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Congratulations to Our Young People Who Will Receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 2, 2017

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Liturgy 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

Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM

Sacraments

Reconciliation - see inside for Lenten Schedule

<u>Baptism</u>

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 12:00 p.m. Required Baptismal preparation on the 2nd Tues. at 7:00 p.m. Call Parish Office to register.

Marriage

Please contact the Pastor at least 6 months in advance

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9:00am - 4:00pm

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7:00 PM IN THE CHURCH

Friday, April 7
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Saturday, April 8 Sunday, April 9 Tuesday, April 11

RECONCILIATION

7:30 PM 3:15 PM 7:45 AM 6:30 PM

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A Note From Father Jason

Congratulations to all of our young people who will be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. We are blessed to have 59 confirmandi this year. They have spent years being initiated into the faith, an initiation that began with their baptism and which is confirmed as the Abbot anoints them with the Chrism and seals them with the gift of the Spirit.

I encourage you to join me in praying for our confirmandi this week. May they be blessed with the gift of wisdom they long for and may it and the other gifts of the spirit guide them well as they begin to live more fully and enter more deeply into the life of the Spirit that began on the day of their baptism.

Four and a half weeks ago, we began our Lenten journeys with a reminder of death. Ashes were worn on foreheads and we acknowledged that "we are but ashes and shall return to dust." We resolved to engage in practices of fasting and almsgiving and prayer. The tone of the liturgy turned solemn and we considered how to "rend our hearts, not our garments."

For many, Lent ended there. That is unfortunate, because if you have been following the progression of themes every Sunday, you know that Lent quickly moves us into themes about how God is seeking to give us new life. Lent is often referred to as the Church's spring time. There is sacrifice, but the clearing away of the clutter in our hearts makes room for the seeds of God's life that lent brings to find fertile soil in which to enliven our love and guide us into resurrected life.

If you have given up on lent, now is a good time to come back to whatever effort the Lord has called you. If you are grinding through your sacrifice and counting down the days, hang in there! Whatever you are doing to make some room for God in your life, even if it seems to be failing or fruitless, is allowing grace to be poured into your heart.

Lent is indeed about opening your heart to the new life that God wants to give you. As we do that, we find ways we have allowed ourselves to fall into the death of sin. The good news is that God wants you to know life without the burden of your mistakes and the baggage of your weakness. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a powerful opportunity to offer to God our sorrow for our sins and hear him speak words of encouragement and reassurance that our sins are forgotten.

There are still many opportunities to receive the gift of reconciliation. I will be available at several different times between now and Easter. Neighboring parishes are offering additional times as well. As Lent draws near to its close, let us prepare to celebrate Jesus' new life of resurrection by using the final days of Lent to open our hearts to the new life God is seeking to nurture in you.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,

Fr. Jason

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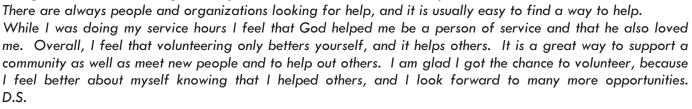
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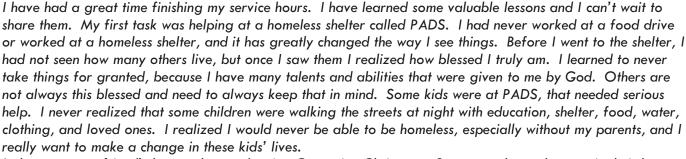
Confirmation Reflection Essays

Our Confirmation Candidates learned that daily prayer, attending Mass regularly, on-going faith formation, and doing service is vital to the life of a Christian. 20 hours of service are required for Confirmation, yet it causes such a change in the young Candidates who learn that giving one's time and one's self to others in service is rewarding and life changing. Here are some Candidates' reflection essays on "mercy moments," or service opportunities.

I have never really volunteered that much and I knew that this was my opportunity to do some community service to help others. I have found through the experience that I really like to volunteer, so in the near future, I will probably volunteer on my own, rather than doing it for a class.

Doing service hours is a great way to involved with the community.





I also went to a friend's house who was hosting Operation Christmas. Some people set these up in their homes, and strangers can come in and put toys in a box for the homeless. They are later shipped to other towns, states, and countries. I went to his home and put together presents for needy children. I had never done anything like that, and it showed me how much of an impact you can have on a child's life. Just by giving them toys, you can make their day. I learned to always be grateful and thankful. Just by doing a simple deed of kindness, like paying for someone's meal can change their life. Always think of others before yourself and let's change the world together! H.D.

For my service hours, I volunteered at the Food Pantry. This was a really great experience because I got to make sure that people who don't have enough money to buy food, still have food. This was a really eye opening experience because I never really thought of how many people go to food pantries in our area. This caused me to be very thankful for what I have and to never take that for granted, because some people have way less than I do. At the food pantry, I helped the clients who came in pick out their food and told them how many of each item they could get. In addition to that, I also helped restock the shelves after all the clients left for the day, to ensure the shelves were fully stocked for the customers the next day. This really brought me closer to God because I got to help people that were in need and that have way less than I do. All in all, volunteering at the food pantry was a good experience and also taught me how much joy smiling at people and giving back to the community. J.T.

WEEKLY EVENTS

4/2 Sunday 5th Sunday of Lent

EASTER FOOD BASKET COLLECTION

7:45 AM Reconciliation

8:30 AM Mass

9:30 AM RCIA in Rm. 13

9:30 AM RCIA for Children in Rm. 1

10:30 AM Mass

10:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word

in Rooms 4-5

2:00 PM Confirmation in Church

4/3 Monday

CLASSES RESUME (Preschool)

8:30 AM Mass

9:00 AM **Eucharistic Adoration in Church**

6:30 PM Preschool Board Meeting

in Social Hall

7:00 PM Easter Basket Sorting

in Church

7:30 PM Men's Spirituality Group

in Rm. 13

4/4 Tuesday

8:30 AM Mass

6:30 PM Women's CHRP in Rm. 13 7:00 PM Baptism Prep in Church

4/5 Wednesday

DEADLINE FOR APRIL 16TH BULLETIN

8:30 AM Communion Service

3:15 PM **RE Classes**

4/6 Thursday

8:30 AM Mass

9:00 AM Yoga in Rm. 1

7:30 PM Choir Practice in Church

7:30 PM Lenten Prayer Group in Rm. 1

4/7 Friday

7:45 AM Reconciliation

8:30 AM Mass

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross and

Reconciliation in Church

7:30 PM Food Basket Distribution

in Mary's Gathering Space

4/8 Saturday

MA 00:8 **RCIA** Retreat 3:15 PM Reconciliation

4:30 PM Mass

Indian Catholic Community 6:30 PM

in Barrett Hall

4/9 Sunday Palm Sunday

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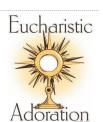
EASTER FOOD DRIVE

Our Easter Food Drive is this weekend, April 1st & April 2nd. We have adopted many 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. This year we have 34 children.

The food sorting will take place on Monday, April 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Please consider a gift of your time.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION MONDAY, APRIL 3RD

Saint Kateri, recently canonized native American saint, would arise early before the sun and wait for the church doors to open. Her day began with Eucharist and prayer. She would spend long hours on her knees in the cold chapel adoring Jesus hidden in the Sacrament of Love.



Come and spend some time in prayer in our heated church during our next day of Eucharistic Adoration, Monday, April 3rd. The day begins with Mass at 8:30, and ends with Benediction at 7:00 p.m.. You are invited to join us for Benediction as well. Remember, there is perpetual adoration in the Visitation adoration chapel located at 799 S. York Road. Questions? Please call Kay Diggins, 630-530-7214, or Rose Wilkes, 630-833-7238.

GRACE CAFÉ

Monday, April 10th

Would you like to help the hungry, lonely, or out of work people? -Grace Café

Mary Queen of Heaven is hosting Grace Café dinner on Monday night April 10th - 5:00 to 6:30 PM. We are looking for people to make meatloaf, meatballs, chicken, scalloped potatoes, etc. in advance of the evening, and desserts. All warm food could be dropped off Monday April 10 at 4:30 pm in Barrett Hall. Desserts and Fruit Salad could be dropped off after 8:30AM Mass on Monday April 10 or preferably between 3:30 and 5:00 PM on Monday April 10th in Barrett Hall. Let me know what you are bringing, so we don't have too much of one thing. Monetary donations for purchasing some food and supplies is welcome too. We also need people to set-up, serve food, work in the kitchen, and clean-up. If you can work an hour or two, we can sign you up for a shift. Students are welcome to help.

Thanks so much, Debbie Styka

Phone 630-941-7224 or email debbiestyka@yahoo.com

Parish News

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Tuesday

April 11, 2017 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Reconciliation



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Holy Thursday
April 13, 2017
8:30 AM Morning Prayer
7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
8:00 PM Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday

April 14, 2017

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Reconciliation

3:00 PM Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM Liturgy of the Passion





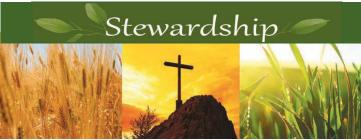
Holy Saturday

April 15, 2017 8:30 AM Morning Prayer 11:00 AM Blessing of the Baskets 8:00 PM Easter Vigil

April 16, 2017

Mass 8:30 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 Noon





WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017

Sunday	\$3,963	119 envelopes
Parish Pay	\$2,672	150 envelopes
Total	\$6.635	269 envelopes

Thank you for your generosity

3rd Annual Mary Queen of Heaven





Friday April 28th 7 p.m. in Barrett Hall \$25 per person

Sign up after Mass 4/8-9, 4/22-23 Call 630-834-3233 or email

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CONGRATULATIONS! CCW WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Congratulations and Best Wishes to **Donna Kolpacz** who has been chosen as Mary Queen of Heaven's Parish CCW "2017 Woman of the Year". Donna is truly a woman of great faith and has been a member of Mary Queen for many years.

She has volunteered and given generously of her time in various ministries and will be honored at the "2017 Woman of the Year" Mass and Luncheon being held at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet on Saturday, April 29th.



Mary Queen of Heaven welcomed:

Juliana Jean Filas

daughter of Jay and Nicole (Ferrarini) Filas



COMMUNITY NEWS

VISITATION PARISH Thursday Evening Masses in Lent 7 pm in the Church

April 6th-Theme: Eternal Life through Jesus (Fr. Michael Kearney)

All are welcome to this Lenten renewal series. Come have your faith nourished at the table of the Word and the table of the Eucharist.



GOOD FRIDAY WALK - April 14 St. Alexander 300 s Cornell Ave Villa Park

Come and join St. Alexander Church Good Friday Walk. "Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus" Stations of the Cross with a theme of Peace and Social



Justice. Starts in St. A's Church at 10:30 AM, Friday, April 14, 2017. This is an outside event-slow paced walk of about 1-1/2 mile loop. Dress fit for the weather.

Any questions, call

Deacon Chris Cochran 630-833-7730

This is a wonderful event for families. Strollers and wagons are welcome.

HEALING MASS & ANOINTING OF THE SICK Saturday, April 29th

St. Michael Catholic Church, 310 S. Wheaton Ave, Wheaton, IL

www.stmichaelcommunity.org

The Healing Mass at 10:00 AM will incorporate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to Mass. The Mass and Sacrament is for those who:

- Have a surgery planned for a serious illness
- Living with a chronic illness or disability
- Struggling with a mental health issue
- Elderly in a weakened state of health

Preschool News

PORTILLO'S FUNDRAISER Thursday April 13, 2017

Join us on Thursday, April 13, 2017 from 5:00 - 8:00 PM at the Portillo's on Route 83.

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Ministry Schedule Saturday, April 8 / Sunday, April 9, 2017

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Lector	R. Styka	M. Grozik	M. Reed
	S. Griffin	B. Nosek	S. Napolilli
Eucharistic Ministers	B. Lawlor (Capt.) T. Sabel M. Stepniewski H. Todd J. Vilim	D. Gornick (Capt.) J. Eichorst J. Styler W. Woollard	M. Reed (Capt.) T. Breen B. Carambot G. Pozen D. Reed
Altar	E. Pas		G. Vandenberg
Servers	N. Breen		S. Carambot



Sunday, April 2, 2017

8:30 a.m. Parishioners of Mary Queen

10:30 a.m. † Myron Watry

Monday, April 3, 2017

8:30 a.m. † For all Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

8:30 a.m. C. Tansley

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, April 6, 2017

8:30 a.m. † Albert Fuchsen

Friday, April 7, 2017

8:30 a.m. † The Los Family

Saturday, April 8, 2017

4:30 p.m. Parishioners of Mary Queen

Sunday, April 9, 2017

8:30 a.m. Those receiving Easter

Sacraments

10:30 a.m. † Freida Serpa

† indicates person is deceased

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS

Emma Barz Bill Kohut John Rossi

Readings for the Week of April 2, 2017

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 Ps 23:1-6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday

St. Isidore, Bishop, Doctor of the Church Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52-56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday

St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10-13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mt 21:1-11/ls 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20,23-24 Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

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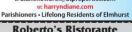
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