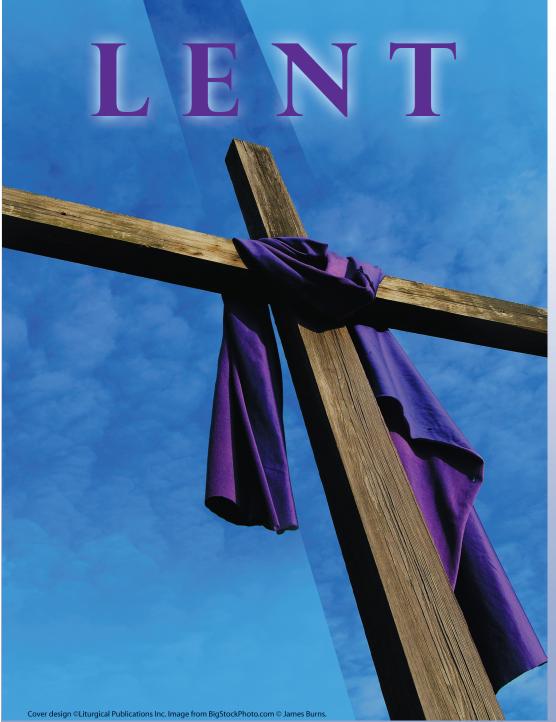
MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH

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Worship Schedule <u>Weekend Masses</u> Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Saturday 4:30 p.m. Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

March 6, 2011

Ninth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Weekday Schedule Mon., Tues., Wed., and Fri.: Mass Thurs.: Communion Service All at 8:30 a.m.

<u>Rosary Devotion</u> 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



LENT BEGINS

This Wednesday more people will pass through the sacred grounds of Mary Queen than on any other day of the year (including Christmas and Easter). Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. I am not

sure what it is that draws so many people to church on that day, but I am absolutely sure it is very primal, very deep, and at the core of what it means to be human.

Human. Humus. Earth. Humility. And most of all mortality. "Oh remember, man, that you are dust and unto dust you shall return." These are the words that the minister will say as they place the ashes on the foreheads of those who come forward. And those ashes will not be wiped off all day long. Even for those who never darken the doors of the church throughout the year, on that day they will wear their Catholic ashes with humble pride.

And what does this all say? That life is short. Very, very short. We are all going to die. From this comes the question, how do we live now so as not to make our death final? For the next forty days we will be asking that question and then responding by doing the holy practices that Jesus and the Church prescribes: prayer, fasting and alms giving.

Alms giving. No other religion or denomination, Muslim, Jewish or Protestant gives as poorly to their churches as Catholics. That's just a factual statistic. Pity. Everybody gets cheated and most of all those who fail to give.

Fasting: We are the most overweight nation in the world. Enough said.

Prayer:

This is the area I ask for us to concentrate on this year (we will deal with alms giving and fasting in subsequent years). Prayer. When young people come to me in confession I always ask them the same question, Do you pray? They respond by hemming and hawing and say well, Father sometimes we say grace at home. To which I respond: pray, pray, pray, pray. It is the *great* Catholic tradition to pray. We are the Church of the Holy Sacrifice of the Eucharist, we are the Church of novenas and rosaries and devotions to the saints. But we are not passing on to the next generation the importance of prayer or even how to pray. This is something we can do something about. And we can do it now!

If I were to ask you what do you see as the major *religious* element of Islam you would most likely respond that they pray five times a day. It is public prayer. No matter what they are doing when the time comes, they turn toward Mecca and they bow to pray. They are not embarrassed or ashamed because this is a public manifestation, an outward sign of an inward reality, their devotion to their God. You know, we Catholics *used* to do that too. And it is time to do it again.

Any Catholic who grew up near a church in the 40's and 50's remembered hearing bells ring at 6 a.m., noon and 6 p.m. When those bells rang, you stopped. It was a reminder that the entire day was to be sanctified. And so for a brief moment you stopped at those hours to pray. No matter what you were doing, for the next three minutes you were going to pray, to be God conscious, to be aware that God became a man in Jesus through the "yes" of a woman. It was at those three times that you prayed the Angelus. And it is time to pray it again. Starting now!

The Angelus Domini (the angel of the Lord) is the traditional prayer that Catholics have been reciting three times a day for centuries. And it recalls the greatest mystery of all. The almighty and transcendent God took on our weak human mortality so that we mortals can now share the Divine. And this all took place because of a little girl who said "Yes" to the proclaiming angel. I am asking that we at Mary Queen begin to proclaim that prayer again. On Ash Wednesday we will begin all of our services with the Angelus. And every day throughout the week we will stop to pray the Angelus.

It is my desire that this prayer go from our house to yours. Following this note is a copy of the Angelus prayer suitable for clipping. Cut it out and put it on the refrigerator door. Then this evening before you say grace together as a family, pray the Angelus. In the morning, along with your morning prayers pray the Angelus. It is our way to become God conscious, aware of the presence of God throughout our entire day. The most important thing is that we stop. Stop whatever we are doing and turn Godwards to pray.

Lent is about to begin. It is the acceptable time to begin again.

Let us pray.

In Jesus, God's Prayer

fre. Tones

Ash Wednesday



Mass with Distribution of Ashes 8:30 AM 7:00 PM Service with Distribution of Ashes 12 NOON 4:00 PM

LENTEN REGULATIONS

- 1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent (excluding the Solemnity of St. Joseph per Canon 1251).
- Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- 3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
- 4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.
- 5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary selfdenial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.

Angelus Prayer

ANGELUS PRAYER

The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary

And the Word was made flesh. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord. Thy grace into our hearts; That we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His resurrection. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Parish News

PARISH LENTEN SCHEDULE



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

Parish Penance Service Tuesday, March 29 7:00 p.m.

Parish Mission with Fr. Tony At Immaculate Conception April 3, April 4, April 5 - 7:00 pm

Holy Thursday Thursday, April 21 Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m.



Good Friday Friday, April 22

Children's Living Stations 3:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday Saturday, April 23

Blessing of Easter Baskets 11 a.m. in Church

> Solemn Easter Vigil 7:30 p.m.



Easter Sunday Sunday, April 24 Masses: 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m 12:00 noon

Deadlines for the bulletin for the months of March and April:

For Bulletin On	Articles due by noon
Sunday, March 20	Friday, March 11
Sunday, March 27	Wednesday, March 16
Sunday, April 3	Friday, March 18

Also, this is a reminder that the bulletin deadline has been moved to Friday at noon.

************* **COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN** "WOMAN OF THE YEAR" **NOMINATIONS**

Nominations for Mary Queen of Heaven "Woman of the Year" are being held the weekend of March 5/6. All ladies, ages 18 and older, can nominate a woman they feel leads a life of faith and love and who has given generously of her time and talent to the various ministries and organizations in our parish. They should also give a reason why they feel their nominee should be chosen. Nominating slips will be found in the pews those weekends and may be deposited in the collection basket or in the basket in the back of church.

To be eligible for the "Woman of the Year", nominees must be MQH parishioners, not parish staff, over 18 years of age, and not have held the title in the last 10 years.

During the weekend of March 12/13, information on the nominees will appear in the bulletin to assist you in electing the "Woman of the Year". The election will take place the weekend of March 19/20.



Collection Totals for Sunday, February 27 will be reported on the bulletin March 13.



THE HOLY FATHER ASKS FOR IT At Pope John Paul II's invitation...come and

spend some quiet time in adoration and contemplation during our next day of Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, March 7 from 9 AM to 7 PM. You are invited to join us for Benediction at 7:00 PM to close the day. Please see the sign-up poster in the back of Church if you wish to join other adorers during a given hour of the day. For questions call Kay Diggins at (630) 530-7214 or Rose Wilkes at (630) 833-7238. Our sister parish, Visitation, provides 24/7 adoration in the convent chapel, 799 S. York.



EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY TRAINING March 10, 2011 (Thursday) 7 pm - 8 pm in Church

EUCHARISTIC As our Parish family continues to grow, so

does the need to increase the number of Eucharistic Ministers. Even with our dedicated core, we could always use new members to provide Communion at the Lord's table. The "how-to's" will be explained at this training session. Teenagers from 16 years old to grandparents are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Derrick StaRosa at (630) 291-9115; otherwise, we'll see you there.



FAITH CONNECTION **COME AND SEE**

Our small Christian community meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month except during the summer months. We do not discuss theology, nor do we pretend to be scripture scholars, but we do experience the support that comes from sharing our faith journeys.

If you were in an SCC in the past, or if you have ever wondered about what an SCC does, we invite you to "come and see" by joining our group, Faith Connection this Lent. We will be exploring the Christian life, including conversion to Christ, reconciliation, and redemption. The first meeting is on Thursday, March 10. This is a great way to explore faith sharing with just a six-week commitment. You may want to continue meeting with us after Lent. We would encourage that too! For questions, or to make a six-week commitment, please contact Rose Wilkes at (630) 833-7238 or Debbie Styka at (630) 941-7224.



Parish News

CALENDAR OF EVENTS MARCH 6 - MARCH 13

RCIA in School Rooms 13/4-5/11-12

Sunday, March 6, 2011

7:45 AM - 12 noon 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Mass 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Monday, March 7, 2011

8:30 AM 9:00 AM - 7:15 PM 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM **MQH** Mass Eucharistic Adoration in Church CRHP (Men) in Social Hall

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

MQH Mass 8:30 AM 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Bible Study Acts of Apostles in Conf. Rm. 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM CRHP Women in Barrett Hall 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Bible Study Acts of Apostles in School Rm. 1 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM **Baptism Class in Church**

Baptisms in Church

Wednesday, March 9, 2011 - Ash Wednesday

	No RE Classes
8:30 AM	Mass with Distribution of Ashes
12 noon	Service with Distribution of Ashes
4:00 PM	Service with Distribution of Ashes
7:00 PM	Mass with Distribution of Ashes
8:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Bible Study Acts of Apostles in Conf. Room

Thursday, March 10, 2011

8:30 AM **Communion Service** 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Yoga in Barrett Hall 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Eucharistic Minister Training in Church

Friday, March 11, 2011 MQH Mass in Church

8:30 AM 11:00 AM 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 12, 2011 RCIA Rite of Sending to Bishop

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM 3:30 PM 4:30 PM

Sunday, March 13, 2011

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Mass in Church Youth Group Destiny in School Room 1 Youth Group Wings to Heaven in Barrett Hall

Staff Meeting in Parish Office

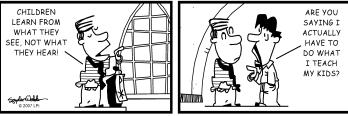
Stations of the Cross in Church

in Barrett Hall/Social Hall

Confessions in Church

MQH Mass in Church

9TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Parish and Religious Education News

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION CLASS BULLETIN LETTER

Hello Mary Queen of Heaven parishioners!

We are the 8th grade Confirmation class of 2011. We are working on our Make A Difference project. As you know, the situation in Central America regarding poverty is worsening everyday. There is a group at DePaul University called Global Brigades. We learned about this group through a parishioner named Katie Mueller. Their mission is to develop health initiatives and provide relief in Central America where there is limited access to health care. This past December, that group went to Honduras where they participated in a Public Health Brigade. We are asking for the following items to help the people of Zurzular, Honduras. We will be making personal hygiene kits. We will be needing: toothbrushes, tubes of toothpaste, large and small bottles of shampoo, bars of soap, hotel soaps and shampoos, combs, and washcloths Please make all donations by Sunday March 20. Thank you and God Bless,

The 8th Grade Confirmation Class

CATHOLIC CHARITIES LETTER

Mary Queen of Heaven Parish and CCW,

I wanted to thank you so much for your kindness and generosity on behalf of CC pregnancy support program and our client Cheryl in giving her a baby shower and all the wonderful gifts for her unborn baby. Cheryl has come a long way in her life and I am proud of her accomplishments. We will be there with her as she parents her child. Your kindness and generosity has relieved so much stress and hardship for her. She will be an excellent mother and I thank you for giving her a chance. I will send you pictures,

Kelly Kennedy (Catholic Charities)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH WEEKENDS HAVE BEEN SET!

The next Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) weekends have been set. The **men's weekend** is being held **February 11-12, 2012** and the **women's weekend** will be **February 25 -26, 2012**. It's after football season, after the holidays, and a great preparation for Lent. It's not as far off as it sounds, so mark your calendars now!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Please mark your calendars:

Wednesday, March 16, 7 pm: Fr. Tony will meet in Church with all 8th grade Confirmation candidates, parents, and if possible, sponsors. Please note: there will be no 5:15 pm 8th grade class on March 16.

Registrations for the 2011-2012 RE year will be mailed out at the end of the month. If you would like to put on our mailing list, please contact the REO. Remember parish registration is a prerequisite for registration in the Religious Education Program.

For more information on any of the above, please contact: Mary Ann Woods at the REO, (630) 832-8962 or email at mqhmawoods@sbcglobal.net.

Mary Queen of Heaven PRESCHOOL

MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT

Our classes are filling up quickly. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday Preschool is full, but there are still openings for Tuesday and Thursday and all days for the KEP Program.

For information please contact : Ms. Brenda Scanlon, Director Mary Queen of Heaven Preschool (630) 833-9500 Website: www.maryqueenpresschool.org E-mail: mqhpreschool@maryqueen.org

Christian Worship Commission

Prayer A

Please call 630-279-5700 to have a name added to our list. A new listing will appear in bold face. 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.

Jim McMahon Sheila Reiter

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - ASH WEDNESDAY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2011		MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, MARCH 12 – SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2011				
	8:30 AM	7:00 PM		4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Presider	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
Lector	TBA	R. Wilkes	Lector	R. Styka	M. Reed	E. Cutri
Eucharistic Ministers	TBA	D. Bernstein (S) P. Twardowski (C) M. White D. Justus K. Vicary A. Grozik M. Grozik	Eucharistic Ministers	T. Sabel (S) S. Pingatore (C) D. StaRosa M. Conway M. White M. Zelinski G. Pstrzoch	M. McCall (S) M. Kelly (C) A. Grozik M. Grozik D. Bernstein G. Regan J. Eichorst	D. Styka (S) R. Styka (C) P. Twardowsk J. Lindberg T. Kevil K. Gusloff R. Morro P. LeTourneau
Altar Servers	TBA	ТВА	Altar Servers	ТВА	ТВА	ТВА



Sunday, March 6, 2011

8:30 AM † Dan Scanlon 10:30 AM † Dolores Poremba

Monday, March 7, 2011

8:30 AM † Virginia Cassidy

Tuesday, March 8, 2011 8:30 AM † Barbara Spencer

Wednesday, March 9, 2011 - Ash Wednesday			
8:30 AM	All Parishioners		
12:00 noon	Service with Distribution of Ashes		

4:00 PM Service with Distribution of Ashes 7:00 PM † All the Faithful Departed

Thursday, March 10, 2011

8:30 AM **Communion Service**

Friday, March 11, 2011 8:30 AM † Nick Montesano

† Albert Fuschen

Saturday, March 12, 2011

4:30 PM † Ralph St. Pierre

Sunday, March 13, 2011

8:30 AM † James Fitzgerald, Jr. 10:30 AM † Bernadette Brinkmann

† indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of March 6, 2011

Sunday:	Dt 11:18, 26-28, 32/Rom 3:21-25, 28/ Mt 7:21-27
Monday:	Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8/Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday:	Tb 2:9-14/Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday:	JI 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:206:2/
-	Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	ls 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	ls 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday:	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12,
	17-19/Mt 4:1-11

Community News



JOYFUL AGAIN! FUNDRAISER

The Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry will be hosting a fundraiser featuring guest speaker Lyle Dean on April 3, 2011 at Christ the King Parish, 1501 South Main, Lombard, IL. Lyle, a Chicago radio personality and yachtsman, will present

"Some Journeys are Better than Others". Mass will be offered at 2 p.m. followed by a catered lunch at 3 p.m. with the presentation to follow. A silent auction will be offered during the lunch. Tickets are \$40 per person or tables of 8 for \$300 and can be reserved by calling 708-354-7211. Deadline is March 13, 2011.