

# MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH

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July 24, 2011

*Seventeenth  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time*

*Heaven is  
like a Treasure*

## 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 Thurs.: Mass

Fri.: Communion Service

First Friday of the month: Mass

All at 8:30 a.m.

### Rosary Devotion

Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM

### Sacraments

Reconciliation - Saturday 3:30 p.m.

### Baptism

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at 2:00 p.m. Baptismal preparation is required. Baptismal prep takes place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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• "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." *Mt 13:44*

## Note from the Pastor



### THE GRACE OF A HAPPY DEATH

*Remembering Judge Fred Carr*

By: Rev. Anthony R. Taschetta

From the time we were little children, we were taught to pray those extra three Hail Marys for a special grace... the grace of a happy death. It was a well advised prayer for when I was a little kid, by the time you were 60 you were dead. I could remember going to wakes of relatives who died at 65 thinking that was a good long life. At that time it was.

No more. Eighty is the new 60 and as to praying for a happy death, well, we don't want to go there. With modern medicine and technology, we expect to live forever. We are not doing a very good job of dying with grace and dignity. We hold on with fear and trembling at even the thought of dying. Yet I am utterly convinced that we never begin to fully live until we deal with death... especially our own.

Death used to be pretty straightforward. The dying person had a sixth sense that he was dying (we still do but don't know how to use or acknowledge it). He would gather his family around his bed for the death watch. If he was conscious, he would do his forgiving, give his final familial orders, say his good-byes... and die.

That's the grace of a happy death. Most of us think a good death is to go to bed healthy and die in our sleep. But death is not just an individual thing. It involves family and friends in a web of relationships and emotions that can both hurt and heal, depending on where we are with death and each other. Death is the biggie. It's so big we don't want to look at it. We are the only animals that can contemplate our own mortality and then take steps to avoid it, deny it or kill it. And that's sad because our deepest belief and experience tells us that death leads to life. That's what our faith is all about. That's why we say those three Hail Marys.

Last weekend, God gave me the gift to experience the grace of a happy death. Not an easy death, but a happy one. Now, I know 'happy death' sounds like an oxymoron but it's not. It's what happens when all involved are in tune with the Spirit of God as He invites us into this incredible passage from the sadness of loss to the fullness of Life. That's just what happened in the death of my good friend and co-worker in God's Kingdom, Judge Fred Carr, Jr.

I've known Fred Carr since 1990 when I first went to St. Teresa Church in Kankakee as its Pastor. Fred attended daily Mass and within a week, I knew that the man behind the booming voice that belted out those entrance and recessional hymns was going to be my friend. Fred was the extrovert's extrovert. He didn't know a stranger. In a crowd he stood out simply by standing and as a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Marines, he knew how to stand tall. When Fred spoke, you listened not only because he usually had something to say (he loved to pontificate) but he said it in the most superlative way. He was the king of superlatives. When you were in his presence, you were the *most important person in the room and the best looking and the smartest and... because he said it, you believed it. He wasn't blowing smoke. What he said he meant. He truly loved people, all people.*

The bible says that St. Joseph was a 'just' man. As a judge in Kankakee County, St. Joseph had nothing on Fred Carr. He was an outstandingly just judge. Born to the judicial robe, when he put on his all favoritism, politics and prejudice took flight. He loved being a judge and he judged justly.

In retirement he lived to the full. With his beloved bride, Kathy of 49 years, he traveled, told stories, took care of those in need and welcomed all into his beautiful retirement abode in Virginia Beach, VA. In so many ways, life was as good as it gets. He and Kathy enjoyed it to the fullest.

Life, however, is short. The psalmist says, "Seventy is the sum of our years, or 80 if we are strong and most of it is dust on the scales." Life is short and for Fred and for us who loved him, too short. Six months ago Fred visited me here at Mary Queen in Elmhurst, IL and was as robust and full of life as always. Then one thing after another began to fall apart... into the hospital, out of the hospital, getting stronger, getting weaker, back in the hospital. All the time we encouraged him to, "Fight on, Fred." Marines don't go down without a fight and Fred was a Marine to the core. But no matter how strong the spirit, the flesh is weak and human mortality calls us all. Fred was dying.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, quite fittingly for the patriot he was, the bottom dropped out and Fred became moribund. The following Thursday, Kathy called to ask me to help shepherd the family through his passing. His good friend,

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## Note from the Pastor (cont.)

Bill and his daughter Sherri's good friend, Lisa, and I all flew out to be with the family at his bedside.

After having been around the dying for the better part of my life, I am convinced that not only is death a family affair but that we are in on our own dying. In a real sense, we perform our death, we orchestrate it, we choose who we want around and we hold on until all (or at least most) of those we love are ready to let go. Often in the hospital room the most aware and conscious person on the deepest level is the person in the coma, the dying person. Every word you speak and even every thought you think, they hear. And they understand.

As we approach death, the veil between this side and the other gets very thin. Often the dying person will see angels or a loved one who has gone before them. I have learned long ago to trust this. I am sure Fred was already visiting with his sister, Denise, and saying to his Mother, Connie Benson, "Yes. Mother, whatever you say." And even in the deepest coma, he spoke to us in the room as well. The most profound communication isn't verbal, it's spiritual. On the level of the soul, in the heart of the matter we speak and we hear.

After he was made comfortable, Kathy, Sherri, Lisa, Bill and I gathered around his bed to keep vigil. There is something holy about keeping watch with someone you love. There is a deep, profound, wordless communication that is palpable. You know you are in communion with your beloved and if you listen to your soul, you can hear him speak. And Fred spoke to us all. He was still in charge. He was still holding court.

It wasn't long before we were telling "Fred stories." Laughing, crying, reminiscing, and sharing a life so beautifully lived. After about two hours, the hospital staff brought us sandwiches and, simple as it was, we broke bread with Fred and had a banquet. After another two hours of sharing with powerful periods of silence, I finally told Kathy, "I think Fred wants us to leave." "I think you're right, Father. He wants to be alone." Bill wanted to stay and Fred seemed to agree. So he remained alone with Fred. Ten minutes later, Fred passed to the other side of silence. It was the grace of a happy death.

Living well is a wonderful thing and dying well is a grace from God.

On Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. at St. Teresa Church in Kankakee, we will celebrate a memorial Mass not only to remember Fred, but to celebrate that magnificent passage from life to death to eternal life. All are welcome.

*Fr. Tony Taschetta is the Pastor of Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Church in Elmhurst, IL. He served as Pastor of St. Teresa Church in Kankakee from 1990 – 2002.*

## Parish News



### HELP NEEDED!

On September 18 of this year, we will be celebrating Father's 40th anniversary as a priest at the Odeum Exposition Center in Villa Park, IL. We will need volunteers with expertise in organization, volunteer coordination, catering, decorating, children's activities, traffic control, etc. If you (along with possibly a few of your friends) would like to be part of the planning process and day-of organization and other areas that will be need to be addressed, please do not hesitate to contact us at:

**parishoffice@maryqueen.org**  
SUBJECT: 40<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary.



### THE JOURNEY

For us Christians, the road of life is traveled in faith. Baptism is our starting point, our compass. It gives us the grace-filled relationship with Christ. The Eucharist is our food for the journey, the most intimate gift Christ has given us. While we receive Him into ourselves at Mass, we have prayer opportunities along the way to nourish our relationship with Him.

On Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup> all are invited to come and be further nourished by spending time in His presence during our day of Eucharistic Adoration. It takes place from 9 am. to 7 pm., followed by Benediction. Come and receive strength for the journey during this special day of prayer. **Why not join us for Benediction also!** Please refer to the sign-up chart in the back of church. For questions, call Kay Diggins at (630)530-7214, or Rose Wilkes at (630)833-7238.

17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*The Parish Family  
of  
Mary Queen of Heaven*

*invites you to witness  
the exchange of wedding vows  
between*

*Thomas Joseph Nolan*

*and*

*Margaret Mary Wolak*

*on*

*September 4, 2011*

*10:30 a.m. Mass*

*A light lunch will follow on parish grounds*

*In lieu of gifts  
donations may be made to Mary Queen of Heaven Parish  
which will be tithed to St. Vincent dePaul and  
Elmhurst Walk-In Ministry*

## Parish News



### EMHURST WALK-IN MINISTRY IC FOOD PANTRY

The food collection for the Immaculate Conception/Elmhurst Walk-In Ministry will be held the weekend of July 30-31. They are in need of non perishable items such as canned fruit, soup, vegetables, prepared foods, spaghetti sauce, pasta, baking items, rice, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, paper towels, toilet tissue, kleenex and cleaning supplies.

We want to thank you again for your continued support of the needy. Our parishioners are always so generous and caring of those less fortunate.

Don't forget to bring your donations the weekend of July 30 and 31.

### CUBS TICKETS PURCHASED AT AUCTION LAST YEAR

If you are the parishioner who purchased the cubs tickets donated by Herb Schwarz, would you please contact Sheila Reiter (630-833-6657) or the parish rectory as soon as possible. We are not sure of the spelling of your name and your phone number was not on the bid sheet. Mr. Schwarz has advised us that he only has a couple of dates left to choose from so please respond as quickly as possible. Thank you!

### “EVENING UNDER THE STARS” AUCTION/DINNER DANCE

Due to the many events and special occasions being held in our parish this coming Fall, we have decided not to hold the Auction/Dinner Dance this year. Our next Auction/Dinner Dance will be in the Fall of 2012.

## Christian Worship



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.

Phyllis Anderson  
Kristeen Dotson



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS JULY 17 - JULY 24

#### Sunday, July 24, 2011

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Mass

#### Monday, July 25, 2011

8:30 AM MQH Mass

#### Tuesday, July 26, 2011

8:30 AM MQH Mass

#### Wednesday, July 27, 2011

#### DEADLINE BULLETIN ARTICLES AUGUST 14

8:30 AM MQH Mass

#### Thursday, July 28, 2011

8:30 AM MQH Mass

#### Friday, July 29, 2011

8:30 AM Communion Service

#### Saturday, July 30, 2011

3:30 PM Confessions  
4:30 PM MQH Mass

#### Sunday, July 31, 2011

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Mass  
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM RCIA in Conf. Room



Deadlines for the bulletin for  
the months of August and September:

For Bulletin On	Articles due by noon
<b>Sunday, August 14</b>	<b>Wednesday, July 27</b>
<b>Sunday, August 21</b>	<b>Friday, August 12</b>
<b>Sunday, August 28</b>	<b>Friday, August 19</b>
<b>Sunday, September 4</b>	<b>Wednesday, August 24</b>
<b>Sunday, September 11</b>	<b>Friday, September 2</b>

Thanks for your cooperation

## Religious Education News

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**RE Registrations.** Are you registered? If not, do it now. The back to school ads are starting to pop up in the newspaper. You know what that means... Registrations are still being accepted for those classes where there is still space available. Please note the following classes that are closed: Grs. Kindergarten, 1, 2, and 3, and 4 are closed at 3:15 pm. At 5:15 pm, Grades 3 and 5 are closed. The 7:00 pm session is open for all grades at this time. Remember there is always the home school option for non-sacramental year grade levels. However you must register for that option. FYI: Registration in the RE program is limited to participating members of Mary Queen of Heaven Parish.

**We are still in need of a few catechists for the 2011/2012 RE year.**

**3:15 pm – Grade 2 – 4 catechists and/or aides. We have 45 children who need you to help them prepare to receive Jesus for the first time. You don't have to be a theologian. You need to be someone who loves the Eucharist and is willing to share that love with our little ones. We know that you are out there. If you have ever thought about helping out in the Religious Education Program, now is the time. Don't be shy. We are waiting to hear from you. We cannot do this without you.**

#### Why Be a Catechist?

Being a catechist brings joy. Okay, so not always, especially when the weather is great and the kids would rather be outside playing. But very often, being with energetic, enthusiastic young people gives you renewed energy. They remind us to live and laugh in the present moment and get enthused about life's endless opportunities for joy. If you are a joyful person who loves your faith and would like to share it with our children, we would love to talk to you.

**If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Mary Ann Woods at the REO: (630) 832-8962 or email: [mqhmawoods@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mqhmawoods@sbcglobal.net).**



### MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT

**For information please contact :**  
**Ms. Brenda Scanlon, Director**  
**Mary Queen of Heaven Preschool (630) 833-9500**  
**Website: [www.maryqueenpreschool.org](http://www.maryqueenpreschool.org)**  
**E-mail: [mqhpreschool@maryqueen.org](mailto:mqhpreschool@maryqueen.org)**

## Community News

### COPING WITH GRIEF

(A TEN WEEK GENERAL GRIEF GROUP FOR ADULTS)

**Starting Date:** Monday - August 1, 2011 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month.

**Note:** There will not be a meeting on Labor Day September 5th

**Time:** 6:30 - 8:00 pm - A half-hour for presentation, one hour sharing time

**Cost:** None

**Place:** Elmhurst Memorial Hospital - Main Campus at York and Roosevelt. The Maple Room in the Lower Level of East Entrance

**Facilitator:** Chaplain Don Dahlheimer, M.Div., LCSW, LMFT Manager of Spiritual Care

**For:** Any adult who has experienced the death of someone they have loved

For more information call: (331) 221-0451

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or call 866-PARISH-1  
for further information.**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**  
**SATURDAY, JULY 30 - SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2011**

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony	Fr. Tony
<b>Lector</b>	A. Novar D. Novar	R. Wilkes	E. Cutri
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	J. DuPrey (S) R. Lawlor (C) D. StaRosa B. Eadon G. Curtis S. Pingatore L. Loesch	J. Eichorst (S) G. Regan (C) A. Grozik M. Grozik D. Bernstein J. Unger K. Vicary	D. Styka (S) R. Styka (C) D. Justus J. Spears J. Lindberg Paul LeTourneau Terri Kevil Kathy Mueller
<b>Altar Servers</b>	J. Mirretti C. Letourneau S. Pierzchala	I. Weigel J. Alonso C. Gornick	M. Piszczor J. Vosicky A. Frank



**Church Support**

**Collection Totals for:  
 Sunday, July 17, 2011**

<b>Adults</b>	<b>\$6,176.27</b>
<b>Parish Pay</b>	<b>\$2,996.67</b>
<b>Children</b>	<b>\$13.75</b>
<b>Collection Total</b>	<b>\$9,186.69</b>

**Thank you for your continued support!**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, July 24, 2011**

8:30 AM † Terry Odom  
 10:30 AM † Frank Houman

**Monday, July 25, 2011**

8:30 AM † Robert Clark

**Tuesday, July 26, 2011**

8:30 AM † Irene Krbec

**Wednesday, July 27, 2011**

8:30 AM † Margaret Woflick

**Thursday, July 28, 2011**

8:30 AM † Nick Montesano, Jr.

**Friday, July 29, 2011**

8:30 AM Communion Service

**Saturday, July 30, 2011**

4:30 PM † Howard Triner

**Sunday, July 31, 2011**

8:30 AM † Albert Kabat  
 10:30 AM † Fred Cafasso

† indicates person is deceased

**Readings for the Week of July 24, 2011**

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/  
 Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46  
 Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28  
 Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/  
 Mt 13:36-43  
 Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46  
 Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53  
 Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/  
 Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42  
 Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12  
 Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Rom 8:35, 37-39/  
 Mt 14:13-21

**MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN  
 PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Thank you for sharing your thoughtful prayers and talents to benefit this ministry.

Another way to help - while praying, think about this -

And if you are comfortable sharing:

1. An experience you've had regarding a prayer shawl ministry.
2. Prayers you've found or created.
3. Your thoughts of a Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Call Ruth 630-279-5612.