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# February 9, 2014

5th Sunday in **Ordinary Time** 

# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." - Mt 5:15-16



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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

### **Pastoral Staff**

Rev. Anthony R. Taschetta **Pastor** 

Rev. John Barrett **Pastor Emeritus** 

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# Note from the Pastor



All ministry is important. It puts flesh on the bones of the Body of Christ. Lectors help us to hear the Word of God, bereavement ministers help us to experience the compassion of Christ, and even our young altar servers ring

the bells to remind us of the Lord's eternal presence. St. Paul tells us that while there are many ministries and a variety of gifts, there is only one Spirit, the Holy Spirit brining them all together to build up Christ's Body.

There is one ministry, however, that I would like to salute in a special way today. It is the ministry of teacher in the ways of the Lord. They are our catechists, adult education facilitators, RCIA team, sponsors and preschool teachers. Two weeks ago, I had the honor of addressing 600 catechists from all over DuPage County. They are the wonderful teachers of our children in the ways of the Lord. And today I wish to honor them.

Our faith is much more caught than it is taught. Like a good and healthy virus it is spread from one who "has it" to those who are in need of it. If the teacher is filled with the Spirit of God, the kids can't but help catch it themselves.

But who teaches the teachers? As a baby priest, I was reminded by Bishop Blanchett that the primary teacher and catechist of a parish is the pastor. At the time, I was pastoring young seminarians as the spiritual director of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. "Good Father," he reminded me, "don't expect your children to be any better or any holier than you are. You be God's man and the children will automatically follow." This is a major truth not only for priest but for parents and anyone who has young people in their charge. And it is certainly true for the master teachers, the directors of religious education whose holy work it is to teach, mentor and model for the children's catechists. It is a ministry to the ministers and we at Mary Queen have had for the last 17 years the very best.

Six years ago when I arrived at Mary Queen I could not help but smile and feel very content and secure in the knowledge that Mary Ann Woods would continue to be the Director of Religious Education for our children. I knew of her from my time at St. Isidore where she had once ministered to their children. And on that first September afternoon when I walked into our R. E. classes and saw the goodness of our teachers and smiles on the faces of our kids I knew that we in this parish would do just fine in the passing on of the mystery of faith to the next generation. Much of this was because our director, Mary Ann, embodied the wonderful Spirit of Christ the teacher.

For over 33 years, Mary Ann has been the teacher's teacher. The holy work of a teacher is to pass on to the next generation what one has received from the last. It is called the traditio, the handing on. Last month I wrote about handing on the baton of priesthood to the next generation as I was, and am, preparing to let go. And it is now time for Mary Ann to do the same. Two weeks ago I received her letter of intent to retire this coming June. And while part of me thought, oh no, we still need you, the better part of me knew and was able to say, well done good and faithful servant. What an incredible and holy work you have done in teaching our teachers and sheparding our children.

I am publishing Mary Ann's letter because in it she reminds us, just like Lynn Kubycheck did two weeks ago, that you, the people are the Church. What we have passed on to you is not ourselves, but the Christ. The Christ dwells in you! The gifts we have are now given to you to give to others. That is the great tradition, the great handing on.

And so Mary Ann, on behalf of the wonderful people of Mary Queen, I thank you for your incredible, faithful service to the people of God.



Mary Ann Woods and Father Tony

# Note from the Pastor (cont.)

Dear Father Tony,

This letter is to formally inform you that effective June 1, 2014, I will be retiring from active ministry in the Diocese of Joliet. After 33 years, 4 parishes, 7 pastors, and thousands of children and their families, this has not been an easy decision. Add to that the hundreds and hundreds of faith filled volunteer catechists that it has been my privilege to minister along side of over the years; the decision to retire has been even more difficult.

It has been a blessing to spend the last 17 years with the amazing people of Mary Queen. I shall always be grateful for each and every one of them. Words cannot adequately describe how very special they are. They have shared their faith, their families, their joys and sorrows with me and I will never forget them.

In particular I will always hold in my heart the catechists and staff of MQH. These awesome men and women have been truly a gift to the children and parents of the parish and to me. I have no fear that as I begin a new chapter in my life, our catechists will continue to share their love of God and of their Catholic faith with our young people. They have taught me more than I can say.

Last but certainly not least, it has been a joy and an honor to have spent the last 6 years working for you Fr. Tony. You are gifted in so many ways and I shall always be grateful to you for sharing those gifts with the children and with me.

I wish you much peace, love, joy, and all of God's good things, as you also begin a new chapter in your life. I shall pray for you and your family as you enter into retirement. Please keep me and my family in your prayers as well.

Peace, Mary Ann Woods

As Mary Ann leaves, it is now our turn to pray that the Lord send a successor for our children after His own heart. And I'm sure he will.

In Jesus, the Master Teacher,

Fre. Toney

# Parish Calendar



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS **FEBRUARY 9 - FEBRUARY 16**

### Sunday, February 9, 2014 **CRHP Women's Weekend**

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. MQH Mass 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. RCIA in Rectory

### Monday, February 10, 2014

MQH Mass 8:30 a.m.

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Destiny Lock-In Planning in School Room 1

7:00 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. CRHP (Men) in Room 13

### Tuesday, February 11, 2014

8:30 a.m. MQH Mass

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study in Conf. Room 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Preschool Dad's Night in Social Hall/School Room 6, 7 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Baptism Class in Church 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study in Room 13

### Wednesday, February 12, 2014

8:30 a.m. MQH Mass

3:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. RE Classes in Church/Barrett Hall/School 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. First Eucharist Parent Mtg. in Church 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study in Conf. Room

### Thursday, February 13, 2014

8:30 a.m. 22DM HQM 9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Yoga in Barrett Hall

### Friday, February 14, 2014

### **Bulletin Deadline February 23, 2014**

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

### Saturday, February 15, 2014

3:30 p.m. Confessions 4:30 p.m. **MQH** Mass

### Sunday, February 16, 2014

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. Youth Group Destiny in School Room 1

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

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Youth Group Wings in Barrett Hall

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





# **Parish News**

# CRHP WEEKEND FOR MEN IS COMING FAST - SIGN UP NOW!!

Don't forget to register for the men's CRHP weekend. Deadline for registration is February 14. Stop by the table and come speak to us and ask any questions that might be on your mind. Then, sign up!! You won't regret it. Come renew your spirit, your mind, your relationship with God and come away feeling calmer, more refreshed – a better husband, father, friend – and more focused on life.

Men's Weekend — Feb 22-23. For questions contact the lay director, Ralph Barnett at ralphebarnett@gmail.com or speak to Deacons Alex Grozik or Tom Nolan.

# ...FOR I WAS HUNGRY, YOU GAVE ME FOOD GRACE CAFÉ - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24 IN BARRETT HALL

Would you like to help the hungry, lonely, or out of work people in Elmhurst? Mary Queen of Heaven is hosting Grace Café on Monday night February 24 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. We are looking for people to make chili in advance of the evening, and desserts. Chili could be dropped off Monday, February 24 at 4:30 pm. Desserts, salads and fruit salad can be dropped off after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Monday or preferably between 3:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 24. Monetary donations for purchasing some food and supplies are welcome too. We also need people to set-up, serve food, work in the kitchen, and clean-up. If you can work an hour or two, we can sign you up for a shift. Confirmation students are welcome to help.

If you are bringing a food item, please let Debbie Styka know by February 21. You can contact Debbie Styka by phone at (630) 941-7224 or by email at debbie@computronics.com

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

Nominations slips will be available at the back of church. All parishioners, ages 18 and older, will be asked to 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 will also be asked to give a reason why they feel their nominee should be chosen. To be eligible for the "Woman of the Year", nominees must be MQH parishioners, not on staff at the parish, over 18 years of age, and not have held the title in the last 10 years.

### MARRIAGE MINISTRY

Do you love being married? Have you ever thought of helping others prepare for marriage? If so, we would like to invite you to become a part of the Marriage Preparation team which involves meeting with couples to go over a Pre Marital Inventory called FOCCUS. FOCCUS is a part of the marriage preparation process of all engaged couples in the Joliet diocese. We are in need of additional trained lay couples here at Mary Queen. There will be a one day training for FOCCUS on Saturday, March 1. The training runs from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Each participating couple will receive the new 4th Edition Facilitator Manual. There is a \$10.00 fee to cover the cost of lunch and refreshments. The training will take place at the Cathedral of St. Raymond on 604 N. Raynor Ave in Joliet. Car pooling will be available to those interested. If you have questions about the training or the Marriage Ministry, please contact Don and Ellen Walker at (630) 279-4021 or at wdew@att.net. You also may register for the training by calling the Office of Family Ministry at (815) 221-6089 or email them at familyministry@dioceseofjoliet.org.



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# **Youth Group News**

# **WINGS TO HEAVEN**



# IS COMING!

Friday, Mar. 7 at 7:00 p.m. to Saturday, Mar. 8 at 8:30 a.m.

All 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to attend.

It is a great evening filled with faith, food, and fun!

If you would like to be an adult chaperone contact Kathleen Gusloff at maryqueen.wings2heaven@gmail.com.

Permission slips are available in the RE office or via email.

### PARENT ADVISORY BOARD

We are looking for parents/young adults interested in meeting and helping with the Wings To Heaven Youth group.

If you have a 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade student or enjoy working with this age group and would like to get "on board".

Call Kathleen Gusloff at (630) 269-0744

# **Religious Education News**

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Last weekend our Confirmation Candidates participated in their retreat on Saturday, February 1. We send a huge thank you to Kathleen and Tom Gusloff for once again providing our young teens with a day they will remember always. It was a fantastic day.

Wednesday, February 12 - First Eucharist Parent Meeting - 6:45 p.m. in church — Parents of children celebrating First Eucharist in the spring will meet. This session is for parents only. Gr. 2 classes will meet at the regular times.

**Wednesday, February 19 -** There is no RE for Gr. 1-7. Confirmation candidates and their parents will meet in Barrett Hall at 6:45 p.m. for a film on Christian sexuality. Parents must attend with their young people.

**Wednesday, February 26 -** Confirmation candidates and their parents will meet with Fr. Tony at 6:45 p.m. in church.

Please make any payments for outstanding RE tuition and fees into the Office as soon as possible.

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



THE WEEKLY DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS FRIDAY AT NOON (10 DAYS BEFORE THE SUNDAY BULLETIN) UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED

Thank you for your cooperation.

# **Preschool News**



# MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT

Registration for 2014-15 school year has begun. Registration papers are available online at **www.maryqueenpreschool.org.** Individual tours may be scheduled in February.

For additional information please contact:

Mrs. Genet Pinkerton,

Director, Mary Queen of Heaven Preschool
(630) 833-9500
mqhpreschool@maryqueen.org
www.maryqueenpresschool.org

# **Diocesan News**



# TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR CATHOLIC STUDENTS

The Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) for the Diocese of Joliet distributes hundreds of needs-

based scholarships each year. Students enrolled in K-12 are eligible to apply for financial assistance to help cover the cost of tuition. This school year 1742 students received \$1.8 million in financial aid.

Families are encouraged to complete the on line financial aid application through FACTS Grant and Aid by the <u>March 1 deadline.</u>

"May our faith inspire us to "Trust in The Father's Care" and share our God-given blessings through a contribution to the 2014 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal that demonstrates the Father's care throughout the Diocese of Joliet."

We pray to the Lord..."

# Diocesan News

# MISSED A STEP? ANOTHER OPTION IS HERE!

Are you a teen or adult Catholic who has not yet been confirmed? Immaculate Conception will offer adult Confirmation classes beginning on Wednesday, March 19 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the PAC/Rectory, located at 134 Arthur Street in Elmhurst. They will meet for five sessions, concluding the week of April 23. They will not meet during Holy Week.

You do not need to be a member of Immaculate Conception Parish to participate in these classes. Confirmation will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet on Sunday, May 4, 2014 at 2:00 PM. For additional information, please contact Pam Stefik at (630) 530-3497.

# THE 2014 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL IS UNDERWAY

### "TRUST IN THE FATHER'S CARE"

Bishop Conlon's mailing asking for a pledge to the 2014 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal 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 "Trust in the Father's Care." God's blessings are abundant. Each of us should always be thankful that we can trust in the Father's care. 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. For example, funds support for: youth ministry, Catholic Charities, seminarians, the diaconate program and the Tribunal.

# MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2014

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
Lector	R. Styka	G. Dolesy	P. Reynertson
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Sunday, February 2, 2014			
Sunday Collection	\$9,451.00		
Parish Pay	\$4,356.41		
Children	\$34.86		
Collection Total	\$13,842.27		

185 parishioner envelopes were used. 141 parishioners - Parish Pay.

Thank you for your continued kindness and generosity.



### Sunday, February 9, 2014

8:30 a.m. † Lucille Maricich-DeCero

10:30 a.m. Joan Jar

Monday, February 10, 2014

† Dorothy Corso 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, February 11, 2014

8:30 a.m. Parishioners of MQH

Wednesday, February 12, 2014

8:30 a.m. † Robert Lawlor, Jr.

Thursday, February 13, 2014

8:30 a.m.† Faye St. Pierre

Friday, February 14, 2014

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, February 15, 2014

4:30 p.m. † Lauretta Vero

Sunday, February 16, 2014

† Albert Fuchsen 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. † Fred Cafasso

† indicates person is deceased

# Readings for the Week of February 9, 2014

Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16 Sunday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56 Monday:

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30 Thursday:

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37 Friday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10 Saturday: Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37

or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

# **Prayer List**

Please pray for the sick of our Parish

Fr. John Barrett Sam Cappello Caleb Wilson (2 years old)



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



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