



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN

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JANUARY 26, 2025
3RD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

Inspired by the Holy Spirit and nurtured by our sacramental life, Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Church provides a welcoming and inclusive parish home. We bear witness to the Gospel of Christ through prayer and worship, catechesis and spiritual growth, and outreach and social action.



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free.
- Lk 4:18*

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday

4:30 pm

Sunday

8:30 am and 10:30 am

Weekday Masses

Monday Communion Service

8:30 am

Tuesday to Saturday Masses

8:30 am

Rosary

Monday to Saturday

8:00 am

Eucharistic Adoration

1st Friday of each month

from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

with Benediction at 7:00 pm.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

Saturday 9:00 am

Baptism

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 12:00 pm.

Required Baptismal

preparation on the 2nd

Thursday at 7:00 pm.

Call Parish Office to register.

Marriage

Please contact the Pastor at

least 6 months in advance.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Phone: 630-279-5700

Monday to Thursday

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Friday

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER SLAWEK

Praise be Jesus Christ... Now and Forever.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you for your incredible generosity during the Christmas season. I am also deeply grateful to all those who contributed their time and talent to beautify our church for Christmas, especially the Art and Environment Committee, and everyone who decorated and later took down the Christmas decorations. Your dedication created a space of warmth and reverence that allowed us all to enter more deeply into the mystery of Christ's birth.

I also wish to give a special thank-you to our organists, cantors, and the choir who brought the liturgies to life with beautiful music, enriching our worship and drawing us closer to God. I am also grateful to the altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and all who served behind the scenes to ensure that our celebrations were meaningful and prayerful. Your hard work and commitment helped make this, my first Christmas with you, a truly special and unforgettable experience.

As we celebrate the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, also known as the Sunday of the Word of God, we are reminded of the power and beauty of Sacred Scripture. Pope Francis has called us to deepen our relationship with the Word, recognizing it as a living and active presence in our lives. This Sunday, let us open our hearts to God's voice in the Scriptures, allowing it to inspire, guide, and transform us. May the Word of God be our light and strength as we continue our journey through this year.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Sławek



CALENDAR

1/25/25	SATURDAY
8:30am	Mass
9:00am	Reconciliation
9:30am	Joyful Again Steering Comm. Mtg.
1:00pm	Confirmation Retreat
1/26/25	SUNDAY
8:30am	Mass
9:00am	OCIA
10:30am	Mass
1/27/25	MONDAY
8:30am	Communion Service
8:30am	Mom and Tot Play Group
6:30pm	Mundelein Seminary in Room 1
1/28/25	TUESDAY
8:30am	Mass
9:00am	Gentle Stretch in Room 1
1/29/25	WEDNESDAY
8:30am	Mass
3:00pm	Faith Formation
6:30pm	CRHP Meeting
1/30/25	THURSDAY
8:30am	Mass
1/31/25	FRIDAY
8:30am	Mass
2/1/25	SATURDAY
6:00am	That Man Is You (TMIY) in Barrett Hall
8:30am	Mass
9:00am	Reconciliation
1:00pm	Confirmation Retreat
2/2/25	SUNDAY
8:30am	Mass
8:30am	Faith Formation in Barrett Hall
9:00am	OCIA
10:30am	Mass - Rite of Installation, Fr. Slawek
12:00pm	Baptisms
3:00pm	El Shaddai Charismatic in Barrett Hall



MARRIAGE RETREAT OPPORTUNITY

RETRouvaille

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES
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Our next weekend is Feb 28 - Mar 2, 2025 at
the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien, IL



IS YOUR MARRIAGE ON THE RIGHT ROAD OR IS IT A LITTLE OFF TRACK?

LIFE CAN BE DIFFICULT, AND SO CAN THE CHALLENGES IN MARRIAGE

Does the distance between you seem to be growing? Are you already separated but looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help, and offers hope for a better relationship. We are a peer ministry of volunteer couples who will help you learn the tools of healthy communication, handle conflict constructively, and build intimacy to help you heal—just as we have done in our own marriages.

The Retrouvaille program is Christian-based and Catholic in origin, but welcomes all faiths as well as non-religious spouses. We CAN help get your marriage back on track! Contact us via email (JolietRegistration@helpourmarriage.org), by phone (815-246-2080), or online (www.retrouvaillejolietil.com).



PARISH NEWS—SAVE THE DATE

Installation Mass and Reception

On **Sunday, February 2nd**, Bishop Hick's will celebrate the 10:30am Mass and install Fr. Slawek as the 10th Pastor of Mary Queen of Heaven. A reception with food and refreshments will be held in Barrett Hall immediately following Mass. Everyone is invited to attend!



FAITH FORMATION NEWS - MARY GLAUDELL, DIRECTOR



Faith Formation Prepares for Sacraments: While all our children are journeying towards full initiation into our faith community, our Confirmation Candidates and First Communicants will be experiencing retreats to focus their Sacrament preparations. Also, our First Communicants will be participating in their First Reconciliation. Please keep these children and all our children in your prayers.

Confirmation Retreat: February 1st

First Reconciliation: February 8th

First Communion Retreat I: February 15th & 16th

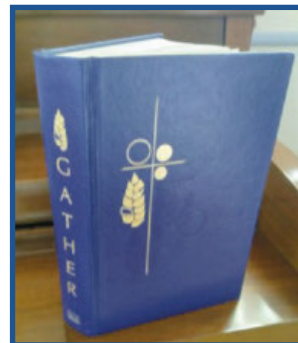
Save the Date
Vacation Bible
School
June 9th – 13th



A NOTE FROM OUR LITURGY COMMISSION

ANNOUNCING....No More Red Song Books

Last year the Mary Queen of Heaven family happily welcomed parishioners from St. Charles Borromeo. Perhaps some of you thought you'd never see or use your lovely blue Gather books with Mass readings and hymns at Mass again. Well, we have great news. The hymn books have been in a safe place, and will, in about 6 weeks appear in our pews, to replace the 20-plus years old red books, just in time for Lent. The good news for all is that the Mass prayers, such as the penitential prayers, the Gloria, the Creed are in the front of the book. That means no more pew cards, just pretty blue Gather III hymnals and Magnificat prayer books.



Watch for future updates!

YES Ministry — Alive & Well at Mary Queen of Heaven!

The **YES** Ministry **WILL** Establish Joyous Connections and Solve Problems, One on One, to Build Community.
 We are looking for people with a short-term need.... And for people with a gift or talent to help solve that need.
 The YES Ministry will do our best to match up Need with Ability.
 Pretty simple.
 Please contact us with your need or talent at:
Yesministrymqh@gmail.com



PRESCHOOL NEWS - GENÉT PINKERTON, DIRECTOR

PROGRAM DETAILS

Serving children ages 2-5 yrs. old.

*2's classroom for T/Th or M/W 8:15-10:15**3's classroom for MWF or M-F 8:15-11:45**4's classroom for MWF or M-F 8:15-11:45**Enrichment option for 3's and 4's 11:45-2:45***What makes us amazing and different?****2's Program:**

- 2 or 4 mornings available.
- We help your kids become bathroom independent.

Registration for Fall 2025-26
begins Jan. 2025**3's Program:**

- We meet the learning benchmarks while maintaining a play-based environment.

4's Program:

- We facilitate a bus pick-up to Madison Early Learning Center for our students.

Afternoon Program:

- Follows a daily themed curriculum for the children to continue playing and learning.

All Programs:

- Open-ended curriculum to meet children at all levels of development.
- Safe and secure learning environment.
- Large playground and an indoor recess space.
- Balanced program of play, academics, arts, and religion.
- Specific activities designed to develop physical and social skills.
- All are welcome at Mary Queen of Heaven.

To learn more about our amazing school and to schedule a tour,
please visit our website www.mqhpreschool.org

To learn more about our parish community, visit www.mqhelmhurst.org

"Free to play, explore, and imagine."



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Readings Week of the ELPI

THE WEEK OF JANUARY 26, 2025

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30
 Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mk 3:22-30
 Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11/Mk 3:31-35
 Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 4:1-20
 Thursday: Heb 10:19 – 25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Mk 4:21-25
 Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41



A MESSAGE FROM OUR BUSINESS MANAGER

Thank you for your continued generosity
 (and making my budget estimates look absolutely brilliant).
 As of January 15, we have received and deposited \$29,940.77
 for the Christmas collection.
 This compares with \$27,559.00 received for last year;
 and the \$30,000.00 which was budgeted for this year.
 Many thanks, and continued blessings on you this year.
Matt Novak, Business Manager

WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT Week of January 12 2025

Sunday	\$ 5,885.00
Mail in	\$ 460.00
Electronic	\$ 1,845.00
TOTAL	\$ 8,190.00



The 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) has begun!

As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal, we are humbly asking all parishioners to pledge their support for this important effort, as together we can make a profound difference.

This year's CMAA theme is *Open your heart to God's goodness*. Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ's Church are available to everyone. Together, we can help provide safe shelter for the homeless, feed the physical and social needs of those who are hungry, inspire those discerning a life of vocation, and aid in the education of our next generation of Catholics. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own. As a diocese working together, we can do so much more.

Our parish goal for the 2025 CMAA is \$45,800, and 70% of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us and used fruitfully within our own parish. Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal. If you don't receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office. Thank you!



January 27

Sr. Mary DePaul Stava
 Sr. Sharon Marie Stola
 Sr. Susanne Thome
 Sr. Regina Ann Weissmann OSB

January 28

Sr. M. Kathleen McLinden
 Sr. Mary Raphael Schmitz
 Sr. Mary Elizabeth Sheffer O. Carm

January 29

Fr. Daniel Bachner
 Fr. Peter Infanger

January 30

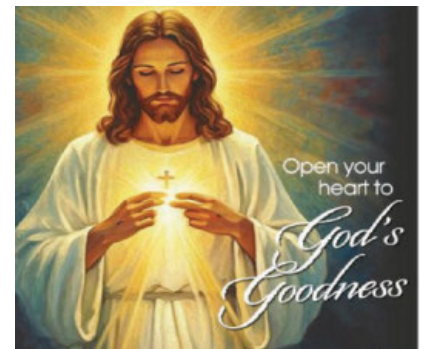
Sr. Mary Bratrsovsky
 Sr. Johanna Choi
 Sr. JoAnne Form OSB

January 31

Sr. M. Anthony de Lourdes Veilleux
 Sr. Libby Dahlstrom
 Sr. Mary Martin O. Carm

February 1

Br. Michael Fehrenbach
 Br. Christopher Ford
 Br. James Gaffney
 Br. Richard Geimer FSC



**Saturday, January 25, 2025**

8:30am † Pauline Ricci
4:30pm † Michael N. Durdil

Sunday, January 26, 2025

8:30am † Vivian Ressa
† Marie Vagosky
Parishioners of MQH
10:30am † David Grunwald

Monday, January 27, 2025

8:30am Communion Service

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

8:30am For the Right to an Education

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

8:30am † Aloysius Wilk

Thursday, January 30, 2025

8:30am † Zoe Zurkowski

Friday, January 31, 2025

8:30am † John Imbra

Saturday, February 1, 2025

8:30am † James Stamko
4:30pm † Bud Rogers

Sunday, February 2, 2025

8:30am † Greg Lentini
Parishioners of MQH
10:30am † Mary Ellen Viter

† indicates person is deceased

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

Throughout this year, our Holy Father will be remembering in prayer, and with special activities in Rome, various groups of peoples. We have been asked to do the same. On January 24-26, the World of Communications will be remembered. How have the activities of Communications assisted all people in becoming "neighbors" to each other? How have we used Communication tools and techniques to better our life and the life of all peoples? Do you know someone who works in the World of Communications? If so, this would be a good time to thank them for their service to others.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 1st & Sunday, February 2nd

LECTORS

<u>SATURDAY</u> <u>4:30pm</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u> <u>8:30am</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u> <u>10:30am</u>
A. Novar & D. Novar	Chris Espinoza	Tim Kowalski

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

<u>SATURDAY</u> <u>4:30pm</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u> <u>8:30am</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u> <u>10:30am</u>
Deacon Tim	Deacon Alex	Deacon Alex
B. Lawlor-C	M. Grozik -C	D. Reed-C
B. Dunn	N. Sietsma	J. Los
		P. Los
		J. Naples
		P. Naples

C-indicates the captain

Al Fuchsen
Betty Wozniak
Ray Wozniak
Edna Wozniak
Rose Bier
Rose Brogan
Maria Ubunger



Anthony Carlevato
Virginia Carlevato
Steve Lesniak
Lesniak Family
Belinda Sobucki

Armed Forces Prayer List

We remember and pray for the protection of our military as they serve in our Armed Forces.

U.S. Marine Corps **SGT Ethan Zielinski,**
Camp Pendleton, CA
U.S. Navy **Kevin Caskey, Japan**

Please contact the parish office at 630-279-5700 if you would like to add a name to our ongoing prayer list for our active duty loved ones.

THE COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

The Coldest Night of the Year is a winterrific family-friendly walk to support local charities serving people experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness. Join us on February 22, 2025 at 5:00PM in Villa Park as we raise funds for Catholic Charities' Kathy Paulsen Hope House Shelter.

Kathy Paulsen Hope House is an 18-bed homeless shelter in Villa Park, providing a temporary safe haven for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. During their stay, program participants work intensively with case managers to secure stable employment and permanent housing. Hope House empowers residents to rebuild their lives and achieve lasting stability.

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