

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday (March 8)

4:00PM Dale Shake by Rex & Julie Shake

5:30PM Theresa Colmone by Frank & Barb Colmone
MOLOP

First Sunday of Lent (March 9)

8:30AM Ted Seabloom by The Family **MOLOP**

10:00AM Sam Rice by Fred & Lois DeCoster

Tuesday (March 11) **MOLOP**

8:00AM Altar & Rosary Society Members Living & Deceased

Wednesday (March 12)

9:00AM Fr. Dick Bresnahan by Brian, Camy & Lilly Stone

Thursday (March 13) **MOLOP**

8:00AM Faithfully Departed by Mike & Chris Nightengale

Friday (March 14)

9:00AM Ken & Donna Frels by The Family

Saturday (March 15)

4:00PM Albert & Juliana Van Auwelaer by Bill & Marcia Jacobs

5:30PM Pam & Ray Meier by Deacon Tom Gainey **MOLOP**

Second Sunday of Lent (March 16)

8:30AM Dale Shake by Mike & Patty Roegiers **MOLOP**

10:00AM Dale Langel by Mary Lou Andrae

Reconciliation Saturdays 3-3:30
or by Appointment



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.

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

Sunday 10:00 a. m. Randy & Christy Jaminet

Donna Davis & Marge Bowerman



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Pope Francis recently reminded us:

This was Paul's deepest conviction: the knowledge that he was loved. Christ's self offering on the cross became the driving force in Paul's life, yet it only made sense to him because he knew that something even greater lay behind it: the fact that "he loved me." At a time when many were seeking salvation, prosperity or security elsewhere, Paul, moved by the Spirit, was able to see farther and to marvel at the greatest and most essential thing of all: "Christ loved me"

(Dilexit nos, no.46)



What was the first temptation of Christ?



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, Linda Mizaur, Gene Mourisse, Kathy Mosley, Rex & Julie Shake, Flip & Pat Shemek, Carolyn Slavish, 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 ...Pope Francis

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



Join In On CRS Rice Bowl's 50th Anniversary!

CRS Rice Bowl is celebrating 50 years of helping Catholic faith communities bring Lent to life and encounter God through our global family. During the 40 days of Lent, let us respond to global hunger. Pick up your rice bowl today in the vestibule. During Lent you can visit crsricebowl.org/join to share your Lenten prayer intentions, and to find stories of those in need, or to get recipes for meatless meals.

NEWS AND EVENTS



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.

Appetizer Social

Please join us for appetizers and fellowship on Saturday, March 15th in the Parish Hall after the 4:00 Mass. All are welcome!!

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.



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.



1st Sunday of Lent

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." - DEUTERONOMY 26:10

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits" - the first and best that you have to offer? Or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? We aren't owners of anything, we are merely stewards of God's gifts. Pray for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13
Monday Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17-4:1 or Phil 3:20-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36



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.

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| Canned vegetables | Spaghetti sauce |
| Hamburger/Tuna helper | Bars of soap |
| Laundry detergent | Tooth paste |
| Toilet paper | Body wash |

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

Celebrate Life with Henry Co Right to Life at our Spring Luncheon on Sat. April 5th, 11:30-1:30PM (Doors open at 11AM) Free will offering. Reservations required.

Contact Diane Gelaude 309-236-0748
Email Diane@bluehorizon.net



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.

Something to Think About.....

'The odds of going to a store for a loaf of bread and coming out with only a loaf of bread are 3 billion to one.

—Emma Bombeck

Bible Trivia Answer: To turn a stone into bread (Matt 4:3)