

MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH

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March 7, 2010

*Third Sunday
of Lent*

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LENT

La Cuaresma



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



“AND WHEN YOU GIVE ALMS DO NOT LET YOUR RIGHT HAND KNOW WHAT YOUR LEFT HAND IS DOING”

“No one can serve two masters. That person will either hate one and love the other or be attentive to one and despise the other. You can not give yourself to God and to mammon.”

Normally, Jesus is a “both/and” inclusive teacher. He pulls together opposites (life/death, sin/grace, body/spirit) and bears them together in His “body/soul” in the great dance of redemption. But not here. Not in this instance. This one is radical and it can be only either/or. Here Jesus shows his truest monotheistic colors. You get a choice, either you serve and love God or you serve and love mammon. Mammon is defined as riches, avarice and worldly gains personified as a false god. Sometimes it’s translated simply as money. And so Jesus poses the question, who do you serve? And he unequivocally insists that you can’t serve both. One He sees as a false god, and the other as the true God. And if we let this sink in and truly understand it (and not simply gloss over it like we normally do) we discover that this is pretty tough stuff.

A false god or idol is anything we give our attention to, put our trust in and work for. From a purely time wise perspective, if we are honest with ourselves, we probably spend a lot more time pursuing mammon than we do seeking God. Instead of allowing the very spirit of God to permeate who we are and what we do in every instance, we compartmentalize the Divine and relegate him to Sunday morning. Why? We don’t mean to but we get caught up in pursuing mammon. And logically so. There’s not enough money to pay the bills and feed the family, to educate the children and clothe the body. Who is going to do this? God? The danger here is that this pursuit becomes all encompassing, all consuming and consequently a false god, an idol. And in this country and culture, an American Idol (boy, they named that right).

Indeed, mammon has become a golden calf before whom we bow. What are we called to do about it? Ah, the third discipline of Lent. The first two are prayer and fasting, the third and sometimes the most difficult to do is alms giving and works of mercy. Serious alms giving and works of mercy. Why? Because it relativizes what so easily becomes an absolute in our lives, earthly gain and comfort and all the power and prestige that goes with it.

So how do we relativize the golden calf? Give! Give not from the leftovers but from the heart. Do! Do go out of your comfort zone to give comfort to the afflicted. The Walk-in Ministry, the food pantry and PADS are always looking for more volunteers.

I am very happy to report that in our little community of Mary Queen there are marvelous signs of gift giving. Off the top of my head I can name scores of parishioners who, as a way of life give as it has been given to them. And in the spiritual life, you can never give it all away. It keeps coming back 30, 60, 100-fold. I hope you’ve read the article in last week’s bulletin about two of our very young parishioners, Claire Gornick and Maggie McDonough who through a project for school raised over \$2,000 for the people of Haiti. Our Confirmandi are now working on various projects with the \$100 seed money they were given at the beginning of the year to see what they could do with their “talents.” Last Sunday, at the small gathering of our Peace and Justice Committee, all were edified by the story of Greg Mortenson, author of “Three Cups of Tea” and were so moved by his example that they are seriously thinking about an intergenerational parish mission project to the Navajo reservation in New Mexico or a parish mission to Sucre, Bolivia. Anybody interested? Mary Queen is possibly the most resource rich parish I have ever had the honor to serve. Oh, what we could do if we were to tap into those spiritual, financial and educational resources for the ushering in of the Kingdom.

Next Sunday we will have an opportunity to seriously relativize our golden calves. Next Sunday we are asked to generously give to the CRS (Catholic Relief Services). It was the CRS that co-sponsored our pilgrimage to the Holy Land this last December. They are a major force in the reconstruction of Haiti and are already in Chile responding to the needs of the Earthquake victims. Anywhere there is a need in the world, CRS is there. They do outstanding work with very little overhead. I ask you for a true sacrificial Lenten gift to them because it’s a gift that will keep on giving. During our mission last week, I took up a collection for the free health clinic at my old Parish of St. Teresa in Kankakee. This is the little clinic that could. Without any outside revenue, only donations from individuals, they are taking care of the needs of those without insurance, without health care. There are not paid staff members, only volunteers. If you did not get a chance to give to the clinic, you may do so by simply making out your check to Mary Queen and marking on the outside envelope “clinic.”

When all is said and done, all is gift. Life is gift. Give, as it has been given to you.

In Jesus, the Gift of God,

Fr. Tony

Parish News

BULLETIN DEADLINES

Due to Spring break, articles for bulletins for the month of March will have the following deadlines:

For Bulletin On	Articles due by noon
Sunday, March 14	Monday, March 8
Sunday, March 21	Wednesday, March 10
Sunday, March 28	Wednesday, March 17
Sunday, April 4	Monday, March 22
Sunday, April 11	Monday, April 5 (this is the usual Monday deadline)

Thank you for your cooperation



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING SESSION

There will be an Altar Server Training Session on Saturday, March 13 at 10 am. Pizza & beverage will be provided after the training. It is open to all current servers as well as anyone interested in the 4th grade or higher to

altar serve. Anyone with questions can contact John Vosicky at 630-833-2039.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY



Immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 21, everyone is invited to join with families and friends in Barrett Hall for coffee, tea, juice and goodies. The CHRP Ministry is hosting this month and is looking forward to seeing you and your families! Mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend and enjoy the amenities and conversations with fellow parishioners and friends...



MARKET DAY

Orders for March are due Monday, March 15 at noon. Turn in your order form in the box in the back of church or at the rectory. Pickup on **Saturday, March 20, 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 LENTEN SCHEDULE



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

Friday, March 12
Children's Living Stations
at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday
Thursday, April 1
Mass of the Lord's Supper
at 7:00 p.m.



Good Friday
Friday, April 2
Stations of the Cross at 3:00 p.m.
Good Friday Service at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday
Saturday, April 3
Blessing of Easter Baskets at 11 a.m. in Church
Solemn Easter Vigil at 7:30 p.m.



Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 4
Masses:
8:30 AM
10:30 AM
12:00 NOON



EASTER FOOD COLLECTION

This month our Food Collection will be held the weekend of March 20 and 21. However, the food and necessities collected will be used to take care of the 12 families we have adopted for Easter. As in past years, we are in need of canned soup, vegetables, fruit, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, spaghetti sauce, Jell-O, pudding, baking items, sugar, flour, drinks, tea, coffee, prepared food, paper towels, toilet tissue, Kleenex, personal items, dish soap, laundry soap and cleaning items. Also, along with the food basket for each family we provide Easter Baskets for the children and we are in need of items to fill the baskets. We again want you to know how much we appreciate your generosity in donating to these needy families.



Parish News



EASTER EGG HUNT

An annual Easter Egg hunt has been the tradition at our parish. The Easter Egg hunt (for young children) will be held on April 3, Holy Saturday morning, immediately following the Blessing of Baskets. It is held on the parish grounds. We are looking for volunteers and/or donations to help continue this tradition. The children look forward to the hunt and the families come together to join in the fun! Please consider offering a hand to help with this activity. Many hands help to make for a light load. We also welcome those who are looking to volunteer for service hours. Contact Jerry Cote at 630-530-8882 for further information or to make a donation to our activity.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

DESTINY

- Destiny over night retreat for all high school students will take place Saturday, March 13 from 4:00 pm – Sunday, March 14. The cost is \$10.
- Host Fellowship Sunday, April 18 after 10:30 mass.
- Destiny Welcome Brunch May 16 - all 8th grade and high school students invited to attend after 10:30 mass.



WINGS TO HEAVEN 5th – 8th grade

- Lock-In Friday, March 19 starting at 7pm thru Saturday March 20 at 9am. You must have a permission slip for this event. Cost is \$15 and includes a t-shirt.
- Host fellowship - Sunday, April 18 after 10:30 Mass.
- Welcome Ice Cream Social (all 4th – 8th grade students) on May 16 from 6-8 pm in Barrett Hall.

For more information or to register, e-mail the5ofgus@aol.com

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.

The Family of Patrick Clancy
Helena Giryn
Matt Rohman



CALENDAR OF EVENTS MARCH 7 - MARCH 14

Sunday, March 7, 2010

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA in Room 13,5/6, Social Hall
8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Baptisms in Church

Monday, March 8, 2010

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Bible Study in Conference Room

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM CRHP (Women) in Social Hall
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM CRHP (Men) in Classroom 13
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Bible Study in Conference Room
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Baptism Prep in Church

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
3:15 PM - 8:15 PM RE Classes in School
No grade 8 class @ 5:15
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM RE Confirmation Parent/Candidate Mtg. in Church
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Bible Study in Conference Room

Thursday, March 11, 2010

8:30 AM Communion Service
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM New Wine in School Rooms 4-5, 13
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Choir in Church
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Peace & Justice in Conference Room

Friday, March 12, 2010

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
4:30 PM - 7:00 PM RE Practice for Stations in Church/Barrett Hall/School
7:00 PM RE Living Stations of the Cross in Church

Saturday, March 13, 2010

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Altar Server Training in Church/
Pizza in Social Hall
2:00 PM Youth Group Destiny Retreat in Social Hall and School
3:30 PM Confessions in Church
4:30 PM MQH Mass in Church

Sunday, March 14, 2010

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA in Barrett Hall
8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
9:00 AM Youth Group Destiny Retreat Ends

5RD SUNDAY OF LENT



Diocesan News

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BISHOP

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our diocese will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This important Collection not only provides for our impoverished and vulnerable brothers and sisters all over the world—it does much more. This Collection gives hope to Jesus in disguise.

Catholic Relief Services gives hope to the community that has lost its livelihood to crop failure and hope to the refugee child, separated from her mother. Catholic Relief Services gives hope to the immigrant, trying to keep faith alive in a foreign land. The Catholic Relief Services Collection helps to fund programs that give hope to refugees, the impoverished, and immigrants, including victims of war, natural disaster, and drought. These programs aid victims of natural disasters and armed conflict; provide agricultural assistance, water programs, and health care; resettle refugees and immigrants to the United States; help alleviate poverty in developing countries; provide legal support services for poor immigrants; and advocate for policies and programs that promote global justice and peace. Through these humanitarian, economic, pastoral, and advocacy efforts, The Catholic Relief Services Collection gives hope. I invite you, too, to **give hope to Jesus in disguise**.

In our diocese, The Catholic Relief Services Collection is scheduled for March 13/14. You can visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information about The Catholic Relief Services Collection.

Thank you for your generosity!

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend J. Peter Sartain
Bishop of Joliet

Christian Education News



Please mark your calendars: **Wednesday, March 10** - Fr. Tony will meet at 7:00PM in church with all 8th grade Confirmation candidates, parents, and if possible, sponsors. **There will be no 5:15 8th grade class on March 10th.**

Please note the following change, this year because of a conflict with Spring Break, the annual depiction of the living Stations by our 7th grade RE students, will take place on Friday, March 12 at 7:00 pm.

Lenten Projects: This year in addition to our children saving their pennies in their Rice Bowls for Haiti, we are also collecting toys, candy, etc. to fill Easter baskets for the children of Marillac House. There is a "basket" in the hall of school for our families to place their donations. Anything appropriate for a child's Easter basket, including the basket, will be gratefully accepted.

MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT



We are currently accepting Registration for the 2010-2011 school year. Come visit us!

For additional information please contact :

Mrs. Liz Lowrey, Director

Mary Queen of Heaven Preschool (630) 833-9500

mqhpreschool@aol.com

www.maryqueenpresschool.org

SPIRITO! SINGERS

Don't miss the opportunity to see Chicago's William Ferris Chorale and the western suburban based Spirito! Singers collaborate to perform two special days of sacred music. on Sat., March 13, 2010, at 7:30 pm at the Madonna della Strada Chapel, Loyola University, Chicago, and again on Sunday, March 14, 2010, at 3:00 pm at St. Cletus Church, LaGrange. To purchase tickets or for details on the William Ferris Chorale, please visit their website at www.williamferrischorale.org. For more information about Spirito! Singers, or to schedule a 2010-2011 audition between April 15 – 30, please visit their website at www.spiritosingers.org.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, MARCH 13 - SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2010

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
Lector	E. Walker	K. Sutkus	C. Dunn
Eucharistic Ministers	T. Sabel (S) H. Todd (C) B. Eadon L. Loesch G. Los M. Zelinski D. StaRosa	K. Vicary (S) J. Eichorst (C) T. Nanak D. Bernstein J. Unger D. Styka R. Styka	B. Quist (S) M. Quist (C) J. Spears M. McCall D. Justus F. Tremmel R. Marro M. Japczyk P. Le Tourneau
Altar Servers	N. Simon N. Simon S. Blaszak	S. Lewand K. Lewand M. Piszczor	M. McDonough M. McDonough J. Vosicky



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 7, 2010

8:30 AM † Jeane Allen
10:30 AM † Frank Achtien

Monday, March 8, 2010

8:30 AM All Parishioners

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

8:30 AM † Lauretta Vero
† Faye St. Pierre (1st Anniversary)

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

8:30 AM † Nick Montesano Sr.

Thursday, March 11, 2010

8:30 AM Communion Service

Friday, March 12, 2010

8:30 AM † Faye St. Pierre

Saturday, March 13, 2010

4:30 PM † Francis Schroedl

Sunday, March 14, 2010

8:30 AM † Peter Kramm
10:30 AM † Theresa Dufalo

† indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of March 7, 2010

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/
Lk 13:1-9
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



Church Support

**Collection Totals for:
Sunday, February 28, 2010**

Adults	\$9,125.96
Parish Pay	\$3,022.75
Children	\$108.64
Collection Total	\$12,257.35



**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
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Once again the generosity of our parishioners is astounding. The food collection for the Immaculate Conception (Elmhurst Walk-In Ministry) Food Pantry was marvelous. Your donations this month surpassed previous giving. We needed extra help to deliver the food to the Food Pantry. Thank you everyone for being so generous to those less fortunate. God Bless you and your families.

CCW "WOMAN OF THE YEAR" ELECTION MARCH 13/14

All women of the parish, ages 18 and older, are invited to vote. Please stop by the table in the back of church to vote for one of our many deserving candidates. Good luck and congratulations to all who were nominated!

Marie Grozik..... Alex and I have been married for 10 years. We have been in Mary Queen of Heaven Parish for 7 years. Alex is studying to be a Deacon and I attend classes with him twice a week at St. Charles Borromeo Pastoral Center in Romeoville. He has 1 more year of school before ordination. Here at Mary Queen, I have been a Bible Study Coordinator and Facilitator for 5 years, Lector for 7 years, and one half of a Pre-Cana Mentor Couple for 5 years. Alex and I are in the RCIA, Eucharistic Ministers and are also active in Welcoming Catholics Home. We really enjoy being a part of the Mary Queen family just because it feels like home when we are with all of the people here. We came to Mary Queen because we enjoyed the liturgies when we visited and we stayed because of the warmth we felt. When I think of all of the beautiful women who work so hard here at Mary Queen, I am humbled by this nomination. Thank you for your consideration.

Toni Nessi Maguda..... I have been a member of Mary Queen of Heaven for almost two years. I have been married for twelve years to my husband Bob, who volunteers with the RCIA. I taught 7th grade Religious Education last year. My ministry now is to provide videography and photography for Masses and some sacramental celebrations. These are posted on the Mary Queen of Heaven website and are also available on DVD for those who are not able to attend Mass.

Debbie Styka..... I am the wife of Randy, and mother of Neal (25) and Heather (22). My main activity at Mary Queen has been organizing PADS volunteers for over 12 years. I have worked with the Garden Club and the annual Dinner Dance. This is my second year assisting in a 4th grade Religious Education class. I also help with sorting food baskets at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. For twelve years, I have belonged to a small faith community from Mary Queen that meets in each others' homes twice a month to share faith. I also teach Yoga to parishioners. I try to maintain the Pathway of Peace Labyrinth near the parish office. I have been a Eucharistic Minister for over fifteen years. Along with my husband, I have helped prepare many couples for marriage.

Karen Sutkus..... I am married to my husband Ken. We have one son and recently became proud grandparents to twins (Henry and Amelia). We have been members of the parish for 11 years. Among the activities I have been involved in: Renew 2000; small faith communities; pre-cana for engaged couples; PADS; on the committee for "Mary Queen Alive" survey; and served in RCIA as a sponsor and a team member. I graduated from the New Wine program in 2006, a three year program to develop lay leaders in the Catholic Church. I am currently on the Welcoming Catholics Home Committee and most recently I started a new ministry, which is currently my full-time ministry, "Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP)." We just had the first Men's and Women's CRHP weekends and are currently in formation for two more weekends in the fall. Through CRHP, I hope to continue to build a sense of family, belonging, and individual spiritual growth in the already strong community of Mary Queen of Heaven. I am very proud to be a member of the parish. Even if I do not win Woman of the Year, I am already a winner by being nominated in the company of so many wonderful women.

Lynn Suwanski..... I have been a member of Mary Queen of Heaven Parish since 1998 when, on the first day of joining the parish, I took on coordinating the Renew 2000 Process for 5 seasons, through 2000. Three Renew groups are still in existence as small faith communities in 2010. I am a past member of the Parish Pastoral Council, Worship Commission, and currently chairman of the Adult Spirituality and Education Committee and on the Education Commission. Since 2005, I have co-coordinated the Little Rock Scripture study programs at Mary Queen. I have been the facilitator and member of The Gathering, a small Christian community, for 15 years, and Coordinator of Small Faith Communities since 2000. My husband, Gene, best friend and supporter, and I have an adult son, Ian, his very musical wife Stephani, and 3 grandsons. In my past life I taught Religious Ed to 1st graders for 12 years. I am currently an RN, working in the managed care department at Elmhurst Hospital, and a pediatric nurse for 13 years prior to that. Gene and I are part-time caregivers for Mom, who lives in Elmhurst. I love this parish, its people, its comfortableness, its worship, and its leadership. I feel I have a lot of energy, ideas, and creativity to offer the parish.

Darlene Wallace..... I have been a member of Mary Queen of Heaven for over 20 years. I have been married for 35 years and raised 3 children. We have two grandchildren. I am always willing to help people. I provide food and clothing for those in need. I help people when there is an illness or death in their family.