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February 5, 2012

*Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time*



WORLD DAY *for Consecrated Life*



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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

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 2:00 p.m. Required Baptismal preparation on the 2nd Tues. at 7:30 p.m. Call Deacon Tom 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



Wonder as I Wander

It is already February. By now the lights on the front lawn have been turned off, the Christmas tree has long ago been put away and most of those new toys are broken. The distractions, the hustle and bustle of the holidays are over. Now what? It's a great time for Christmas. We talk about Christmas in July, how about Christmas in February?

When I lived among the poor in Hopkins Park, I would continually beg the generous people who came down week after week in December with toys not to. Your generosity is touching at this time of year but we will really need you, not now, but in January and February in the midst of the cold and dark of winter. Come then. Come and wander in the desert of winter. It is then that the night sky will open up its mysteries.

And some did. And they were richly rewarded by the stark beauty of the desolate snow covered land and the wonder of it all. I wonder as I wander all over this land.

The older I get, the less I like winter. It is something to be endured. This winter Butch and I greet each other in the morning with a smile saying, "So far so good. You don't have to shovel the cold or rain." Winter in the city is something to be lived through but a winter in the desert of the country... that's something different. It is there that one learns to wonder.

All life begins and, hopefully, ends in wonder. The moment we begin to have conscious awareness we stand in awe, in wonder of all things. From our mother's loving gaze to the pots and pans that occupy us for hours as we touch, feel and bang, we are amazed by the wonder of it all. We get excited over the littlest things, an ant crawling up a stick, a thorn on the stem of a rose. It is all wonder-ful. Full of wonder. Then we grow up. And then we really begin to wonder.

"Wondering" is a word that denotes at least three things: 1) Standing in disbelief, 2) Standing in the question itself, 3) Standing in awe before something. Our holy work is to allow these three 'standings' to remain open inside of us. It is a wonderful way to

grow spiritually.

In 1976, my first winter in Hopkins Park, like the magi before me I marveled at the magnificent sky exploding with stars. Having lived with light pollution the decade before I had forgotten how wonderful it was. Also, being my first year there it was all romantic. All St. Francis.

But by the winter of 1979, the winter of the great blizzard, I began to wonder what the hell I was doing there. Living for the first time utterly alone (my young ward Lewis had gone off to the seminary) in the ramshackle rectory that was once a Holy Roller church heated by scraps of wood that I would scrounge and eating out of dented cans that were rejects from the Campbell Soup factory, I began to wonder. I began to doubt. I began to stand in disbelief. It is not a bad place to be as long as you don't stay there. I've come to believe that there is no faith without doubt. And the doubt leads to questioning and God has no problem with our questions. I wondered, now what? Is this all there is? I stood in the question itself, wondering.

While I have never been pregnant (great observation, Einstein) I can imagine that gestation, the nine months of waiting and wondering are a marvel to behold. I do believe that in the spiritual life the females of the species have a leg up on understanding the mystery of life. They hold in themselves something incomprehensible, gestating and growing beyond their wildest imagining. Brand new life being born in them. And then finally at the moment of pain and hurt and birth, new life. A miracle. A wonder. And it's wonderful. All that a mother can do is to stand in awe of the life that she and her husband have created and... and... no words. Just wonder. Awesome!

St. Gregory of Nyssa put it this way, "Concepts create idols; only wonder comprehends anything." To me that speaks volumes. We begin in wonder, we end in wonder. And if we can do that... it's a wonderful life.

In Jesus, the Wonder of God

Fr. Tony

Parish News

...FOR I WAS HUNGRY, YOU GAVE ME FOOD

As part of Grace Café, Elmhurst based churches are hosting a dinner one night per month for people who are hungry or lonely. Mary Queen of Heaven is hosting Grace Café on Monday, February 27, 2012. Donations of cooked chili and desserts are needed. If you would like to help cook, serve or clean up, please join fellow parishioners in the kitchen from 4:00 - 8:00 pm. Please contact Debbiestyka@yahoo.com or call (630) 941-7224 for more info.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Come and “draw near” to God during our next day of Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, February 6, starting after 8:30 a.m. morning Mass until 7:00 p.m. when we close the day with Benediction. All are welcome any time of the day, as well as for Benediction. We have most of the hours covered with at least 2 people, but we always welcome more. If you are interested in becoming a permanent adorer for any hour, you may contact 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.

ATTENTION ALL 5TH - 8TH GRADERS!

It's time to start signing up for **Mary Queen's annual lock-in!** The lock-in is a fun experience, where 5th-8th graders spend time with high school and adult leaders. The overnight includes prayer, games, food, meditation, singing, t-shirt, craft, service and much more. The lock-in is:



7pm Friday, March 2 -Saturday March 3 at 8:30am

There is a fee of \$20. (If you are unable pay, this will not hinder your ability to participate.) Anyone in grades 5th-8th can attend. Permission slips can be found in the RE office, MQH website or from Kathleen Gusloff at the email below. All permission slips must be turned in by Friday, February 17. **Questions?** Contact Mrs. Gusloff at (630)-269-0744 or

maryqueen.wings2heaven@gmail.com



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY 5 - FEBRUARY 12

Sunday, February 5, 2012

8:30 am	Gospel of Mark Sign Up MQH Mass
9:30 am - 10:30 am	Gospel of Mark in Conf. Room
9:30 am - 11:30 am	RCIA
10:30 am	MQH Mass
11:30 am - 1:00 pm	CRHP (Men) in Conf. Room
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Baptisms
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Youth Group Wings to Heaven in Barrett Hall
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	CRHP (Men) in Conf. Room

Monday, February 6, 2012

8:30 am	MQH Mass
9:00 am - 7:15 pm	Eucharistic Adoration in Church
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	CRHP (Men) in School Room 13

Tuesday, February 7, 2012

8:30 am	MQH Mass
9:00 am - 10:30 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry in Room 4-5
9:00 am - 11:00 am	Bible Study Mark in Conf. Room
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Building & Grounds in Conf. Room
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Bible Study Mark in Room 9-10

Wednesday, February 8, 2012

8:30 am	MQH Mass
3:15 am - 8:15 pm	RE Classes
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	1st Communion Parent Mtg. in Church
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Bible Study Mark in Conf. Room

Thursday, February 9, 2012

8:30 am	MQH Mass
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. in Barrett Hall

Friday, February 10, 2012

DEADLINE BULLETIN ARTICLES FEBRUARY 19, 2012

8:30 am	Communion Service
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Saturday, February 11, 2012

Men's CRHP Weekend

3:30 pm	Confessions
4:30 pm	MQH Mass

Sunday, February 12, 2012

Men's CRHP Weekend

8:30 am & 10:30 am	MQH Mass
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5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



CCW LADIES GAME NIGHT



Tuesday, February 21, 2012
At 7:00 p.m.
in Barrett Hall

Bring some friends,
a snack to share and
your favorite game (if you have one)
For an evening of fun!

Beverages will be provided.

Questions? Call Debbie
(630) 941-7224

Please fill out the form below and
return it to the basket in the back of
church or to the parish office before
February 19.

Name _____

Phone Number _____



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING

There will be a St. Vincent DePaul Meeting on Thursday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m. in Barrett Hall. We will be making plans for our 2012 projects and are looking for new members. If you are interested in joining our ministry of "Helping the Needy", please join us. We not only hold food collections for the I.C. Food Pantry/Elmhurst Walk-In Ministry but help those in our area who need assistance with electric, gas, sewer/water, doctor and medicine bills and rental assistance. In addition, we adopt families at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter and provide them with food Baskets, food gift cards and presents from our "Giving Tree."

We would love to have you join our ministry so that we can begin offering rides to doctor appointments and possibly support a mission in Sucre, Bolivia or elsewhere! If you are retired or at home during the day, we would greatly appreciate your help. We will look forward to seeing you on February 9 at 7:00 p.m.



LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY

The next Bible Study offering by the Adult Ed and Spirituality Ministry will be *The Gospel According to Mark*. We thought this would be appropriate since we will be hearing Mark's Gospel at Mass during this Liturgical year.

Because of the length of the study, we will be offering it in two parts. The first part this winter and the second part next fall. We will begin the week of February 6, take a 2 week break for Holy Week/Easter Week, then finish the week of April 16 through lesson 4.

Please join us. Sign-up will be the weekend of February 4-5. There are 2 books for a cost of \$14.00. If you need assistance please speak to Fr. Tony or Lynn Suwanski at (630) 530-2523. Bibles, while not essential for this study, are also available for \$5.00.

WELCOME, KAITLIN GAFFNEY

Beginning this week Kaitlin Gaffney, who is in her last year at Elmhurst College, will be our parish intern. As a Religion and Service major she is hoping to learn more about working in parish ministries in preparation for doing missionary work or perhaps to attend graduate school in Religious Studies. You may see her around the MQH campus so please welcome her!

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FAITH CONNECTION SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY (SCC)

Our small Christian community was founded 14 years ago along with several others here at Mary Queen, at the suggestion of then Pope John Paul II as a way to prepare for the new millennium. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, except in summer, to share faith usually based on the Sunday readings. We do not discuss theology, or pretend to be scripture scholars, but we do experience the support that comes from belonging and having an opportunity to share our faith journeys.

If you have been in an SCC in the past or have ever wondered what an SCC does, we would like to extend an invitation to you to “come and see” by joining our group, Faith Connection, during the six weeks of Lent starting February 23. We will be focusing on the scripture readings for the Sundays of Lent. For questions or to make a six-week commitment, please contact Rose Wilkes at (630)833-7238 or Debbie Styka at (630)941-7224.

ELMHURST COLLEGE SPRING 2012 CULTURAL SEASON

The Elmhurst community is fortunate to have Elmhurst College within its borders! Beginning in February, speakers will be addressing some “challenges posed by contemporary science” and “...the problems and promise of democracy.” You can check out the entire series at www.elmhurst.edu/events.

Here is a sampling for you to consider:

- **Evangelizing the Culture:** Presented by Father Robert Barron (The Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Guestship) Wednesday, February 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Frick Center.
- **Religion and Democracy and Civic Engagement:** Presented by Robert D. Putnam, Thursday, February 9, at 7:00 p.m., Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel.
- **H. Richard Niebuhr: A Centennial Appreciation:** Presented by Martin E. Marty (The Rudolf G. Schade Lecture) Tuesday, March 6, 7:00 p.m. in the Frick Center.
- **Truth and Justice in America:** Presented by Bob Woodward and Judge William J. Bauer, Thursday, May 17, 7:00 p.m. in Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel.

Religious Education News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



Please mark your calendars:

Wednesday, February 8 – First Eucharist Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in church for **parents only** of children celebrating First Eucharist in the spring. Classes for 2nd grade will meet at regular times.

Wednesday, February 22 marks the beginning of Lent. **Formal RE classes will not meet** however, parents are asked to bring their children to **Ash Wednesday services in church at Noon or 4:00 p.m.** **Mass with the distribution of ashes will take place at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

Please make any payments for outstanding RE tuition and fees in to the RE office as soon as possible.

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



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT REGISTRATION 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration for current preschool families is going on now. Open registration begins Feb. 1, 2012 for all new families. Registration forms are available on the Mary Queen website or in the preschool. We have two opportunities for you to tour the school and ask questions:

Tours by appointment take place every Tuesday and Thursday through the end of February: 8:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m. and Noon - 2:00 p.m.

Open House Dates

Thursday, February 16	4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, February 19	9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**For information please contact :
Ms. Brenda Scanlon, Director (630) 833-9500
Website: www.maryqueenpreschool.org
E-mail: mqhpreschool@maryqueen.org**

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January 31, 2012

Dear Friends in Christ,

On January 20th an agency of the federal government created a **serious threat to the freedom of religion** guaranteed by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. As Americans and Christians, we must take steps to counter this threat.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issued a directive that all private health care insurance programs must include several reproductive services for women. These services must be provided without any co-pay or deductible. Among the services are FDA-approved prescription contraceptives (some of which can cause early abortion), sterilization procedures and related education and counseling. The directive applies to religious employers, even if the services in question violate their moral principles. It also places an unnecessary burden of conscience on other employers, Catholic and otherwise, who consider these services immoral.

The directive does provide an exemption for some religious employers, but the terms of exemption are very narrow. The employer must employ primarily members of its own faith and serve primarily members of its own faith. Certainly most Catholic hospitals would not qualify for an exemption and perhaps many Catholic universities. Catholic Charities would not qualify. It could be argued that Catholic dioceses, parishes and schools likewise do not qualify, since Christ clearly sent his followers to proclaim the Gospel to everyone, to invite everyone into his Kingdom and to serve all who are in need. The Church doesn't exist just to take care of its own.

Now, it is no secret that many Catholics dissent from the Church's longstanding teaching on artificial contraception, elective sterilization and abortion. However, pursuing old arguments on these issues will sidetrack us from the real one at hand. **The Health and Human Services directive is a violent breach of the wall of separation between church and state. For the government to force a religious body to pursue a course of action that contradicts its beliefs, particularly where no public interest is at stake, is completely unacceptable.**

Throughout the history of this country, religious groups, certainly the Catholic Church, have made good use of religious liberty by contributing enormously to the common good. We have run hospitals and nursing homes that cared for everyone, especially the poor. We built universities and schools that educated millions of people who went on to develop this nation. Every day we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, fight for the oppressed and in many other ways give hope to the downtrodden—all done in the name of God, all done because of our faith.

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Response to HHS Directive

January 31, 2012

Now our ability to carry out many of these apostolates is at stake, and many of our dedicated employees are potentially at risk of losing their medical insurance.

Your help is greatly needed, both as Christians and as Americans. First, please pray that this grave threat to religious liberty be stopped. Surely, if the gates of hell cannot prevail against the Church, God can manage a cabinet department. Second, support whatever efforts I may ask you to support in the future, such as legislative or judicial remedies. Even now, you can contact the President, the Secretary of Health of Human Services, and your members of Congress. Third, be courageous in your conviction. Take action of your own. For additional information about this issue, visit the special link on our diocesan Web site (www.dioceseofjoliet.org).

The United States is a great country. It was founded by people who sought freedom, initially, religious freedom. The first right enshrined in the Bill of Rights is the free exercise of religion. We are justifiably proud that in this country people of virtually every faith on earth are able to pursue their religious objectives in peace and friendship. Our federal government should help preserve and promote that heritage. Let us work together at this moment to assure that it does.

God bless all of you, whom I am privileged to shepherd in the name of Christ.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "R. Daniel Conlon". To the left of the signature is a small blue cross symbol.

Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon
Bishop of Joliet

Diocesan News



THE 2012 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL IS UNDERWAY

**“THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT
HAND” (MARK 1:15)**

Bishop Conlon’s mailing asking for a pledge to the 2012 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) is in the hands of many of our parishioners. If you have received the mailing, please respond as soon as possible.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is “The Kingdom of God is at Hand.” God constantly gives to us. His grace is ever present. His blessings are abundant. We can demonstrate our gratitude to God and help build the kingdom of God in our own parish and our own diocese by making a generous gift to the CMAA.

The Appeal not only funds the operations of the diocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish.

Please answer the bishop’s request and make a generous pledge. All pledges can be paid in ten monthly installments. Thank you in advance for your support.

THANK YOU



To date the Mary Queen of Heaven parish has generously donated: \$1,758.80. Woman’s Choice Services would like to extend a heartfelt Thank You to parishioners for participating in this year’s Baby Bottles for Life fundraising campaign!

Prayer List

Please pray for the sick of our Parish

Neil McGovern
Brenda Scanlon
Arlene Sima
Clyde Todd
Dennis White
Patrick White



Please call the Rectory to add a name to our Parish Prayer List.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BISHOP Catholic Home Missions Appeal *Strengthening the Church at Home*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The struggle to receive basic pastoral care and catechesis is faced by thousands of faithful living in home mission dioceses. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps ease that struggle through grants that support priestly and religious vocations, faith formation, and education for leaders to attend to the unique needs of their faith communities.

For example, last year the Appeal enabled the home mission diocese of Biloxi, Mississippi, to support 100% of the expenses of educating 12 seminarians. These future priests will be invaluable, as 11 priests are currently retired, and several more are eligible for retirement in the next few years. A unique aspect of seminarian education in Biloxi is training as a sign language practitioner. One-quarter of the hearing-impaired individuals in the Biloxi region are Catholic. With the help of the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, these and other programs ensure that parishioners here at home can worship well in vibrant faith communities.

A mission diocese must often contend with high rates of poverty and a lack of educated pastoral and lay leadership. With your support, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal can continue to provide essential pastoral outreach in home mission dioceses.

Please be generous in the Catholic Home Missions Appeal and help **strengthen the Church at home**. Your support will truly make a difference. Thank you. God bless you.

Most Reverend R. Daniel Colon
Bishop of Joliet

For more information on the Catholic Home Missions and the dioceses and parishes funded by the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, please visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE			
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2012 - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2012			
	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	TBA	TBA	TBA
Lector	R. Styka	R. Wilkes	R. Villamil
Eucharistic Ministers	M. Zelinski (S) R. Liljegren (C) S. Pingatore T. Sabel B. Eadon M. Conway G. Los	D. Bernstein (S) G. Regan (C) J. Eichorst J. Unger K. Vicary M. Grozik	P. Mason (S) P. Twardowski (C) R. Marro R. Melendez P. Letourneau T. Kevil T. Gusloff M. McCall
Altar Servers	M. Piszczor E. Zielinski M. McDonough	D. Dunn C. Gornick C. Letourneau	B. Hernandez C. Hernandez J. Race



Church Support

Collection Totals for: Sunday, January 29, 2012	
Adults	\$9,642.00
Parish Pay	\$4,670.16
Children	\$48.94
Collection Total	\$14,361.10

203 parishioner envelopes were used.
128 parishioners - Parish Pay.

*Thank you for your kindness
and generosity.*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 5, 2012

8:30 AM † Thomas Lavin
10:30 AM † Gloria Kabat

Monday, February 6, 2012

8:30 AM † Marcel Krbec

Tuesday, February 7, 2012

8:30 AM † Rose Reilly

Wednesday, February 8, 2012

8:30 AM † Tony Carlevato

Thursday, February 9, 2012

8:30 AM † Angie Taschetta

Friday, February 10, 2012

8:30 AM Communion Service

Saturday, February 11, 2012

4:30 PM † Doris Sullivan

Sunday, February 12, 2012

8:30 AM † Helen Colucci
10:30 AM † Tony Carlevato

† indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of February 5, 2012

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/
Mk 1:29-39
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45

RETREAT/WORKSHOP FOR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS WHO WANT TO FIND JOY IN LIVING AGAIN

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March 17 & 18, 2012



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e-mail: joyfulagain@att.net
more info at: www.joyfulagain.org