

# MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH

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# December 4, 2016 2nd SUNDAY IN 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 a.m.

#### **Sacraments**

Reconciliation - Saturday 3:30 p.m.

#### **Baptism**

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 12:00 p.m. Required Baptismal preparation on the 2nd Tues. at 7:30 p.m. Call the Parish Office 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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A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.

Isaiah 40:3



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## A Message From Father Jason

The season of Advent is a time of preparation. Most of us will spend considerable time in these days thinking about gifts. What is the perfect gift to buy for someone and what gifts do we hope someone will buy for us? Hours will be spent online and going from store to store shopping for the ultimate gift. The problem is that the perfect gift is not in any store. We do not even have to look for it, because it was

already given, in the manger 2,000 years ago.

Advent is about preparation, but not for a gift about to be received. Only the last 7 days of Advent look forward specifically to the birth of Christ. Instead, Advent calls us to prepare for the coming of the Kingdom. We are reminded that our lives here are a journey on our way toward the second coming of Jesus and that even now we are called to take advantage of the grace that Jesus has given us.

Jesus was not born to be a one-time gift from God. Before He returned to the Father He left an enduring gift, that of the Holy Spirit to help us along our journey. John the Baptist calls us to repent, make straight the paths, and produce the good fruit that witnesses to our repentance. Repentance begins with turning away from sin, but the call to repent and seek conversion does not end with an act of contrition. The catechism teaches us that the kingdom of heaven belongs to the poor and lowly; in other words, to those who have accepted it with humble hearts (CCC 544). A set of great gifts has been given us by Jesus, who promised them, not because they are the perfect gifts, but because they help us to groan in perfection. In the first reading, Isaiah lists the gifts for us: wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. We prepare ourselves for our entry into God's kingdom in whatever effort we make to open ourselves more to the gifts of the Spirit and to grow in how we use them.

Prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight the path for His Spirit to work in your heart, which will help straighten the path of your life. Let us use our time of preparation well, remembering that we rejoice in something much greater than a one-time gift. For our joy is grounded in the fact that God has already given and is giving us the greatest gift of all: Himself and the grace that only His Spirit can give. May God bless each of us as we endeavor to prepare the way of the Lord.

Fr. Jason

# Advent Reconciliation

#### **ADVENT RECONCILIATION**

Fr. Jason will be available for Advent Reconciliation at the following times: **Fridays** (12/2, 9, 16, 23): 7:45-8:00am and 7:00-7:15pm

**Saturdays** (12/3, 10, 17): 3:15-4:10pm **Sundays** (12/4, 11, 18): 7:45-8:00am

Christmas Eve: 7:45-8:00am

Elmhurst Area Reconciliation service: 12/5 at 7:00pm St. Charles Borromeo



#### Parish Events

# Advent | Christmas Schedule

# Elmhurst Area Advent Penance Service

Monday, December 5 7:00pm

# Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 8

### Christmas Eve Saturday, December 24

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8:30am Morning Prayer

3:45pm Children's Pageant

4:00pm Children's Liturgy

6:00pm Family Mass

10:30pm Choir Music

11:00pm Christmas Mass at Night

# **Christmas Day**

8:30am and 10:30am Mass

# Mary the Holy Mother of God

New Year's Eve, December 31 - 4:30pm New Year's Day, January 1, 2017 8:30am and 10:30am



#### THE MARRIAGE MINISTRY PRESENTS

Mysterious Musical Mayhem!

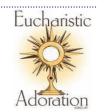
Come join us on Saturday, March 4th. 2017, for a night of campy comedy and who dunnit decisions! Meet the McAdams family. They're creepy and their kooky, and, unfortunately, one of them is dead! The Elmhurst Green Man Troupe will song and dance us into finding out who did it and why. Will it make sense? Who knows, but it will be fun night figuring it out! Tickets are \$50.00 each and include the show and a family style Italian dinner at Angelo's in Elmhurst. Cash bar. Tickets sold after every Mass though December 18th, then again after Masses on December 31 and January 1. Seating is limited so act early! They make great Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers!!

For more information please call: **Don and Ellen Walker at 630-279-4021**.

Hope to see you there!

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

The riches that our loving God offers us in prayer centered in the Eucharist are enormous. Prayer is the response of love to one who loves us (from In the Presence, by Ridley). It's early Advent, and you

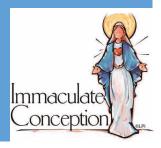


have an opportunity to spend some quiet time in His presence during our next day of Eucharistic Adoration on **Monday**, **December 5**th. This day of prayer extends from after morning Mass until 7:00pm, when we close the day with Benediction. Come for Benediction too! Sign-up is in the back of church. To "adopt an hour", or for any questions, please call **Kay Diggins (630-530-7214) or Rose Wilkes (630-833-7238).** Our sister parish, Visitation offers adoration 24/7, and is located at 799 S. York.

# FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION THURSDAY DECEMBER, 8 2016

Thursday, the 8th of
December, is the Feast of the
Immaculate Conception.
This is a Holy Day of
Obligation.

Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm



### WEEKLY EVENTS

### 12/4 Sunday

2nd Sunday of Advent

St. Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive

8:30 AM Mass

RCIA in School Rm. 13 9:30 AM

10:30 AM

Children's Liturgy of the 10:30 AM

Word in School Rm. 4-5 11:40 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal

in Barrett Hall

12:00 PM Baptisms in Church

12/5 Monday

8:30 AM Mass

9:00 AM **Eucharistic Adoration** 

in Church

6:30 PM Preschool Board Meeting

in Social Hall

7:00 PM Reconciliation at St.

Charles Borromeo

7:30 PM Men's Spirituality Group

in School - Room 13

#### 12/6 Tuesday

8:30 AM Mass

9:00 AM Adult Bible Study - Rm. 13

4:00 PM **Christmas Pageant** 

Rehearsal in Church

6:30 PM CRHP Women - Rm. 13

7:30 PM Lector Training in Church

12/7 Wednesday

Deadline for the Bulletin of Dec. 18

8:30 AM Communion Service

3:15 PM **RE Classes** 

12/8 Thursday

#### **Immaculate Conception**

8:30 AM

9:00 AM Yoga in School - Rm 1

7:00 PM Solemnity of the

Immaculate Conception

#### 12/9 Friday

8:30 AM Mass

#### 12/10 Saturday

3:30 PM Reconciliation

4:00 PM Christmas Food Drive

4:30 PM

6:30 PM Indian Community Mass

in Church/Barrett Hall

#### 12/11 Sunday

#### 2rd Sunday of Advent

**Christmas Giving Tree Ends** 

St. Vincent DePaul Food Drive

8:30 AM

9:30 AM RCIA in School Rm. 13

10:30 AM Mass

10:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the

Word in School Rm. 4-5

11:40 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal

in Barrett Hall 12:00 PM Altar Server Training

### Parish News

#### **CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Rehearsals for the children's choir Christmas Eve 4pm Mass will be Sunday Dec. 4, 11 & 18 at 11:40am. Please come one and all from 3rd Grade up.



Contact Ed Nowak for more information: 708-246-0868.

#### ST VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE

#### December 3rd & 4th

The St. Vincent De Paul Truck will be in our parking lot this weekend. There is a special need for winter coats, hats, boots, scarves, warm blankets and linens.



For large items or furniture please call and schedule a pick up at your home. The number to call is (630) 231-4658.

#### **LECTOR TRAINING**

#### **December 6th**

Lector training will take place at 7:30pm in the Church. The duties of a lector are not difficult but are important and fulfilling to both our parish and to the lector. No experience needed. For more information, please contact Ellen Walker at 630-279-4021.

#### CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Christmas Giving Tree is up and loaded with ornaments containing names of items for the families we have adopted. As in the past, we will also be supplying the Elmhurst Extended GIVING TREE



Lectors

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 10/11. If you have any questions, please call Sheila at (630) 833-6657.

#### ST VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD DRIVE December 10th & 11th

As in previous years we are in need of canned soup, fruit and vegetables, prepared foods, drinks, condiments,



cereal, baking items, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, spaghetti sauce, rice, toilet tissue, paper towels, dish soap, laundry soap, personal soap bars and cleaning supplies. Gift Certificates to Jewel or Mariano's are appreciated so that the families can purchase meat or poultry. Thank you for sharing your blessing with those who are in need! Sorting of the Christmas Food will take place in the Church Monday Dec. 12 at 6:30 pm. If you can donate an hour of your time to help sort we would be very appreciative.

#### ALTAR SERVER TRAINING SUNDAY **DECEMBER 11TH**

Altar server training for grade 4 through 8 will be on Sunday from 12:00 to 1:00pm for new and returning servers. We ask that one parent is present at the training to help the servers understand their roles during the Mass. For additional questions, please contact John Vosicky at **ikvosicky@sbcglobal.net** or (773) 206-4937.

# BAPTISM NEWS





November 6, 2016:

Bridget Grace

daughter of Senan and Erin Nolan
This is Deacon Tom's 9th grandchild!

- Katherine Alexis
  - daughter of David and Angeles Dea
- Ophelia Emelyn

daughter of Edward and Erica Wolf



November 20, 2016:

- Ave Marion
  - daughter of Robert and Rosemary Palmer
- Sophia Grace
  - daughter of Bradley and Regina Frasasso
- Jackson James
  - son of Luke and Kelly Vanderlaan

#### BAPTISMAL PREPARATION MEETING FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER WILL BE DECEMBER 13, 2016 IN CHURCH

Baptism preparation class is usually held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in the church. Parents are being sought to serve as mentor parents in a new program seeking to help new parents in early catechesis and to help them find a connection to our community. To register for baptisms please call the Parish Office at (630) 279-5700.

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### CATHOLIC CHARITIES' MOBILE FOOD PANTRY



Thursday, December 15, 2016 at St. John the Apostle Church 330 N. Westmore Ave., Villa Park

Catholic Charities' Mobile Food Pantry will be distributing food at St. John the Apostle(rain or shine). Catholic Charities and the Northern Illinois Food Bank have partnered to deliver nutritious food (meat, produce and nonperishable items) to people in need.

Participants are asked to bring bags, laundry baskets, boxes, carts or wagons to transport food and grocery products through the line and back to their vehicles. A representative from Catholic Charities will be available at this event to explain additional services provided by the agency. You do not have to be Catholic to participate. Catholic Charities helps people of all faiths and beliefs. For more information about Catholic Charities, please visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org. Food distribution begins at 10:00 am and will continue until 12 noon or whenever the food is gone, whichever comes first.

### Parish News

#### MONTINI CATHOLIC HONOR ROLL

First Quarter 2016-2017
High Honor Roll – 4.0 and Above

Rafael Ortiz, III John Vosicky

# "YOU'RE SPECIAL" AUCTION/ DINNER DANCE

Mark your calendars now!



Our "You're Special" Auction/Dinner Dance will be held on Friday, February 10th at Alta Villa Banquets in Addison. The proceeds from this event will be used to help "NEEDY FAMILIES" in our parish and surrounding area. Please help us to help others who are less fortunate than we are. Many hands and hours go into preparing for this event and we are looking for help from parishioners to make it a huge success. If you are able to help, please plan on attending our committee meeting on Monday, Nov. 28th at 7:30 p.m. For questions, please contact Sheila (630-833-6657) or Phylis (630-279-6239).

### **FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

### MOH Preschool News

#### MQH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Today is the second week of Advent. If we are keeping with the  $W^4 =$  watch, wait, wonder, welcome theme; this week is about waiting. We don't like to wait; we want it now. However, Advent calls us to wait patiently. Use the time waiting in line at school, at the store, and for appointments to ask God to bless the waiting time with pleasant conversation with others who are waiting, pausing to notice details that we would ordinarily miss, take a breather to breathe, and remember God is with you.

#### THANKSGIVING FEAST



November ended with our Thanksgiving feast. We always have such a wonderful time sharing snack together. Each class made food to share at the feast. The preschoolers made pumpkin pudding and the KEP students made



apple muffins. We had many hands to make our feast a fun event and we were thrilled to have Fr. Jason join us.

#### **ADVENT FAMILY ACTIVITY**

The photos taken at the Family Advent Event shows what a great time families had together making the Advent wreaths, decorating Advent calendars with good works, stickers, prayers, sending cards to soldiers recuperating in the hospital, and sharing snacks. It is a joy to share these activities and prayer with opportunities







wonderful families. Genet and Jo are already thinking about our spin on vacation bible camp this summer. Have a blessed Advent watching, waiting, wondering, and welcoming Jesus into your hearts!









# WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2016

144 parishioners envelopes	\$5,880	Sunday
102 Parishioners	\$2,857	Parish Pay
246 narishioners	\$8 737	Total

# Weekend Ministry Schedule Saturday, December 10, Sunday December 11, 2016

	7:00 PM Immaculate Conception	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Lector	S. Napolilli	D. & A. Novar	B. Nosek	P. Reynertson
Eucharistic Ministers	TBA	B. Lawlor (Capt.) K. Diggins S. Pingitore T. Sabel M. White	K.Vicary (Capt.) D. Hall M. Hall N. Williamson	B. Kevil (Capt.) B. Carambot R. Marrow M. Reed P. Twardowski
Altar Servers	TBA	R. Lewand J. Fahey		R. Klein S. Carambot



#### Sunday, December 4, 2016

8:30 a.m. † Henry and Mary Szypulski

10:30 a.m. † Kim Giazzon

#### Monday, December 5, 2016

8:30 a.m. † Lino Magnelli

#### Tuesday, December 6, 2016

8:30 a.m. † Catherine Zable

#### Wednesday, December 7, 2016

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

#### Thursday, December 8, 2016

8:30 a.m. † The Souls in Purgatory
7:00 p.m. † Parishioners of Mary Queen

#### Friday, December 9, 2016

8:30 a.m. † Sandra Behrmann

#### Saturday, December 10 2016

4:30 p.m. † Diana Julison

#### Sunday, December 11, 2016

8:30 a.m. † Dolores Shaheen 10:30 a.m. Pauline Ricci

Emma Barz
Hilda Daly
Marge Hohe
Luke Lancaster
Kendall Monaghan
Geri Pstrzoch

John Rossi

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS

# Readings for the Week of December 4, 2016

#### Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

ls 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

#### Monday:

Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9-14/Lk 5:17-26

#### Tuesday: St. Nicholas, Bishop

Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-3, 10-13/Mt 18:12-14

# Wednesday: St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

ls 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10/Mt 11:28-30

#### Thursday: Solmnety of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

#### Friday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Is 48:17-19/Ps 1/Mt 11:16-19

#### Saturday:

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:9a, 10-13

#### **Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent**

ls 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

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



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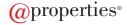


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