

MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH

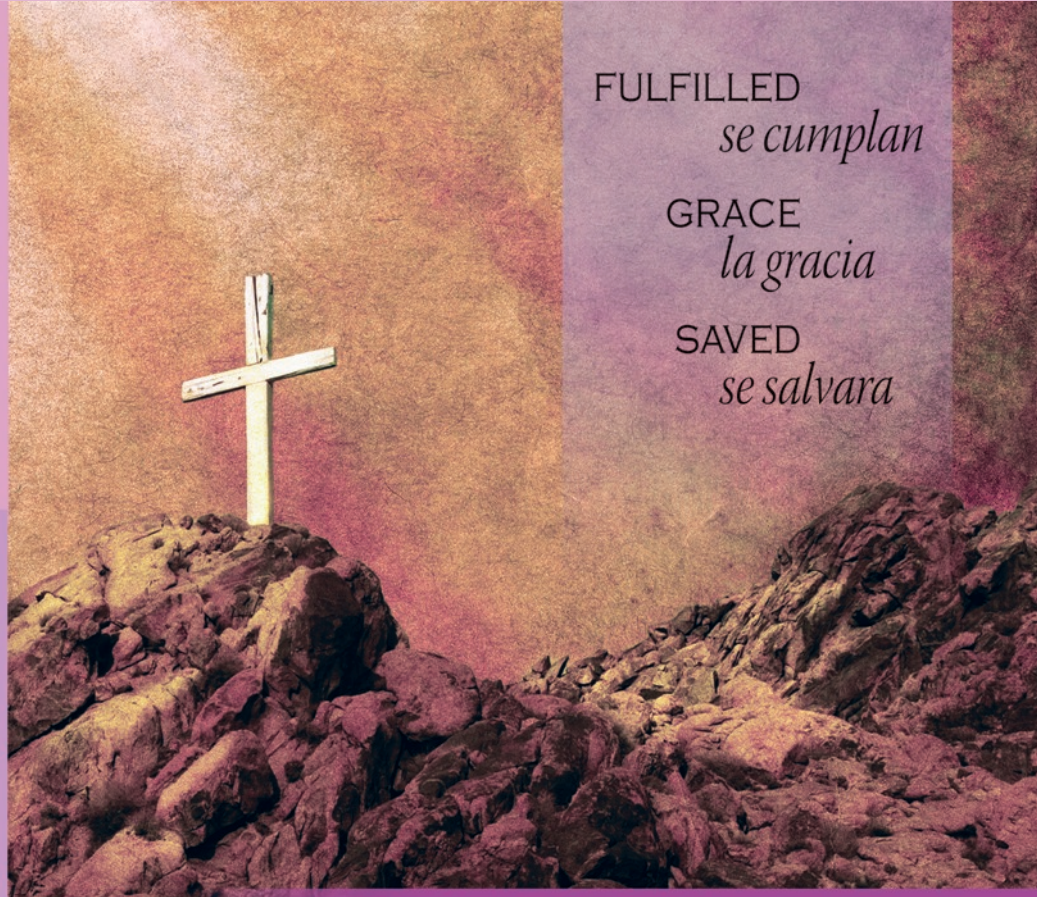
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March 22, 2009

Fourth Sunday
of Lent



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se cumplan

GRACE
la gracia

SAVED
se salvara

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

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent: 7:00 PM

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.

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March 21-22, 2009

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am taking the extraordinary measure of communicating with you by letter this weekend because I believe we are faced with an urgent matter in the Illinois General Assembly.

Several weeks ago we learned of an extremely troubling bill, HB2354, that would create the "Reproductive Health and Access Act." This bill has now passed the House Human Services Committee and will be debated on the floor. You may find the full text of the bill on the internet (www.ilga.gov) by typing in "HB2354" in the number search on the left and then clicking "Full Text" at the top left of the page which gives a synopsis of the bill.

Why should Catholics and others be concerned about this bill? There are a number of critical reasons. The bill seeks to:

- *declare abortion to be a fundamental right in our state*
- *pre-empt any existing state restrictions on abortion or prevent any common-sense regulation such as parental notification*
- *expand public funding of abortion through Medicaid*
- *mandate comprehensive sex education for all children in public schools*
- *invalidate the Illinois Health Care Right of Conscience Act protecting health care professionals and employers; in other words, it would violate the right of conscience of health care institutions and health care professionals when it comes to abortion*

I feel a responsibility to bring this matter to your attention so that we will all understand the broad, immoral implications of this bill. It is not an exaggeration to say that the bill threatens our freedom of religion and conscience in Illinois. Why would I make such a strong claim?

Section 35 of the bill states, "Individual health care professionals who object to providing certain reproductive health care based on religion or personal conscience may refuse to provide such services only under the following conditions..." The conditions set forth include requiring the "objecting health care professional" to provide prior written notice of his or her objection to providing such services. Our State should be defending our freedom of religion, not requiring individual citizens to defend their own right to that freedom – against state law!

As Francis Cardinal George has written to his parishioners this weekend, "In our country, we recognize conscientious objection to war, even though defending one's country is a noble and moral act. We recognize the conscientious objection of those doctors who will not cooperate in administering the death penalty, even for terrible crimes. Why do some Illinois legislators want to take away conscientious objection to abortion?"

We must work for the defeat of HB2354, and I urge you to contact your state representative and let him or her know of your strong opposition to HB2354. If you do not know your state representative, visit the Illinois General Assembly's web site at www.ilga.gov and find the "Legislator Lookup" link under "Additional Resources" at the end of the second column. If you have any problems, call the Catholic Conference of Illinois at 312-368-1066 for assistance.

Please join with me in prayer for the defeat of this disturbing bill and for those who support it. Don't forget to thank those legislators who oppose it. Be assured of my daily prayers for each of you.

Sincerely in Christ,

J. Peter Sartain
Bishop of Joliet

Parish News



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL EASTER FOOD DRIVE

Our Easter Food Drive will take place the weekend of March 21st and 22nd. This year we will be adopting between 12 and 15 families that will receive Food Baskets. In addition, each child of an adopted needy family will receive an Easter Basket filled with goodies. As in the past, we will need non-perishable items such as canned soup, fruit, vegetables, cereal, baking items, spaghetti, macaroni, spaghetti sauce, tuna fish, spam, canned chili, peanut butter, jelly, sugar, flour, detergent, dish soap, paper towels, toilet tissue, Kleenex, jello, pudding, drinks, personal items such as tooth paste, bar soap, etc. and goodies (candy, cookies).

Our Preschool Program and Religious Ed Program will be gathering items to help us fill the children's baskets. Gift Cards for Dominick's and Jewel to purchase meat, poultry, milk, butter and other perishable items are always appreciated.

Should you have any questions, please contact
Sheila Reiter (630/833-6657).



A BEAUTIFUL PLACE

In German, the word is "schoenstatt". A few weeks ago we spoke about the founder of the Schoenstatt Sisters, Fr. Joseph Kentenich. Schoenstatt's charism or special gift seeks to reconnect faith with daily life, especially through a deep love of Mary, the Mother of God.

We don't have to travel to one of the 180 Schoenstatt houses scattered throughout the world to be part of this charism. Right here in Elmhurst there is another "beautiful place" where we can connect with the Divine. It is called the Perpetual Adoration Chapel of Mary Mother of the Eucharist located at Visitation church. Here, just as in Schoenstatt, Mary waits for us to ask her help for all of our daily challenges. Here, before Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament 24/7, our Mother Mary is eager to open to us new avenues to a vibrant relationship with Christ, to the Holy Spirit, to God the Father, and to a renewal of love of neighbor and self.

During this Lent, why not spend some at Elmhurst's "beautiful place" of peace and quiet, the Visitation-Mary Queen of Heaven perpetual adoration chapel. For questions or more information, call Rose Wilkes at 630-833-7238.

PARISH LENTEN SCHEDULE



Holy Thursday
Thursday, April 9
Mass of the Lord's Supper
Foot Washing
7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross and
Benediction
Friday evenings at 7 p.m.

Good Friday
Friday, April 10
Children's Living Stations at 3 p.m.
Good Friday Service at 7:00 p.m.



Holy Saturday
Saturday, April 11
Blessing of Easter Baskets at 11 a.m. in church
Easter Egg Hunt for Children Ages: Toddler to 5th Gr.
(Immediately following Blessing of Baskets)
Solemn Easter Vigil at 7:30 p.m.



Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 12
Masses:
8:30 AM
10:30 AM
12:00 NOON



Due to Spring Break Vacation and Good Friday, articles for bulletins for the month of March and April will have the following deadlines:

For Bulletin On	Articles due by noon
Sunday, April 5	Monday, March 23
Sunday, April 12	Wednesday, April 1
Sunday, April 19	Monday, April 13

Thank you for your cooperation.

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GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!... GET INVOLVED

BREAD FOR THE WORLD is a nationwide Christian citizens movement seeking justice for the hungry people by lobbying our representatives in Congress. BREAD FOR THE WORLD is supported by the Roman Catholic Church and all major Protestant denominations.

Hunger is one problem we can actually solve, but churches and charities can't do it all. Individuals (like you and me) must get involved. WE MUST MAKE A DIFFERENCE by participating in this project of writing letters to our representatives in Congress. That is why our parish is hosting this project in our parish. After the Masses on March 28 / 29 parishioners will be invited to participate in an OFFERING OF LETTERS to our elected representatives in Congress to fully fund legislation which will reduce poverty in our country and around the world. There will be form letters on each table in Barrett Hall parishioners can use for ideas to include in their letters to Congress.

In previous years during our Bread For The World OFFERING OF LETTERS project, several parishioners offered postage stamps or money for postage stamps. If you are so inclined, we will never refuse a donation.

If you have any questions, please phone the chairperson for this project Milt Honel at (630) 279-7086 or check out BREAD FOR THE WORLD at <http://www.bread.org>



CONFIRMATION SPECIAL MEETING

There will be a mandatory meeting for our Confirmandi and their parents this Wednesday March 25 at 7:00 pm with Father Tony and our teens. We will meet in Mary's Gathering Space outside Barrett Hall.



WISH LIST

We are considering getting a new (used) telephone system for the rectory, RE and pre-school and are looking for a telephone guy (or girl) to help steward us through the process. Please call the rectory.



CONGRATULATIONS...

To Mimi Wolak, our CCW "Woman of the Year"! Mark your calendars to join us on June 16th for our "Ladies Night Out". More details will be available later.

Youth Group News

DESTINY HIGH SCHOOL GROUP

- High school students just attended the **Here I am Lord vocations conference** last Thurs., Fri. and Sat. evenings. They heard a National chastity speaker, peace and social justice speakers, stooge for Christ comedian and attended the Tony Melendez concert. Tony was born with no arms and plays the guitar so beautifully. His show not only had beautiful music it was very inspiring. They also had many priests, brothers, missionaries, and sisters from all over the world there displaying what they were about...the students thought it was a wonderful conference.
- Sunday March 8th we had Fr Tony's daughter come and do a presentation on prayer for our group. It was wonderful.. as a matter of fact one of our seniors said she had been thinking of a minor in theology and after that morning she knew that is what God was calling her to do... God is so awesome and when we listen, He does lead us!
- **March 22 5:30 pm** practice for presentation to Confirmation candidates on March 25.
- We continue to have **lock-in meetings** to plan for the Wings to 'Heaven Lock-in'. Our next meeting is Monday April 6 at 8pm in the school building
- **Welcome Breakfast** for all 8th grade and high school students on Sunday May 17 at 8:30 in Barrett Hall. There will be an opportunity to learn what Destiny is all about and have a great breakfast.
- We are working on a **mission trip to Hopkins Park** on the weekend of July 17th with Fr Tony.
- Check out our new web address **mghdestiny.jimdo.com** all info for Destiny can be found there. Put it in your favorites so you can always have the info available. Special thanks to Katie Mueller for creating it and keeping it updated for us.

WINGS TO HEAVEN 5TH-8TH GRADE GROUP

- **Lock- in May 8th 7pm - Sat May 9th 9am.** If anyone knows of a student grade 5-8 please let them know. Fee is \$15. We do not want anyone prevented from attending due to fee, so please talk to Mrs. Gusloff if you need scholarship. You must have a permission slip. They can be picked up in Religious Ed office or email Kathleen Gusloff the5ofgus@aol.com
- **Welcome ice cream social** for all 5-8th grade students especially incoming 5th graders for next year on **May 31 at 6pm.**

Parish News



Our Catechumens and Candidates continue preparing for reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. One of our Candidates, Suzan Bakievska will be having her baby baptized at the 10:30 Mass on March 29th. Father Tony will be doing the first infant emersion Baptism for Mary Queen Parish when he baptizes Hope Flora Bakievska! If you are at this Mass, be attentive to the additional symbols present in this experience! Share your insights with your family!



PALMS BLESSED IN 2008

If you have palms which were blessed last Palm Sunday, please bring them to church for burning this year. There will be a box available from now until March 29 in the church vestibule where they can be deposited.

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.

Baby Alexander Ross

Margaret Hasenberg
 Florence Konkolewski
 Roger Lump
 Vicky Nied
 Daniel Spratt
 Bruno Turkula
 Carrie(Sugrue) Var-Verschot
 Lauren Woods

Parish Calendar



PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS MARCH 22 - MARCH 29

Sunday, March 22, 2009

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

Monday, March 23, 2009

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

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
 9:00 AM Yoga in Barrett Hall
 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Bible Study - Psalms II in Conference Room

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
 3:15 PM - 8:15 PM RE Classes in School
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM RE Confirmation Parent/Candidate Mtg.
 Meet in Mary's Gathering Space.

Thursday, March 26, 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
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Building & Grounds Committee in Conf. Rm.

Friday, March 27, 2009 - Day of Abstinence

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross in Church

Saturday, March 28, 2009

3:30 PM Confessions
 4:30 PM MQH Mass in Church
 Bread for the World Letters in Barrett Hall after Mass

Sunday, March 29, 2009

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA in Church/Social Hall/School 13, 4-5
 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Masses
 Bread for the World Letters in Barrett Hall after Mass

4th SUNDAY OF LENT



COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BISHOP CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Dear Friends in Christ,

In the story of the Last Judgment, Jesus reminds us to care for those in need. If we ignore those who are hungry, thirsty, ill, without clothes, in prison, or strangers, we turn away from Christ. When we act with compassion, and generosity for the "least among us," we act as his true disciples.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection is an important opportunity to express Christian compassion and generosity. The Collection is scheduled for March 21/22, 2009 in our diocese. The Collection theme, Jesus in disguise, reminds us of the presence of Christ in every one of our brothers and sisters in need. The Collection helps build the Church's international social ministry by funding the work of six agencies:

Catholic Relief Services, the official international relief and development agency of the Catholic community in the United States, assists people in 98 countries on the basis of need—not race, creed, or nationality. Catholic Relief Services creates opportunities for Catholics in the United States to live their faith in solidarity with poor people overseas by providing financial support and addressing the root causes of poverty.

Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc., provides a full range of legal and support services to Catholic programs directly representing poor immigrants. It also advocates for comprehensive immigration reform. Its focus is on reunification of families and protection of those fleeing persecution or civil unrest.

Migration and Refugee Services, of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, annually resettles one quarter of the refugees admitted to the United States, serves victims of human trafficking, and provides advocacy for and pastoral care to many newcomers and persons on the move.

Justice, Peace, and Human Development of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, advocates for poor and vulnerable people and for international peace and justice. It works to build the capacity of the Church to respond to global concerns such as religious freedom, poverty, and hunger.

The Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church (SCDC), of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, has as part of its mission the evangelization and pastoral care of immigrants, migrants, refugees, and people on the move. The SCDC supports a network of national pastoral centers, pastoral consultants, and diocesan personnel who minister to various ethnic groups and migrant communities. The Holy Father's Relief Fund assists victims of natural disasters and other emergencies around the world.

By giving to The Catholic Relief Services Collection, you are responding to *Jesus in disguise*. Thank you for your generosity. Please visit www.usccb.org/crscollection for more information.

Sincerely in Christ,

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Most Reverend J. Peter Sartain
Bishop of Joliet

Christian Education News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Lenten Project

Our children continue to collect new items that can be put in Easter baskets for the children of Marillac House on the west side of Chicago. We invite you to join them in filling the "basket" that will be found in the hall of the school each Wednesday during Lent. Any items that are appropriate for a child's Easter basket; candy, small toys & stuffed animals, etc. all will be welcome. We know you will be generous.

Thinking about being a catechist.

Is God calling you to share your faith with the children of the parish? Each year as is the case, we lose some catechists due to moves in residence, jobs, or perhaps just moving on to a different ministry in the parish. The fall of 2009 will be no different. We will have needs at all grade levels from Kindergarten to Grade 8. We meet on Wednesdays at 3:15, 5:15, and 7:00PM. Some may think that it is too early to begin thinking about such things, but with over 500 children in our program and ever growing, it is just the right time. This year we have approximately 80 volunteer catechists, aides, office helpers, and hall monitors helping us. We are blessed. If you would like to talk about how you might share your time and talent with our children, please call us at the REO. The children of Mary Queen are counting on you.

Please mark your calendars:

Wednesday, March 25th-Confirmation parent & candidate session in Church at 7:00PM with Fr. Tony. Gr. 8 will not meet at 5:15PM.

Wednesday, April 1st - No class – Spring Break

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



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT OPEN HOUSE AND REGISTRATION

Mary Queen of Heaven continues to accept registration for the 2009-2010 school year. Please join us at one of our Open Houses to tour the school, **meet the teachers, and visit the current families.**

Thursday April 16th from 5:30pm to 7:30 pm
Sunday April 19th from 9:30 am to noon
For additional information please contact
the Preschool Director Liz Lowrey
(630) 833-9500
mqhpreshool@aol.com

MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, MARCH 28 - SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2009

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
Lector	R. Styka	K. Sutkus	S. Napolilli
Eucharistic Ministers	F. Trevino (S) H. Todd (C) M. White T. Sabel S. Pingatore G. Pstrzoch D. StaRosa	K. Biggs (S) K. Vicary (C) M. Kelly G. Regan P. Twardowski T. Nanak J. Eichorst	J. Lindberg (S) P. Mason (C) F. Tremmel B. Quist M. Quist D. Justus K. Mueller K. Mueller P. Luckey
Altar Servers	C. Ceper J. Simon E. Zielinski	C. Weigel I. Weigel J. Alonso	M. Bourke B. Dunn V. Maple



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 22, 2009

8:30 AM † Jeane Allen
10:30 AM † Albert Fuchsen

Monday, March 23, 2009

8:30 AM † All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

8:30 AM † Gertrude M. Carey

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

8:30 AM All Parishioners

Thursday, March 26, 2009

8:30 AM Communion Service

Friday, March 27, 2009

8:30 AM All Parishioners

Saturday, March 28, 2009

4:30 PM † Lillian Dolinaj

Sunday, March 29, 2009

8:30 AM † Jean Gale
10:30 AM All Parishioners

† indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of March 22, 2009

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16,19-23/Eph 2:4-10/
Jn 3:14-21
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/
Lk 1:26-38 (Annunciation)
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33



Church Support

**Collection Totals for:
Sunday March 15, 2008**

Adults	\$8,515.20
Parish Pay	\$7,508.00
Children	\$99.34
Total	\$16,122.54

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