St. Mary Magdalene Parish

St. Catherine, Aledo
St. Anthony, Matherville

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT **March 15, 2026**

Monday	7:30 AM St. Catherine	Pauline Luepke by Steven & Kathleen Houle
Tuesday	**6:30 PM St. Catherine**	Frank Bockman by Thomasine, Ed & Cathy Bockman
	7:00 PM St. Catherine	**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
Wednesday	7:30 AM **St. Catherine**	Jozef Slowik by Jeanne Moran
Thursday	**6:30 PM St. Anthony**	Eugenia Stitzer by Friends & Family
	7:00 PM St. Anthony	**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
Friday	8:00 AM St. Anthony	Monica Rush by Phil & Paula Steele
Saturday	**7:00 AM St. Catherine**	**HOLY HOUR**
Saturday	4:00 PM St. Anthony	Mike & Alice Miller by Sis Miller
Saturday	5:30 PM St. Catherine	Rosemary Owens
Sunday	8:00 AM St. Catherine	Marti Cortright by Vic DeBlock
Sunday	9:45 AM St. Anthony	Parishioners of St. Mary Magdalene

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Ez 37:12-14 / Ps 130:1-8 / Rom 8:8-11 / Jn 11:1-45
Weekly Collection: $ 2,061

Parish office hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9am-12pm. Please leave a message any other time.

Confessions: Thursday and Saturday, 7am to 7:50am, during Holy Hour. Saturday at St. Anthony from 3pm to 3:50pm, and Sunday at St. Catherine from 7:10am to 7:50am.

Pray the Rosary: The rosary is prayed every **Wednesday, following the 7:30am Mass at St. Catherine's.** Everyone is invited to join us in praying for the **many intentions** in our parish and our families.

New Parishioners: Welcome to our parish! Please call the parish office at 582-7500 to register or if you have any questions about our community.

Lenten Schedule: Tuesdays at **St. Catherine**, and **Thursdays** at **St. Anthony** during Lent, **Mass will be celebrated at 6:30pm followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7pm.** As in past years, we will use a different Stations of the Cross for meditation each week. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available following the Stations.

Brookstone Mass: will be offered this **Monday, March 16th** at 10:15am. Pray and visit with our parishioners who reside there.

Where Two or More are Gathered: Will meet Tuesday evening, March 24th at 6:30pm at the Beanfield Coffee House in Viola. All are invited to gather and informally discuss and share our life in Christ and our spiritual journey.

Group Study: We will have the final meeting this Monday, March 16th at the Bean Field Coffee House in Viola at 6:30pm.

Elizabeth Ministry Meeting: Wednesday, March 18th at 2pm, St. Catherine Hall.

Reception for Confirmands: Alyse DeBlock, Nathalia Pollock, Jaylee Jones, Ivy Colbrese, and Kolton Paslawski received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, March 14th. We will have a reception for them in the basement church hall at St. Anthony following the Palm Sunday Mass on March 29th.

Lenten Almsgiving: Consider a donation to the **Mercer County Food Pantry.** Donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 63, Aledo, IL 61231. Call Sharon at 309-507-1813 for more information/questions.

St. Anthony Mowing: The mowing season is fast approaching and your help is needed. Please see, call, or text John Krebsbach (309-781-0697) for available weeks for mowing. Also, a church grounds clean-up is planned for **April 11th.** Come any time after 8:30AM. We will be picking up sticks, cutting low hanging branches and anything else to make the mowing easier.

NO CCD this Sunday, March 15th. CCD will resume next **Sunday March 22nd.**

Please pray for the blessed repose of the soul of Josh Baker.

Volunteers Needed: Our parish is looking for **2 volunteers** to work the **Mercer County Food Pantry** on **Tuesday, April 28th** from **5:30-7pm** and again on **Friday, May 1st** from **8am-12noon.** Please call the rectory if you would like to volunteer your gift of time for either or both days.

The Man of the Shroud Exhibition: April 24-April 26, 8:00am to 8:00pm at St. Pius X – McCarthy Hall in Rock Island. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Allouez Council # 658. Included in the Exhibition: Life-size replica of the Shroud of Turin plus 31 displays describing the history and scientific examination of the Shroud, a large Crucifix based upon the wounds depicted in the Shroud, an informative documentary movie, and opportunities for private prayer and public devotions including Eucharistic Adoration. The exhibit is self-guided and typically takes 30-90 minutes. Cost is free, but a donation is appreciated.

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Diocesan Anniversary Book: The Peoria Diocese is celebrating its 150th anniversary. A high-quality professionally produced coffee table book is being offered with a photo history of the Diocese and with photos of all the churches in the Diocese with brief descriptions of each. The price is $39 and it will be available at Easter, 2026. Orders are being taken now to anticipate the number of copies to be printed. Let Father know if you would like to purchase a copy!

REGULATIONS FOR LENT AND 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 yrs. of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Feb 18th and all Fridays of Lent.

Everyone 18 yrs. and under 59 yrs. of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday, Feb 18th and Good Friday April 3rd. 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.

PRAYER TO JESUS CHRIST CRUCIFIED

Behold, O good and loving Jesus,
that I cast myself on my knees before you
and, with the greatest fervor of spirit,
I pray and beseech you to instill into my heart
ardent sentiments of faith, hope and charity,
with true repentance for my sins
and a most firm purpose of amendment.
With deep affection and sorrow
I ponder intimately
and contemplate in my mind your five wounds,
having before my eyes what the prophet David
had already put in your mouth about yourself, O good Jesus:
They have pierced my hands and my feet;
they have numbered all my bones (Ps 22:17-18).

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Blessed Virgin Mary, Our lady of Compassion, I turn to you with filial confidence. You shared fully in the work of our lord Jesus Christ, whose Death brought life to the world. Help me now to understand the truth about the divine compassion. Teach me to accept the sufferings that come into my life as you accepted obediently your own deep sorrows. Loving Mother of the Redeemer, you consecrated yourself by submitting to the divine plan. Obtain for me the grace to make my own submission to the same wise providence, now and at the hour of my death. Amen.