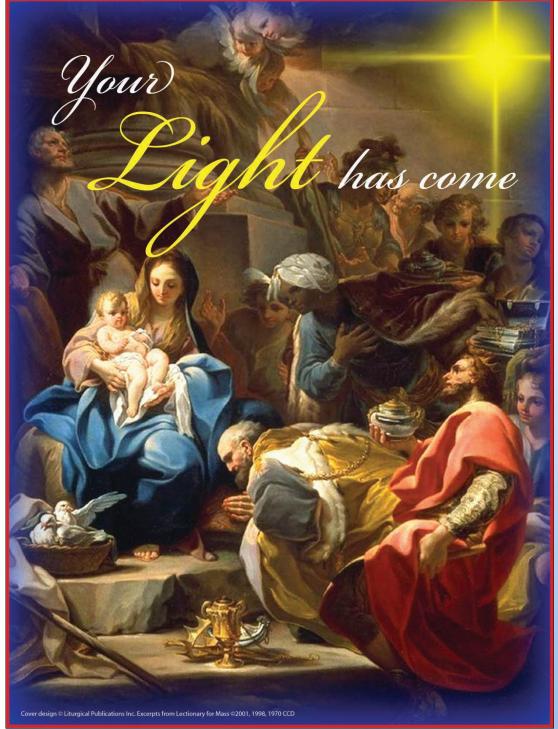
MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH

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January 4, 2015

Epiphany of Our Lord

Worship Schedule

Weekend Masses Saturday 4:30 p.m. Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

<u>Weekday Schedule</u> Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri.: Mass Wed.: Communion Service 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 at least 6 months in advance.

Parish Office Hours Mon.-Fri.:9:00am-4:00pm

Pastoral Staff

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COME EXPERIENCE A SPIRITUAL RENEWAL WEEKEND

Women's Weekend: February 6-7, 2015 Men February 21-22, 2015

Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP, pronounced Chirp) is a spiritual renewal weekend designed to help individuals grow in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ and with others in their faith community. It's a 30 hour, overnight experience that's so unique it's hard to even put words to when asked to describe the weekend. It provides an excellent opportunity for Catholics to renew their understanding of the basic beliefs and traditions of their faith, while at the same time, calling together members of the parish to experience personal conversion and Christian community here at Mary Queen.

Acts 4:32-33 "The community of believers was of one heart and mind ... With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all."

For over 2,000 years communities of Christian believers have been witnessing to the power of Jesus Christ in their lives. Over the years they have kept faith alive by trusting in God and encouraging each other in their faith. This experience of community and witnessing continues during the weekend as you have the opportunity to listen to a number of your fellow parishioners step out in faith to share how the power and love of Jesus has changed their lives. They're ordinary people who have experienced the extraordinary through the power of the Holy Spirit. Through these witnesses, you will hear the voice of God speaking to you. Many times we think we're alone in what we experience, or maybe nobody else feels the way we do. Through the witnesses and sharing of stories we find we're not alone. We are all part of a community – a community of faith. We are given friends and companions to walk with on this journey. You may start the weekend off as strangers, or mere acquaintances, but by the end of the weekend you will start to foster many close, sometimes life-long friendships. Consider these testimonials:

"Like most men, I was very hesitant to sign up for the men's CRHP weekend. I had no idea what to expect. It was something that was a little out of my comfort zone. However, I am so glad that I did. CRHP has made me a better man, father, son, friend, and child of God. I have become friends with those that were previously just faces in church and I now see the true meaning of Christian Community. (Ken)

Through CRHP I have made many new friends and become closer to friends I have known for years. I have learned that we all struggle with many issues in our lives. Some we share and some we keep deep inside. With God's help and the support of our friends, these issues become lighter. They don't define us but become part of who we are. (Woman)

Learning how to be a faithful follower of Christ is at the heart of most believers. Sometimes, too many distractions of our modern life can distance God and His love from us. CRHP brings back the Good News that God is alive, He loves us deeper than we could ever love or imagine and He longs for our return. CRHP is just one way to stop our busy lives, see past the pains and lies, and truly know God and who He is in our own personal lives.

It is an excellent opportunity for those who have stopped attending Mass, or who have lost interest in the Church to reconnect with the parish family. All participants are welcome and receive unconditional love and acceptance.

As the current team and previous weekend attendees can assure you, it's powerful stuff. It's a lot of fun and a great opportunity to form meaningful and lasting friendships.

We invite you "Come and you will see." John 1:39

SIGN-UP BEGINS JANUARY 10-11, 2015 Look for the form in next week's bulletin.

For further Information, please contact one of the following:

Karen Sutkus ksutkus1@comcast.net (630) 935-1153 Mike VanderKarr mtvdk@yahoo.com (630) 567-6079

Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP)

On February 6-7, 2015 (women's weekend), and on February 21-22, 2015 (men's weekend) we will have the fourth Christ Renews His Parish spiritual renewal weekends. For questions or information on how to register, please contact Karen Sutkus at ksutkus1@comcast.net or Mike VanderKarr at mtvdk@yahoo.com. Below are answers to some frequently asked questions.

What is CRHP?

Christ Renews His Parish is a spiritual renewal weekend designed to help individuals grow in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ and with others in the faith community of Mary Queen of Heaven. CRHP originally started in 1969. It was recommended by the renewal office of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops as the primary instrument of personal and parish renewal for Catholic parishes in the U.S. and Italy.

What happens during the weekend?

During the weekend you will listen to a number of your fellow parishioners who have volunteered to give a personal witness to the power of Jesus Christ in their lives. There will be readings of Scripture, time for prayer, and time set aside for personal reflection.

Will I have to get up and talk?

Other than a brief introduction you will not have to get up and talk in front of others unless you want to. The weekend is structured around talks given by previous CRHP participants. Small group discussion and activities take place after each talk. Most in-depth discussion takes place among your own small group. You are free to share with the group as much or as little as you like. All conversations and experiences are confidential.

Who may attend?

CRHP is open to all adults, age 18 and older who are seeking spiritual renewal. Many people attend because they do not feel as spiritual as they would like. Many attend because they feel something is missing from their lives.

What about sacraments?

Sacraments are an integral part of the weekend. There will be an opportunity for reconciliation and the weekend will conclude with a private Mass on Sunday.

When and where do these weekends take place?

One weekend for women, **February 6-7**, **2015**, and one weekend for men, **February 21-22**, **2015**, will take place in our parish school. The weekend will begin at 8:00am on Saturday and continue until 4:00pm Sunday.

Where do I sleep?

Sleeping accommodations are in the parish school. You are asked to bring your own sleeping bag, pillow, or other bedding along with your own towel, soap and other toiletries that you may need. Cots will be provided. Even though it is highly recommended you spend the night, if you need to sleep at home, that is fine.

What about meals?

You will be pampered with great, nutritious meals while during the weekend. There are also regular breaks for coffee, soft drinks, and snacks. If you have a special diet please let us know when you register so we will be able to provide for your needs.

What types of clothes do I bring for this weekend?

Casual and comfortable clothing is appropriate for the weekend (especially with waistbands that expand – you will eat well!). Since it might be cold out, it is recommended you bring warm clothes that you can layer.

What about you?

If you've read this far you must be at least a little bit interested. It's a great opportunity for developing meaningful and lasting relationships. Say a prayer. Ask God what you should do. And then step back and be open to the power of the Holy Spirit.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS JANUARY 4 - JANUARY 11

1/4 Sunday

8:30 am Mass 8:30 am RCIA 10:30 am Mass 11:30 am CRHP (Men) /CR 2:00 pm Baptisms in Church

1/5 Monday

Classes Resume (Preschool/KEP)8:30 amMass9:00 amEucharistic Adoration in Church2:00 pmParish Staff Meeting7:00 pmBenediction7:00 pmCRHP(Men) in School /Rm 13

1/6 Tuesday

8:30 am Mass
7:00 pm Building & Grounds Committee /CR
7:00 pm Deanery Sacramental Sub-Committee /REO

1/7 Wednesday No Religious Education Classes (Christmas Break)

8:30 am Communion Service

1/8 Thursday 8:30 am Mass

1/9 Friday
Deadline for the Bulletin of January 18, 2015
8:30 am Mass
6:30 pm CRHP Pot Luck /BH

1/10 Saturday 3:30 pm Preschool Open House 3:30 pm Confessions 4:30 pm Mass

1/11 Sunday

8:30 am Mass 8:30 am RCIA 9:00 am Destiny in School /Rm 1 10:30 am Mass 6:00 pm Wings to Heaven /BH



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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Come and adore the King of kings and Lord of lords any time from 9am to 7pm on **Monday, January 5**. The day of adoration and prayer begins with Mass and closes with Benediction at 7:00pm. Please contact Kay Diggins at 630-530-7214 for questions or to adopt an hour. Our sister parish, Visitation, provides 24/7 adoration in their Perpetual Adoration chapel, Our Lady, Mother of the Eucharist, 799 S. York.

Prayer

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going, I do not see the road ahead of me, I cannot know for certain where It will end. Nor do I really know myself And the fact that I think I am following your will Does not mean that I am actually doing so.

> But I believe That the desire to please you Does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire In all that I am doing.

I hope that I will never do anything Apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this You will lead me by the right road, Though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore, I will trust you always Though I may seem to be lost And in the shadow of death.

I will not fear, For you are ever with me, And you will never leave me To face my perils alone.

Catholic Education/Faith Formation 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.

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



DID YOU MISS A STEP?

Have you been participating in the Catholic Faith but were never Confirmed in the faith?

Our journey through life is seldom a straight path. Our personal choices or decisions that others make for us can impact our lives including our spiritual lives. If you are interested in completing the final Sacraments of Initiation (Communion and Confirmation) please contact our pastoral associate, Mimi Nolan, by phone at (630) 279-5700 or email her at: **pa@maryqueen.org.**



Today is the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. An epiphany is a sudden understanding of something. The Wise Men who

followed the star to Bethlehem in search of the long-awaited Savior saw the face of God in Jesus. What an epiphany! To realize that Jesus, King of the universe wants us to trust Him in all things as we seek the presence of God in others.

With your family discuss any new ideas, or epiphanies you have had about the meaning of Christmas or the important characters of the story this Christmas.

RE classes will resume on Wednesday, January 14.

Ms. Jo Styler, Director - Faith Formation Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Church Religious Education Office (630) 832-8962 re@maryqueen.org



JANUARY 8@7PM

ENTRANCE EXAM SATURDAY JANUARY 10 @ 8AM Up to **\$10,000** in **A C A D E M I C SCHOLARSHIP** money to be awarded to the **TOP TEN FINISHERS** contingent upon attending IC Catholic Prep in 2015.



QUESTIONS? Call 630.530.3484 or visit ICCatholicPrep.org

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Communication from the Bishop

MARCH FOR LIFE

On Thursday, January 22, we will once again mark the anniversary of the tragic 1973 Supreme Court decision which made abortion on demand available throughout the United States. Since these decisions, there have been millions of children (approximately 4400 every day) aborted and millions of mothers and entire families traumatized.

Every year since, on or near January 22, people of almost every religious denomination have gathered in their churches, synagogues, mosques and meeting places to pray that the dignity of every human life be defended and cherished from the very moment of conception. Hundreds of thousands peaceful and prayerful individuals of every age, race, language and walk of life march side by side up Constitution Avenue in Washington, DC to petition our judicial system and legislature to ensure that the law of our great country protect the most defenseless and innocent human beings. I am not aware of any other public demonstration involving so many people from different backgrounds peacefully praying for the same intention.

I am grateful that Bishop Joseph Siegel will be celebrating our annual Mass for Life at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus on January 4, 2015. Both he and I will join over 200 young people from our Diocese for the march in Washington. Please pray that our witness may be effective in helping our country recognize once again the dignity of each human person, regardless of age, and the need to defend the most fundamental human right – the right to life.

Let us also pray for all those who have been exploited by abortion and the culture of death and those who work to bring them healing; for those who give hope and the option for life to young women who would otherwise believe they have no choice but abortion; for those who work to help the poor, the sick and the elderly; and, for those who preach the Gospel of Life in their actions and in their words.

Dame Coulon_

Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon Bishop of Joliet

REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE

Anyone with reason to believe that a child has been abused or is being abused should report their suspicions to civil authorities. Contact: Illinois Department of Children and Family Services:

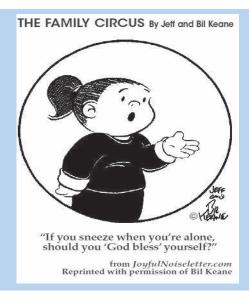
1-800-25ABUSE (1-800-252-2873) or local police.

The Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help victims/survivors of child sexual abuse by a cleric, employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church. The Victim Assistance Coordinator will report to Bishop Conlon and coordinate efforts of pastoral support and outreach to assist in the healing process. The Victim Assistance Coordinator can also assist in making a report to civil authorities. Contact the Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1-815-263-6467.

A JOY WHICH IS SHARED

With the assistance of the diocesan Communications and I.T. departments, the Newman Institute invites persons to (re)read Pope Francis' *The Joy of the Gospel* in 2015! Check out the blog and subscribe to receive one paragraph of this apostolic exhortation per day, from January through October:

http://www.ajoywhichisshared.org/



Ministry Schedule Saturday, January 10 - Sunday, January 11, 2015			
	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Lector	D. Novar A. Novar	B. Nosek	T. Kowalski
Eucharistic Ministers	C. Reisenbuckler (C) A. DeCillo B. Eadon M. White G. Los J. Vilim S. Pingatore	N. Williamson (C) M. Pena M. Pena D. Gornick D. Bernstein J. Eichorst	B. Kevil (C) K. Mueller M. Reed K. Gusloff T. Gusloff J. Spears B. Carambot
Altar Servers	B. Alex B. Zehner C. Glosner	S. Harrington B. Harrington J. Harrington	J. Bonelli S. Carambot A. Homolka



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

The 2014 Christmas Collection will be reported at a later date.



Sunday, January 4, 2015

8:30 a.m. † Patrick J. Diggins 10:30 a.m. † Jean Schousen

Monday, January 5, 2015

8:30 a.m. Parishioners of Mary Queen

Tuesday, January 6, 2015 8:30 a.m. † Patrick Enright

Wednesday, January 7, 2015 8:30 a.m. Communion Service

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, January 8, 2015 8:30 a.m. † Thomas MacGloin

Friday, January 9, 2015

8:30 a.m. † Mary Taychman † John Taychman

Saturday, January 10, 2015

4:30 p.m. † Lana Nickel

Sunday, January 11, 2015

8:30 a.m. † Evie Gornick 10:30 a.m. † Rev. John Barrett

† indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of January 4, 2015

ls 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
ls 55:1-11 or ls 42:1-4, 6-7/
1 Jn 5:1-9 or Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11

Prayer List

Please pray for the sick of our Parish

Brian Doherty Denise Doherty John Doherty Milt and Rosalie Honel



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



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