

Elmhurst, Illinois

MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



July 13, 2008

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Worship Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Schedule

Mon., Tues., Wed., and Fri.: Mass

Thurs.: Communion Service

All at 8:30 a.m.

Sacraments

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Baptism

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 2:00 p.m.
Baptismal preparation is required. Baptismal prep takes place on the 2nd Tues. of the month at 7:30. Please call the parish office to register.

Marriage

Please contact the Pastor 6 months in advance.

Note from the Pastor

"All my bags are packed I am ready to go... I'm leaving on a jet plane...." so sang Peter, Paul and Mary in the late sixties and I found myself humming it as well as I packed my stuff and got ready to go (not on a jet plane but in a blue pickup). Leaving is always hard. Packing doesn't make it any easier. This is the eighth time in my priesthood that I have had to leave a community for whom I became "Father", in order to become "Father" to another community. Possibly the hardest thing in life is letting go of what we so dearly love. I think that's what makes packing so difficult. Not only have you accumulated stuff through the years but more importantly – memories. And as you pack and go through your files, read old letters and view old photos, floods of memories both good and bad cascade over you. Now, logic and common sense will tell you that what you are holding in your hands is past tense and the smart thing to do would be to file it into the circular file. But when packing, emotion almost always trumps common sense. You just never know, I might need this letter of recommendation that Miss Husted wrote for me in 1962. And so it gets packed away along with everything else you have accumulated for the past six to twelve years. You just never know when that vibrating back scratcher will come in handy.

So we pack and, like most of us going on a short vacation, over pack.

How did we get so much stuff and how did our lives become so complicated trying to manage it? Words from one of my favorite homespun philosophers, my mother, come to mind, "I dunno, it just 'cumulates.'" Anybody who has ever had to deal with the accumulations of a deceased relative or friend knows how much we can accumulate. We have all learned to pack well. What we are not good at is unpacking.

The first half of life is all about accumulation, gathering, going for it. In the first half, life is a smorgasbord with a seemingly infinite variety of things and experiences and thoughts to choose from. And we want it all. So we taste of the knowledge of good and evil, we get that degree, we buy that first car, we find the right mate and then have children. This is as it should be. The first half of life is all about gathering, getting, possessing...especially yourself. We stand in awe of and honor the self-sufficient, self-possessed person.

But there comes a time (usually somewhere in our '50's) when we discover that we have over packed. It's all just too much. We are too involved, we have too much stuff, we are over committed and our lives are utterly cluttered. It's time to unpack. And it is so much better for us to unpack ourselves while we are here than to leave it to our children

after we are gone. If the first half of life is to gather, then the second half is to scatter, to let go. And like anything of importance, the hardest part is beginning. Shall we begin?

When we pack we just throw things in boxes, stuff them in suitcases and tell ourselves that we will discard what we don't need later. Well, later is now. I used to brag that I was able to move from assignment to assignment with what I could fit in my car. What I never told anyone was that I made an awful lot of car trips. This time I took a pickup truck. As I unloaded all of my stuff in the garage here at Mary Queen, I marveled at how much there was and dreaded the unpacking. I have been here a little over three weeks now and most everything is still in boxes. Now, I have to do this right or when I leave Mary Queen I will need not a pickup but a step van. So I begin and for those of you for whom this applies, may I encourage you to begin as well.

One of my rules for clothing is that if I have not worn it in the last year, I will not wear it in the next. It has to go. It's also not a bad rule to follow for all the stuff you have. If you haven't read that book in the last five years, you probably won't read it again. And in my all most forty years of priesthood I have received more religious articles than I know what to do with (and my nephews own a religious goods store!). They will be given away. As a matter of fact I would like to make a small give-away proposal.

As I begin to unpack my own personal stuff I marveled at how much community stuff has accumulated in this old rectory over the past fifty years. Not only do I purpose to unpack my unused stuff but some of the rectory's as well. Toward this end shall we have a CCW rummage sale? What if we all had a summer project of cleaning house? I bet we could come up with some very interesting stuff. I am just thinking out loud (introverts think when they think. Extraverts think when they talk, or in this case write. It's not written in stone.)

Simplify, simplify, simplify. Our lives have just become just too complicated. The economic and energy crisis we find ourselves in today may be the catalyst for us to do just that. Simplify. It's amazing how well we can live with a whole lot less. And so my pocket motto for the coming years: Less is more.



In Jesus, the more of God,

Fr. Tony

Parish News

MASS OF INSTALLATION FOR FATHER TONY TASCHETTA

Retired Auxiliary Bishop Roger Kaffer will install Father Tony Taschetta as pastor of Mary Queen of Heaven Parish at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on August 2, 2008.



Father will pray the creed with the congregation and pledge to lead the people of God with a shepherd's heart. The Parish Council will receive this pledge and promise on behalf of the community of Mary Queen. All are invited to attend.

JOYFUL AGAIN RETREAT

Are you widowed?
Do you know someone who is widowed?

If you have been recently widowed and are still struggling with the loss, or if you have been widowed for some time and need something to get you "over the hump" because you seem stuck in one spot, this program is designed to help you move on with your life while treasuring your past and its precious memories.

This weekend program will be held at Mary Queen of Heaven Parish, Elmhurst, IL. All are invited. The Joyful Again! retreat is for both men and women (all ages) who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and joy in their lives.

- **What:** Workshop/Retreat for Widowed Men & Women
- **When:** August 2 & 3, 2008
- **Donation:** \$75 – includes all meals

For further information, call Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry Program at **708-354-7211**.
Reserve early, space limited.

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



RCIA UPDATE AND INVITATION

We are completing our weekday sessions and moving to a summer schedule. Our "breaking open the word" sessions will be moved to Sunday mornings. **Anyone interested** can join us at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room on the following Sunday mornings:

July 13 & 27
August 10 & 24

Are you interested in becoming part of the Catholic faith? You are invited to "Come and See".

Questions?? Please contact Mimi Wolak (941-3851) or Tom Nanak (530- 4502)



Due to summer vacation, all articles for the July 27th bulletin will have the following deadline:

For Bulletin On
Sunday 7/27

Articles due by noon
Thursday 7/17

Thank you for your cooperation.

Diocesan News



Diocese of Joliet
Catholic Ministries
Annual Appeal

2008 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Diocese of Joliet

This is a reminder to send your Annual Appeal coupon with payment to the Diocesan Annual Appeal Office by the 15th of each month. We meet our parish goal only when pledges have been fulfilled. Thank you.

Christian Education Commission

MQH PRESCHOOL—SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE



Please call the Preschool for information. Become a part of our growing school. Schedule a visit, meet the teacher, come "Light the Way" with us.

The Preschool is accepting Registration for the 2008-2009 school year. We look forward to being able to serve your child and your family. We are offering Open Houses for those interested in visiting our classroom.

OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 13, 2008	9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon (after Masses)
Monday, July 14, 2008	6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 31, 2008	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, August 3, 2008	9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon (after Masses)

Please see our website at www.maryqueenpreschool.org and contact the school office for more information and registration. **(630) 833-9500**

Preschool tours scheduled upon request.

LETTER FROM PEOPLE'S RESOURCE CENTER

Dear Mary Queen of Heaven Religious Education,

Thank you so much for the fantastic food donation to the People's Resource Center. Your effort, which totaled more than 3,000 pounds of food, will go toward feeding the 1,600 families each month that come through our doors. Without help from people like you we would not be able to keep up. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Melissa Travis

Reporting Sexual Abuse

Anyone who has reasonable cause to suspect the sexual abuse of a minor by a member of the clergy or other Church personnel is urged to report the matter immediately. To inform the Diocese of Joliet, call Sr. Mary Frances Seeley, OSF (Victim Assistance Coordinator) at **1-815-263-6467** or write the Diocese of Joliet, 524 Summit Street, Joliet 60435.

Contact DCFS at **1-800-252-2873** or call the office of the local County States Attorney.

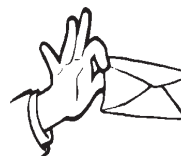
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Volunteers are needed for Religious Education

Thank you to those who have already stepped forward to minister to our children. However we are still in need of some catechists & aides for the fall. The following are the remaining vacancies. Please contact the REO or email Mary Ann Woods at mahmawoods@sbcglobal.net if you are willing and able to help.

Session 1 Wednesday 3:15-4:30	Session 2 Wednesday 5:15-6:30	Session 3 Wednesday 7:00-8:15
Preschool 3 year olds 1 aide	Grade 4 1 catechist	Grade 6 2 catechists
Kindergarten 2 catechists		Grade 7 1 catechist
Grade 1 1 catechist		
Grade 3 4 catechists		
Grade 4 2 catechists		

If you love children and you love your faith, we invite you to join our staff. We will help you with the rest. Our Religious Ed Program is one of the best in the area, which is reflected in our continually growing enrollment. Please help us share our faith with our children. We cannot do it without you. Call or email now for more information.



Have you mailed in your RE registration form? Classes are filling up quickly.

FYI, the 3:15 Kindergarten is closed as is the Grade 5 class at 5:15. There is still room at the 5:15 Kindergarten and the 7:00PM Grade 5 respectively.

FYI: Just so you are aware, we are in the RE office during the summer. If you need to contact us for any reason, please feel free to call and leave a message **(630) 832-8962**.

If you have any questions or need more information, please call Mary Ann Woods at the REO, 832-8962.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, JULY 19 - SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2008

	5:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
Lector	E. Walker	M. Grozik A. Grozik	P. Reyenertson
Eucharistic Ministers	D. StaRosa (S) H. Todd (C) S. Pingitore M. Reed Volunteer	K. Vicary (S) J. Unger (C) D. Bernstein T. Nanak Volunteer	F. Tremmel (S) M. McCall (C) J. Spears K. Gusloff P. Twardowski Volunteer
Altar Servers	J. McDonough M. McDonough	M. Bourke M. Nosek	S. Lewand V. Maple

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK****Sunday, July 13, 2008**

8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:30 AM † Joan Early

Monday, July 14, 2008

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, July 15, 2008

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, July 16, 2008

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, July 17, 2008

8:30 AM Communion Service

Friday, July 18, 2008

8:30 AM † All the Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, July 19, 2008

5:00 PM † John and Frances Gierut

Sunday, July 20, 2008

8:30 AM † Francis Schroedl
10:30 AM People of the Parish

† indicates person is deceased

Gospel Verse

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understand it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

- Mt 13:22-23

Readings for the Week of July 13, 2008

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
Monday: Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/
Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30



**Collection total for Sunday,
July 6, 2008
amounted to \$6,085.91
Thank you for your support.**

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Type "Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Church" into the
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Read the Gospel and Color





Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

farmer

rocky

birds

soil

thorns

choked

root

path

seed

farme

f a r m e r

sede

ptah

brisd

rkyoc

tohrsn

rtoo

cohekd

silo
