

**February 4, 2024**  
**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Mary Our Lady of Peace Church**

Pastor Father Tony Ego 309-581-2923  
 Option 1  
 Deacon Tom Gainey 309-945-7065  
 Parish Secretary Darlene Linden 309-581-2923  
 Option 2

**Mass Intentions for Mary, Our Lady of Peace**

**Saturday February 3rd**

5:30pm Jacob & Antone Colmone *by Frank & Barb Colmone*

**Sunday February 4th 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30am Stephanie Jones *by Steve & Chris Jones*

**Tuesday February 6th**

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

**Thursday February 8th**

8:00am Daniel Ash *by Dennis & Karen Papini*

**Saturday February 10th**

5:30pm Louie Johnson *by Dan & Jean Keleher*

**Sunday February 11th 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30am Dale Mielke *by The Family*

**Adoration Thursday 8:30am-12:30pm**

**Reconciliation: Sunday morning 7:45am-8:15am, Saturday after 5:30pm Mass or by appointment**

**Mass Intentions for St. Maria Goretti**

**Saturday February 3rd**

4:00pm Ken & Donna Frels *by Jim & Glenda Vyncke*

**Sunday February 4th 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00am Fr. Duane Jack *by Dcn. Chuck & Mike Breeden*

**Wednesday February 7th**

9:00am Nonis Nauo *by Alan & Karen Zamin*

**Friday February 9th**

9:00am Ken & Donna Frels *by Duane & Jolene Clarkson*

**Saturday February 10th**

4:00pm The Living & Deceased Family Members of  
 the Newton Family

**Sunday February 11th 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00am Sandy Witzel *by Patti Jo Brown*

**Reconciliation Saturdays 3-3:30pm or by appointment**

**Our Parish Prayer List**

**For those who need healing from,**

**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, Chris Meiersonne, Jan Oliver, and Tom Schulenberg

**For Those in need of healing**

**at St. Maria Goretti...**

Sr. JT McNulty, Dave & Sandy Bledsoe, Patrick Bredeck, Donna Davis, Fred DeCoster, Gwen Escajeda, Lorraine Gengler, Dave Gorge, Velda Grief, Sarah Hallas, Bill Jacobs, Lee Kimball, Dale Langel, John McAlister, Kathy McOmer, Flip Shemek, Carolyn Slavish, Maureen St. Clair.

**For others who have asked...**

Jim Burke, Angela Correa, Roger Crew, Charlie David, Cheryl Dzekunskas, Vic Dzekunskas, Mark Forest, Mike Greenwood, Deb Hamerlinck, Lindsey, Martin, Julio Martinez, Geraldine Morgan, Kayla Schnerre, Mary Schnerre, Patty Schnerre, Kaleb Sovoy, Special Lady, Pat Sullivan

**Pray for those in Nursing Homes or Homebound**

Yvonne Sherlock, (Hope Creek), Donna Frels, Jan & Richard Siebert, Jean Teerlinck.

**Please call Judy Olson @ 309.521.8456 with your requests for the prayer line.**

If someone is doing better and can be taken off the prayer list, please call Judy or the parish office.

**Homebound?**

Are you or someone you know Homebound? If you would like communion, contact Father Tony to make arrangements for a home visit.

If you or a family member are hospitalized, please contact Fr. Tony or the Parish office, so Fr. Tony can visit.

Address for Jean Teerlinck:  
 Woodridge Supportive Living  
 Room 151  
 620 Olivia Drive  
 Geneseo, IL 61254

Contact the Parish Office if you need a record of yearly donations for 2023. 309-581-2923 Option 2

**Upcoming**

**Wednesday, February 7th 10am** Altar & Rosary Meets

**Wednesday, February 14th Ash Wednesday**

**Mass 9:00am SMG**

**Mass 5:30pm MOLOP**

**Followed by soup and mac n cheese supper**

**Wednesday, February 21st 6PM Stations of the Cross**

**Fresh Florida Strawberries**

The Altar & Rosary Society and the Youth Group are taking pre-orders for Full Flats (8quarts) for \$32 and 1/2 Flats (4quarts) for \$17 of beautiful fresh strawberries. Orders are due by Feb. 19th! Delivery the week of March 4th. If you haven't tried our strawberries before, **they are fabulous!** An order sheet is on the table in the gathering space or contact the office at 309-581-2923 to order.



Below is the link to a personal message of gratitude from Bishop Lou Tylka regarding the letters and communications about growing disciples.

<https://youtu.be/cOdXKQMIZVQ>

Or you can go to [growingdisciples@cdop.org](mailto:growingdisciples@cdop.org) website and click on the link to Bishop Tylka's message.

**February Schedule for Lectors and Ushers**

**Reader**

Saturday 5:30pm Cindy Kustush

Sunday 8:30am Jill Marshall

**February 4th 4th Grade Mass**

**Ushers**

**Saturday 5:30pm**

Kris Bowers

Will Bower

Jim Modglin

Jeff DePorter

**Sunday 8:30am**

Steve Jones

Dan Heiar

Mike Mohr

Mike Mielke

**Altar Servers**

Sat., February 3rd 5:30pm Dylan & Natalie Versluys

Sun. February 4th 8:30am James Dochterman & Anthony Kincaid

**Eucharistic Ministers**

5:30pm Donna Johnson

8:30am Tim Moen

Joel Newman

Matt Moore

**Counters for February**

Sue Livesay & Jean Fair



**May the Saints intercede for us**

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us

Mary, Our Lady of Peace, pray for us

St. Maria Goretti, pray for us

St. Agatha, pray for us

St. Paul, pray for us

St. Jerome, pray for us

St. Scholastica, pray for us

Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen, pray for us

**Sunday Collection Report**

|                            | <u>ACTUAL</u> | <u>BUDGET</u> |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| January Sunday Collections | \$ 12,220     | \$ 12,667     |
| YTD Sunday Collections     | \$ 91,214     | \$ 88,667     |

Thank you to all who have mailed your donations. For the continued success of our Parish, please continue to do so.

**You can now use the parish app to make donations!**

From the app, select the Giving icon and follow instructions to donate. You may use a credit or debit card or use an ach from your bank account!

**ADA**

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| <b>Pledged</b>  | <b>\$17,045</b> |
| <b>Our Goal</b> | <b>\$30,221</b> |

ADA cards have been mailed by the diocese. If you have misplaced yours, there are extras on the table in the gathering space. A gift to ADA, no matter how great or small can go a long way. A pledge of \$10 or \$20 a month can add up. Even a one-time gift is helpful to the cause. Every dollar raised to make our goal supports important diocesan services and every dollar raised over our goal will be kept in the parish. Please consider a donation. Contributions can be made by check payable to the Catholic Diocese of Peoria, by a credit or debit card, by direct debit from checking or savings account or online at [www.cdop.org/ada](http://www.cdop.org/ada). Gifts of appreciated stock, grain, qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) or donor advised funds have special considerations and requirements. Contact 309-671-1550 for more information.

**IRA Donation**

There is good news if you have reached age 72 and you would like to help (your parish or school). If you have an IRA, the government requires you to take out a certain minimum amount each year and be subject to federal tax. However, this year the law allows you to donate this amount directly to (your parish) during 2023 and have it distributed *free of federal income tax!* It applies for the year 2024 as well! What a wonderful opportunity for those 70 ½ - 72 to help (your parish). Please call your tax consultant.



**St. Maria Goretti will be hosting a Lenten Series Presence, The Mystery of the Eucharist**  
Saturdays, 9:15-10:15  
Short video followed by small group discussion.

Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life. Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.

- February 17— God is with Us
- February 24— The Story of the Eucharist, part 1
- March 2— The Story of the Eucharist, part 2
- March 9— Bread for the Journey
- March 10-14 Attend Mary our Lady of Peace Lent Program
- March 16— No Event on this date
- March 23— Bishop Barron— Eucharist

There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule if you are planning to attend or contact Laurie in the parish office 309-799-3414.

**Did you Know?**

Your child can attend a Catholic School  
Financial Assistance Is Available

Tuition assistance scholarship grants from the endowment fund established as a result of the Diocese of Peoria ROOTED IN FAITH Campaign and named in honor of Archbishop Spalding, the first Bishop of Peoria, will be available for the 2024-2025 school year for students enrolled in or intending to enroll in grades Kindergarten through 12 in any Catholic school located in the Diocese of Peoria whose families are active members of a Catholic parish in the diocese. All grants will be based on financial need objectively assessed.

Information about the grants and application materials may be obtained from any Catholic elementary or secondary school in the Diocese of Peoria or on the Diocesan website [www.cdop.org](http://www.cdop.org) under Catholic Education and then under Financial Assistance. Consult the detailed protocols and procedures and checklist for all requirements necessary to be eligible for an award.

Parents must apply online at: [online.factsmgt.com/aid](http://online.factsmgt.com/aid). Families of students currently receiving grants are reminded that all grants are for one year only, and anyone seeking to renew a grant for the 2024-2025 school year must reapply. Deadline date for the completed application is April 26, 2024. Notification of grant awards will be made in June of 2024.

**Annual Collection for Crisis Pregnancy Center**



During the month of February the Altar & Rosary Society will be collecting baby items or monetary gifts for the center. Please place your donations in the playpen.

**ITEMS NEEDED**

- DIAPERS—ANY SIZE
- NEW or GENTLY USED CLOTHING
- NEWBORN TO SIZE 2T
- MATERNITY CLOTHES-CLEAN
- ANY SIZE
- BABY WIPES, BLANKETS, BIBS, FORMULA
- HIGH CHAIRS— IN GOOD CONDITION

Henry County Right to Life is offering a \$1000.00 scholarship.

The 2024 theme is: I am Pro-Abortion, Change my Mind

The contest is open to any student who:  
Lives in Henry County Illinois or, if a high school student, attends a high school in Henry County Illinois  
Will be a high school senior or a college freshman, sophomore, or junior

Maintains a GPA of C+ or better and provides a transcript  
For more information and scholarship rules, contact Henry County Right to Life President, Peggy Emmert, at 309-231-2657

Or visit our website - <http://henrycountyr2l.wixsite.com/life>

Entries must be submitted or postmarked by March 29, 2024.

**Pictures Anyone?**

If you would like to view the pictures taken at Masses or church events, please send a request for access in an email to:

[molopchurchphotos@gmail.com](mailto:molopchurchphotos@gmail.com)



**FESTIVAL CHOIR TOUR TO IRELAND AND SCOTLAND**

The St Anthony Camerata Chorale Festival Choir is leading a tour to Ireland and Scotland with an optional 4-night extension to London, July 29 through August 7, 2024. You don't have to be a choral person to join us, all travelers are most welcome! Anyone wishing to sing with the choir living out of the area to comfortably make rehearsals for the tour, we will gladly send you music you can rehearse on your own. Deadline has been extended another month...we would love to have you join our merry band as we enjoy the wondrous sights and sounds of our Gaelic adventure! Text or email Mary Ann Fahey-Darling for a brochure. Text: 309-678-9166 or [faheyirish19@gmail.com](mailto:faheyirish19@gmail.com)

**Warm Your Heart Service Day**

Please join us for a day of fellowship and service to others as we make mats, quilts, school bags, and greeting cards to donate.

Orion United Methodist Church  
Saturday, February 24 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in the MAC  
All ages are welcome! Come for part of the day or stay for the whole day. Drinks provided. If you'd like to bring a sack lunch, a refrigerator is available. For more information, call Orion UMC 526-8511 Check our Facebook page for updates in case of bad weather.

**REGULATIONS FOR LENT AND THE EASTER TRIDUUM**

Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year. Priests, religious and laity are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial, attentiveness to prayer, and especially to works of charity and mercy.

Everyone of 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024, and all the Fridays of Lent.

Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024, and Good Friday, March 29, 2024.

On these two days of fast and abstinence, 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 on these two days, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is a serious matter.

May our Lenten journey bring us closer to the cross and our Resurrected Savior.

**Are You NEW to Mary, Our Lady of Peace?**

Welcome to Mary, Our Lady of Peace. We invite you to be a member of our church family and we would love to have you.

We are a growing church in the Catholic Diocese of Peoria with an active Altar & Rosary Society. We have the traditional parish groups and organizations and some that have been part of our parish for only a few years.

There is something for you to do to help make your faith alive and on fire for the Lord.

To register with the parish, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket. We will be in touch with you soon.

Family name \_\_\_\_\_

Individual names \_\_\_\_\_

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| _____ | Parent | _____ | Parent |
| Child | _____  | Child | _____  |
| _____ | Child  | _____ | Child  |

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street address / PO Box City

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**23rd Annual Grace Gala!**

Mark your calendars! The 23rd Annual Grace Gala is set for Saturday, March 2nd, 2024! The Grace Gala is Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy's biggest fundraiser and this year we're looking to raise \$50,000! Join us for the live and silent auction, \$10,000 cash raffle, wine pull, food, drinks and more! **Event and Raffle tickets are available NOW!** Go to <https://linktr.ee/gracegala>, contact the school office (309-755-9771) or [GRACEGALA@olgca.org](mailto:GRACEGALA@olgca.org) to get your tickets.

**Parish App Feature-of-the-Week**



Giving

- Access to online giving
- Quick and convenient
- Help support our parish with the tap of a button

Learn more or download our parish app at [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com)

\*Available on Apple and Android Phones.