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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, outreach and social action.

MARCH 16, 2025
SECOND SUNDAY
IN LENT



2nd Sunday O F L E N T

While he was praying his face changed in appearance
and his clothing became dazzling white. - Lk 9:29



FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY - THIS WEEKEND - MARCH 16TH

THE MQH PARISH COUNCIL & COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN INVITE ALL
PARISHIONERS & THEIR FAMILIES TO COME ENJOY AN ASSORTMENT OF
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WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

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

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!!

Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

For the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert to his Transfiguration. Each year on the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday of Lent each year, we hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The story of Jesus' Transfiguration is told in the three Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In each of those Gospels, the Transfiguration follows Jesus' first prediction of his death and his teaching about the costs of discipleship. Jesus' Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus' glory, his Resurrection.

On a mountain in today's reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus' baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God's relationship to the people of Israel. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God's complete Word.

The Transfiguration occurs in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples: Peter, James, and John. In Matthew's Gospel, those disciples are among the first whom Jesus calls. The three men are identified as an "inner circle" among Jesus' disciples when Jesus asks them to accompany him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest.

I am happy to be able to have real live votive candles for all to use. Lighting candles in the Catholic Church is a symbolic act of prayer, devotion, and faith. When a candle is lit, it signifies a prayerful intention offered to God, the Blessed Mother, or the saints, continuing even after the person has left the church. Many of you appreciate the opportunity to light a candle as a visible sign of your prayers, whether for loved ones, personal intentions, or gratitude. This tradition reflects our trust in God's presence and intercession, serving as a sign of hope, remembrance, and petition for divine assistance. These votive candles will serve as a constant reminder of the power of prayer and the communal support of the faith community.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Joey and Nicole Santo of the Culture Studio for their very generous donation of T-shirts for the school and church ushers. Your kindness and support mean so much to our church, providing not only a practical gift but also a sense of unity and pride among those who serve. Your generosity reflects a deep commitment to helping others, and we are truly blessed by your thoughtfulness. I've already heard many compliments that our ushers look so great in blue!! Thank you again, Joey and Nicole.



May God continue to bless us all
on our Lenten journeys as we
prepare for His Passion,
Cross and Resurrection.

Fr. Sławek



CALENDAR

3/15/25 SATURDAY
 6:30am That Man Is You (TMIY) in Barrett Hall
 8:30am Mass
 9:00am Reconciliation
 9:30am Joyful Again Steering Committee Mtg
 4:30pm Mass

3/16/25 SUNDAY 2nd Sunday of Lent
 8:30am Mass
 9:00am OCIA in Room 13
 10:30am Mass
 11:30am Fellowship Sunday in Barrett Hall
 3:00pm El Shaddai Charismatic in Barrett Hall

3/17/25 MONDAY
 8:30am Communion Service
 8:30am Mom and Tot Play Group
 3:00pm Girl Scouts Troop
 6:30pm Mundelein Seminary in Room 1

3/18/25 TUESDAY
 8:30am Mass
 6:30pm Council of Catholic Women Meeting

3/19/25 WEDNESDAY
 8:30am Mass
 3:00pm RE Faith Formation

3/20/25 THURSDAY
 8:30am Mass
 7:00pm Parish Pastoral Council in Room 13

3/21/25 FRIDAY
 8:30am Mass
 1:00pm Stations of the Cross in Church
 7:00pm Stations of the Cross in Church

3/22/25 SATURDAY
 6:30am That Man Is You (TMIY) in Barrett Hall
 8:30am Mass
 9:00am Reconciliation
 4:30pm Mass
 5:30pm Focolare Word of Life Meeting

3/23/25 SUNDAY 3rd Sunday of Lent
 8:30am Mass
 9:00am OCIA in Room 13
 10:30am Mass



PREVIEW: LENTEN SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

CONFESSION

Saturday Mornings after 8:30 Mass
 7 Hours of Confession at Immaculate Conception
 Saturday, April 5th ~ 8:00am - 3:00pm

PARISH MISSION

April 13th—15th ~ 7pm—9pm

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**Palm Sunday**

Saturday, April 12th ~ 4:30pm Mass
 Sunday, April 13th ~ 8:30am & 10:30am Mass
 Parish Mission ~ 7:00pm

Monday of Holy Week

Parish Mission ~ 7:00pm
 Confessions to be offered at Mission

Tuesday of Holy Week

Parish Mission ~ 7:00pm
 Mission will conclude with Mass

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper ~ 7:00pm

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross ~ 3:00pm
 Veneration of the Cross Service ~ 7:00pm

Holy Saturday

Easter Egg Hunt ~ 10:30am
 Blessing of the Baskets ~ 11:00am & 12:00pm
 Easter Vigil ~ 8:00pm

Easter Sunday

Mass ~ 8:30am and 10:30am

NEW HYMNALS IN PLACE

What a wonderful addition to our Worship!

To donate one of these beautiful blue hymnals in recognition of your family or in memory/honor of a special person, call or stop in the office. Needed information will be collected from you. When we have names and donations, stickers to be placed into the hymnals will be printed in the office. You can drop off your \$20 donation at the office, or place it in a separate envelope for the Sunday collection.

To those whom have already donated - **thank you!**

FAITH FORMATION NEWS - MARY GLAUDELL, DIRECTOR

Registration Open for Vacation Bible School

"Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread" Matthew 6:11

In Vacation Bible School we learn to obey God and trust Him to provide for all our needs.



When: June 9th to June 13th (9 to 11:30am each day)

Where: Mary Queen of Heaven

Who: All children ages 3 to 10 as of September 1, 2025

Cost: \$60 per child – *must be paid with registration form*

How to register:

1. Go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com>
 2. Locate the "Find a sign up" tab
 3. Creator's email = mqhpreschool@maryqueen.org
 4. Select: "2025 VBS Food Truck Party"
 5. Register your child according to age/grade as of June 1st
 6. Submit registration form AND payment to Parish, Pre-School, or RE office
- Payment can also be made online via WeShare: <https://www.mqhelmhurst.org/>*

PRAY FAST GIVE



*Then from the cloud came a voice that said,
"This is my chosen Son; listen to him." Luke 9:35*

Jesus Christ asks that we serve others. As part of our Lenten devotion and disciplines, Faith

Formation asks you to serve one another by supporting Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl program. Rice Bowls are available in the back of the church.

For more information please see the flyer enclosed with the Rice Bowl or go to <https://www.csricebowl.org/>

CRS Rice Bowl donations should be turned into the Faith Formation or Parish office by April 25th. Thank you for your support.



PRESCHOOL NEWS - GENÉT PINKERTON, DIRECTOR

Father Slawek did an amazing job with the preschoolers and their families on Ash Wednesday. First we talked about making mistakes, asking for forgiveness, and getting up to try again. We sang, "Ashes, ashes we all fall down. The cows are in the meadow eating buttercups. Ashes, ashes we all stand up" Next Father talked to the children about Lent and where the ashes came from. Then we all joined in as he blessed the ashes to put on everyone from grandparents to newborns.



Moms & Tots Play Group



Look at this shamrock
With leaves of three
It reminds me of the Trinity



Who: Moms with their kids ages 0-2 years old

Why: Social time for everyone

How: Kids play in a spacious room filled with toys - it's totally relaxed and enjoyable.

When: Monday March 17th and April 14th 8:30-9:30

What: St. Patrick's Day craft on the 17th and Easter craft on the 14th.

Where: Mary Queen of Heaven school building Rm. 2/3- come to the "parish office" entrance located on West Ave. Ring the doorbell and let them know you are there for the play group.

How: Sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4AAAAA29A1F9C70-53903260-momtot>

E-mail your questions to mghmomandtoto@gmail.com

We'd love to see you!

Readings of the Week

THE WEEK OF MARCH 16, 2025

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
 Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15/18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Read, listen to an audio recording or watch a reflection video of the readings for each day by visiting <https://bible.usccb.org/>

You can also sign up to have daily readings sent to your email address.



DONATIONS

Pledging Your Gift To The CMAA!

If you have already pledged your support to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we sincerely thank you! Let's join together to meet our parish's goal of \$45,800. Each and every gift, regardless of size, truly makes a difference.

If you still plan on making your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how best you can **Open your heart to God's goodness** in support of those in need throughout our diocese. Pledge envelopes are still available in the church, or you can use the envelope you received in the mail from the diocese. We also welcome online gifts at jolietdioceseappeal.org

Remember, if we raise more than our goal, the diocese will return 70% of the amount over our goal to us to reinvest in our own parish. This is an incredible opportunity and blessing!

Thank You for your support!



WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT Week of March 2, 2025

Sunday \$ 5,976.77
 Mail in \$ 482.00
 Electronic \$ 6,970.00

TOTAL \$ 13,428.77

**Thank You for
Your Generosity!**



To view complete job descriptions of open positions within the Diocese of Joliet, please visit:

<https://www.diojoliet.org/offices/careers>

COME WALK THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Friday's in Lent

1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. in the Church



March 17

Sr. Mary Jo Keane
 Sr. Teresa Maltby RSM

March 18

Fr. Jerzy Zieba CR
 Fr. J. Rodolphe Arty CSC

March 19

Fr. Brian Geary
 Fr. Frank Pusateri

March 20

Fr. Kevin Farrell
 Fr. Eduardo Flores

March 21

Sr. Alicja Jaszczak
 Sr. Bogusława Bładek
 Sr. Agnieszka Jach MChR

March 22

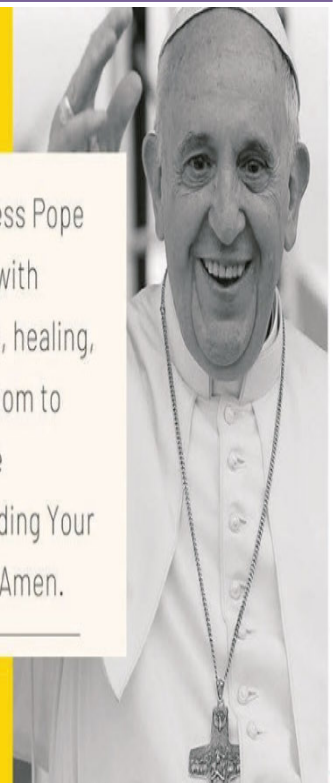
Fr. Joel Fortier
 Fr. Daniel Hoehn

March 23

Sr. Wiesława Jamrozik
 Sr. Jadwiga Kokolus
 Sr. Malgorzata Leszczynska MChR

God's call
 changes plans and
 directions of many
 lives.
 - Bishop Larry Duffy

Lord, bless Pope Francis with strength, healing, and wisdom to continue shepherding Your Church. Amen.



**Saturday, March 15, 2025**

8:30am Holy Father Pope Francis
 4:30pm † David Grunwald

Sunday, March 16, 2025

8:30am † Jim Sobucki
 † Franciszek Prokop
 † Gregory Lentini
 Parishioners of MQH
 10:30am † John DiMonte

Monday, March 17, 2025

8:30am Communion Service

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

8:30am For The Environment

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

8:30am † Leon Schwartz

Thursday, March 20, 2025

8:30am For Love and Unity within Families

Friday, March 21, 2025

8:30am † James Quinn Jr.

Saturday, March 22, 2025

8:30am † Szymon Zelazny
 4:30pm † Michael N. Durdil

Sunday, March 23, 2025

8:30am † William and Joan Wrobel
 † Wilbert and Dorothy Weigel
 Parishioners of MQH
 10:30am † Connor Neumann

† indicates person is deceased



If you are new to our church or just visiting today, **WELCOME!**

We are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist with us. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to become part of our parish family. We are so glad you're here and hope you'll come back again! Please visit our office or website for information on how to register.

There is no C-H-U-R-C-H without **U!**

1 Corinthians 12:11-27

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 22nd & Sunday, March 23rd

LECTORS

SATURDAY
4:30pm

A. & D. Novar

SUNDAY
8:30am

M. Grozik

SUNDAY
10:30am

R. Styka

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY
4:30pm

Deacon Tim

B Lawlor - C

S. Harrington

SUNDAY
8:30am

Deacon Tim

A. Weigel - C

W. Woollard

SUNDAY
10:30am

Deacon Tim

G. Pinkerton - C

K. Carambot

C. Gillie

J. Naples

P. Naples

C-indicates the captain

Belinda Sobucki
 Hunter Zielinski
 David



Lynn Suwanski
 Angelica Gonzalez

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 Knights of Columbus legendary

fish fry is back!



Come & enjoy fried or baked cod, clam chowder or shrimp tacos. There is also a Kids Menu.

When: Friday's from March 7th — April 11th

Where: Renaissance Room
 537 S. York Rd.

Time: Doors open at 5pm

Net proceeds of this event benefit the KOC Wheelchair Mission.

**Happy****St. Patrick's Day!!**

an IRISH Prayer

May God give you...

*For every storm, a rainbow,
 For every tear, a smile,
 For every care, a promise,
 AND A BLESSING IN EACH TRIAL.*

FOR EVERY PROBLEM LIFE SENDS,

A faithful friend to share,

For every sigh, a sweet song,

And an answer for each prayer.

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