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December 7, 2014

Second 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., Thurs., and Fri.: Mass Wed.: Communion Service

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 at least 6 months in advance.

Parish Office Hours

Mon.-Fri.:9:00am-4:00pm

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Jason Stone Pastor

Deacon Tom Nolan (630) 279-5700 Baptismal Coordinator

Deacon Alex Grozik (630) 530-0503 Vocations

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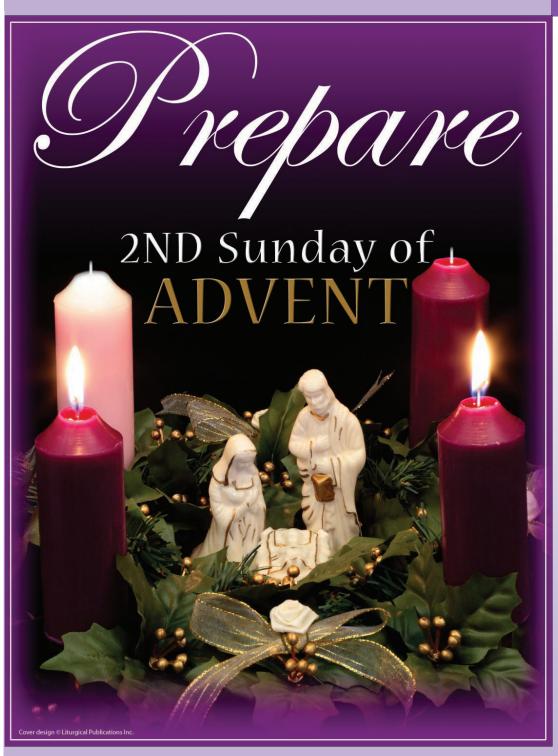
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Note from the Pastor

Happy Church New Year 2015! The Church began a new year last Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent. This year has been named the "Year

of Consecrated Life" by Pope Francis. This theme is a pertinent and needed one, as awareness of the continued presence and contributions of those who have dedicated their lives to God in a consecrated vocation has dwindled. Indeed, gone are the days when teams of Religious Sisters and Brothers were found in the halls of any Catholic institution.

Even though religious are not as visible as they once were, they are certainly still around and working for the Church and even in the community. Our own Sister Marlene Geimer, who works in our office, is a member of the Sisters of the Living Word. Sister Mary Terese Giblin, a Franciscan Sister of Christ the King, leads the Catholic Campus Ministry at Elmhurst College. I have also worked with religious who teach and administrate schools, provide healthcare in hospitals, among other roles. And I would be remiss not to mention the religious priests who are being brought into our parishes to help address the shortage of diocesan priests.

Please join me in praying for our religious, who give their lives not just to God, but to us as they serve us in many different ways. We have been given the following prayer to pray in this year as we ask God to help those who are living consecrated lives and also to ask that he would open the hearts of our youth to consider their own possible call to consecrated life:



O God, throughout the ages you have called women and men to pursue lives of perfect charity through the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience. During this Year of Consecrated Life, we give you thanks for these courageous witnesses of Faith and models of inspiration. Their pursuit of holy lives teaches us to make a more perfect offering of ourselves to you. Continue to enrich your Church by calling forth sons and daughters who, having found the pearl of great price, treasure the Kingdom of Heaven above all things. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Fr Jason

Parish News



THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Monday, the 8th of December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses on Monday will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.



BULLETIN DEADLINES

For Bulletin On	Articles due by Noon	
Sunday, Dec. 21	Wednesday, Dec. 10	
Sunday, Dec. 28	Monday, Dec. 15	
Sunday, Jan. 4	Monday, Dec. 22	

Thank you for your cooperation.

Parish News



CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

Our Christmas Food Drive will take place the weekend of December 13 and 14. Items needed to help the 25

families we have adopted are canned fruit, soup, vegetables, prepared food, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, spaghetti sauce, potatoes, cranberry sauce, stuffing, baking items, paper towels, kleenex, toilet tissue, cleaning items, dish soap, shampoo and personal size soap. We are also in need of gift cards for Jewel, Mariano's, or Pete's Market. Thank you for your generosity! The food will be sorted on Monday evening, December 15 at 7:00 p.m. and volunteers are need to help fill the Food Boxes. If you have a few free hours, your help would be greatly appreciated.



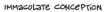
CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Christmas Giving Tree still has ornaments containing names of items for the families we have adopted. As in the past, we will also be supplying the Elmhurst Extended Care Nursing Home with Christmas

presents for their residents. Please take an ornament, purchase the gift, wrap it and place the ornament with the name facing up on the top of the wrapped present. All gifts need to be returned the weekend of December 13/14. If you have any questions, please call Sheila at (630) 833-6657.

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH (CRHP)

Do you want to have a spiritual experience so profound there are no words to even describe it? Consider attending a Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) weekend. Women's weekend is February 7-8, 2015 and the men's weekend is February 21 -22, 2015. Questions? Contact Karen Sutkus at ksutkus1@comcast.net or (630) 279-3240.











Advent | Christmas Schedule

Feast of Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 8 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Advent Penance Service

Thursday, December 18 7:00 p.m. at Visitation Parish

Christmas Eve Wednesday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Children's Mass

6:30 p.m. Family Mass

10:30 p.m. Choir Music

11:00 p.m. Christmas Mass at Night

Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25

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

Mary the Holy Mother of God

New Year's Eve, December 31 - 4:30 p.m. New Year's Day, January 1, 2015 - 9:00 a.m.





FELLOWSHIP ON DECEMBER 20 AFTER 4:30 MASS

Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) is sponsoring a Fellowship after the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 20. Come and join us for some holiday cheer. We look forward to seeing you.

Parish Weekly Calendar



CALENDAR OF EVENTS **DECEMBER 7 - DECEMBER 14**

12/7 Sunday

8:30 AM Mass

8:30 AM RCIA in Social Hall/Classroom 13, 4/5, 6

10:30 AM Mass

11:30 AM CRHP Men in Conference Room

11:40 AM Children's Christmas Choir in Choir Loft

2:00 PM Baptisms in Church

12/8 Monday - Immaculate Conception

8:30 AM Feast of Immaculate Conception Mass 6:00 PM Preschool Board Meeting in Classroom 7 7:00 PM Feast of Immaculate Conception Mass 8:00 PM CRHP (Men) in School - Classroom 13

12/9 Tuesday

8:30 AM

7:30 AM Coffee & ... in Barrett Hall 7:30 PM Baptism Class in Church

12/10 Wednesday

Deadline for the Bulletin of December 21, 2014

8:30 AM Communion Service

3:15 PM RE Classes in Church/Barrett Hall/School

12/11 Thursday

8:30 AM

9:00 AM Yoga in Barrett Hall

12/12 Friday

8:30 AM Mass

12/13 Saturday

Christmas Food Drive

1:00 PM Children's Christmas Mass Practice

in Church/Barrett Hall

3:30 PM Confessions

4:30 PM Mass

6:30 PM Indian Community Mass in

Church/Barrett Hall

12/14 Sunday

Christmas Food Drive

8:30 AM Mass

8:30 AM RCIA in Social Hall/Classroom 13, 4/5, 6

10:30 AM Mass

11:40 AM Children's Christmas Choir in Choir Loft

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CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Children's choir (ages third grade and up) will participate in the Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m. Mass with carols at 3:45 p.m. Rehearsals will take place at 11:40 a.m. in the choir loft, (approx. one hour) on the following Sundays: December 7, 14, and 21. The final warm-up will take place at 3:00 p.m. on December 24 in the choir loft. Call Ed Nowak at (708) 246-0868 with questions.



HAVE AN INTEREST IN VIDEO AND **AUDIO RECORDING MQH EVENTS?**

We are looking for a few people who are interested in learning how to do one or both of the following:

- Record the homily every week (Use MQH) equipment and set up the recorder during Mass. Transfer the file for posting.) This is about a one hour commitment each week.
- Learn how to use a MQH camcorder to record church events and also how to edit the video for posting on MQH website and Facebook page. It is up to you as to which events you want to

It's a great opportunity to help showcase the many activities of our parish and to learn some new skills along the way. If you are interested, contact Toni Nessi at tnessi@comcast.net or (630) 936-9082

Religious Education News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



One of my favorite t- shirts had a message that read, "Jesus is coming..." and on the back side it read, " ...look busy." Advent is a time to prepare for the coming of Christ into our lives, not to just "look busy." We can get busy about recognizing the presence of Christ in the poor and by generously giving to the Christmas Food Drive and the Marillac House Toy Drive. Setting a priority for prayer is another way to seek a deeper relationship with Jesus in our daily lives during Advent. Being more helpful at home and willing to pitch in to help others is another way to bring the Light of Christ into the world.

A Family's Journey to Bethlehem- While you set up the family Nativity scene, or crèche, start with the empty stable and the empty manger. Put the figures of Mary and Joseph with the donkey on the other side of the room, and move them closer to the stable each evening so that they "arrive" just before Christmas Eve. As the sun goes down on Christmas Eve, add the Baby Jesus to the manger with the angels and shepherd. Be sure not to add the Three Kings just yet- they are still on their way.

Jo Styler (Director of Faith Formation)

Marillac **Christmas Toy Drive**

We are collecting new toys for Marillac House for children ages Please do not give Nerf objects or toy guns. You may brring the unwrapped toys to the REO by December 10. Thank you for your generosity.



RE Christmas Food Collection List

This year the MQH food drive will be held on the weekend of December 13-14. In the past, each grade level brought a specific food and non food items. These items are sorely needed but rarely donated. We are asking the following grade levels to bring in these items:

- Grade 1: Peanut Butter, Jelly or Juice (bottles or boxes)
- Grade 2: Cleaning Supplies
- Grade 3: Hand Soap
- Grade 4: Paper Towels
- Grade 5: Laundry Detergent
- Grade 6: Facial Tissue
- Grade 7: Kitchen Cleaning Supplies
- Confirmation Prep.: Any of the above items

CATECHIST NEEDED!

- Catechist needed: 4th grade at 3:15-4:30pm on Wednesdays.
- Catechist subsitutes are also needed. If you are interested in occasionally subbing for a class, please call Jo or Christine at the REO.

Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Church **Religious Education Office** (630) 832-8962 re@maryqueen.org

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THE GARDENS OF MARY QUEEN BY ROSE WILKES

The perennials have been "put to sleep" for the winter, and summer plants are history. Before we bid good-bye to a great gardening season, we want to thank everyone who participated in caring for our flowers this year. From cleanup in spring, to planting, to weeding, to watering, to fall cleanup, a huge thank you to everyone, adults and children, who has helped to make our gardens beautiful this spring and summer - Carol Achtien, Joseph Alonso, Chuck Dolesy, the Guerra Family (Kelly, Melissa, Katelyn and Matthew), Ed Hayes, Don Jacobsen, John Leszczynski, Gail Lewicki, Margaret Martin, Allie Odell, Adela Skowronski, Debbie Styka, Pat Vandenberg, Phylis Twardowski, Mary White, and Norma Williamson. We couldn't do it without you. We appreciate everyone's compliments on the flowers over this past growing season, and look forward to the spring flowering bulb show next year. There is even beauty to be seen in all the winter scenes.

Preschool News



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DO YOU WANT TO GIVE A GIFT OF LIFE?

In this holiday season, please consider donating blood or platelets at a blood center, such as LifeSource. You would be giving one of the best gifts. For example, if a person has Leukemia, they could need 40 or more gifts of blood or platelets. Please contact Lifesource or American Red Cross by phone or online (http://www.redcross.org), to give this precious gift.

Diocesan News

2014 RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Brothers and Sisters:

It is time, once again, for the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR). Please join me in heartfelt support of the 2014 appeal scheduled to take place on December 13-14, 2014. Your efforts are vital to its success.

Catholic bishops of the United States initiated the RFR in 1988 to address the deficit in retirement funding among religious communities. Despite ongoing generosity to the annual collection, numerous communities continue to struggle to provide for their senior members. Proceeds from the collection offer supplemental support for bolstering retirement savings and for meeting such day-to-day needs as prescription medications and nursing care.

Many of us may recall a sister, brother, or religious order priest whose life and ministry had a profound impact on us. You likely have also witnessed the selfless dedication of religious serving in Catholic parishes, schools, hospitals, and social-service agencies. I invite you, then, either to host an RFR speaker at Mass or to make the appeal yourself, sharing with parishioners the contributions religious have made and continue to make to our Church and world. Most importantly, please be sure to announce the collection from the pulpit.

I understand that many worthwhile causes vie for the limited resources of parishioners; I ask you simply to encourage them to give what they can. Above all, please join me in praying for God's continued blessing on our nation's elderly religious.

Faithfully in Christ,

God bless you,

Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon Bishop of Joliet

MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 2014

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Lector	B. Dunn	G. Dolesy	M. McCall
Eucharistic Ministers	C. Reisenbuckler (C) A. DeCillo B. Eadon M. White K. Passarelli G. Los J. Vilim	M. Grozik (C) M. Pena M. Pena P. Latourneau J. Eichorst P. Mason	M. Reed (C) K. Gusloff T. Gusloff R. Marro G. Pinkerton J. Spears B. Carambot
Altar Servers	E. Fahey J. Fahey M. Kerley	T. Zochalski N. Anderson C. Letourneau	G. Hendron R. Hendron C. Hendron



Collection for: Sunday, November 30, 2014		
Sunday Collection	\$8,260.00	
Parish Pay	\$3,579.41	
Children	\$30.10	
Collection Total	\$11,869.51	

159 parishioner envelopes were used. 107 parishioners contributed via Parish Pay. Thank you for your continued kindness and generosity.



Sunday, December 7, 2014

8:30 a.m. Mary Ann Barry 10:30 a.m. † Carmen Giordano

Monday, December 8, 2014 - Immaculate Conception

8:30 a.m. † Frank T. Corso

7:00 p.m. † Margaret and Daniel Meany

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

8:30 a.m. Parishioners of Mary Queen

Wednesday, December 10, 2014

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, December 11, 2014

8:30 a.m. † Martin Reilly

Friday, December 12, 2014

8:30 a.m. † Patrick J. Diggins

Saturday, December 13, 2014

4:30 p.m. † Matthew Brennock

Sunday, December 14, 2014

† Hilardo and Aurora Calderón 8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. † Rosalyn Adair

† indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of December 7, 2014

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8 Sunday:

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/

Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30 Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,

10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13 Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/

Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Prayer List

Please pray for the sick of our Parish

Brian Doherty Denise Doherty John Doherty Milt and Rosalie Honel



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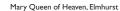
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