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December 21, 2014
4th Sunday of Advent

December 25, 2014
*The Nativity of
Our Lord*

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

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Nativity of the Lord

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Note from the Pastor



It's almost here!!! Are you excited yet? Nervous? Freaking out? Worried about plans, gifts, where all of those calories will go? There is some good news: Soon, whether in a few days, hours, or minutes, it will be here. Every year, at the beginning of the Mass at Night, the arrival is proclaimed: On the 25th day of December, the whole world being at peace, Jesus Christ, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father, desiring to consecrate the world by His most loving presence, was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judah, and was made man.

What a beautiful proclamation! What always strikes me as relevant to our continued experience of this most holy of nights is the phrase "the whole world being at peace." Remember that feeling? Peace. You may have to dig back to memories from before Halloween, if not before back to school, to find it.

Perhaps the business of the lead up to Christmas makes it more pronounced, but there is something extraordinarily peaceful about a Christmas night, isn't there? Most of my best memories of Christmas involve some sort of peace, whether it was under the tree as a child, Christmas mornings on a paper route as a teen, holiday shifts on an Ambulance, or the final silence after the last worshippers leave after the last Mass is finished. At some point, Christmas always shows me a time of peace, even if it is fleeting. Perhaps God provides us that peace, not simply as a break from the chaos of the world, but to allow us to briefly enter into the peace of the manger in Bethlehem, where out of love for us He became present in the flesh in order to begin His journey through this life to conquer the deaths of this world, so that we might know the peace that His forgiveness makes possible.

My prayer for each of you is that you would experience at least a moment of the peace of Christmas this year. I hope that you are able to revel in that peace. Enter into it. Make the most of it. Let the peace of Christmas enter your heart.

May God bless you and your families with a peace filled Christmas.

Fr. Jason



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Parish News

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECONCILIATION BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Fr. Jason will be hearing confessions on
Tuesday, December 23
7:30am - 8:15am
and
7:00pm - 8:00pm

Other times by appointment.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

A special "Thank You" to everyone who donated food for both our Thanksgiving Food Baskets and Christmas Food Baskets. Also, we would like to express our "Thanks" to everyone who took ornaments off our Giving Tree and bought presents for the 25 needy families that we adopted and the residents of Elmhurst Extended Care Nursing Home. Each year we adopt families for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays and every year our parishioners generosity is overwhelming. Because of your generous spirit, many people have been given food and gifts they could not afford.

May God Bless each and every one of you who donated food, gifts and time to help make up the Food Baskets and sort the presents for our needy families.

Please keep these, and all families
in your prayers.



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Parish Weekly Calendar



CALENDAR OF EVENTS DECEMBER 21 - DECEMBER 28

12/21 Sunday

- 8:30am Mass
- 8:30am RCIA
- 10:30am Mass
- 11:40am Children's Christmas Choir in Choir Loft
- 2:00pm Baptisms in Church
- 6:00pm Wings Christmas Party in Barrett Hall

12/22 Monday

Deadline for the Bulletin of January 4, 2014

- 6:00pm Destiny Caroling/Pizza in Barrett Hall
- 6:30pm Christmas Decorating in Church
- 7:00pm CRHP (Men) in School - Classroom 13
- 7:00pm Choir in Church

12/23 Tuesday

- 7:30am Confessions in Church
- 7:00pm Confessions in Church

12/24 Wednesday Christmas Eve

Parish Office Closed

No 8:30 a.m. Mass

NO RE Classes

- 3:00 pm Children's Christmas Choir in Choir Loft
- 4:00 pm Christmas Children's Mass
- 6:30 pm Christmas Family Mass
- 10:30 pm Christmas Choir Music
- 11:00 pm Christmas Mass at Night

12/25 Thursday Nativity of the Lord

Parish Office Closed

8:30 am and 10:30 am Christmas Day Mass

12/26 Friday

Parish Office Closed

8:30am Communion Service

12/27 Saturday

- 3:30pm Confessions
- 4:30pm Mass

12/28 Sunday

- 8:30am Mass
- 8:30am RCIA
- 10:30am Mass

THE DEADLINE FOR THE JANUARY 4, 2015 BULLETIN IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 22 AT NOON.

Have a Blessed Christmas!



*For unto us
a child is born*

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Christmas Schedule

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

Friday, December 26

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

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.



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

Wednesday, December 24

Thursday, December 25

Friday, December 26

*The family of Mary Queen
wishes you and your family a
Blessed and Joyous Christmas!*

Parish News

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH (CRHP) NO WORDS TO DESCRIBE IT!

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.

Preschool News



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT

Registration for 2015-16 school year will begin January 1, 2015 for current and past preschool families. Open registration will begin January 10, 2015.

OPEN HOUSE DATES

Saturday, January 10, 2015
3:30-4:30pm

Thursday, January 22, 2015
5:00-7:00pm

Sunday, January 25, 2015
10:00-10:30am

and

11:30-12:30pm

Come in to visit our school, see the classrooms, and meet the teachers. Individual tours are by appointment only and are scheduled on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays from 8:00am-1:00pm.

For information please contact:

Mrs. Genet Pinkerton,

Director, Mary Queen of Heaven Preschool

(630) 833-9500

mqhpreschool@maryqueen.org

www.maryqueenpreschool.org

Religious Education News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Thank you for being so generous in donating toys to Marillac House. Religious Education will resume on January 14, 2015. Enjoy the time off from RE classes but not from attending Masses. Use this time for family traditions and learning the story of Jesus' birth.

January 14 will be the Safe Touch session for all grade levels. Information about the Safe Touch program will be sent home during the break. The Safe Touch program is mandated by the Diocese of Joliet that all children in RE attend this vital lesson of understanding and preventing child abuse.

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

Youth Group News

Wings to Heaven

Sunday December 21st
6-7:30 pm

Bring a "white elephant" grab bag gift and snack to share. Hope you will plan to join us!



DESTINY

We will go caroling at Elmhurst Extended Care Monday December 22nd 6:00 pm. We will return to Barrett Hall for pizza!



Please RSVP to kgusloff@gmail.com
Come and help us bring some Christmas!

Prayer

Fourth Sunday of Advent Daily Advent Meditation

“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

- Luke 1: 31-33

On this last Sunday of Advent,
we quietly reflect on the mystery.

We rest in awe, in wonder,
at how our God entered our world
and came to be with us.

We pause to receive the gift offered us:
that the Spirit of God will open up our lives and
that Jesus will really come into our hearts.

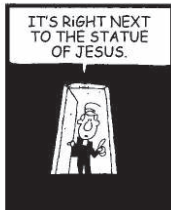
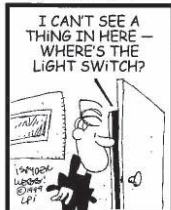
May we have watchful hope today,
believing what the Lord promises us.

Let us pray today, that we might be God's servants,
that we might be instruments of God's love
for our families and all we serve this week.

-Creighton University Online Ministries



CHRISTMAS



Diocesan News

JOYFUL AGAIN RETREAT For Widowed Men & Women

There will be a retreat/workshop January 10 & 11, 2015, at Our Lady of the Angels House of Prayer, Alvernia Manor's campus in Lemont. Being widowed is a special loss, and this program is designed especially to help the widowed find hope & joy again. For more information contact the Joyful Again Widowed Ministry: (708) 354-7211.

Community News

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Christmas Schedule

MINISTRY SCHEDULE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 - THURSDAY DECEMBER 25

	4:00 PM	6:30 PM	11:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Lector	N/A	B. Nosek	R. Wilkes	F. Tremmel	E. Cutri
Eucharistic Ministers	N. Williamson (C) R. Maple B. Eadon J. DuPrey M. Conway D. Justus M. McCall	T. Sabel (C) J. Alonso B. Lawlor K. Vicary J. Eichorst	C. Reisenbuckler (C) K. Mueller P. Latourneau G. Pinkerton R. Styka D. Styka E. Walker K. Passarelli	M. Grozik (C) A. Grozik M. White K. Diggins	P. Twardowski (C) T. Nolan M. Nolan M. Reed
Altar Servers	P. Vosicky E. Pas A. Flores	B. Zehner E. Fahey J. Fahey	T. Procajlo C. Letourneau T. Zochalski	J. Bonelli D. Dunn C. Glosner	R. Klein R. Lewand K. Lewand

MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2014

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Lector	E. Walker	M. Reed	P. Reynertson
Eucharistic Ministers	T. Sabel (C) A. DeCillo B. Eadon M. White K. Passarelli G. Los J. Vilim	N. Williamson (C) M. Pena M. Pena J. Eichorst M. Grozik D. Bernstein	P. Twardowski (C) K. Mueller M. Reed D. Justice P. Latourneau K. Gusloff T. Gusloff
Altar Servers	A. Flores N. Anderson C. Glosner	E. Pruyne K. Schacht B. Zehner	E. Frank J. Frank A. Homolka





We Wish You All

A glad and peaceful
Christmastide
With all its memories sweet;
May hope and love and
joy be yours
With kindly friends to greet;
The echo of the angel's song,
The star's clear guiding light,
The Christ child in your
heart and home,
To make this
Christmas bright.



Church Support

**Collection for:
Sunday, December 14, 2014**

Sunday Collection	\$6,333.00
Parish Pay	\$3,579.41
Children	\$21.65
Collection Total	\$9,934.06

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

**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday, December 21, 2014

8:30 a.m. † Florence H. Faso
10:30 a.m. † Jean Caruso

Monday, December 22, 2014

8:30 a.m. † Rev. John Barrett

Tuesday, December 23, 2014

8:30 a.m. † Jean Caruso

Wednesday, December 24, 2014 Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. † Albert Fuchsen
6:30 p.m. † Ifeanyi Ochuba
11:00 p.m. † Lucille Maricich-DeCero

Thursday, December 25, 2014 Christmas Day

8:30 a.m. † Bernadette Brinkmann
10:30 a.m. † Ralph St. Pierre
† Faye St. Pierre

Friday, December 26, 2014

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, December 27, 2014

4:30 p.m. † Virgie Miller

Sunday, December 28, 2014

8:30 a.m. † Sophia Borawski
10:30 a.m. † Mary Watry

† indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of December 21, 2014

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/
Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
Wednesday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/
Lk 1:67-79
Thursday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Next Sunday: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/
Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 or Col 3:12-21
or 3:12-17/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Prayer List

Please pray for the sick of our Parish

Brian Doherty
Denise Doherty
John Doherty
Milt and Rosalie Honel



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