MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH

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December 15, 2013 Third Sunday of Advent

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

Rosary Devotion

Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM

Sacraments

All at 8:30 a.m.

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



Sometimes the things you receive are much better than the things you can write. This is one of them. Read on.

A little girl went to her bedroom and pulled a glass jelly jar from its hiding place in the closet.

She poured the change out on the floor and counted it carefully. Three times, even. The total had to be exactly perfect. No chance here for mistakes. Carefully placing the coins back in the jar and twisting on the cap, she slipped out the back door and made her way six blocks to Rexall's Drug Store with the big red Indian Chief sign above the door. She waited patiently for the pharmacist to give her some attention but he was too busy at this moment. Tess twisted her feet to make a scuffing noise. Nothing. She cleared her throat with the most disgusting sound she could muster. No good. Finally she took a quarter from her jar and banged it on the glass counter. That did it!

"And what do you want?" the pharmacist asked in an annoyed tone of voice. I'm talking to my brother from Chicago whom I haven't seen in ages," he said without waiting for a reply to his question. "Well I want to talk to you about my brother."

Tess answered back in the same annoyed tone. "He's really, really sick... and I want to buy a miracle." "I beg your pardon?" said the pharmacist. "His name is Andrew and he has something bad growing inside his head and my Daddy says only a miracle can save him now. So how much does a miracle cost?"

"We don't sell miracles here, little girl. I'm sorry but I can't help you," the pharmacist said, softening a little. "Listen, I have the money to pay for it. If it isn't enough, I will get the rest. Just tell me how much it costs." The pharmacist's brother was a well dressed man. He stooped down and asked the little girl, "What kind of a miracle does your brother need?"

"I don't know," Tess replied with her eyes welling up. "I just know he's really sick and Mommy says he needs an operation. But my Daddy can't pay for it, so I want to use my money." "How much do you have?" asked the man from Chicago. "One dollar and eleven cents," Tess answered barely audibly. "And it's all the money I have, but I can get some more if I need to." "Well, what a coincidence," smiled the man. "A dollar and eleven cents---the exact price of a miracle for little brothers." He took her money in one hand and with the other hand he grasped her mitten and said "Take me to where you live. I want to see your brother and meet your parents. Let's see if I have the miracle you need."

That well dressed man was Dr. Carlton Armstrong, a surgeon, specializing in neurosurgery. The operation was completed free of charge and it wasn't long until Andrew was home again and doing well. Mom and Dad were happily talking about the chain of events that had led them to this place. "That surgery," her Mom whispered, "was a real miracle. I wonder how much it would have cost?" Tess smiled. She knew exactly how much a miracle cost ... one dollar and eleven cents ... plus the faith of a little child. In our lives, we never know how many miracles we will need. A miracle is not the suspension of natural law, but the operation of a higher law ...

In Jesus the Miracle Worker,



Parish Council News

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE

More than two years ago the PPC, working with the Pastor, had developed a three pronged focus of direction for the parish that ties our outward actions back to our Parish Mission Statement which is:

Inspired by the Holy Spirit and nurtured by our sacramental life, Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Church creates a welcoming parish home, bears witness to the Gospel of Christ, and serves a world in need through personal and communal prayer, reflection, and social action.

Parish Council News (cont.)

Three areas of concentration were developed and progress noted below:

Community - to increase closer ties with Holy Family School and Faith community as well as District 205

- Established an annual grant to support the Holy Family School
- Scholarships to support Catholic Education at the Holy Family Grade School
- Joint Masses and dinners where our parish and St. Charles Borromeo are able to grow together as faith communities
- College level scholarships
- Cooperation with District 205 to bring "Jupiter" sign to the MQH campus

"Green" initiatives - to increase awareness of stewardship for God's creation

- Provided educational opportunity with presentation of <u>Awakening the Dreamer</u>
- Increase of campus recycling by providing extra recycling bins locations across the MQH campus
- Community newspaper recycling options and events targeted at those tough-to-recycle items like electronics
- Paperless media options such as having reports generated by the Commissions and PPC sent electronically
- Weekly bulletins and recordings of the homily online

Interfaith Outreach/Dialogue - to increase understanding of common ground as a way to promote understanding and tolerance.

 Provide multiple guest-speakers and events regarding inter-faith dialogue, both here at Mary Queen and at local places of worship.

The above list is not meant to be all-inclusive, but rather a sampling to show what can be done when we focus our people on actions consistent with our values as a parish.

As we shift our focus this year, we are not abandoning these passions. Our hope is that as a parish community we will continue to find the compassion needed to take care of one another and our planet by educating yourselves on different cultures and ways of life and while being good stewards of our natural resources.

In the coming weeks we will share more on this year's focus: <u>Following The Footsteps of Francis through the</u> <u>Three Cs of Communication</u>, Community and Continuity.

Curious? Watch the bulletin...



<u>Christmas Eve</u> Tuesday, December 24

4:00 p.m.	Children's Liturgy
6:30 p.m.	Family Mass
10:30 p.m.	Christmas Carols
11:00 p.m.	Solemn Christmas Eve Mass

<u>Christmas Day</u>

Wednesday, December 25

Mass at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Mary the Holy Mother of God

New Year's Eve, December 31 - 4:30 p.m. New Year's Day, January 1, 2013 - 9:00 a.m.



BULLETIN DEADLINES

Thank you for your cooperation.

For Bulletin On	Articles due by noon
Sunday, Dec. 29	Wednesday, Dec. 18
Sunday, Jan. 5, 2014	Monday, Dec. 23

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Parish News



CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

Our Christmas Food Drive will take place the weekend of December 14

& 15. We are also in need of gift cards for Jewel, Mariano's, or Pete's Market.

The food will be sorted on Monday evening, December 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the church. If you can help, please give Sheila a call at (630) 833-6657.



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Please note: All gifts for the Giving Tree must be returned the weekend of December 14 & 15 as the families will be picking them up along with the Food Baskets on December 20.

Religious Education News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Thanks to all of our families who supported our Advent projects this year. The children, as always, enjoyed casting their ballot for a farm animal to be sent a needy community in the world by Heifer International. The children of Marillac House will have smiles on their faces this Christmas because of the generosity of our children. Many toys were collected.

Please mark your calendars: There is no RE on the following Wednesdays because of the Christmas break:

December 25, January 1 and 8.

Classes will resume at the normal times on Wednesday, January 15, 2014.

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

Parish Calendar



CALENDAR OF EVENTS **DECEMBER 15 - DECEMBER 22**

Sunday, December 15, 2013

Christmas Food Drive and Giving Tree Gifts 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. MQH Mass 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. RCIA in School Room 6, 7 & 13 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word in School Room 2-3

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. CRHP (Men) in Conf. Room 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Baptisms in Church

Monday, December 16, 2013

8:30 a.m.

MQH Mass 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Christmas Food and Gifts Sorting in Church 7:00 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. CRHP (Men) in Room 13

Tuesday, December 17, 2013

8:30 a.m. **MQH** Mass 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Bible Study in Conference Room 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. CCW in Barrett Hall

Wednesday, December 18, 2013

Bulletin Deadline December 29, 2013 8:30 a.m. **MQH** Mass

3:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. RE Classes in Church/Barrett Hall/School

Thursday, December 19, 2013

MQH Mass 8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.Peace and Justice Comm. in Barrett Hall7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.Prayer Shawl Ministry in School Room 4-5

Friday, December 20, 2013

8:30 a.m. Communion Service 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Road to Bethlehem in Church 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Christmas Food and Gifts Pick-Up at Church

Saturday, December 21, 2013

1:00 p.m 3:00 p.m.	Children's Christmas Mass Practice in Church/Barrett Hall
3:30 p.m.	Confessions
4:30 p.m.	MQH Mass

Sunday, December 22, 2013

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	MQH Mass
8:30 a.m 11:30 a.m.	RCIA in School Room 6, 7 & 13
9:00 a.m 10:30 a.m.	Destiny in School Room 1
10:30 a.m 11:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	in School Room 2-3
11:30 a.m 1:00 p.m.	CRHP (Men) in Conf. Room
6.00 p.m 7.30 p.m.	Wings to Heaven in Barrett Hall



PASTORAL CHALLENGES TO THE FAMILY IN THE CONTEXT OF EVANGELIZATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The Pope has called an Extraordinary Synod to discuss the "Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelization." The questions sent to the Bishops for consultation before Synods have always been sent here to the various Archdiocesan Councils that regularly advise me before the Archdiocese sends its responses back to the Holy See. For this Synod, a more ample consultation will be helpful; and every Catholic in the Archdiocese is therefore invited to reply to the questionnaire now available in English and Spanish on the Archdiocewebsite at www.archchicago.org/vaticansan survey/. The explanation and the questions are somewhat lengthy, and there is no obligation to complete the entire questionnaire in order to participate. Thanks to all who help the Church reflect on the challenges to family life in our time. God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I. Archbishop of Chicago

Please mail your response to: Archdiocese of Chicago PO Box 1979 Chicago, IL 60690-1979 ATTENTION: VATICAN SURVEY RESPONSES

If you prefer, you may email your response to: vaticansurvey@archchicago.org

Questionnaire

The following series of questions allows the particular Churches to participate actively in the preparation of the Extraordinary Synod, whose purpose is to proclaim the Gospel in the context of the pastoral challenges facing the family today.

1. The Diffusion of the Teachings on the Family in Sacred Scripture and the Church's Magisterium

- a) Describe how the Catholic Church's teachings on the value of the family contained in the Bible, Gaudium et spes, Familiaris consortio and other documents of the post-conciliar Magisterium is understood by people today? What formation is given to our people on the Church's teaching on family life?
- b) In those cases where the Church's teaching is known, is it accepted fully or are there difficulties in putting it into practice? If so, what are

they?

- c) How widespread is the Church's teaching in pastoral programs at the national, diocesan and parish levels? What catechesis is done on the family?
- d) To what extent and what aspects in particular — is this teaching actually known, accepted, rejected and/or criticized in areas outside the Church? What are the cultural factors which hinder the full reception of the Church's teaching on the family?

2. Marriage according to the Natural Law

- a) What place does the idea of the natural law have in the cultural areas of society: in institutions, education, academic circles and among the people at large? What anthropological ideas underlie the discussion on the natural basis of the family?
- b) Is the idea of the natural law in the union between a man and a woman commonly accepted as such by the baptized in general?
- c) How is the theory and practice of natural law in the union between man and woman challenged in light of the formation of a family? How is it proposed and developed in civil and Church institutions?
- d) In cases where non-practicing Catholics or declared non-believers request the celebration of marriage, describe how this pastoral challenge is dealt with?

3. The Pastoral Care of the Family in Evangelization

- a) What experiences have emerged in recent decades regarding marriage preparation? What efforts are there to stimulate the task of evangelization of the couple and of the family? How can an awareness of the family as the "domestic Church" be promoted?
- b) How successful have you been in proposing a manner of praying within the family which can withstand life's complexities and today's culture?
- c) In the current generational crisis, how have Christian families been able to fulfill their vocation of transmitting the faith?
- d) In what way have the local Churches and movements on family spirituality been able to create ways of acting which are exemplary?
- e) What specific contribution can couples and families make to spreading a credible and holistic idea of the couple and the Christian family today?

Questionnaire (cont.)

e) What pastoral care has the Church provided in 6. The Education of Children in Irregular Marriages supporting couples in formation and couples in crisis situations?

4. Pastoral Care in Certain Difficult Marital Situations

- a) Is cohabitation ad experimentum a pastoral reality in your particular Church? Can you approximate a percentage?
- b) Do unions which are not recognized either religiously or civilly exist? Are reliable statistics available?
- c) Are separated couples and those divorced and remarried a pastoral reality in your particular Church? Can you approximate a percentage? How do you deal with this situation in appropriate pastoral programmes
- d) In all the above cases, how do the baptized live 7. The Openness of the Married Couple to Life in this irregular situation? Are aware of it? Are they simply indifferent? Do they feel marginalized or suffer from the impossibility of receiving the sacraments?
- e) What questions do divorced and remarried people pose to the Church concerning the Sacraments of the Eucharist and of Reconciliation? Among those persons who find themselves in these situations, how many ask for these sacraments?
- f) Could a simplification of canonical practice in recognizing a declaration of nullity of the marriage bond provide a positive contribution to solving the problems of the persons involved? If yes, what form would it take?
- g) Does a ministry exist to attend to these cases? Describe this pastoral ministry? Do such programs exist on the national and diocesan levels? How is God's mercy proclaimed to separated couples and those divorced and remarried and how does the Church put into practice her support for them in their journey of faith?

5. On Unions of Persons of the Same Sex

- a) Is there a law in your country recognizing civil unions for people of the same-sex and equating it in some way to marriage?
- b) What is the attitude of the local and particular Churches towards both the State as the promoter of civil unions between persons of the same sex and the people involved in this type of union?
- c) What pastoral attention can be given to people who have chosen to live in these types of union?
- d) In the case of unions of persons of the same sex who have adopted children, what can be done pastorally in light of transmitting the faith?

- a) What is the estimated proportion of children and adolescents in these cases, as regards children who are born and raised in regularly constituted families?
- b) How do parents in these situations approach the Church? What do they ask? Do they request the sacraments only or do they also want catechesis and the general teaching of religion?
- c) How do the particular Churches attempt to meet the needs of the parents of these children to provide them with a Christian education?
- d) What is the sacramental practice in these cases: preparation, administration of the sacrament and the accompaniment?

- a) What knowledge do Christians have today of the teachings of Humanae vitae on responsible parenthood? Are they aware of how morally to evaluate the different methods of family planning? Could any insights be suggested in this regard pastorally?
- b) Is this moral teaching accepted? What aspects pose the most difficulties in a large majority of couple's accepting this teaching?
- c) What natural methods are promoted by the particular Churches to help spouses put into practice the teachings of Humanae vitae?
- d) What is your experience on this subject in the practice of the Sacrament of Penance and participation at the Eucharist?
- e) What differences are seen in this regard between the Church's teaching and civic education?
- f) How can a more open attitude towards having children be fostered? How can an increase in births be promoted?

8. The Relationship Between the Family and the Person

- a) Jesus Christ reveals the mystery and vocation of the human person. How can the family be a privileged place for this to happen?
- b) What critical situations in the family today can obstruct a person's encounter with Christ?
- c) To what extent do the many crisis of faith which people can experience affect family life?

9. Other Challenges and Proposals

a) What other challenges or proposals related to the topics in the above questions do you consider urgent and useful to treat?

SATURDA		RY SCHEDULE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2013	
	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
Lector	B. Dunn	K. Sutkus	T. Kowalski
Eucharistic Ministers	K. Diggins (S) H. Todd (C) B. Lawlor G. Los K. Passerilli S. Pingitore T. Sabel	D. Gornick (S) M. Grozik (C) D. Bernstein J. Eichorst T. Nanak K. Vicary	T. Gusloff (S) D. Justus (C) B. Carambot P. Twardowski B. Kevil T. Kevil R. Marro
Altar Servers	M. Kerley K. Lewand T. Procajlo	S. Harrington B. Harrington J. Mirritti	E. Frank J. Frank A. Frank





Sunday, December		15, 2013
8:30 a.m.	†	Vito Carnevale
10:30 a.m.	†	Lorraine Grunwald

Monday, December 16, 2013 8:30 a.m. † Lino Magnelli

- Tuesday, December 17, 2013 8:30 a.m. † Robert Bradley
- Wednesday, December 18, 2013 8:30 a.m. Ann Reilly
- Thursday, December 19, 2013 8:30 a.m. † Dr. Thomas Pozen
- Friday, December 20, 2013 8:30 a.m. Communion Service
- Saturday, December 21, 2013 4:30 p.m. † Mary Stanko

Sunday, December 22, 2013

8:30 a.m.	†	Betty Enright
10:30 a.m.	†	Stephen Collins

+ indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of December 15, 2013

Sunday:Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11Monday:Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27Tuesday:Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17Wednesday:Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25Thursday:Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25Friday:Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38Saturday:Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45Next Sunday:Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Prayer List

Please pray for the sick of our Parish

Fr. John Barrett Susana Cortes de Caicedo Barbara J. Godawa Irene Kmieciak Joan Skimina



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

