

Elmhurst, Illinois

MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 21, 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

Old ideas and concepts, especially those dealing with the Divine, are hard to let go off. Many of us still see hell as fire and brimstone even though John Paul II of happy memory told us otherwise. Recently our present Holy Father Benedict taught that the concept of Limbo isn't and never really has been part of our faith. And yet many still rush to baptize their babies still fearing a Limbo that does not exist. Of all the misconceptions about things religious, one of the most debilitating is our idea of the Sacrament of the Sick.

In the old days, the Sacrament of the Sick was called Extreme Unction. It was known as the Last Rites and commonly believed that the priest was to be called for to give you this last sacrament right before you died. In the popular mind it was get the Sacrament of Extreme Unction and then you die. This is nonsense! Let me proclaim it again, this makes no sense. It is not now and never has been a Sacrament of Death. It is a healing of the living. It is to never be called Extreme Unction or the Last Anointing or the Last Rites again. It is the Sacrament of the Sick and its purpose is to heal.

We are a sacramental church. We believe that outward actions both produce and manifest inward realities. The Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) bring us into the Body of Christ. Through them we live *En Cristo*, in Christ. The Sacrament of Marriage unites, the Sacrament of Holy Orders sets aside, the Sacrament of Penance reconciles and the Sacrament of the Sick heals. Period. All the Sacraments in some way can be traced back to the actions of Christ. And one of his major actions was to heal. He tells us in no uncertain terms that what he did we are to do. In the letter of St. James this is made explicit when he says, "If one of you is ill, he should send for the elders (priests) of the church, and they must anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord and pray over him. The prayer of faith will save the sick man and the Lord will raise him up again; and if he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven." It's pretty straight forward. And, it's an amazing sacrament.

It has been my practice for many years now to encourage anybody who is seriously ill or preparing for surgery to be anointed. The best time I have found for those getting ready for surgery is before or after mass. This is because usually the family is with them and there is no more powerful prayer for healing than of those who love you, your spouse, your children, your sisters and brothers. What always amazes me is how powerfully the sacrament works. We begin by gathering around the sick person or the one preparing for surgery and recall the words of St. James. Part of his admonition is that with the anointing, sins will be forgiven. Many are not aware that with the Anointing of the Sick there is an automatic absolution and reconciliation from sin. This is critical because it opens the conduit of grace between our God and ourselves and

makes us open to receive his healing power. Sometimes the scriptures are read and then we lay hands upon the person to be anointed. The priest lays his hands on the head and the family lays their hands on the shoulders. We all pray in silence and then, I will usually pray them through the surgical procedure beginning with an exorcism, the casting out of anxiety and fear. The hardest part of most surgeries is the waiting, the anxiety, the fear. Well, perfect love casts out fear and at that moment you are being surrounded by the perfect love of your family and your God. No wonder the sacrament works. If I have heard it once, I have heard it a thousand times by those who have been anointed and come back to mass after the surgery is finished. "Father, it happened just the way we prayed. I really was at peace and the surgery went so well." Why I am not surprised? Did he not tell us that we were to do what he did? Don't we believe that?

Now, what drives me nuts is getting a call at 10 o'clock at night from a nursing home asking if we can get a priest there right away because so and so is dying and they are not sure that he or she will make it through the night. "How long have they been ill?" I ask. "Oh, about six months, Father." I bite my tongue and pray for grace. Don't they know? Obviously, they don't. If they did they would have called me 6 months ago. And now you know! Don't wait until the last minute! It is not the Sacrament of the Dead. It is a Sacrament that heals.

Sometimes, however, we will not physically heal. Ultimately, we are all going to die. But ultimate healing is seeing God face to face where every tear is wiped away and we shall know eternal life. Sometimes we have to pray for that healing. And we do. But we don't have to wait until the last minute.

In addition to the Sacrament of the Sick, there are wonderful prayers of Commendation for the Dying. While this is not a formal sacrament, it is a very powerful prayer. In it we call upon all the saints and the angels as we pray the Litany. In it we let go. In it we call forth the angels and the saints to come to receive their soul. When that time comes (and I am not talking about the last minute!) the entire family is to gather around the dying, to call the priest or the deacon or even a lay minister to pray the magnificent prayers of letting go. I am convinced that we choose the time that we will die and most of us hold on until we have a sense that our family and our loved ones are ready to let us go. That's what is called the grace of the Happy Death and we were taught to pray for it from our earliest childhood.

God's greatest joy is to see his children fully alive, healed, made whole. And church has given us a special sacrament to help that happen. Do not be afraid to use it. It won't kill you.

In Jesus the healer,
Father Tony

Parish News

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. **Fellowship 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.

A Vocation View

We can never be called "generous". All that we possess we have received from God. It is our vocation to return to God all the talents God has entrusted us.



ALTAR SERVERS

We are in the process of re-vamping our altar servers list and re-training our altar servers.

John and Kathi Vosicky of our parish will be the new altar server coordinators. There

will be a sign-up list in the back of the church for those who wish to serve (4th grade and up).

CCW MEMBERSHIP DUES

Just a reminder to turn in your membership dues. Dues are **only \$5.00** (there was a mistake in the September 14th bulletin) and the money will be used for the projects that CCW sponsors during the year. You may place your envelope in the collection basket at the mass or bring it to the rectory.

Music Ministry

Choir Rehearsals

Choir rehearsals will be on **Monday nights at 7:30 p.m. starting October 6, 2008.**

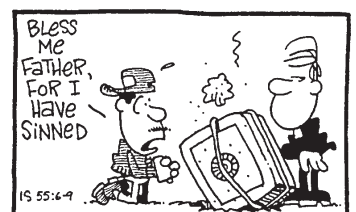
We will sing at the 10:30 a.m. mass starting on October 19, 2008



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25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Parish News

ParishPay

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YOGA AT MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN

Yoga- stretching, balancing, being healthy

Yoga at Mary Queen, welcomes all ages. If you have not tried Yoga yet, come and try it out.

There is Yoga class almost every Tuesday at 9:00 am

You can be added to Debbie's email list to find out or call 630/941-7224

**September 23 Tuesday 9:00 am
\$4 per class or \$6 per family**

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.

Al Martin
Noleen Lorsch

Diocesan News

PARISH VOCATION COMMITTEES (PVC'S) WORKSHOP ON OCTOBER 25TH

All are invited to attend our annual Parish Vocation Committee Workshop on Saturday, October 25, 2008 at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. Mass will be celebrated at 8am followed by registration. The workshop will begin at 9am and finish by 12:30pm.

The workshop is for those who want to help promote vocations at the parish level. Those who attended our workshop last year received a great deal of practical advice from current vocation committees. In the last two years we have accepted 21 new seminarians, thanks to the help of our current Parish Vocation Committees.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP for this important meeting to Ron Beaumont at rrboards@aol.com. You can also contact the Vocation Office at 815-834-4004 for more information.

One of my goals as Vocation Director of the Diocese of Joliet is to have a vocation committee in every parish. The Diocese of Joliet provides a training manual and annual training workshops for those interested. It is not a huge time commitment, but it is an important ministry. Currently about 45 of our 121 parishes in the Diocese of Joliet have a Parish Vocation Committee.

Father Burke Masters,
Vocation Director for the Diocese of Joliet

Christian Education Commission

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

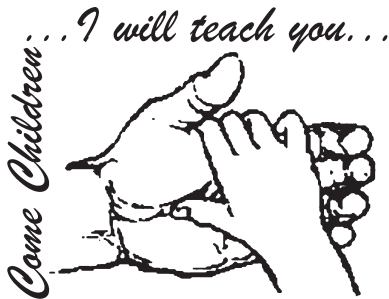
religious
education



This Wednesday, September 24th, classes continue at the normal times for all our Religious Education children. Please keep them, their families, and our fine staff of volunteer catechists in your prayer.

Speaking of volunteer staff, we are still in need of 1 lead catechist for Gr. 4 at 3:15. If that position is not filled, we must continue to delay the start of class for the one grade 4 class that is still in need of a catechist.

If you can help, please call the REO today.



Help keep our children safe on Wednesday afternoons.

We still 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.

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



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. 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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2008

	5:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
Lector	D. StaRosa	F. Tremmel	M. McCall
Eucharistic Ministers	K. Diggins (S) M. Reed (C) C. Reisenbuckler M. White Volunteer	T. Sabel (S) T. Nanak (C) J. Unger K. Vicary Volunteer	P. Mason (S) K. Gusloff (C) M. Murray T. Kevil P. Twardowski Volunteer
Altar Servers	M. Jankovec E. Zielinski	K. Pierzchala J. Alonso	N. Simon N. Simon



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 21, 2008

8:30 AM † Alejandro M. Villamil
10:30 AM People of the Parish

Monday, September 22, 2008

8:30 AM † Richard Jones

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

8:30 AM † All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, September 25, 2008

8:30 AM Communion Service

Friday, September 26, 2008

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Saturday, September 27, 2008

5:00 PM † Roger Valle

Sunday, September 28, 2008

8:30 AM † George Hillebrand
10:30 AM People of the Parish

† indicates person is deceased

Gospel Verse

"He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus the last will be first, and the first will be last."

- Mt. 20:13-16

Readings for the Week of September 21, 2008

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32



The collection total for:
Sunday September 7, 2008
amounted to \$6,574.75
Thank you for your support.

Bulletin Articles Deadline

Please remember that the deadline to submit articles for the Bulletin is at noon on Mondays.

Crisis in Darfur

A Challenge to Christians

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

7:00 P.M.

Barrett Hall

Sr. Pauline Silver Acayo

Catholic Relief Services Peacebuilding Officer from Uganda

A Conflict Free Africa – Dream or Reality?

Sr. Pauline will share her experience working with peace committees and youth peace clubs supporting reconciliation for adults and children formerly abducted by rebels.

AND

Madeleine Philbin

Regional Director, Catholic Relief Services Midwest

Ms. Philbin will offer a brief background on the situation in Darfur, the status and scope of the humanitarian crisis it has engendered, and some helpful suggestions of ways that we can all "go make a difference" by advocating with national and world leaders to prevent the continuing genocide in Sudan and other locations.

Presentations will be followed by a question and answer session.

The Council of Catholic Women

And

The Peace & Justice Committee

Mary Queen of Heaven Parish, Elmhurst, Illinois

For information call: Mary Ann Reed, 630-834-4840 or Karen Vicary 630-279-4108