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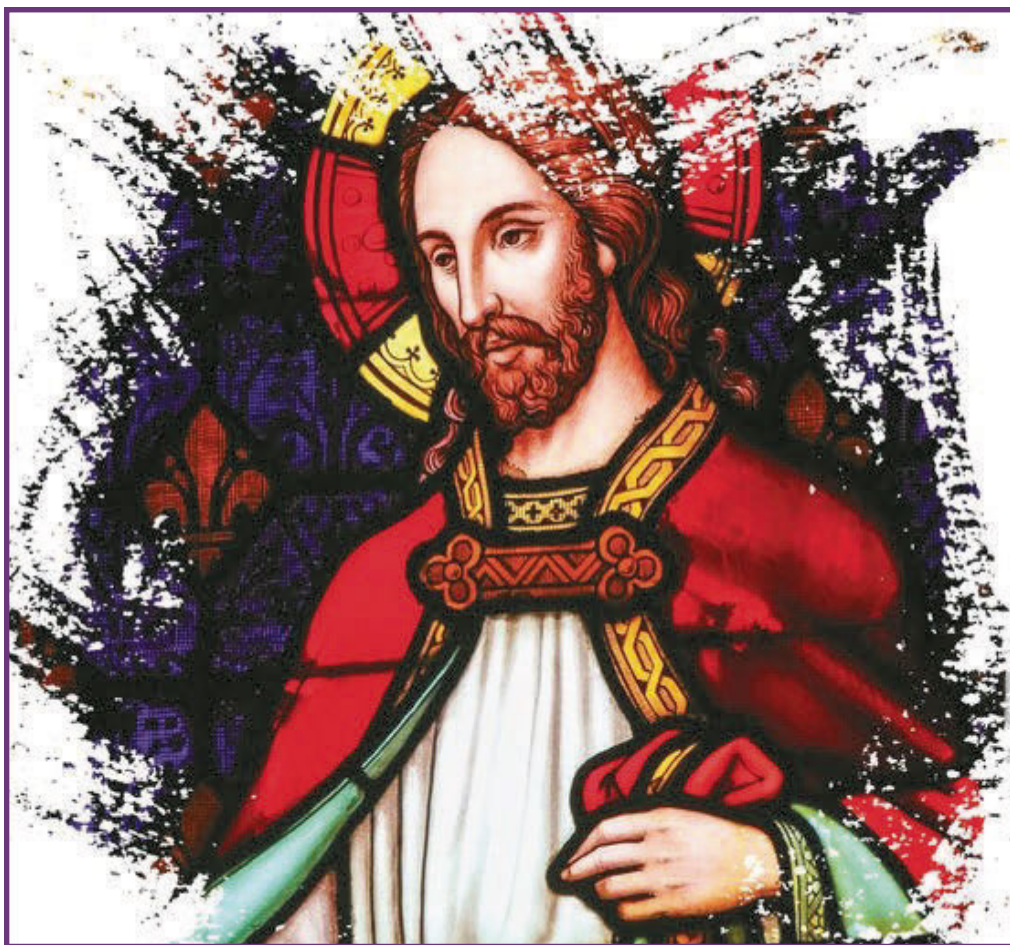
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Inspired by the Holy Spirit and nurtured by our sacramental life, Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Church provides a welcoming and inclusive parish home.

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MARCH 23, 2025

**THIRD SUNDAY
OF LENT**



**"BUT I TELL YOU, IF YOU DO NOT REPENT, YOU WILL
ALL PERISH AS THEY DID!" - LK 13:3**

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

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

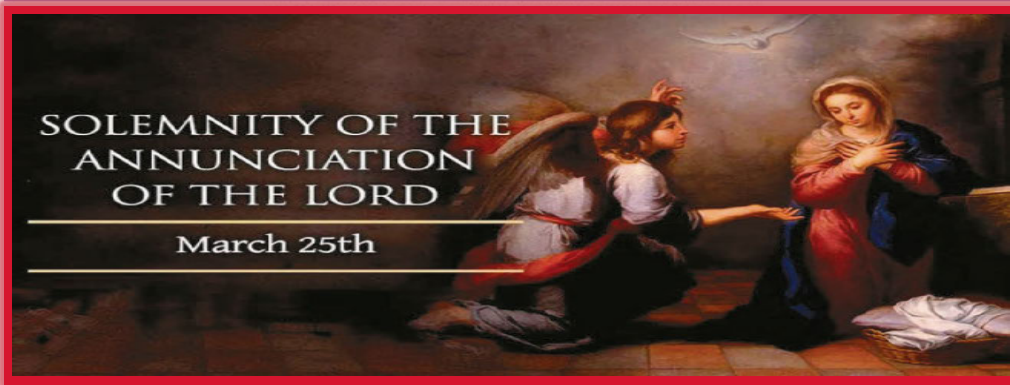
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Friday

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

**SOLEMNITY OF THE
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OF THE LORD**

March 25th



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BISHOP HICKS'S MARCH 2025 COLUMN - "IF"



The title of this article, "**if**," is so short that it's easy to overlook — yet few words carry so much weight in the Catholic imagination. These two simple letters hold the potential to launch beautiful dreams or plant seeds of destructive doubt.



On the positive side, the word "**if**" opens possibilities, like saying, "*If I work hard, I can succeed.*" It encourages hope and stimulates creativity, like wondering, "*What if we did it this way?*" It motivates action by highlighting the rewards, like a teacher saying to their student, "*If you study, you'll pass the exam.*" And it suggests a promising outcome, like me predicting, "If you are reading this article, you are probably a disciple of Jesus."

"**If**" is the kind of word that sparks dreams — *If I trust in God, maybe He will take care of everything.* It invites us to imagine what God could do if only we dared to trust and surrender ourselves to His will. Consider the Gospel of Matthew, where Jesus says, "*If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, nothing will be impossible for you*" (Matthew 17:20). That tiny word, "**if**," encourages us to believe in the miraculous, and to trust that God can work wonders through even the smallest act of faith. It does not demand perfection but presents many hopeful possibilities.

There is, however, another side to "**if**" that can be perilous. When used with doubt or hesitation, "**if**" becomes a stumbling block. During this Lenten season, we are reminded that Jesus was tempted in the desert by Satan with the word "**if**" (Matthew 4):

- "*If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.*"
 - "*If You are the Son of God, throw yourself down.*"
- "All these I will give you, **if** you kneel down and worship me."

Satan's use of "**if**" was not just about testing Jesus' power — it was about trying to plant doubt in Jesus' very identity as the Son of God. That is the same tactic the enemy uses against us today, aiming to make us question who we are in God's eyes. But Jesus bravely resisted these "**if**"-based lies. He knew and fully embraced His identity as the Son of God and remained grounded in His mission, united with His Father and the Holy Spirit.

In moments of trial, we too face the temptation to question God's love or plan: "*If God is good, why am I suffering?*" We are fallible humans; our faith is often tested during challenging times. But our faith calls us to move beyond these doubts, trusting in God's greater purpose even when we do not completely understand. Just as Satan tempted Jesus to doubt His own identity, we too can be lured into believing a deceitful lie about our identity. But there is **no "if"** about our awe-inspiring identity: we are all made in the image and likeness of God. We are God's beloved sons and daughters. And although we are sinners, Jesus came to forgive us and save us from our sins. We trust that promise. Our faith is founded on that truth.

I have seen too many people accept the lie about their true identity. That lie is often planted subtly through internal narratives like, *I cannot really be God's beloved son or daughter because I am not smart enough, not good enough, not holy enough, not attractive, not athletic, not popular, not likable...* or even worse, *not lovable.* We are bombarded daily with subtle lies about our worth — in social media, in relationships, and even in our own thoughts. But God's truth is unwavering: you are His beloved. There's no "**if**" about it. When we reject that basic lie and live in the light of our identity as a beloved daughter or son of God, we are on the road to true joy and salvation.

I invite you to eliminate any and all doubts about Jesus and yourself. God never says, *I will only love you "if" you are perfect.* God's love and mercy for you are unconditional.

So, as we journey through this Lenten season, let us reject the "**if**" of doubt and embrace the certainty of God's love. Pray for the strength to ignore the negative "**speak**" and to center on the positive truths. With clarity and conviction, we proclaim that Jesus is God. He alone is worthy of our praise, honor, and glory. He is our Savior through His life, suffering, death, and resurrection. He has won the victory over death and offers eternal life to all who believe and follow Him.

You are a beloved child of God. When it comes to God and the divine love freely given to all of us, there is no "**if**" whatsoever!

CALENDAR

| | | |
|----------------|--|---------------------------|
| 3/22/25 | SATURDAY | |
| 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 | |
| 10:30am | Mass | |
| 3/24/25 | MONDAY | |
| 8:30am | Communion Service | |
| 6:30pm | Mundelein Seminary in Room 1 | |
| 3/25/25 | TUESDAY | |
| 8:30am | Mass | |
| 3/26/25 | WEDNESDAY | |
| 8:30am | Mass | |
| 7:00pm | RE Faith Formation | |
| 3/27/25 | THURSDAY | |
| 8:30am | Mass | |
| 7:00pm | Finance Council in Room 13 | |
| 3/28/25 | FRIDAY | |
| 8:30am | Mass | |
| 1:00pm | Stations of the Cross in Church | |
| 7:00pm | Stations of the Cross in Church | |
| 3/29/25 | SATURDAY | |
| 6:30am | That Man Is You (TMIY) in Barrett Hall | |
| 8:30am | Mass | |
| 9:00am | Reconciliation | |
| 4:30pm | Mass | |
| | 2nd Collection for Catholic Relief Services Appeal - USCCB | |
| 3/30/25 | SUNDAY | 4th Sunday of Lent |
| 8:30am | Mass | |
| | 2nd Collection for Catholic Relief Services Appeal - USCCB | |
| 10:30am | Mass | |
| | 2nd Collection for Catholic Relief Services Appeal - USCCB | |
| 6:30pm | Indian Catholic Community | |



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 and 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 and 12:00pm
Easter Vigil ~ 8:00pm

Easter Sunday

Mass ~ 8:30am , 10:30am and 12:30pm

What does it mean to be Catholic Today?

Presenter: Fr. Tom McCarthy, O.S.A.

LENTEN

Mission

APRIL 13-15

(Sun-Tues)

7:00 pm

With Confessions on Monday and Mass on Tuesday

Mary Queen of Heaven Church
Elmhurst



Evening 1: The Saints-Are they the heroes of our faith?

Evening 2: Prayer-Is it worth it?

Evening 3: The Family of Faith-What is my part in being an active part of this family?

Father Tom is an experienced teacher, administrator, retreat director and parish mission preacher.

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/>

**Growing Faith - Registration is now open!**

Spring is here with robins singing, jonquils popping up and more sunlight! With spring, we invite you to growing your child’s faith through our Faith Formation program.

New registration forms are now available online at <https://www.mqhelmhurst.org/> or stop by during office hours.



Reminder: No Wednesday class on Wednesday, April 2nd for Spring Break

PRAY FAST GIVE



Don't forget to continue giving to our Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Project. **Turn in your Rice Bowls to the Faith Formation Office by April 25th or donate directly online: www.crsricebowl.org**



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PRESCHOOL NEWS - GENÉT PINKERTON, DIRECTOR

MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRE-SCHOOL

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CCW WOMEN OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

On Saturday April 26th the 47th Annual Woman of the Year Mass will be held at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet.

As in past years, our parish chooses one of our own parishioners to become MQH's Woman of the Year.

Look for nomination forms in the pews this weekend at Saturday and Sunday Masses.



Submit a name and drop it in the Nominee Box as you leave church.

On the weekend of March 29th and 30th as you leave church, you will be able to vote for one of the nominated candidates.

If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Reiter at (630) 386-0870 or Phylis Twardowski at (630) 279-6239.

Those nominated must be a volunteer & active in parish ministry.

Employees of the parish cannot be nominated

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with your need or talent.



Readings of the Week

THE WEEK OF MARCH 23, 2025

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Scrutiny: Ex17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4: 5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5: 17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

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.



WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT

Week of March 9, 2025

| | |
|--------------|--------------------|
| Sunday | \$ 5,186.00 |
| Mail in | \$ 150.00 |
| Electronic | \$ 1,655.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 6,991.00 |

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Your Generosity!**



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

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

COME WALK THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Friday's in Lent

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



March 24

Dcn. James Eaker
Dcn. Gerard Erickson
Dcn. John Feely
Dcn. Richard Feltes

March 25

Fr. Austin Murphy OSB

March 26

Sr. Kristiana Pucik
Sr. Beata Sawicka
Sr. Katarzyna Zaremba MChR

March 27

Dcn. Robert Fitt
Dcn. Patrick Forsythe
Dcn. Frederick Filippo

March 28

Fr. Martin Gabel

March 29

Sr. Paulina Hernandez
Sr. Catalina Perez
Sr. Monica Rocha MSCGpe

March 30

Dcn. John Freund
Dcn. Joseph Ferrari

March 31

Fr. John Ronaldo Abulag

Pray for Pope Francis's Continued Recovery



SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY EASTER FOOD DRIVE

The St. Vincent DePaul Society has adopted **14** families for our Easter Food Drive this year. The Food Drive will take place the weekends of **March 29th and 30th, April 5th and 6th and April 12th and 13th**. Mary Queen of Heaven parishioners have always been so generous in past years and we are sincerely grateful for any and all donations!

We are in need of a variety of items;

Food Items: canned soup, canned vegetables, canned fruit, pasta, spaghetti sauce, cereal of all kinds, baking supplies, peanut butter and jelly, condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo, pickles, etc.), and drinks (coffee, tea and juice).

Cleaning and Personal Care Items: dish soap, laundry detergent, toothpaste, deodorant, personal bars of soap and shampoo

Gift Cards to Grocers: Jewel, Pete's Fresh Market or Mariano's with a value of \$25.00

Easter Basket Goodies (for children of Adopted Families, aged 12 and younger): candy, gum, small gadgets & novelties, small plush toys

At 7pm on **April 14th** at the Church, we will be sorting all items received. Much help is needed and as well HandTrucks! If you have a couple of hours to spare, please join us.

Please call **Sheila Reiter (630-386-0870)** or **Karen Vicary (630-279-4108)** with questions or if you are free to help!



**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

Monday, March 24, 2025

8:30am Communion Service

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

8:30am † Maryann Mills

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

8:30am † Anthony Vrlec Jr.

Thursday, March 27, 2025

8:30am Anthony Lentini

Friday, March 28, 2025

8:30am Dolores Vrlec

Saturday, March 29, 2025

8:30am All Souls in Purgatory
4:30pm † Adolph Krolikonski

Sunday, March 30, 2025

8:30am † James Quinn III
Parishioners of MQH
10:30am † Anthony Vrlec Jr.

† indicates person is deceased

Please remember deceased family, friends and parishioners in your daily prayers. May God grant them eternal rest and may His light shine on them forever.



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 29th & Sunday, March 30th

LECTORS

SATURDAY
4:30pm

K. Passarelli

SUNDAY
8:30am

W. Woolard

SUNDAY
10:30am

M. Mcall

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY
4:30pm

Deacon Alex
K. Vicary - C
E. Ruizol

SUNDAY
8:30am

Deacon Alex
M. Grozik - C
M. Mooney

SUNDAY
10:30am

Deacon Alex
D. Reed - C
D. Justus
J. Los
P. Los
P. Twardowski

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
Kevin Caskey, Japan

U.S. Navy

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
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Time: Doors open at 5pm

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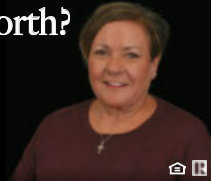
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