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January 17, 2010 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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-4:30pm

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Note from the Pastor



Okay now, close your eyes, take a deep breath, inhale... hold it..., exhale. (Wait a minute. If you're eyes are closed how are you reading this? ...Oh, well.) Do it again. And again. Now, just take in this moment. Right here,

right now. It's okay, isn't it? The reality is (and this is reality) that at this moment, this is as good as it gets.

What, you protest; are you crazy? The kids are squabbling, my arthritic knees are wobbling, it's the dead of winter, it's cold, it's snowy outside and my mother-in-law is coming to visit for two weeks. This is as good as it gets?

Well... yes. But we think we can make it better. How about a week in Orlando? It froze in Orlando last week, you know. Yes, but it isn't here.

It's always better over there. And so we live over there, somewhere where the grass is always greener. We look at our economic situation, sometimes living paycheck to paycheck and wish we could be an investment banker getting just a small percentage of the bonuses they will give themselves this year. But then, Richard Cory was a banker, wasn't he?

By fallen nature and education, we are dividers. We divide the world by what is acceptable and unacceptable, what we like and what we don't like, what we will tolerate and what we will not. We are taught this from the first time we begin to use language to make distinctions. And one of the first things we learn with that language is that there is a God who loves the good and hates the bad, is happy with the perfect and saddened by the imperfect. God becomes the mother whose the litter girl who comes home from school, all excited announcing she was number two in the spelling bee only to hear her mother ask with frowned face and brow, "Who was number one?" No easy God this one. Actually, this is no God at all. Yet, this is the God we are taught. I hope and pray it is not the God we have experienced.

We say it, "Our God is ONE". Would that we believed it! We believe God is always separating the good guys from the bad. That's not so. God is not a splitter. God does not separate, but unites. God seems to take all of reality into Him/Her self. The kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet, which drags the good and the bad, the wonderful stuff and the garbage, all together. Nothing is excluded until the very end and at that point, it's God's problem, not ours. Our problem is that we seem to reject one-half of reality, the part we don't like, the people we don't like, the political party we don't like, the religion we don't like, the race we don't like.... and, of course, that poor mother-in-law (not to

mention the cold, dark winter.)

God rejects none of it, and neither did his son, Jesus. What the world seems to reject, Jesus invites to the table. Did you ever notice that every time Jesus eats a meal in the Gospels, He eats the meal with the wrong people? He's eating with the rejected, the sinners, tax collectors, prostitutes, even a woman with supple hands and hair. What is He doing? He's taking it all in. All of this has been given to me by my Father and I am to reject no thing, nothing, and no one. All are invited to the table.

That's too much for us. It's way to messy. We would much rather live in fantasy land (even though it doesn't exist) than in the cold, harsh reality of winter. Yet, this is where God exists and works and lives and plays. If God is the Ultimate Reality, the Ground of our Being, the great I AM, then God isn't only everywhere, but in all things, both good and bad. In the midst of our loneliness, God is there. In our feeling of abandonment, God is most there. The Psalmist says it so beautifully, "If I climb up to the heavens you are there, if I sing to the netherworld you are even there."

Now, don't run away from Him in your mind (remember, even Disney World froze), stay here, now, in the messiness of life, in the crying of the kids, in the cold. He's here.

Inhale, hold. Exhale. He's as close to you as your next breath.

Enjoy.

In Jesus, the Includer,

Fre. Toney

Parish News



THE PARISH
OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED ON
MONDAY
JANUARY 18

DUE TO MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

MARKET DAY

Orders for January are due Monday, January 18 at noon. Turn in your order form in the box in the back of church or at the rectory. Pickup on Saturday, January 23, from 9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Social Hall. If you have questions or would like to place an order, please call Karen at 630-279-4108.

Parish News

WELCOMING **CATHOLICS HOME** (WCH)



Is today the day? Lord, did I hear you calling out to me, "Come home today?"

- Have you, a family member, or a friend been away from the Church?
- Do you have questions, concerns, or frustrations to address?
- Feel like you're falling away and need to come back to your faith?
- Do you wish to return but don't know how to go about doing it?

Want to explore these and other questions about our Catholic faith? Then these 6 informal sessions that Mary Queen is hosting on Sundays from 11:45am to 1:15pm are for you!

Week 1	Jan 24	Welcome & Overview
Week 2	Jan 31	Common Ground
Week 3	Feb 7	Who is the Church?
Week 4	Feb 14	Walk Through the Mass
Week 5	Feb 21	The Sacraments
Week 6	Feb 28	The Creed

At each session, a team of fellow "returned" Catholics, will welcome, listen, discuss, share, and pray with you. Please join us for a gentle journey of discovery and renewal. We are family and we miss you!

For more information about this program or to register, call the Welcoming Catholics Home Coordinator, Donna Klopacz at 630 832-3618.



Congratulations to **Deborah Webb** who entered into full communion with the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist at the 10:30 Mass last weekend. Deb has a unique story to tell and has been a real asset to our discussion groups as she dug into why she chose to become Catholic. You have now become part of our RCIA story! We welcome you to the Lord's Table!



8:30 AM

CALENDAR OF EVENTS JANUARY 17 - JANUARY 24

Sunday, January 17, 2010

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA in Social Hall/School Rooms 5/6,13 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Bible Study Sign Up/Book Sales in Church 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Mass in Church 11:30 AM - 1:15 PM Youth Group - Destiny in Class Room 1 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Baptisms in Church 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Youth Group - Wings to Heaven

Monday, January 18, 2010 - Martin Luther King Day

Parish Office Closed No Preschool MQH Mass in Church

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Parish Commissions Meeting in Barrett Hall

Tuesday, January 19, 2010

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM CRHP (Women) in Social Hall 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Council of Catholic Women in Barrett Hall

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

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

Thursday, January 21, 2010

8:30 AM Communion Service 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Yoga in Barrett Hall 10:15 AM - 11:00 AM Kindergarten Yoga in Barrett Hall 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM New Wine in School Rooms 4-5, 13

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Choir in Church

Friday, January 22, 2010

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church

Saturday, January 23, 2010

9:45 AM - 10:30 AM Market Day in Social Hall 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM **Confirmation Retreat** in Barrett Hall/Church/School 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM Bible Study Sign Up/ Book Sale in Church

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

Sunday, January 24, 2010 Preschool Registration Begins for 2011

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA in Social Hall/School Rooms 5/6,13 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Bible Study Sign Up/Book Sales in Church

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Mass in Church

11:45 AM - 1:45 PM Welcoming Catholics Home in Social Hall

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME







BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Elmhurst Memorial Hospital is sponsoring a 10 week general grief group for adults. "Coping with Grief" will be held the 1st and 3rd Mon-

days of each month beginning January 18. The group will meet from 6:30-8:00 p.m. for a half-hour presentation and one hour for sharing. Each session will take place in the **Bates Conference Room located in Elmhurst Hospital** (200 N. Berteau). For more information call 630-833-1400 Ex. 47058. Please check out the blue colored flyer on the back bulletin board in church for a list of topics to be covered over the next several months. You may enter the group at anytime.



RESPECT LIFE

January 22 marks the 37th anniversary of legalized abortion in our country. We continue to face challenges to the dignity of each

person, created in God's image. First of all, pray that God would change hearts beginning with our own. We need to see and support those women in distress because of pregnancy, those living with disabilities and age, and those struggling with decisions involving medical ethics. Secondly, we need to become informed about life issues. A Respect Life Reading Room and a Coffee House which includes a library and resource room with DVDs, books, pamphlets, and other pro-life items available for purchase is open in Naperville. It is located in the St. Paul Center for the New Evangelization on the corner of Brainard and Benton in downtown Naperville. Presently the hours are 9 A.M. to noon, Monday through Friday. Additionally, information about pending legislation and how you can let your voice be heard can be found at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops at www.usccb.org.



Since 2005, Mary Queen's Adult Education and Spirituality committee has sponsored 13 Bible Studies. This season is the prayerful study of the *Passion and Resurrection Narratives* of all 4 Gospels, the core of the Scriptures. We will begin the week of February 1 and go for 7 weeks, ending the week of March 15. There are no prerequisites.

Our sign-up weekends are January 16 & 17 and January 23 & 24. Sign up forms can be found in the last page of the bulletin. The cost is \$13.00 for the 2 books. Please see Fr. Tony if you need assistance to purchase them.

Use this as a Lenten preparation, beginning Lent with some prior planning instead of from a dead stop. Come and learn some new ways of changing our behavior to become more as Jesus was. Please join us in this study as we prayerfully study the 4 Gospels, expecting to change our lives, becoming a New Creation, just in time for Easter.



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN 10TH ANNUAL SUPERBOWL PARTY

Sponsored by Mary Queen of Heaven Men's Group

Sunday, February 7, 2010 5:00 pm til ? Barrett Hall

Bring something to share (appetizer, snack or desert) B.Y.O.B.

Please join the Men's Group and their families for a late afternoon of fun watching one of the year's biggest televised events, the 2010 Super Bowl. The 10th annual party will be held at Mary Queen and the Game will be televised on the Big Screen! The Men's Group will provide homemade chili and soup for everyone. All Families and Individuals attending are being asked to bring something to share like an appetizer, snack, or desert.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS PHOTOS AND VIDEO NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Children's Mass on Christmas Eve was a wonderful event and the children performed beautifully. The Photos (which you can download for printing) and Videos from the mass are now available on the Mary Queen website.

- 1. Click on Photo and Video Gallery.
- 2. Click on 2009 MQH Events.
- Click on the album entitled "Dec. 24 Children's Mass"

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.

Kristeen Dotson Daniel Spratt

Christian Education News



Please mark your calendars: Saturday, January 23; 11:00 AM - 4:30 PM Confirmation Retreat for 8th araders in Barrett Hall. Families are asked to join

their Confirmation candidates for Mass at 4:30 in church on the 23rd.

Wednesday, February 10 at 7:00PM in the church, parents of children celebrating First Eucharist in the spring will meet.

For more info on any of the above, please call Mary Ann Woods at the REO, 630-832-8962.



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT

Come visit us! Open House Dates:

January 31, 2010 9:30 a.m. - noon

5:30 p.m. - 7:30p.m. February 4, 2010

February 21, 2010 9:30 a.m. - noon

March 4, 2010 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

For additional information please contact: Mrs. Liz Lowrey, Director Mary Queen of Heaven Preschool (630) 833-9500 mqhpreschool@aol.com www.maryqueenpresschool.org



HELP WITH NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Is your New Year's Resolution to eat right and not to feed your self and your family "fast food"? Even if it's not...come join Cathy Levelle from College of DuPage to teach us about nutritious easy meals. Cathy will show us how to prepare fast easy meals that are good for you too.

January 19, 2010 Barrett Hall at 7:00 pm

Any questions call or e-mail Cheryl DeSantis 630/279-3148 or desantis@comcast.net Brought to you by your CCW.

Diocesan News

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BISHOP LATIN AMERICA

Dear Friends,

The Church in Latin America boasts the world's largest Catholic population. However, a study commissioned in the late 1990s by CELAM, the federation of Latin American Catholic bishops' conferences, found that Latin Americans were leaving the Church at the alarming rate of approximately 8,000 people each day. This exodus is the result of complex factors, ranging from the strain that economic globalization places on communities to well-financed competition from other groups that are drawing people away from the Church. Because of a very low priest-to-parishioner ratio and the local churches' inability to support the substantial number of parishioners, many of the faithful often seek a closer sense of community elsewhere. In addition, migration across the region can rupture the bonds of family and community in which faith is nurtured and grows.

To confront these tendencies, the Collection for the Church in Latin America supports pastoral projects that engage Latin American parishioners in their faith and strengthen their sense of mission and identity with the Church. Your generous support of the Collection provides evangelization in rural and poverty-stricken areas, religious training, and catechesis and formation programs. The cost of a daily cup of coffee could provide a young girl with her First Holy Communion book.

Together, we can keep faith with the Church in Latin America. Thank you for your generous response, and may God bless you and your loved ones.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend J. Peter Sartain Bishop of Joliet

Gospel Verse

When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you."

MINISTRY	SCHEDULE SATURDAY, JANU	JARY 23 - SUNDAY,	JANUARY 24, 2010
	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Enright	Fr. Enright	Fr. Enright
Lector	A. Novar and D. Novar	G. Dolesy	T. Kowalski
Eucharistic Ministers	D. StaRosa (S) K. Diggins (C) T. Sabel	J. Eichorst (S) G. Regan (C) M. Conway	K. Gusloff (S) M. Japczyk (C) P. Twardowski P. LeTourneau D. Justus
Altar Servers	M. Jankovec M. McDonough M. McDonough	J. Nosek S. Pierzchala B. Dunn	J. Alonso K. Arroyo M. Piszczor



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 17, 2010

8:30 AM † Jean Allen

10:30 AM † Francesca Markuso

Monday, January 18, 2010

8:30 AM All Parishioners

Tuesday, January 19, 2010 8:30 AM All Parishioners

Wednesday, January 20, 2010 8:30 AM All Parishioners

Thursday, January 21, 2010 8:30 AM Communion Service

Friday, January 22, 2010 8:30 AM † Guy Attardo

Saturday, January 23, 2010 4:30 PM Confirmandi

Sunday, January 24, 2010

8:30 AM † Catherine Shepard 10:30 AM † Bernadette Brinkmann

† indicates person is deceased

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Readings for the Week of January 17, 2010

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11 Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:18-22

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6 Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21 Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 or

12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

The collection for Jan. 1 -10, will be reported next week

	ion Totals for: ecember 14, 2009
Adults	\$9,277.00
Children	\$66.55
Total	\$9,343.55
Sunday, De	ecember 21, 2009
Adults	\$8,140.00
Children	\$76.89
Total	\$8,216.89
Sunday, De	ecember 28, 2009
Adults	\$8,065.00
Children	\$57.58
Total	\$8,122.58
Parish Pay	December, 2009
Total	\$12,388.00
Chris	tmas, 2009
Total	\$26,480.00

Passion and Resurrection SCRIPTURE STUDY

Runs February 1 - March 17, 2010

(please print)	email:
Name:	
Address:	
PHONE: Day	Evening
Day and Time Preference – 1 st Cho	pice (Circle one)
 Monday, 9:30-11am Tuesday, 9:30am -11am Tuesday, 7:30pm - 9:00pm Wednesday, 7:30 - 9pm 	Begins February 1 - last day March 15 Begins February 2 - last day March 16 Begins February 2 - last day March 16 Begins February 3 - last day March 17
Fill in 2 nd Choice: Day Fundamental Commitment:	Time
Fundamental Commitment: Prayer – Presen	ce – Preparation - Participation is half home with you as a reminder
Fundamental Commitment: Prayer – Present Scripture Study - Take the I signed up for this time: 1. Monday, 9:30-11am 2. Tuesday, 9:30am -11am 3. Tuesday, 7:30pm - 9:00pm	ce – Preparation - Participation

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Study Materials: \$13. Scholarships available. Speak to Lynn or Fr. Tony