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February 22, 2015

First Sunday of Lent



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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., 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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A Message from our Pastoral Associate



Every Story has an End,
but in Life every
End is just a new
Beginning...

I have no idea who originally penned the quote above, but in my personal life I have found this to be true. God always has another plan for us. Our job is to know when to let go and try a new adventure. So it is with me.

The first week of February, I spoke to Father Jason to tell him that after prayer and discussions with the Lord and Tom, I have decided to resign my positions here at Mary Queen. It is time. Ten years have now passed since I first assumed my roles here as Director of the RCIA and Bereavement Coordinator that eventually morphed into being Pastoral Associate. Ten years ago there was no hint of a Tom Nolan in my life! God had other plans. We are blessed by the adventures God has set before us and have memories that will last the rest of our lives.

It is now time for Tom and I to enjoy life before the ravages that can come with age catch up to us. Tom still plans to remain as deacon and as of July 1st, I will enjoy being a pew sitter and praying soul so you will still see us at Mass and parish events.

Where would I begin to express my gratitude to the people of this parish who allowed me to grow wings? There are no words. May our memories keep us forever bound as we continue to serve God and neighbor.

This ending quote may not be biblical but stated by a very wise man who was certainly inspired by God Himself!

Around here,
we don't look backwards
for very long...
We keep moving forward,
opening up new doors and
doing new things
because we're curious...
and curiosity keeps leading us
down new paths
~WALT DISNEY~

Peace and all good things that come
from God alone,

Mimi

P.S. Speaking about being curious... Have you ever wondered about my Baptismal name? Well, it's Margaret Mary!



The First Sunday of Lent



A covenant is a formal agreement between two parties. Assuming both parties enter into the covenant

of their own free will, it is a bond that cannot be broken. As time goes on, that covenant will be tested and its validity questioned by skeptics, but it will remain if it is real.

God's covenant with His people is real. It began with a promise made to Noah and was renewed in the person of Jesus Christ. It has been tested by man through sin and by evil through Jesus' trials in the desert. But here in 2015, it still remains as strong as ever.

This Lent, take time to rediscover and reflect on this covenant God has with us. Reclaim your Baptism and make it a motivating factor in how you live your life. Take the opportunity this Lenten season provides to increase your devotion and spirituality. You will be tested and you will suffer trials, for life is not always easy. But God has always upheld His part of the agreement. Now is the time to take our part in this covenant more seriously.

Anglican Collect for the 1st Sunday of Lent

*Almighty God,
whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit
to be tempted by Satan;
Come quickly to help us who are assaulted
by many temptations;
and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us,
let each one find you mighty to save;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

1979 Book of Common Prayer



Journeying with St. Paul Through Lent

Experience the peace of the Church's age-old "Evening Prayer" and explore what "life with Christ" meant for St. Paul through a four part series.

Presented by: Matt Pozen
Director of Parish Faith Formation
Visitation Parish

Journey with us through all four presentations or join in when you can.

"The Human Predicament"

February 23, 2015 • 7:00 - 8:30pm
Visitation Parish, Elmhurst
Presented in the Parish Center

"God's Plan of Salvation"

March 2, 2015 • 7:00 - 8:30pm
St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Bensenville
Presented in the church.

Parish Mission at
Immaculate Conception Parish
"The Sacraments: Treasures of Our Faith"
Fr. Tom McCarthy, OSA
March 8, 9, 10, 2015 • 7:00pm

"Our Life in Christ"

March 16, 2015 • 7:00 - 8:30pm
Immaculate Conception Parish
Presented in the Marian Room.

"The Mission of the Church"

March 23, 2015 • 7:00 - 8:30pm
Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Church
Presented in the church.

"Your life is hidden with Christ in God"
-Colossians 3:3

Parish News



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY 22 - MARCH 1

2/22 Sunday

CRHP Men's Weekend

8:30 am Mass

10:30 am Mass

2/23 Monday

8:30 am Mass

5:00 pm Grace Cafe /BH

7:00 pm CRHP(Men) /Rm 13

2/24 Tuesday

8:30 am Mass

9:30 am Bible Study /CR

7:30 pm CCW Board Meeting /BH

7:30 pm Bible Study /Rm 13

2/25 Wednesday

No Religious Education classes (Catechist in Service)

8:30 am Communion Service

2/26 Thursday

8:30 am Mass

9:00 am Yoga /BH

7:30 pm Bible Study /Rm 13

2/27 Friday *Deadline for the Bulletin of March 8, 2015*

8:30 am Mass

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross /CH

2/28 Saturday

9:00 am RE Confirmation Final Interviews /School

3:30 pm Confessions

4:30 pm Mass

3/1 Sunday

8:30 am Mass

8:30 am RCIA

9:00 am Youth Group - Destiny in School /Rm 1

10:30 am Mass

2:00 pm Baptisms /CH

6:00 pm Youth Group - Wings to Heaven /BH

MQH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN



"Woman of the Year" Nominations Weekend of February 14/15 & February 21/22

Nominations slips for "Woman of the Year" will be available at the back of church this weekend and next only. All parishioners, ages 18 and older, are 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 or organizations within our parish, along with a short explanation. 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 ten years.

Nomination slips must be submitted no later than February 22, 2015.

Voting will be held the weekend of March 21/22. All women of the parish, ages 18 and older, are eligible to vote.

Drop-In Yoga

Beginner to Intermediate Yoga

Thursdays - February 26 through March

9:00 am - Barrett Hall

Need more information?

Contact: Debbie (630)941-7224 or

debbie@styka.com

BULLETIN DEADLINES



Friday, March 13
DEADLINE for March 22

Wednesday, March 18
DEADLINE for Palm Sunday

Monday, March 23
DEADLINE for Easter

Catholic Education / Faith Formation News



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT

Registration for the 2015-16 school year is underway. You are welcome to 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.

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This holy season, let us think about our call to:

- Fast from judging others; feast on the Christ dwelling in them
- Fast from emphasis on our differences; feast on our oneness
- Fast from the darkness around us; feast on the light of Christ
- Fast on thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God
- Fast on words that pollute; feast on words that purify
- Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude
- Fast from withholding anger; feast on sharing our feelings
- Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism
- Fast from worry; feast on trust
- Fast from guilt; feast on freedom
- Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation
- Fast from stress; feast on self-care
- Fast from hostility; feast on letting go
- Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness
- Fast from selfishness; feast on compassion for others
- Fast from discouragement; feast on seeing the good
- Fast from apathy; feast on enthusiasm
- Fast from suspicion; feast on seeing the good
- Fast from idle gossip; feast on spreading good news
- Fast from being so busy; feast on quiet silence
- Fast from problems that overwhelm us; feast on prayerful trust
- Fast from talking; feast on listening
- Fast from trying to be in control; feast on letting go

Loving God, let us fast from anything that leads us away from You and teach us to feast on all that brings us closer to You. *Amen.*

-Taken from the National Association of Catholic Bishops-

Jo Styler

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Youth Group News

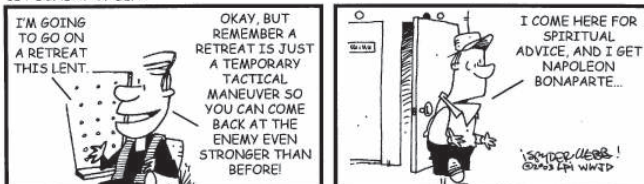
Please join us at our *Destiny* welcome *Breakfast*

Sunday May 6th @ 9 am .. Barrett hall

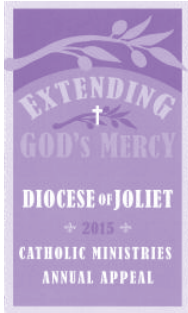
Come and meet students in Destiny and find out about our high school youth group.

Please r.s.v.p. to Kathleen Gusloff 630-269-0744 or kgusloff@gmail.com

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



Diocesan / Deanery News



2015-2016 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL "EXTENDING GOD'S MERCY"

If you have not made your contribution to the 2015 Catholic Ministries Catholic Appeal, please consider doing via mail, online at jolietdiocese.org, or by returning one of our Commitment/In-Pew Weekend envelopes at Mass. We will also conduct a Follow-Up Weekend process to give everyone an opportunity to participate.

One pledge can make a difference, especially when combined with all of the other pledges made throughout the diocese. Please prayerfully consider providing your financial support to this Appeal. You can and will make a difference by "Extending God's Mercy!"

After our parish exceeds its CMAA goal of \$50,005 in paid pledges, 65% of any additional funds are returned for use in our parish.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

"NO GREATER LOVE: REFLECTIONS ON THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS"

Friar Johnpaul Cafiero, OFM

Fr. Johnpaul (international preacher) will lead this Mission in his engaging and informative style in a reflection on the seven last words of Jesus. His storytelling and humor bring to life the message of Jesus' words to us, His disciples today. An enjoyable and faith strengthening experience for junior high students through senior citizens. An hour and a half not soon forgotten.

DATES: Sun., Feb. 22nd; Mon., Feb. 23rd;
Tues., Feb. 24th
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Divine Savior Church
67th & Main St.
Downers, Grove, IL

Prayer

From our archives... Franciscan Fr. Richard Rohr has what he calls the "Welcoming Prayer." It encourages us to identify in our life, now or in the past, a hurt or an offense by someone who has let you down or done you wrong. Here is the process for the Welcoming Prayer.

First. Feel the pain of the offense the way you first felt it, or are feeling it at this moment, and feel the hurt *in your body*. This is important because if we move the pain to our head and our mind we will go back to dualistic thinking and judgments: good guy/bad guy, win/lose, either/or.

Second. Feel the pain, the grief, the anger all the way through but do not create in your mind the usual win/lose scenario. Feel the pain and identify yourself with the suffering side of life. Feel how much it hurts to hurt. Feel how abandoned you felt if you were abandoned. Hold this in your "heart space," your body space. Do not process it mentally or even create some kind of story line. She did this, he did that and therefore I... Don't go there.

Now once you can move to that place and know how much it hurts to hurt, you will not want anybody else to experience that. You will not want to hurt back.


This might take some time. Welcome the experience and it can move you to Great Compassion. Don't fight it! Don't split, don't blame. Welcome the grief and anger and all its heaviness. Now it becomes the great teacher.

If you can do this you will see that in actually welcoming the pain and letting go of all of your oppositional energy against suffering, it will. It is our resistance to things as they are that causes most of our unhappiness.

Did you know... The Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary was founded in Belgium in 1609 by a young Englishwoman named Mary Ward, was suppressed in 1631, yet continued to quietly grow through its educational endeavors throughout Europe, finally receiving full approval in 1877.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28 / SUNDAY, MARCH 1 2015

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Lector	E. Walker	F. Tremmel	M. McCall
Eucharistic Ministers	J. Alonso (C.) H. Todd B. Lawlor G. Los J. Vilim S. Pingatore T. Sabel	M. Grozik (C) M. Pena M. Pena P. Latourneau N. Williamson K. Vicary	M. Reed (C) B. Kevil T. Kevil P. Twardowski K. Carambot W. Bonfiglio T. Gusloff
Altar Servers	B. Hernandez C. Hernandez G. Hernandez	T. Serpico E. Pas K. Schacht	A. Homolka M. Kerley G. Vandenberg



Church Support

Collection for: Sunday, February 15, 2015	
Sunday Collection	\$5,053.00
Parish Pay	\$3,911.33
Children	\$18.15
Collection Total	\$8,982.48

**125 parishioner envelopes were used.
109 parishioners contributed via
Parish Pay.**

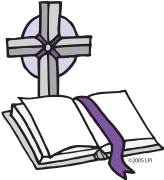
**Thank you for your continued kindness
and generosity.**

 **MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**

- Sunday, February 22, 2015**
 8:30 a.m. † Rosalyn Adair
 10:30 a.m. † Jean Schousen
- Monday, February 23, 2015**
 8:30 a.m. † Rev. John Barrett
- Tuesday, February 24, 2015**
 8:30 a.m. † Peggy Bonfield
- Wednesday, February 25, 2015**
 8:30 a.m. Communion Service
- Thursday, February 26, 2015**
 8:30 a.m. † Viola Sable
- Friday, February 27, 2015**
 8:30 a.m. † James Cassidy
- Saturday, February 28, 2015**
 4:30 p.m. † Patricia Timothy
- Sunday, March 1, 2015**
 8:30 a.m. † Katherine Brennen
 10:30 a.m. † Janice Pivoney

† indicates person is deceased


**Readings for the Week of
February 22, 2015**



Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
 Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
 Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/
 Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Pray for the Sick

Milt and Rosalie Honel
 Irene Kmiecik
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 Eric Almeroth



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 Parish Prayer List.



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