

Elmhurst, Illinois

MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



September 7, 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

I pen this note on Labor Day morning. As I look out my back window I see a young fawn munching on the flora laboring to get big and strong enough to survive the winter. Labor Day. It's an interesting American Holiday. Most of the world celebrates Labor on the first of May. We choose the last Monday in September to demarcate the end of one season and the beginning of the next. And on Labor Day we are called to stop from our labors, our work. It is the day to pull out the grill one more time and gather family and friends around to just hang out before the hustle and bustle of the beginning of the school year and the time to seriously get in gear, to get things done. The lazy, hazy crazy days of summer are about to end.

Labor. It is a blessing. It is a curse. Prior to fall, Adam and Eve had very little to do but once they decided that they wanted to be autonomous and independent from God, to do it by themselves, well...God let them. From now on, you will survive by the sweat of your brow. You will give birth only through painful labor. One of the most poignant images I have seared in my consciousness is that of seeing a Peruvian laborer breaking large rocks into little ones in order to make a dollar a day to feed his family. Work is a curse, drudgery.

Work is also a blessing. It is through work that we become co-creators of the world in which we live. Work gives us a sense of being and dignity. And when we do a job well, it gives us a sense of identity. I have always stood in awe of those who can create with their hands: woodworkers, masons, artists, and anyone who can make something out of raw unorganized materials. What a sense of satisfaction must come from completing a task well done and making something. It truly is sharing in God's creative process. I remember fondly that the Pikiarczyk brothers of Momence, IL who put in septic systems with such pride and craftsmanship that when it was done, it was like a work of art. No septic field drained like their septic field. (Here's hoping that the new extractor pumps we have to put in our campus will do as well).

Creative work has an inherent dignity. But what about the man breaking the big rocks into little ones or the factory line worker doing the same repetitive task eight hours a day or those of us who seem to produce nothing? One of my housekeepers once put me in that category when she declared, "Talk, talk, talk all you do is talk. Don't you ever work?" "That is my work!" What is it that I produce? What do I make? What do I create? They are just words and utterly useless unless somehow the word becomes incarnate in the hearer. The words you read on this page are just a jumble of vowels and consonants until you receive

them and they become part of you. At that point I am a worker, a laborer in the vineyard and I am co-creating with the spirit of God that broods and hovers over the world.

We are all workers, all laborers. But is it a blessing or a curse? It depends. It depends on who is motivating the work, who is the prime mover of the work. The psalmist tells us that, "Unless the Lord builds the city, those who labor work in vain." I have discovered this to be a major truth in my life. When I was a young man, I learned the dictum that we are to work as if everything depended upon us and pray as if everything depended upon God. I tried living by this but found it too exhausting. The more I worked, the harder I tried the more exhausted I became. If it were completely up to me, I would never get out of bed. Then, the phone rings at 2:00 am and I am called to the hospital for an emergency anointing. I loathe getting out of bed. It's too hard. I'm too tired. But by sheer force of the will I do it. It never fails, on my way to the hospital I begin to pray. "Lord, this is the last thing I want to do and the last place I want to go but obviously, because I am going you are in the midst of it. Give me the grace to do what you want me to, to say what needs to be said, to touch with your healing hand. I'm just too tired to do it myself." And he does. And that prevails. There is a power not my own that comes through me and touches those with whom I am praying and those for whom I am working. It is at this moment that it is not hard at all or drudgery or even work. It's God working through me. Pray as if everything depended upon God and work that way too! Because it does.

Mother Theresa used to hate to have flash bulbs go off in her face. But it was a part of her holy work that she had to endure. The more she endured it, the more she hated it. One day she made a deal with God. You be in the midst of the flash bulbs. For every flash bulb that goes out in my face, touch another soul. God was now in the midst of her holy work as she smiled for the camera.

Work. Is it a blessing or a curse? It depends. It depends on who is in the midst of it. We are not the creators of anything but we are called to be the co-creators of everything. May God prosper the work of our hands.

In Jesus, the co-creator of the Universe,

Father Tony



Parish News

FINANCIAL REPORT



If you have not yet received it, you will be receiving shortly the year-end report of our stewardship of tithes and our budget for the coming year. Thank you for your faithful return to the Lord for his abundant grace. The Parish Council, our Finance Committee and I all pledge to be good stewards of your generous financial resources.

Toward this end, we have recently had to contract for two extractor pumps for the premises (they're super duper pooper scoopers) to the tune of close to \$20,000.00 as well as a little over \$3,000.00 for the automatic door locks on our school to assure the safety of our children. Any time we spend money on our children, it is money well spent.



SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS!

- **September 7:**
 - 8:30-- Mass with dismissal.
Join us at the picnic this afternoon! Former participants come and meet the new adults and children! Can't find us? RCIA people will be wearing something RED!
- **September 14:**
 - 8:30-- Mass with dismissal
 - 10:30 Mass-- Rick Emich and Brian Biggs will be welcomed into full communion with the Catholic Church by receiving Confirmation and Eucharist. O, happy day!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR IT'S PICNIC TIME!!!

On **Sunday, September 7th**, Mary Queen of Heaven will holding its annual family picnic.

Come spend time with family and friends and enjoy music, games, and just some good old fashioned family fun. There will be a delicious lunch available to purchase, or you may bring your own. Pop, water and popcorn will be available for purchase. The MQH Men's Group is organizing the event, and we will be looking for as much help from our parish family as possible.

Please contact
Mike Launius (630-941-8773),
Jim Japczyk (630-337-3273) or
Tim Mueller (630-567-5757)
 if you would like to volunteer.

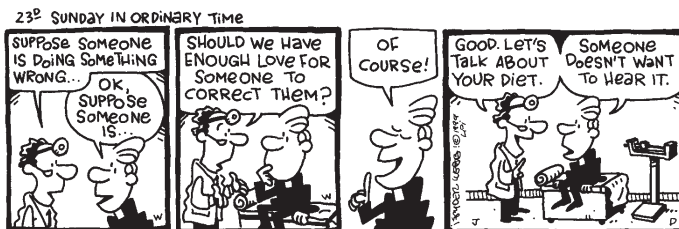
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic



Eucharistic adoration is truly that "best part" of which Jesus spoke when chiding Martha for busying herself with "many things" that were secondary, overlooking the "one thing necessary" chosen by Mary: humble and affectionate adoration (Lk. 10:41-42). What should be the love and zeal, that we ought to have for Eucharistic adoration? (Jesus Our Eucharistic Love, Manelli)

Due to the Labor Day holiday, our next day of Eucharistic adoration will be on **Monday, September 8th**. It begins after 8:30 AM Mass and closes with Benediction at 7:00 PM. All are invited to join us **any** time during the day, as well as for Benediction. **We are always looking for people who can join in prayer at a regular hour.** Please see the large sign-up poster in the back of church.



Parish News

Life is Christ

Philippians 1:21



A year for St. Paul
June 2008 – June 2009

THE YEAR OF ST PAUL

Pope Benedict XVI has declared this year the Pauline Year. From June 2008 through June 2009, the Little Rock Scripture Study Staff is

publishing a 13-part series of St Paul columns available online. To access these monthly columns, follow these directions:

1. Go to www.littlerockscripture.org.
2. Scroll Down and click on the "View the Articles" link found in the "A YEAR FOR SAINT PAUL" section in the bottom of the web page.
3. When you go to this page you will have access to the following columns:
 - Saul Becomes an Apostle of Jesus (June 21)
 - Cross of Jesus is Means for Salvation (Jul 19)
 - Paul Welcomes All Into Life with Christ (August 16)

A new column will be available on September 6th



FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

On Sunday, September 21st all are invited to join fellow parishioners for Fellowship in Barrett Hall immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. This month's Fellowship will be co-hosted by the Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. Bring you family and enjoy tasting the assortment of goodies, a cup of coffee, tea, or juice. It a great time to meet new people and converse with other friends and parishioners.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The St. Vincent De Paul Society Board will meet on Thursday, September 11th at 7:00 p.m. in Barrett Hall. Board members are asked to bring ideas for projects for the forthcoming year. If you have any questions, please call Sheila Reiter at 630-833-6657.

Christian Worship Commission



To pray for our sick is an important privilege of our parish family. Please call 630-279-5700 to have a name added to our list. A new listing will appear in bold face.

When calling the parish office, please leave contact information and your relationship to the person. Names will remain on the prayer list for four weeks.

Contact the parish office to renew the individual's name on our prayer list. We hope that you will pray for these persons every day.

- Arthur Carusso
- Elm Hos
- Baby Joshua Kurby
- Al Martin
- Fr. Stanley Orlikiewicz

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 currently accepting Registration for the 2008-2009 school year. Preschool classes are Monday through Friday from 8:45a.m.– 12 noon daily. 2 day (TTh) and 3 day (MWF) programs are offered.

Children are welcome to attend M-F, and additional flexibility is available when needed. Realizing that there can be a benefit from younger children learning from older children, classrooms have a combination of three and four year olds.

Tour the school, meet the teachers, and visit with current families at one of our Open Houses or schedule a tour at your convenience.

Please call the Preschool Director, Mrs. Liz Lowrey, at **630-833-9500** or visit our website at www.maryqueenpreschool.org for information about our growing program.

Christian Education Commission

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our RE opening event is September 10th and we are down to just one class that still needs a catechist. We pray that we will not have to delay our first class session for Gr. 4 at 3:15 on September 17th because good people like you (you know who you are) have not come forward.

Please consider joining our team of dedicated men and women just like yourself who weekly share their Faith with the young people of the parish. Help our children to get to know our God. **The following are those grade levels where help is still needed:**

Session 1 - 3:15 pm	Session 2 - 5:15 pm
Grade 4 2 catechists	Grade 2 1 co-catechist or aide

Please bear in mind we have over 500 children in RE our program. We have almost 70 catechist and aide positions to fill. We need only 3 more. We are blessed. However, these positions must be filled. If you can help, please call the REO today.

Help keep our children safe on Wednesday afternoons.

We also need help with traffic control on Wednesdays. The parking lot is very congested on Wednesdays, particularly the first session with folks picking up Emerson children, Emerson children walking over to our school building, and people from schools other than Emerson dropping off children for RE. It would take only 15-20 minutes of your time weekly. But the service that you would be providing our little ones could last a lifetime. If you always wanted to help in the RE program, but the classroom is just not your thing, than this may be where you are called. Know that if your children are not registered at the first session, we can use help monitoring traffic at all three sessions. We are waiting for your call.

Have you registered yet?

Registrations are still being taken in the REO for the coming year. Our opening event is September 10th. It will be here before we know it. **Remember that we do not process registrations the week of September 17th.** If you want your children to start on the first day of class, register now. Pass the word to your friends and neighbors.

Also note: The following grade levels at are capacity:

Session 1 - Kindergarten and Grade 1 (There is space at 5:15)

Session 2 - Grade 5 (There is space at 7:00PM)

We will put children on a waiting list for the above grade levels if desired.

For more info on any of the above, please call Mary Ann Woods at the REO, 832-8962.

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT RETREAT SEPTEMBER 13, 2008

Have you ever thought about being a priest but you don't know how to discern the call? Are you a senior in high school or older? Would you like to spend a day in discussion and prayer to learn more about God's call in your life? If you answered yes to these questions, this retreat is perfect for you.

The Diocese of Joliet has invited Fr. Jonathan, from St. Meinrad Abbey, to give a discernment retreat at the Fiat House, 113 N. Ottawa St., Joliet, IL

The day begins at 9:30am and concludes at 6pm. Three meals will be provided and there is no cost for the retreat. The day will include the vigil Mass for Sunday, talks and discussion about the call to priesthood. Please contact Fr. Burke Masters at frburke23@aol.com or 815-834-4004 to RSVP for this exciting opportunity! Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 10, 2008.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2008

	5:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
Lector	R. Styka	R. Villamil	R. Wilkes
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary White (S) Kay Diggins (C) Kay Passarelli Tom Sabel Volunteer	Tom Nanak (S) John Unger (C) Joan Eichorst Gary Regan Volunteer	Kathleen Gusloff (S) Moira Murray (C) Teri Kevil Phyllis Twardowski Geri Pstrzoch Volunteer
Altar Servers	J. Vosicky M. Jankovec	B. Gornick G. Gornick	J. Alonso K. Pierzchala



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 7, 2008

8:30 AM † Len Scharba
10:30 AM † Richard A Jones

Monday, September 8, 2008

8:30 AM † All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

8:30 AM † Edward Weissert

Thursday, September 11, 2008

8:30 AM Communion Service

Friday, September 12, 2008

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, September 13, 2008

5:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, September 14, 2008

8:30 AM † Albert P Kabat
10:30 AM † Domenico Donato
† Francesco Donato

† indicates person is deceased

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Gospel Verse

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses."

- Mt. 18:15-16

Readings for the Week of September 7, 2008

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16,18-23 or 1:18-23
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17



The collection total for:
Sunday August 31, 2008 amounted to \$6,169.00
Thank you for your support.

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"God loves a cheerful giver"

Sign-up weekends -
August 23-24, 30-31,
Sept 6-7

**Paul's Letters from Prison
SCRIPTURE STUDY SIGN-UP - Sept. 2008**

(please print) email: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

PHONE: (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Day and Time Preference – 1st Choice (Circle one)

1. Monday, 9:30 -11am	Begins Sept 15 - last day Nov 17
2. Tuesday, 9:30am -11am	Begins Sept 16 - last day Nov 18
3. Tuesday, 7:30pm - 9:00pm	Begins Sept 16 - last day Nov 18
4. Wednesday, 7:30 – 9pm	Begins Sept 17 - last day Nov 19

Fill in 2nd Choice: Day _____ Time _____

Fundamental Commitment:
Prayer – Presence – Preparation - Participation

Scripture Study - Take this half home with you as a reminder

I signed up for this time:

Monday, 9:30 -11am	Begins Sept 15 - last day Nov 17	Conference Room
Tuesday, 9:30am -11am	Begins Sept 16 - last day Nov 18	Conference Room
Tuesday, 7:30pm - 9:00pm	Begins Sept 16 - last day Nov 18	Conference Room
Wednesday, 7:30 – 9pm	Begins Sept 17 - last day Nov 19	Conference Room

2nd Choice: Day _____ Time _____

Requires Fundamental Commitment to:
Prayer - Presence - Preparation - Participation

Study Materials: \$13.00. Scholarships available. Speak to Father Tony.

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