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January 25, 2009

*Conversion of
St. Paul*



*Lord God,
you appointed PAUL your apostle
to preach the good news of salvation.
Fill the ENTIRE world with the faith
he carried to so many peoples and nations,
that your Church may continue
to GROW.*

PAUL, APOSTLE

Worship Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Schedule

Mon., Tues., Wed., and Fri.: Mass

Thurs.: Communion Service

All at 8:30 a.m.

Rosary Devotion

Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM

Sacraments

Reconciliation - Saturday 3:30 p.m.

Baptism

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 2:00 p.m. Baptismal preparation is required.

Baptismal prep takes place on the 2nd Tues. of the month at 7:30 pm. Please call Deacon Tom Nolan to register.

Marriage

Please contact the Pastor 6 months in advance.

Parish Office Hours

Mon.-Fri.: 9:00am-4:00pm

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Note from the Pastor

WHO ARE YOU, O GOD? AND WHO AM I?



"Who are you, O God? And who am I?" For hours on end and often through the entire night, St. Francis would pose this question (prayer) to the Lord. It is a prayer with no "amen" for it never ends on this side of eternity. If we, indeed,

participate in the Divine Mystery, in the Life of God, then the more we know and understand, the more we realize how much more there is to know and understand. As soon as you think you've got it, you lose it only to discover that in your loss, you've gained at a much deeper level. Get it? Neither do I! But that doesn't keep me from asking. And I'm in some very good company.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. We all know the story of how he was blinded by the light, fell off his horse and then heard the question "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" Like a good Jew he answered the question with the question, "Who are you Lord?" The answer: "I am Jesus who you persecute."

Well, that's news! Paul didn't even know Jesus so how could he be persecuting him? He was aiding in the stoning of these new followers of "The Way", that's who he was persecuting, not Jesus. Now, what's wrong with this picture?

"Love me, love my dog"...(Butch Knudsen). "Persecute my people, persecute me..." (Jesus). And so the question, "who are you, O God? And who am I?" We find the question first posed by Moses as he encounters the burning bush, "Who are you?" To which the bush responds, "I Am who I Am." Great! We are right back where we started from. See how hard it is to get a handle on God? The moment you think you've got him, you've lost him (her) (see what I mean?)

And yet (S)He asks us to seek Him. It's all very confusing. Is it any wonder that Paul is a bit discombobulated as he is sitting there on the ground blinded by the light? And this is what we call his conversion? Converted to what? Converted from believing that he had God by simply being a good, law abiding Pharisee to beginning to perceive that God, the infinite, unapproachable God can be found abiding in weak, mortal flesh... first in the person of Jesus and then in the Mystical Body of His followers. When it finally dawns on Paul where God is to be found he develops his theology of Mystical Body of Christ.

Who is God? We can't say and we don't know but now, at least we do know where to go looking for him. He's real close, next door, even living in our homes and hearts.

When the apostle Philip asks Jesus to show him the Father and that will be enough, Jesus responds by saying, "Philip, I have been with you all this time and you still don't see Him? You still don't know? Philip, look at me! He who sees me sees the Father!"

And it goes further. At the end of the Matthew's Gospel, the Lord tells us that He's always been here but some of us didn't know it or see Him for His incredible disguises as the naked, hungry, imprisoned, alone, homeless.

We are told to "Seek the Lord while He can be found. Call on Him while He is still near." So where's He going? Nowhere. And remember when we take the word 'nowhere' apart we have 'now here'. And He certainly is.

Well, are you ready to spend the night with Francis? Who are you O God? And who am I? Remember, there's no 'Amen' to this prayer.

In Jesus, the Amen of God,

Father Tony



Parish News



ALL PARISHIONERS INVITED TO BIBLE STUDY LEADER'S MEETING

**Special Speaker will be
Father Tony on the topic of Psalms**

The Adult Education and Spirituality Committee would like to extend an invitation to all parishioners, to hear Father Tony Taschetta speak to the Bible Study Facilitators on the upcoming study of the Psalms. This will be on Sunday, February 1, 2009, following the 10:30 Mass. Come join us for refreshments in the Social Hall and to hear what insights Father Tony has regarding the Psalms. Even if you are not a part of the Bible Study, you are sure to enjoy listening to Father speak to us about this wonderful model of prayer.

In order for us to plan for food, please RSVP to Alex or Marie Grozik, at 630-530-0503, or Lynn Suwanski, 630-530-2523.

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LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY



The Book of Psalms Part II is the next offering for Bible Study here at Mary Queen. To study Psalms is to study prayer and ultimately to enter into prayer. This study focuses on a selection of twenty eight Psalms divided into 3 categories: Royal Psalms, Psalms of Lament and Psalms of Declaration and Praise. Our sign-up weekends are January 17-18 and January 24-25. The cost is \$13.00 for the 2 books, but if you were in the Palms Part I study, and still have your commentary, you only need to purchase the Study Guide for \$6.00. Please see Fr. Tony if you need assistance to purchase them. Our studies will begin the week of February 2nd and continue for 7 weeks through the week of March 16th. This could be used as a Lenten study. We have groups meeting on Monday and Tuesday mornings and Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

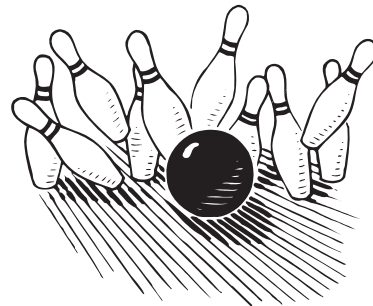
Eucharistic worship is the soul of all Christian life because the Blessed Sacrament is the sacrament of love. Christian life is expressed in the fulfillment of the greatest commandment, to love God and love your neighbor. Every time you consciously share in the Eucharist, at Mass or in Adoration, you enter into the saving sacrifice of Jesus, and so are enabled to begin to love or to love better. As you adore, you mature in a fuller union with Christ, and His love within you matures so that you can take that love with you in the service of others. (adapted from *The Mystery and Worship of the Eucharist*, by Pope John Paul II).

Accept God's invitation to deepen your love by prayerfully joining others in our parish at our next Day of Eucharistic Adoration, **Monday, February 2, 2009 from 9 AM to 7 PM**. The day of adoration and prayer closes with **Benediction at 7:00 PM**. All are invited to join us any time during the day, as well as for Benediction. We especially need someone to fill in at the 2 p.m. hour. If you are interested in becoming a permanent adorer for any given hour, you may contact **Kay Diggins at 630-530-7214, or Rose Wilkes at 630-833-7238**.

Something wonderful is coming to Mary Queen of Heaven, an opportunity to join the people of Visitation parish in their perpetual adoration chapel by signing up for one hour of adoration each week. Look for more information in this column in the near future.

PARISH CANDLELIGHT BOWL

Sponsored by Mary Queen of Heaven CCW



Join us for a fun evening
At Stardust Bowl in Addison
On Saturday, January 31, 2009
Beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Cost is \$45.00 per couple and
includes:
Dinner and dessert
3 Games of Scotch Doubles
Bowling Shoes

The deadline for reservations is
Sunday, January 25th.

Please return your reservation form
and payment to the rectory or to:
Karen Vicary,
545 W. Gladys, Elmhurst.

Make checks payable to
Mary Queen of Heaven CCW.

For more information, call
Karen at 630-279-4108.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parish Calendar



PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS JANUARY 25 - FEBRUARY 1

Sunday, January 25, 2009

Catholic Schools Week Start: Celebrate Service

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA in Church/Social Hall/School 13, 4-5
8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Masses

Monday, January 26, 2009

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Parish Council in Parish Office Dining

Tuesday, January 27, 2009

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
9:00 AM Yoga in Barrett Hall

Wednesday, January 28, 2009

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
3:15 PM - 8:15 PM RE Classes in School

Thursday, January 29, 2009

8:30 AM Communion Service in Church
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Choir Rehearsal in Church
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM New Wine in School 4-5,13

Friday, January 30, 2009

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church

Saturday, January 31, 2009

3:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM MQH Mass in Church

Sunday, February 1, 2009

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA in Church/Social Hall/School 13, 4-5
8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Masses
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Bible Study - Psalms II in Barrett Hall
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Baptisms in Church
4:00 PM - 10:30 PM Super Bowl Party in Barrett Hall



MANY THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROUS HELP!

A heartfelt thank you to the Art & Environment Committee and those parishioners who helped to decorate for the Christmas Holidays. Several people commented on how beautiful everything was, especially the Manger. Decorating outdoors was very challenging this year due to our extremely cold and snowy weather but because of dedicated people who have been helping out for several years, we did get all the decorations up. We are extremely grateful to everyone who gave of their time during this busy season and to those who helped to take the decorations down last week.

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MQH MEN'S GROUP SUPERBOWL PARTY

WHEN: Sunday, February 1, 2009

WHERE: Barrett Hall, MQH

TIME: 4:30 PM (approx. Kickoff 5 PM)

FOOD AND SUPPLIES PROVIDED:

Pizza, Desserts, Pop, Water
Tables, Chairs, Tablecloths, Plates

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING:

Adult Drinks: In your own cooler (on ice)
Hors d'oeuvres for community table

COST:

\$8.00 per person (please contact Tim for payment and number of people attending by 1/30/09. This will help with ordering the food and refreshments)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

TIM MUELLER (630) 567-5757

OTLBuilder@aol.com

DESTINY INFO

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

*All those interested in being student leaders for the lock-in plan to attend our meetings on Wed. nights at 8:15pm in the school building.

WINGS TO HEAVEN INFO

5TH - 8TH GRADE STUDENTS

*All 5th-8th grade students mark your calendars for Friday May 8th. That is our Lock-in date for this year. More info in the coming weeks.

Questions about either group or to be put on our email list please call or email Kathleen Gusloff 630-832-4348 or the5ofgus@aol.com

Meeting Schedule for both groups

Wings to Heaven 6-8pm Barrett Hall and
Destiny 8:30am school building

Feb 1, 15

March 1, 15

April 19

May 8th Lock-in, May 24th

There is a certain urgency in today's Gospel as Jesus calls His first disciples - Andrew and Simon, James and John. Each one follows Jesus *immediately*, unhesitatingly abandoning nets and boats and father and fellow-workers. To what is Jesus calling me - at *this* moment, in *these* circumstances. What will I need to abandon in order to follow Him?

Christian Education News

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2009 FOCUSES ON SERVICE

The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2009 celebrates Catholic schools and community service. Catholic Schools Week is celebrated nationally the last week in January, this year Jan. 25-31. The logo for the observance shows the words "Celebrate Service" and hands reaching out and surrounding a globe. The "t" in the word celebrate is formed as a cross. Mary Queen of Heaven Preschoolers have participated in service to others this year by helping to collect food for the needy, creating Christmas cards for children at an orphanage in Russia, collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald foundation and joining the religious education toy collection in December.

The purpose of Catholic Schools Week is to build community awareness of, and involvement in, Catholic schools throughout the country. During this week, many dioceses and schools encourage parents to take full advantage of the benefits of local Catholic schools by enrolling their children in those schools. CSW also is an occasion for schools to encourage citizens in volunteering their time and talents to the local Catholic schools.

We take this time to thank all our volunteers who have helped Mary Queen of Heaven Preschool become a reality. The beautiful religious murals throughout the building, the freshly painted doors and walls, the furniture and learning materials, the books and toys, the spruced up grounds, and the hours of prayerful support have all been contributed by those who have shared their service with us. It takes many hands and a great deal of faith to begin and continue such a wonderful opportunity for the families of our community. Thank you for your time, talents, and treasures. We appreciate you!

Catholic Schools Week celebrates education that goes beyond preparation for a secular life — it is education that prepares students for a Christian life. CSW also celebrates the high standards of excellence and the quality of the education available to all students in Catholic elementary and secondary schools across the U.S.

On Sunday, January 18th, our Preschool hosted an open house where prospective students, their families and the community learned about the school and its mission to provide high-quality, values-based education. More open houses are scheduled for February 12th and March 12th from 5:30p.m.-7:30p.m. and February 18th and March 18th from 9:30am-noon. Registration for the 2009-2010 school year has begun. Please come and visit us on one of these days or call 630-833-9500 to schedule an appointment.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Please mark your calendars:

Saturday, January 24th 11:00AM – 4:15PM

The Confirmation Retreat for our 8th graders is in Barrett Hall followed by mass at 4:30PM in church. Please be reminded that all candidates must turn in their Retreat permission forms to their classroom catechists in order to attend.

Wednesday, February 11th

Gr. 2 parents of First Communicants are expected to attend a special meeting at **7:00PM** in Church. Fr. Tony will be the featured speaker.

For more info on any of the above, please call Mary Ann Woods at the REO, 832-8962.

Christian Worship Commission



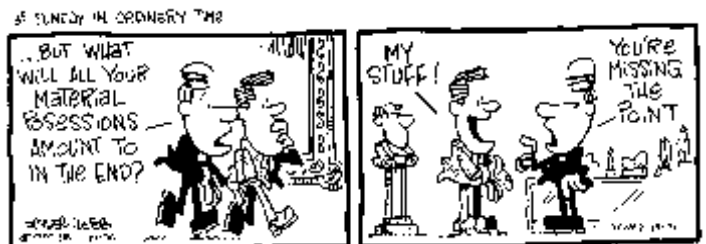
To pray for our sick is an important privilege of our parish family. Please call 630-279-5700 to have a name added to our list. A new listing will appear in bold face.

When calling the parish office, please leave contact information and your relationship to the person. Names will remain on the prayer list for four weeks. Contact the parish office to renew the individual's name on our prayer list. We hope that you will pray for these persons every day.

Michael Figiel

Gospel Verse

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mk 1:16-17



MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, JANUARY 31 - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2009

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
Lector	R. Styka	R. Villamil	S. Napolilli
Eucharistic Ministers	T. Sabel (S) M. Conway (C) H. Todd J. Goryl D. StaRosa K. Diggins S. Pingatore	R. Styka (S) D. Styka (C) G. Regan K. Vicary M. McCall P. Twardowski J. Unger	K. Mueller (S) K. Mueller (C) M. Kelly J. Eichorst D. Justus P. Mason T. Kevil K. Gusloff F. Tremmel
Altar Servers	C. Ceper M. Jankovec M. Piszczor	H. Rossiano V. Maple J. Simon	J. Vosicky C. Weigel I. Weigel



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 25, 2009

8:30 AM † Florence Flint
10:30 AM † Edward Lawin

Monday, January 26, 2009

8:30 AM † Lillian Salzman

Tuesday, January 27, 2009

8:30 AM All Parishioners

Wednesday, January 28, 2009

8:30 AM † All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, January 29, 2009

8:30 AM Communion Service

Friday, January 30, 2009

8:30 AM † Florence Flint

Saturday, January 31, 2009

4:30 PM All Parishioners

Sunday, February 1, 2009

8:30 AM All Parishioners
10:30 AM † Stanley Raymond Berg

† indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of January 25, 2009

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25
Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28



Church Support

Collection Totals for: Sunday January 18, 2008	
Adults	\$6,934.00
Parish Pay	\$8,398.00
Children	\$75.74
Total	\$15,407.74

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Psalms 11 - SCRIPTURE STUDY Sign-up

Sign-up January 17-18, 24-25 in the Church

(please print) email: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

PHONE: Day _____ Evening _____

Day and Time Preference – 1st Choice (Circle one)

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| 1. Monday, 9:30-11am | Begins February 2 - last day March 17 |
| 2. Tuesday, 9:30am -11am | Begins February 3 - last day March 18 |
| 3. Tuesday, 7:30pm - 9:00pm | Begins February 3 - last day March 18 |
| 4. Wednesday, 7:30 – 9pm | Begins February 4 - last day March 19 |

Fill in 2nd Choice: Day _____ Time _____

Fundamental Commitment:

Prayer – Presence – Preparation - Participation

Scripture Study - Take this half home with you as a reminder

I signed up for this time:

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| 1. Monday, 9:30-11am | Begins February 2 - last day March 17 |
| 2. Tuesday, 9:30am -11am | Begins February 3 - last day March 18 |
| 3. Tuesday, 7:30pm - 9:00pm | Begins February 3 - last day March 18 |
| 4. Wednesday, 7:30 – 9pm | Begins February 4 - last day March 19 |

Fill in 2nd Choice: Day _____ Time _____

Fundamental Commitment:

Prayer - Presence - Preparation - Participation

Study Materials: \$13.00 (\$6.00 if you still have your Psalms for All Seasons Commentary book from last study) **Scholarships available. Speak to Lynn or Fr. Tony**

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