

**February 11, 2024
Sixth 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 10th

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

Sunday February 11th 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Dale Mielke *by The Family*

Tuesday February 13th

8:00am John & Mary Newton *by Keith & Nancy Hamerlinck*

Wednesday February 14th Ash Wednesday

5:30pm Our Parish Families

Thursday February 15th

8:00am Tecla Vasquez

Saturday February 17th

5:30pm Keith Linden *by Dcn. Tom & the Late Deb Gainey*

Sunday February 18th First Sunday of Lent

8:30am Mary Green *by Kurt & Kathy Ruge*

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 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*

Wednesday February 14th Ash Wednesday

9:00am Our Parish Families

Friday February 16th

9:00am Special Intention

Saturday February 17th

4:00pm Stacie Ringier *by Steve & Val Frels*

Sunday February 18th First Sunday of Lent

10:00am Father Duane Jack *by Keith & Nancy Hamerlinck*

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 McOmber, 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, Ricky McSwain, Geraldine Morgan, Kayla Schnerre, Mary Schnerre, Patty Schnerre, Ted Seabloom, Kaleb Sovey, 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

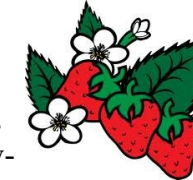
Upcoming

**Wednesday, February 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.



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

ADA

**Pledged \$17,045
Our Goal \$30,221**

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. 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.

Ecumenical Lenten Services 2024 Noon Church

Friday, Feb. 23 Orion United Methodist
Friday Mar. 1 Mary, Our Lady of Peace
Friday Mar. 8 First Baptist Church
Friday Mar. 15 Beula Presbyterian
Friday Mar. 22 St. Paul Lutheran (tentative)

Sunday Collection Report

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
February Sunday Collections	\$ 2,958	\$ 3,167
YTD Sunday Collections	\$ 94,716	\$ 91,834

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!

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 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

Ushers

Saturday 5:30pm
Kris Bowers Jim Modglin
Will Bower Jeff DePorter

Sunday 8:30am

Steve Jones Mike Mohr
Dan Heiar Mike Mielke

Altar Servers

Sat., February 10th 5:30pm Jaxon Ferry & Preston Moore
Sun. February 11th 8:30am

Eucharistic Ministers

5:30pm Donna Johnson Joel Newman
8:30am Tim Moen Matt Moore

Counters for February

Sue Livesay & Jean Fair



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.

Soup Supper

The Orion Lions Club is hosting its annual Soup Supper
On Monday, Feb 19, 2024 from 5-7 at the Methodist Church Activity Center (MAC). Dine in or carryout. Many soup varieties. Freewill donation. Thank you for your support.

Last Monday during the regular Orion village board meeting the construction of a new village hall or renovation of the existing village hall was discussed. (One possible location for a new village that was previously identified is the bowling alley property on the east side of Orion.) **Some of this discussion included the food pantry and whether the village would continue to provide space for the food pantry.** Previously village board members committed to providing 1000 square feet of space for the food pantry. **The food pantry will be severely and negatively impacted if the board decides the village will no longer provide space for the food pantry.** Residents of Orion who have opinions on whether the village should continue to provide space for the food pantry or construction/renovation of the village hall are encouraged to attend the next village board meeting. The next village board meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2023 at 6:00pm at the village hall.

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 ROOT-ED 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 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. 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.

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

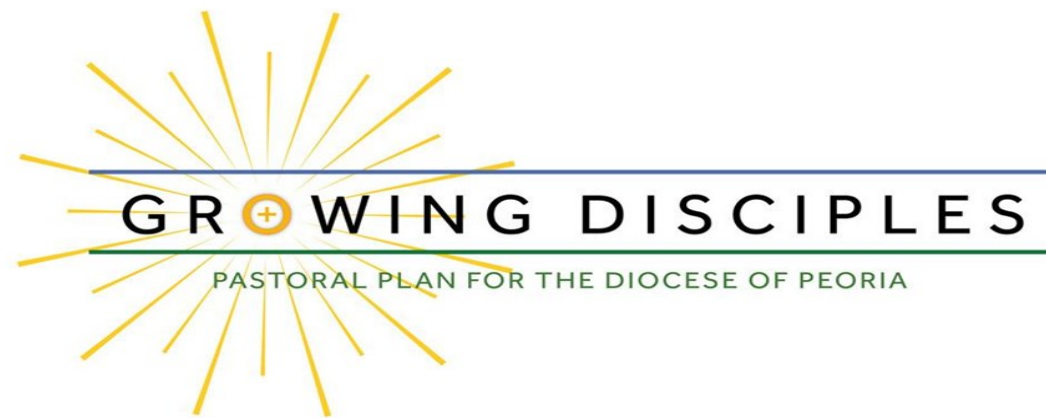
Maintains a GPA of C+ or better and provides a transcript
For more information and scholarship rules, contact Henry County Right to Life President, Peggy Emmert, at 309-231-2657

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

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

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@olqca.org to get your tickets.



Thank you to all our parishioners who completed surveys and provided feedback regarding the second draft models as part of our Growing Disciples initiative. Gathering information from you is a critical element in the ability to move forward in this important pastoral planning process. Since the Parish Meetings in October, CLI has diligently compiled the thousands of electronic and paper surveys, along with the letters offering feedback regarding the second round of draft models. The Core Team has reviewed the data and met to propose the final draft models. In the coming month the Diocesan Pastoral Planning Commission will review their work. It will then be submitted to the Presbyteral Council to make recommendations for the Bishop to consider in the final decisions. Bishop Tylka is most grateful for all the work that has brought us to this point and asks for your continued prayers during this time of discernment. The Diocese of Peoria is constantly updating the website (growingdisciplescdop.org) with additional information about the Growing Disciples initiative, so check back frequently. Let us remain a people of prayer: praying for each other and supporting one another as we go through this process.

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.

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.

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.