

MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH

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The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. Isaiah 61:1

December 11, 2016 **3rd 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 Message From Father Jason

This weekend, we celebrate the half way point on our Lenten journey toward Christ. The purple of penance is lightened up for a weekend, becoming a pinkish rose. The liturgy encourages us to lighten up a bit as well. The third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday from the Latin opening prayer, "Gaudete in Domino semper!" which means, "Rejoice in the Lord always!"

Amid this time of preparation for one of the biggest feasts of the year, we are invited, for a least a minute, to stop and let the joy that is the reason for all our preparations sink in. The reason for our joy is given to us in the Jesus' words to John the Baptist in today's gospel: ""The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them." These were the miracles that caused those who realized that Jesus is the Messiah to rejoice.

While our Christmas traditions of cards and gifts and parties and food bring us joy for a day, the inspiration of true joy comes when we participate in this saving and healing mission of Christ. Granted you may never see the dead raised or a leper cleansed, but I bet that you already know the joy of proclaiming the good news to someone, helping someone to see truth and goodness, or helping someone who is emotionally paralyzed to get up and walk once more.

I invite you to take a minute in between trips to the store to call to mind and rejoice where you have experienced such a gift of healing in your life. Then pray that God would help you to be aware of who in your life needs such help and that he would prepare your heart and give you the spiritual gifts to be that miracle for them.

Even small acts of charity can make a big difference. The world is thirsty for acts of selfless love, like a desert on a hot day. Anything you do to water the thirsty soil will be reason for rejoicing. As Isaiah says, "the parched land will exalt, the steppe will rejoice and bloom."

We have reason to rejoice. We rejoice in the savior born among us, we rejoice in the miracles he worked and the salvation he made possible. We rejoice to in the gifts of life and healing he has given us and rejoice that he calls and empowers us to continue that work of making miracles happen in others.

May God bless you with the ability to rejoice in His goodness today,

Fr. Jason

Advent Reconciliation

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Fr. Jason will be available for Advent Reconciliation at the following times: Fridays (12/16 & 23): 7:45-8:00am and 7:00-7:15pm Saturday 12/17: 3:15-4:10pm Sunday 12/18: 7:45-8:00am Christmas Eve: 7:45-8:00am



PARISH EVENTS

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH (CHRP) RETREAT JANUARY 21-22, 2017

Do you find yourself too BUSY for God and your faith community? Come experience a Women's Spiritual Renewal Weekend Jan 21-22, 2017

With all the business and planning that comes with the holidays, give yourself a much need break – spiritually, physically, and mentally. Set 30 hours aside for yourself for bonding with other parishioners, music, laughter, prayer, and a change of pace.

Get reconnected with God. Get reconnected with yourself! Please join us for a Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) Spiritual Renewal Weekend - Women's Weekend (Jan 21-22, 2017). For information contact **Karen Sutkus** at **630-279-3240** or **ksutkus1@comcast.net** or **Renee Rodriguez** (Lay Director) at **630-247-7623** or **reneemrja@aol.com**.

CRHP – Truth vs Fiction – Dispelling the Myths

I have to stay overnight on the weekend – FALSE. It is encouraged so you can get away from the outside world for 30 hours but it is definitely not mandatory. Many participants go home and come back early the next morning due to health issues or family. We will tell you what time to be back in the morning when you leave for the night.

If I do the weekend, I have to commit to team formation – FALSE. Many men and women have gone on the weekend and come away with a deeply spiritual experience that have made an impact on their lives but did not go on to team formation. **TRUE** that it is part of a deepening spiritual experience to go through team formation and give back for the next weekend but it is not mandatory. Many participants, in fact, want to come back to help out for the weekends in many ways without going through formation. Once you have made a CRHP weekend you are always welcome to be on a team in the future if you so desire. **But you can make the weekend without any further commitment.**

I'm not spiritual enough – FALSE. Nobody is spiritual enough. That's why they call it a journey and its best when you share that journey with others. We're not meant to walk alone.

I'm too spiritual for this weekend – then YOU need it the most!

It's too intense – not enough fun – FALSE. You get out of it what you put into it – there is a lot of fun, a lot of laughs, some down time and many wonderful, beautiful surprises that will show you how much God loves you.

Advent | Christmas Schedule

> <u>Christmas Eve</u> Saturday, December 24

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

Solemnity of 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



BULLETIN DEADLINES

For Bulletin On	Articles due by Noon
Sunday, Dec. 25	Wednesday, Dec. 14
Sunday, Jan. 1	Wednesday, Dec. 19

WEEKLY EVENTS

12/11 Sunday

3rd Sunday of Advent

Christmas	Giving Tree Ends
St. Vincent	DePaul Food Drive
7:45 AM	Reconciliation in Church
8:30 AM	Mass
9:30 AM	RCIA in School Rm. 13
9:30 AM	RCIA for Children - Rm. 1
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
12/12 Mo	
8:30 AM	Mass
6:30 PM	Christmas Food Sorting in Church
7:00 PM	Liturgy Committee - in Rm. 13
12/13 Tue	esday
7:00 AM	Coffee and in Barrett Hall
8:30 AM	Mass
4:00 PM	Christmas Pageant
	Rehearsal in Church
6:30 PM	CRHP Women - Rm. 13
7:30 PM	Baptism Preparation
	Meeting in Church
12/14 We	dnesday
Deadline fo	or the Bulletin of Dec. 25
8:30 AM	Communion Service
3:15 PM	RE Classes
12/15 The	ursday
8:30 AM	
9:00 AM	Yoga in School - Rm. 1
7:30 PM	Choir Practice in Church
12/16 Frie	day
	Reconciliation in Church
8:30 AM	Mass
7:00 PM	Reconciliation in Church
12/17 Sat	urday
	Christmas Decorating in Church
3:30 PM	Reconciliation
4:30 PM	Mass
12/18 Su	ndav
	y of Advent
	Reconciliation
8:30 AM	Mass
9:30 AM	RCIA in School Rm. 13

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8:30 AM	Mass	
9:30 AM	RCIA in School Rm. 1	3
9:30 AM	RCIA for Children -	Rm. 1
10:30 AM	Mass	
10:30 AM	Children's Liturgy of	the
- V	Word in School Rm.	4-5
11:30 AM	Fellowship in Barret	Hall
11:40 AM	Children's Choir Reh	earsal
	in School Rm. 12	
12:00 PM	Baptisms in Church	

PARISH NEWS

CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

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

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE ENDS December 10 & 11

All gifts need to be turned in this weekend. If you have any questions, please call **Sheila at (630) 833-6657**.

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD DRIVE DECEMBER 10 & 11

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 11

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 **jkvosicky@sbcglobal.net** or (773) 206-4937.

"YOU'RE SPECIAL" AUCTION/DINNER DANCE February 10

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.

For questions, please contact Sheila (630-833-6657) or Phylis (630-279-6239).

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PARISH NEWS

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

CHRP will be hosting Fellowship Sunday on December 18 immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Everyone is invited to stop in Barrett

Hall for coffee, tea, juice, and goodies. It's the perfect time to relax and enjoy sharing with fellow parishioners and friends. We are looking forward to seeing you!

UNDY SUNDAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS!



Dear Friends:

On behalf of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet I would like to thank you for participating in Undy Sunday. This year 50 parishes, schools, and organizations collected an overwhelming amount of underwear, socks, undershirts, and diapers. Many of us take things like underwear for granted. Most of our clients don't have that luxury, but because of your generosity it will be one less thing that they have to worry about.

Thank you for your support of Catholic Charities and the work we do. May God continue to bless you and your family.

Sincerely,

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Glenn Van Cura Executive Director Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet



THE MARRIAGE MINISTRY PRESENTS Saturday March 4th

Mysterious Musical Mayhem!

They're creepy and their spooky, mysteriously kooky, they're all together ooky.. No not the Marriaae

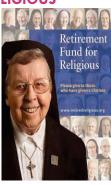
Ministry, the McAddams Family! Come join us for an evening of musical mayhem and campy comedy. Find out what happened to Morticia, Gomez, Pugsly and Wednesday and what macabre mysteries are afoot. Elmhurst's own Green Man Troupe will provide the entertainment and Angelo's Banquets will provide the family style dinner (Cash Bar). Tickets on sale now for Saturday, March 4th at 7pm. Tickets are \$50.00 per person. Please see us in the back of the church after mass, every weekend in December, except Christmas eve and day. Sales deadline is January 9th.

For more information please call: Don and Ellen Walker at 630-279-4021. Hope to see you there!

COMMUNITY NEWS

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS December 10-11

In our faith lives, nearly all of us have been deeply touched by the example of thousands of now elderly women and men religious who, for so many, were a living sign of God's mercy. These women and men -Catholic



sisters, brothers, and religious order priests—were indeed the hands of Christ as they educated the young, cared for the sick, and ministered to the neediest among us. Through their service and witness, they modeled the compassionate love of Jesus and showed us that we, too, could be instruments of peace and mercy.

Today, many senior religious continue to be vessels of mercy, serving in a wide range of volunteer and prayer ministries. Others are frail and need assistance. Most older religious ministered for small stipends, leaving a substantial gap in retirement savings. With the ever-rising cost of health care and the increased number of those needing care, many religious communities struggle to provide for aging members.

Soon, our parishes will be conducting the appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious, an annual collection that benefits nearly 33,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift provides vital support for medications, nursing care, and more. It also helps religious communities implement long-term retirement strategies that ensure both quality eldercare and continued service to the People of God.



FAITH FORMATION NEWS

MQH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MARILLAC HOUSE TOY COLLECTION

MQH Preschool- KEP and MQH RE are collecting new toys for the families at Marillac House in Chicago. New, unwrapped toys for kids in preschool through 6th grade can be dropped off in the box in Mary's Gathering Space. Sharing with those less fortunate is an important part of our faith. Thank you for your generosity.

HEIFER PROJECT



MQH RE and MQH Preschool-KEP kids are collecting money to purchase animals for poor families to become self-reliant to grow a business. If you are interested in donating, please put your HEIFER donation in an envelope marked Heifer Project and drop it in the collection basket. Thank you for your generosity.

CONFIRMATION PREP SERVICE HOURS OPPORTUNITY December 12 at 6:30 PM

Confirmation

Volunteers are needed to help sort the food for the Christmas gift baskets at 6:30pm in Church. There is much work to sort and organize the food that goes to into the Christmas food baskets. It is an awesome time to see the generosity of MQH parishioners in action. This is a great way to "be the best-version-of-yourself."

MOH Preschool News

MQH PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Saturday, January 14 3:30pm - 6:30pm Sunday, January 15 9:30am - 12:30pm



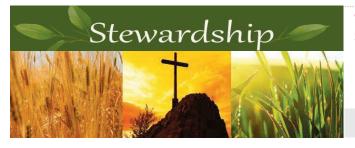
Become a part of our growing school. Schedule a visit, the teachers, and the meet see classrooms. Registration for current and past families begins January 1st. Open registration for new families begins January 16th. Registration papers can be found on our website, they can be picked up in the office, and will be available at the open houses.

PRESCHOOL AND RE COUPON CARDS

Available Now! Just in time for Christmas shopping! Coupon cards with 19 local vendors and an app for one year subscription for nationwide



savings is now on sale. You can purchase a card for \$20 at the Parish Office, Preschool Office or **Religious Education Office.**



3rd Annual Mary Queen of Heaven



Saturday, January 7th 7 p.m. in Barrett Hall \$25 per person

Sign up after Mass 12/31–1/1, call 630-834-3233 or email dayna.pierzchala@gmail.com.

Awards for:	
Trivia Game	
Winners,	
Best Team Name	
& Best Table	
Decorations	

Proceeds will benefit St. Vincent DePaul Charities

Enjoy pizza, salad and a parish dessert cookoff **BYO** Drinks

WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2016

Sunday	\$6,440	145 parishioners envelopes
Parish Pay	\$2,857	102 Parishioners
Total	\$9,297	247 parishioners

Weekend Ministry Schedule Saturday, December 17, Sunday December 18, 2016

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Lector	E. Walker	K. Sutkus	M. McCall
Eucharistic Ministers	A. Decillo (Capt.) G. Los K. Passarelli T. Sabel	D. Gornick (Capt.) J. Eichorst J. Styler R. Wilkes	G. Pinkerton (Capt.) G. Galbraith K. Carambot T. Kevil D. Styka
Altar Servers	R. Lewand E. Pas		B. Harrington J. Harrington



Sunday, December 11, 2016 8:30 a.m. † Dolores Shaheen 10:30 a.m. Pauline Ricci

Monday, December 12, 2016 8:30 a.m. Patrick Barnett

Tuesday, December 13, 2016 8:30 a.m. Parishioners of Mary Queen

Wednesday, December 14, 2016 8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, December 15, 2016 8:30 a.m. † Jim Calderone

Friday, December 16, 2016 8:30 a.m. Bill Kohut

Saturday, December 17 2016 4:30 p.m. † Mary Stanko

Sunday, December 18, 2016 8:30 a.m. † Dolores Shaheen 10:30 a.m. † Jeanne M. Ward † indicates person is deceased

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS

Marge Hohe Bill Kohut Luke Lancaster Kendall Monaghan Geri Pstrzoch John Rossi

Readings for the Week of December 11, 2016

- Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
- Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Jdt 13:18bc, 19a/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
- Tuesday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34/Mt 21:28-32
- Wednesday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Ps 85:9-14/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday:

Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Lk 7:24-30

Friday:

ls 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Jn 5:33-36

Saturday:

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:2-4, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-6/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

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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