

**February 18, 2024  
First Sunday of Lent**

**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 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*

**Tuesday February 20th**

8:00am Nancy Owens *by Diane Gelaude*

**Thursday February 22nd**

8:00am Stephen Herring *by Marc Barajas*

**Saturday February 24th**

5:30pm Bob Pedersen *by Ryan & Nicole Patterson Family*

**Sunday February 25th Second Sunday of Lent**

8:30am Deb Gainey *by Dcn Chuck & Mike Breeden*

**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 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*

**Wednesday February 21st**

9:00am Special Intention

**Friday February 23rd**

9:00am Gwen White *by Michael & JoAnne Schumacher*

**Saturday February 24th**

4:00pm Brother Thomas Moser *by Joe & Crystal Arnold*

**Sunday February 25th Second Sunday of Lent**

10:00am Dennis Van Duyne *by Shirley & Family*

**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, Melissa Haynes, Lindsey, Martin, Julio Martinez, Ricky McSwain, Geraldine Morgan, Kayla Schnerre, Mary Schnerre, Patty Schnerre, Tom Seabloom, 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 21st 6PM Stations of the Cross**

**Fridays of Lent—Stations of the Cross after 9am Mass At St. Maria Goretti**

The Orion Area Food Pantry is seeking assistance providing families with holiday meals for Easter. The Food Pantry is planning to distribute holiday meals to 28 families (70 people) this year. To help provide these meals the Food Pantry is requesting individuals or groups sign up to bring the items listed below to church so they can be combined and distributed to those in need. Monetary donations of \$40.00 may also be made to provide a meal for a family.

Since distribution of the Easter meals will be March 19 items should be returned to the church no later than March 17.

Sign up today to help make the holiday happy and joyous for other families in our community

**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 \$21,355  
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](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.

**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	\$ 5,506	\$ 6,334
YTD Sunday Collections	\$ 97,264	\$ 95,000

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](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

**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 17th 5:30pm Matt & Zach Clarke  
Sun. February 18th 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.

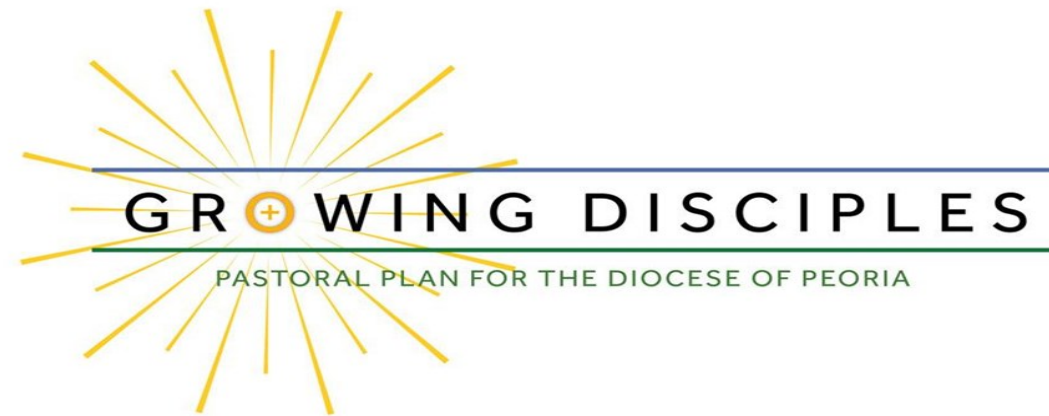
Last Monday during the regular Orion village board meeting the construction of a new village hall or renovation of the existing village hall was discussed. (One possible location for a new village that was previously identified is the bowling alley property on the east side of Orion.) **Some of this 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.

Shrines of Italy tour with Father Tim Hepner  
September 24, 2024 - October 4, 2024  
An optional 2-Night Venice & St. Anthony of Padua Post Tour extension is available.  
Informational meetings on the tour will be held on  
March 4, 2024 at 6:30pm  
Mary Twomey Hall  
200 W Broadway  
Monmouth, IL 61462  
and  
March 11, 2024 at 6:30pm  
Newman Shed  
2040 N 1100th Avenue  
Lynn Center, IL 61262  
Father Tim Hepner is Pastor of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Monmouth, IL  
This tour will also be hosted by Bonnie Newman from Blue Horizon Travel and her husband Joel. Early booking discount available for reservations made by Mar 25, 2024!  
Kindly RSVP for either date to Bonnie at 309-737-0059 or [bonnie@bluehorizon.net](mailto:bonnie@bluehorizon.net)

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://henrycountyrl.wixsite.com/life>  
Entries must be submitted or postmarked by March 29, 2024.

### 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 all the Fridays of Lent.  
May our Lenten journey bring us closer to the cross and our Resurrected Savior.



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](http://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.

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,

### 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.