberto and Cheryl Alleruzzo Feb 25

Coming up – MOLOP JR Greenwood and the OHS Culinary Class Mar 25

Be of service to others! Matthew 7:12 In everything, then, do to others what you would have them do to you.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MARCH 2025

LECTOR/READERS
Saturday 4:00p.m. Chris Hicks
Sunday 10:00a.m. Debbie Washburn

USHER/GREETER

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Crystal Arnold & Marcia Jacobs Sunday10:00 a. m. Randy & Christy Jaminet Donna Davis & Marge Bowerman



8th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." - LUKE 6:43

Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sun Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14; 15-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

Mon Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5,6, 7; Mk 10:17-27

Tues Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31

Wed Ash Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2

Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thurs Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9:22-25 **Fri** Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Is 58:9b-14: Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6: Lk 5:27-32

Sun Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13



Food Pantry Donations

We are going to begin collecting items for the Coal Valley Food Pantry. Below is a suggested list of items. Cash donations are also welcome. There are envelopes on the table and you can put them in the collection basket.

Canned vegetables
Hamburger/Tuna helper
Laundry detergent
Toilet paper

Spaghetti sauce Bars of soap Tooth paste Body wash

If you are interested in volunteering at the food bank please contact Jacki Taber at 309-230-6055



The Prayer Shawl group will meet in the Parish Hall from 9:30-11:30 on March 7th. All knitters & crocheters are invited to attend. Beautiful handmade prayer shawls are given to people in of comfort and support during a difficult time.

Something to Think About.....

'If you worry too much about what might be, and wonder too long about what might have been, you will ignore and completely miss what is."

—Marc and Angel Chernoff

Bible Trivia Answer: Fruit (Matt 12:33)





The Alleman Heritage Ball is Alleman's pinnacle fundraising event where our community comes together for an evening to support our school's mission. This school year we are celebrating 75 years of the founding of Alleman Catholic High School, with an unwavering commitment to build upon the rich tradition of the school. We invite you to join us on March 29, 2025 as we honor our past and celebrate our future.



Additionally, our 'Dream Big' Raffle sale is underway with your chance to win over \$100,000! Buy your shares today! Information, tickets to the event, and raffle tickets can be purchased at https://www.allemanhighschool.org/heritage-ball, scanning the QR Code, or by calling the school at (309)786-7793 xt. 407.



The Father Pro Men's Group at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Silvis, Illinois will be sponsoring a Fish Fry every Friday night during Lent, except for Good Friday, from 4 - 7. They are serving Catfish, Baked Cod and Shrimp with a Baked Potato and Toast, along with a full salad bar. Soft drinks and desserts are also available for purchase. Please come to enjoy a delicious meal with us.



It's that time of year again to think about getting your taxes ready. If you need a Donation Statement from St. Maria Goretti, please call the office at 309-799-3414.



A LIFE Runners Chapter is being started in the Quad Cities! Life Runners use prayer and team work to defend life from concep-

tion until natural death. Running optional...Faith required. If you'd like to be a Charter Member of the Quad Cities Chapter click on the QR code, or use this link: http://band.us/n/ababAcndt3P8Q

Healing Mass at Sacred Heart Church 2810 5th Avenue, Rock Island.

Thursday, March 6th. Adoration and Confessions - 6:00pm - 7:00pm Holy Mass with Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick - 7:00pm-8:00pm Your special prayer requests will be honored during Mass. Please bring any sacramentals for a blessing.



Most Reverend Louis Tylka

Diocese of Peoria Office of the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters I Christ.

For more than 40 years, and in some countries more than 70 years, communism ruled Central and Eastern European countries and the Soviet Union's many republics. The Soviet Union stretched from Eastern Europe across central Asia and beyond to the Pacific Ocean. One of its former republics is Tajkistan, in central Asia. Bordering China to the east and Afghanistan to the south, Tajkistan is today the poorest of the former Soviet republics.

The country's economic challenges-along with a population that today is 98% Muslim-make Tajikistan a true mission country for the Church, because Catholics are few are needs are great. In fact, the Church's presence is so small that the Tajikistan Church is not part of a diocese with its own bishop but is an independent mission of the pope, administered by priests from the Institution of the Incarnate Word, a missionary order from Argentina. Along with the institution's order of sisters, the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara, these priest faithfully serve the pastoral needs of the people through education and accompaniment. Despite the small size and relative poverty, this community has fostered the first two priestly vocations and ordinations of two Tajik men, as well as the religious vocation of a Tajik woman who professed perpetual vows with the sisters.

With critical support from the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, the sisters continue their mission by educating the children and providing them with instruction, school supplies, school uniforms, and the food they need to develop intellectually, spiritually, physically, and socially. Guided by their faith and this material support, the sisters witness to Christ's love while carrying out their works of mercy. You can participate in their success by donating to this special collection when it is taken up in our diocese, either by contributing at Mass orthrough your parish's egiving platform.

Thank you for your help to restore the Church and build the future in Central and Eastern Europe.

Sincerely yours in Christ

Most Reverend tools Tylka
Bishop of Peorla



Prayer for the Jubilee Year of Hope

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your Son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you, our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

