MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment. But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment." – Mt 5:21-22a



February 16, 2014

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

<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. 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



A Valentine for Us All

About a month ago I received a letter that I knew was coming and that I would read with both sadness and

joy; It was Mary Ann Woods' letter of retirement that I shared with you last week. There was a rumor going around that she would retire last year but just like most rumors, untrue. Thank you, Jesus.

Shortly after I received Mary Ann's letter I got a call from our youth minister extraordinaire, Kathleen Gusloff. "Father, can we set up some time to meet soon?" That was the extent of the conversation. My heart sank. I knew what she was going to say to me and my mind began working overtime. You know, it is true, the ultimate oxymoron is "peace of mind". I've never met anyone who's in their mind who is at peace. I wasn't at peace. Oh dear, oh dear, now what are we going to do? Transitioning from one pastor to the next and at the same time receiving a new director of Religious Education is always a challenge to our faith. But youth ministers? Good youth ministers are as scarce as hen's teeth and we've had the best.

In my forty some years as a priest and pastor I've seen many youth ministers come and go. The burnout rate is astonishing. They are usually young, excited, filled with enthusiasm and great plans for the programs they want to put in place. I know where of I speak because I was the youth minister for St. Mary of Gostyn in Downers Grove from 1970-1973. I was all of 26 years old when I began (not too much older than the kids to whom I was ministering). I wrote and started a program called the "Godparent Program" which eventually was used in many parishes throughout the Diocese and several surrounding states. And then it happened. After three years in the parish and three more years teaching in the high school seminary, and several more years of the aging process (you've got to love mid-life) I hit the wall. I was no longer speaking their language and they were having one heck of a time understanding mine. This, I'm afraid, is the story of a lot of youth ministers. But not ours.

In my opinion, the two most outstanding youth ministers in the Diocese of Joliet are those who are no longer youths. They are Ken and Michelle Barry whom I have worked with since 1990 down in Kankakee and our own Kathleen and Tom Gusloff. They are beyond exceptional. They are as good as we are going to get.

What I love mostly about Kathleen and Tom is they are not novices. They have been around the block. And what I find so extraordinary is that they still speak and understand the language (not to mention the emotional ups and downs) of young people. And they don't feed them pabulum!

It is so easy to fall into the trap that thinks we have to continually entertain our young people if we want to teach them about Jesus, His Gospel and His Church. While coming together to learn about these things should be fun (really good community is *always* fun) and entertaining, the primary purpose is the transformation of the young person into who he or she already deeply is in God. Bring that reality to the surface so they can experience it and know it in their heart and mind and you've done some pretty good work on behalf of the Lord. Well, Kathleen and Tom and all who have worked with our young people have done some pretty good work! And what is the work? To introduce the children to the one they personally know: Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

All you need to do is be in the presence of Kathleen, listen to her speak about her relationship to and her love for Jesus, and there will be no doubt in your mind that you are in the presence of one who intimately knows the Lord. This is so attractive to our young people who want to know Him as she knows Him. The beauty of what she does, however, is not just her knowledge of the Lord but also her incredible understanding of young people. Being very patient with them and yet holding them to a very high standard at exactly the same time leads them from their own proclivity toward navel-gazing into the wider world of love and service to the community. That's pretty good ministry and nobody does it better than she.

So you can see why my mind was reeling after the phone call. As the front door bell rang, I resigned myself to the fact that we would be having to search for a new youth minister come next year.

Note from the Pastor (cont.)



Kathleen and Tom Gusloff

Do you want hear some really Good News? We don't have to. Kathleen is going to stay on. She just wanted to touch base and share with me some ideas that she has for the future. Destiny will continue as it has in the past with an emphasis and focus on mission activities such as their trips to Hopkins Park (most likely they will find me down there from time to time when they come). She does want to continue to broaden the ministry to include more adults to work with the young people. Where she has some new ideas is with the middle school kids, our "Wings to Heaven" group. She would like to form a board of parents who are interested in working with this very special age group. Possibly we could work with our sister parish, St. Charles Borromeo in Bensenville (they have a huge gym, dontcha know) and combine the middle school kids from there and here for some really fun activities and ways to be touched by the Lord.

When our conversation was over all I could find myself saying was, "Thank you, thank you! What a gift you are to the people of Mary Queen and I will do all in my power to get parents on board with the holy work that you want to do for their kids. Is Mary Queen of Heaven a great parish or what?! And what makes her so great? Her people willing to take responsibility as members of the Body of Christ: feeding it, building it up, teaching it and loving it. I am utterly convinced that even with the leaving of Mary Ann and myself, Mary Queen will do just fine with the wonderful lay leadership we have. That's you!

In Jesus, the Pedagogue,

Parish News

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.

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

On Thursday, Feb. 27 at 7:00 p.m. Dominican University in River Forest is offering a unique opportunity to hear the INTERFAITH AMIGOS. A Christian Pastor, a Rabbi and an Imam have joined forces to bring their unique blend of spiritual wisdom and humor to those who have "ears to hear". Their "work is dedicated to supporting more effective interfaith dialogue that can bring greater collaboration on the major social and economic issues of our time". They began working together following the event of 911 and have now become "an inspiration and example for all of us in these sadly polarized times."

Interested in car pooling? If so, contact Mimi Nolan at the rectory 630-279-5700 or email her: pa@maryqueen.org.

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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 16. 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 sign-up after 2/16 or for questions contact the lay director, Ralph Barnett at ralphebarnett@gmail.com or speak to Deacons Alex Grozik or Tom Nolan or Karen Sutkus (630) 279-3240.

...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, 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. Volunteers are needed to serve food, work in the kitchen, setup and clean-up. Confirmation candidates are welcome! Grace Café is a humbling experience for us all.

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

Parish Calendar



CALENDAR OF EVENTS **FEBRUARY 16 - FEBRUARY 23**

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
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

Monday, February 17, 2014

8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. CRHP (Men) in Room 13

MQH Mass 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Commission Meeting in Barrett Hall

Tuesday, February 18, 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. CCW in Barrett Hall 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. CRHP Women's Evening of Discipleship in Social Hall 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study in Room 13

Wednesday, February 19, 2014

8:30 a.m.	MQH Mass
3:15 p.m 8:00 p.m.	NO RE Classes (1 - 7th grade)
6:45 p.m 8:00 p.m.	RE Confirmation Sexuality Movie
	in Barrett Hall
7:30 p.m 9:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study in Conf. Room

Thursday, February 20, 2014

8:30 a.m.	MQH Mass
9:00 a.m 10:15 a.m.	Yoga in Barrett Hall
7:00 p.m 9:00 p.m.	Peace and Justice in Barrett Hall
7:00 p.m 9:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry in Room 4-5

Friday, February 21, 2014 **CRHP** Men's Weekend **Bulletin Deadline March 2, 2014** 8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, February 22, 2014 **CRHP** Men's Weekend Confessions 3:30 p.m.

4:30 p.m. MQH Mass

Sunday, February 23, 2014 **CRHP** Men's Weekend 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. MQH Mass

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. RCIA in Rectory

64 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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 5th-8th 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.



We are looking for parents/young adults interested in meeting and helping with the Wings To Heaven Youth group.
If you have a 5th-8th 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

Please mark your calendars:

- 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.
- Saturday, March 8 Final Confirmation Interviews will take place in school from 9:00 noon. Candidates will be receiving their assigned Interview time and place shortly.

Please make any payments for outstanding RE tuition and fees in to 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 mqhmawoods@sbcglobal.net.



The weekly deadline for articles to be included in the Sunday Bulletin is

IS FRIDAY AT NOON

(10 days before the Sunday Bulletin) Unless otherwise indicated.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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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

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 p.m. For additional information, please contact Pam Stefik at (630) 530-3497.

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Diocesan News

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 Religious Education, Youth Ministry, Diaconate, and Marriage/ Family ministries to name a few.

Please answer the bishop's request and make a generous pledge. All pledges can be paid in 10 installments. Thank you in advance for your support.

"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..."

Ministry Schedule Saturday, February 22 Sunday, February 23, 2014					
	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM		
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta Fr. Taschetta			
Lector	E. Walker	M. Grozik T. Kowalski			
Eucharistic Ministers	B. Lawlor (S) K. Diggins (C) B. Eadon	J. Eichorst (S) P. Mason (C)	K. Mueller (S) M. McDonald (C)		
Altar Servers	J. Nosek K. Scharcht T. Serpico	J. Mirritti J. Reginelli N. Anderson	G. Vandenberg B. Hernandez C. Hernandez		



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

Thank you for your continued kindness and generosity.



- Sunday, February 16, 2014 8:30 a.m. † Albert Fuchsen
 - 10:30 a.m. † Fred Cafasso
- Monday, February 17, 2014 8:30 a.m. † Lucille Maricich-DeCero

Tuesday, February 18, 2014 8:30 a.m. † Mary and John Taychman

Wednesday, February 19, 2014 8:30 a.m. † Mary Enright

- Thursday, February 20, 2014 8:30 a.m. † Jean Caruso
- Friday, February 21, 2014 8:30 a.m. Communion Service
- Saturday, February 22, 2014 4:30 p.m. † Hazel Poskitt

Sunday, February 23, 2014

8:30 a.m.	+	Clifford Foster
10:30 a.m.	†	Ralph St. Pierre

† indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of February 16, 2014

 Sunday:
 Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

 Monday:
 Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13

 Tuesday:
 Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21

 Wednesday:
 Jas 1:19-27/Mk 8:22-26

 Thursday:
 Jas 2:1-9/Mk 8:27-33

 Friday:
 Jas 2:14-24, 26/Mk 8:34-9:1

 Saturday:
 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19

 Next Sunday:
 Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

Prayer List

Please pray for the sick of our Parish

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



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

