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"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'let us celebrate with a feast because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again." - Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

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# March 6, 2016 **Fourth Sunday** Of Lent

#### 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**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at 2:00 p.m. Required Baptismal preparation on the 2nd Tues. at 7:30 p.m. Call Deacon Alex to register.

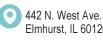
#### Marriage

Please contact the Pastor at least 6 months in advance.

#### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9:00am - 4:00pm Friday: 9:00am - 12:00 Noon

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Bulletin	Articles due
Deadlines	by noon
Sunday,	Wednesday,
March 20	March 9
Sunday,	Wednesday,
March 27	March 16
Sunday,	Wednesday,
April 3	March 23



## **A NOTE FROM FATHER JASON**

One of our Gospel options for this weekend is that of the Prodigal Son, one of the most well known and well beloved parables in scripture. Perhaps we are drawn to this story because of its vivid presentation of a story we all know too well... grasping to possess too soon, realizing we have messed up and squandered our lives, and then realizing the need to return to God for forgiveness. The image of the father at the son's return is a poignant one and a good image to consider as we journey through

Lent. The father goes out to meet the son. He does not question what happened to the son. He simply welcomes him back, overjoyed to see him and to have him home again. What a comforting image for us as we examine our lives and consider what aspects of our own lives need to be returned to the Father. He will be there waiting for us, arms outstretched and ready to celebrate with us. We only need to, like the son, realize our mistake and take the first steps back toward God. He will then do the rest.

The word prodigal means lavish and profuse, even wasteful. Although usually attributed to the son's behavior as he wastes his inheritance, perhaps the more prodigal character in the story is the father. After all, what is more overboard than to call a feast for someone who wasted a gift you gave them? The father is even more than generous in his response to the other son, reminding him that everything I have is already yours.

As we journey through the desert of Lenten penance and examination of our lives, let us remember this image of the father. In these days of moderation and repentance, it is easy to let ourselves fall into the mindset that God wants us to suffer, that we are being punished, or that the spiritual life is only a demanding set of rules. The image of the prodigal father, who wants us to have everything we need to turn away from this world's promises of prodigal rewards that only bring emptiness toward the father whose lavish grace never disappoints.

May God bless you with the faith, hope, and love that you need to see your heart's need to return to Him, our prodigal Father, who is watching and waiting for our return.

Fr. Jason

## **PARISH NEWS**

#### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION MONDAY MARCH 7

Seek Jesus present in the monstrance during our day of Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Our day of prayer begins after 8:30 a.m. Mass, and ends with Benediction at **7:00 p.m.** All are invited to join us any time during the day, as well as for Benediction. We welcome people to "adopt" any hour of the day. Just sign your name and phone number on the list in the back of church, or contact **Rose Wilkes at (630) 833-7238** with questions or to sign up. Remember, He is present for you 24/7, in the Visitation Parish Adoration Chapel, 799 S. York Rd.

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#### WEEKLY EVENTS

#### 3/6 Sunday

4th Sunday of Lent		
8:30 AM	RCIA in School Rm 13	
8:30 AM	Mass	
10:30 AM	Mass	
2:00 PM	Baptisms in Church	
3/7 Monda	y	
8:30 AM	Mass	
9:00 AM	Eucharistic Adoration in Church	
7:00 PM	Liturgy Committee	
	in School Rm. 13	
3/8 Tuesda		
7:30 AM	Coffee and in Barrett Hall	
8:30 AM	Mass	
9:30 AM	Bible Study in School Rm. 13	
4:30 PM	Living Stations Rehearsal	
7:00 PM	CCW Board Meeting in	
7 00 044	School Rm. 13	
7:30 PM	Baptism Prep Meeting in Church	
3/9 Wedne		
	or Bulletin March 20, 2016	
	Communion Service	
3:15 PM	RE Classes	
3/10 Thurs	dav	
8:30 AM	Mass	
9:00 AM	Yoga in Barrett Hall	
9:00 AM	Preschool Strega Nona Lunch	
	in School Rm. 3-4	
7:30 PM	Choir Practice in Church	
2/11 E.d.		
3/11 Friday	Mass	
8:30 AM		
9:00 AM	Preschool Strega Nona Lunch in School Rm. 3-4	
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross in Church	
7:30 PM	Confessions in Church	
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3/12 Sature	day	
Easter Food		
8:00 AM	Confessions in Church	
3:30 PM	Confessions in Church	
4:30 PM	Mass	
6:30 PM	Indian Community Mass	

#### 3/13 Sunday

Sth Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving TimeEaster Food Drive8:30 AMRCIA in School Rm 138:30 AMMass

10:30 AM Mass

## **PARISH NEWS**

#### EASTER FOOD DRIVE MARCH 12/13

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Our Easter Food Drive will take place the weekend of **March 12 and March 13.** We have adopted 12 families and are looking for canned soup, vegetables, fruit, cereal, baking items, drinks, prepared foods, pasta, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, jelly, tissue, toilet paper, paper towels, laundry soap, personal soap and cleaning supplies. Jewel, Mariano's, Walmart and Target gift cards would also be appreciated so that the families can purchase meat for their Easter Dinner. In addition, we will be making up Easter Baskets for all the children in each family. We are also looking for goodies (candies, small toys, etc.) to be put in their baskets. Please contact Mary White with any questions at (630) 833-9809. The food sorting will take place on Monday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m. Please consider a gift of your time.

#### Holy Week Schedule

Tuesday	March 22	Holy Satu	rday March 26
6:30 pm	Reconciliation	8:30 am	Morning Prayer
		10:00 am	Easter Egg Hunt
Holy Thu	rsday March 24	11:00 am	Blessing of the
8:30 am	Morning Prayer		Baskets
7:00 pm	Mass of the Lord's	7:30 pm	Easter Vigil
	Supper		
Good Fric	lay March 25	Easter Sun	nday March 27
8:30 am	Morning Prayer	8:30 am	Mass
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	Reconciliation	10:30 am	
9:00 am	• ,		Mass
9:00 am	Reconciliation	10:30 am	Mass
9:00 am	Reconciliation RE Living Stations	10:30 am	Mass
9:00 am 1:00 pm	Reconciliation RE Living Stations of the Cross	10:30 am	Mass
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# LENTEN Q & A

#### COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS DURING LENT

- **Q.** I understand that Catholics ages 18 to 59 should fast on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, but what exactly are the rules for these fasts?
- A. Fasting on these days means we can have only one full, meatless meal. Some food can be taken at the other regular meal times if necessary, but combined they should be less than a full meal. Liquids are allowed at any time, but no solid food should be consumed between meals. Invalid, pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt.

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## YOUTH MINISTRY



#### YOUTH MINISTRY UPCOMING EVENTS

Mission trips information can be found on the following website: **actscatholicym.weebly.com** and registration is open until Friday March 18. Spaces are limited.

**Sunday Sessions:** We will focus on a different theme during these times as a way to deepen our understanding of God's plan in our lives while deepening our faith and relationships with others.

March 13:	Visitation (youth room),	6:30 pm - 8 pm
April 10:	Visitation (youth room),	1:00 pm - 3 pm
April 17:	Visitation (youth room),	3:00 pm - 5 pm
April 24:	Immaculate Conception,	6:30 pm - 8 pm

**Community Nights:** The following Wednesday nights from 5:30 pm- 8:00 pm at Visitation in the old convent. Come hang out and bring your friends: March 16, March 23, April 6, April 13.

**Coffee and Conversation** on the following Thursdays at Elijah's on 1<sup>st</sup> Street in Elmhurst. Join Marcia for a warm beverage any time after school until 5 p.m. March 17, March 24, April 7, April 14

## **PARISH NEWS**



## **BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND**

Enjoy an evening of painting (all supplies and artist instruction provided) and vino (or other beverages and snacks)

March 15 at 7 p.m. in Barrett Hall, \$28

Sign up after Mass: Feb. 27-28, March 5-6 & 12-13 or call Dayna at 630-834-3233

#### Vote for picture to be painted at sign-up

Co-hosted by Mary Queen of Heaven and Immaculate Conception CCW

Confession Times Friday March 11	Saturday March 12
7:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m.
Ste	wardship

#### WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2016

Sunday Collection	\$6,836.00	162 parishioners envelopes
Parish Pay	\$3,063.40	107 parishioners
Children	\$0.00	
<b>Collection Total</b>	\$9,899.40	269 parishioners

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### PAYTON O'BRIEN MEMORIAL BLOOD AND MARROW DRIVE MARCH 19, 8 AM – 2 PM

To schedule your appointment please call LifeSource at (877)543 -3768 or <u>www.lifesource.org</u> or use the mobile app and use code 253G. Blood drive will take place at Knights of Columbus, Elmhurst 537 S. York in Elmhurst.

#### 2016 PAYTON POWER RUN/ WALK SUNDAY, MARCH 20 AT 10 AM

Come run/walk in memory of Payton O'Brien. Race starts at Knights of Columbus and will continue on the Prairie Path (East towards Berkley). Total distance is about 3 miles! To register for the Run/Walk, After Party and/or to donate, go to :

#### http://2016paytonpowerrunwalk. eventbrite.com by March 1:

All proceeds will be donated to Lurie Children's Hospital in honor of Payton. Any questions can be directed to Andrea Krautkramer at (508)479-0443 or andrea.krautkramer@yahoo.com

## **PRE-SCHOOL NEWS**

#### **PRESCHOOL AND KEP NEWS**

- New registrations for 2016 2017 are now being accepted and can be downloaded online at www.maryqueenpreschool.org.
- Individual tours can be scheduled. Please contact the director, Genet Pinkerton. If you have any questions, please call (630) 833-9500 or email mghpreschool@maryqueen.org.

## **DIOCESAN** NEWS

#### **BISHOP BLANCHETTE SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

The Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is currently accepting applications for the Bishop Blanchette Scholarship. Scholarships are awarded to students who will be attending a Diocesan Catholic High School. Applicants must be sponsored by their parish CCW. If you are interested in more information, please contact Dayna at (630)834-3233 by April 8, 2016.

#### ST. MONICA PRAYER GROUP TUESDAY, MARCH 8 AT 7 PM

Come pray with us for your loved ones who have drifted away from the faith or who are outside of the Church. This fellowship group will meet the first Tuesday of every month.

Visitation Parish 779 S. York Rd. Elmhurst, IL Meeting Room 1, Parish Center 7:00 – 8:00 pm



Questions, call Bonita at (630)279-0816 or Sheila at (630)329-1867. ...if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father." Mt18:19

#### JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY HOLY HOUR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION TUESDAY, MARCH 15 AT 7 PM

As we celebrate this Jubilee Year of Mercy, come experience the mercy of God during an hour of prayer at Immaculate Conception Church, Pilgrimage Church of Eastern DuPage County. In the month of March, we will be praying particularly for the Forgiveness of Sins.

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY AT 7:00 PM IN THE CHURCH

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Edward Conway Virginia Feret Robert Olsen Jon Perion Sheila Reiter Fr. Tony Taschetta Roberto Williamson Fr. Tom Wolter

Please call the Parish Office to add a name to our Parish Prayer List. A new listing will appear in bold face.

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#### **COMMUNICATION FROM THE BISHOP**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, the Diocese of Joliet will join others around the country in taking up the **Catholic Relief Ser**vices **Collection** sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). This collection funds six Catholic agencies that work to serve Jesus in the disguise of our suffering brothers and sisters around the world.

- **USCCB Migration and Refugee Services (MRS)** fulfills the commitment of the U.S. Catholic bishops to protect the life and dignity of the human person. This agency serves and advocates for refugees, asylees, migrants, unaccompanied children and victims of human trafficking.
- **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)** promotes the dignity and protects the rights of immigrants in partnership with a dedicated network of Catholic and community legal immigration programs.
- **USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church** works collaboratively with the bishops and their dioceses to bring Catholics from various culturally diverse communities into a fuller participation in the faith, life, and evangelizing mission of the Church. This includes promotion of dialogue, and promoting the pastoral care of Hispanic Catholics, African American Catholics, Native American Catholics, Asian Catholics, African Catholics, Pacific Island Catholics, Catholic migrants and refugees, and people on the move.
- **USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development** advocates on behalf of the Church for the economic and social justice of the poor and the abandoned and care for the environment, through important public policy work, education and humanitarian assistance.
- The Holy Father's Relief Fund provides critical and emergency care and support to victims suffering as a result of natural disasters across the globe.
- **Catholic Relief Services**, which was founded in 1943 by the US Bishops to provide support to impoverished WWII survivors in Europe has expanded worldwide and now provides general humanitarian support to over 85 million people in 101 countries on five continents.

Through your donations, the Diocese of Joliet contributes to the urgent needs of the worldwide Church. Please be generous in The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support truly makes a difference.

#### Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon Bishop of Joliet

For more information on The Catholic Relief Services Collection and the organizations it supports, please visit http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

#### 2016 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

If you made a gift or pledge to the 2016 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal, thank you!!

If you have not made your contribution to the 2016 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal, please consider doing so online at **www.jolietdioceseappeal.org**, via mail, or by returning one of our Commitment/In-Pew Weekend envelopes at Mass.

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 "Chosen by God's Grace." You can make a real difference!

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE Saturday, March 12, Sunday March 13, 2016			
	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Lector	S. Griffin	F. Tremmel	M. Pretlow
Eucharistic Ministers	J. Alonso (Capt) B. Lawlor	D. Gornick (Capt) J. Eichorst	P. Twardowski(Capt) B. Carambot
	G. Los	M. Pena	D. Hall
	S. Pingitore	M. Pena	M. Hall
	T. Sabel	D. Styka	D. Justus
	H. Todd	R. Styka	R. Marrow
	J. Vilim		K. Mueller
Altar	E. Fahey	A. Flores	E. Frank
Altar Servers	J. Fahey	C. Selfridge	J. Frank
Servers	E. Pas	K. Selfridge	R. Klein



Sunday, March 6, 20168:30 a.m.Parishioners of Mary Queen10:30 a.m.†Anna Frank

Monday, March 7, 2016 8:30 a.m. † Dr. Richard Cronin

Tuesday, March 8, 2016 8:30 a.m. MQH Council of Catholic Women

Wednesday, March 9, 2016 8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, March 10, 2016 8:30 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory

Friday, March 11, 2016 8:30 a.m. Holy Father's Intentions

Saturday, March 12, 2016 4:30 p.m. † Tera Regina Weems

Sunday, March 13, 2016 8:30 a.m. † Baby Joshua Kurby 10:30 a.m. † Mary Ann Barrett

† indicates person is deceased

## Readings for the Week of March 6, 2016

Sunday, March 6: 4th Sunday of Lent Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-7/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday, March 7: Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity, Martyrs Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 8: Saint John of God, Religious Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 9: Saint Frances of Rome, Religious Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, March 10: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday, March 11: Day of Abstinence Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-21, 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday, March 12:** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday, March 13: 5th Sunday of Lent; Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11



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