

Elmhurst, Illinois

MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 28, 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

From the second floor windows of the rectory I daily get to behold God's marvelous art work: the magnificent oak trees that are preparing for their annual show of color, the young family of deer that dance around the backyard and most beautiful of all, the little children playing on the school grounds next door (the only objects I would rather not see are the goofy geese that seem to know the location of every sidewalk on our property).

Little children and God. They are a marvelous mix for they continually point to each other. Seek God and you will be led to a child. Look at a child and you will easily see the face of God. Jesus' favorite audio visual to reveal the reality of God and his kingdom was a little child. The moment the disciples began to shove one another for the first place in line, the Lord would bring out a little child and tell them, "Unless you become like one of these, you will not know God; you will not enter the Kingdom for the Kingdom belongs to such as these." Why? Because they have not yet eaten of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. They have not yet entered into the world of judgments and splitting and comparing and being right or wrong or first or last. They have not yet learned how to jockey for position and therefore are already in the perfect position to receive and to reveal the Divine.

As I tried to emphatically share with the parents of our RE students a few weeks back, children are inherently and naturally religious. You do not need to teach them to be religious, they already are. *Religio* means to bind or to tie together. They are intimately bound and tied together with God and will remain so until they begin to choose otherwise, other gods...the gods of goods and grades, the gods of winners and losers, the gods of competition and comparison.

I used to be a little disconcerted when I would ask little children their favorite subject and they would respond: "Recess!" Oh, they like to learn their arithmetic and many loved to read but they hated tests and weren't too thrilled about alphabetical order especially if their last name began with Z. No, what they really loved was recess. They loved to be out on the playground, running around, doing no-thing except enjoying being a kid. Now, that's holy stuff. It's a true level plain field where they can let their imaginations go wild, run and scream for the pure joy of being alive. Did you ever hear a little kid just scream with delight for no particular reason? That's prayer, that's communion with God. In the common room of the rectory there is a picture of Snoopy dancing up a storm with a smile on his face and the caption reads, "Joy is the most infallible sign of the presence of God." These little ones contemplate the face of God in all of creation and in their

holy play and are naturally filled with joy. They only begin to lose it when we introduce the measuring stick, the adult rules of the game and overly organized activities where winning isn't the only thing, it is everything.

One of the things I hope to do while I am here at Mary Queen is to teach contemplative prayer. Contemplative prayer is not saying prayers but seeing...all the way through to the great Reality in which we move and live and have our being. Babies and little children are natural contemplatives. Lock your eyes onto the gaze of a newborn and you will see her download your soul. She is seeing everything for the first time and so she is really seeing. She has not yet learned categories of things or people and therefore dismisses nothing. She sees and therefore she truly sees God. Not just with her physical eyes, but the eyes of her mortal soul. But she will forget, we'll see to that. We'll teach her to forget. The trick for us is...will we be able to remember? Can we remember the time that we screeched with delight for the sheer joy of life? Can we remember what the face of God looks like?

Well, we have a lot of visual aids around. In case you forgot, take a look. Look at your children. No, really look at them. See them all the way through. They are living revelation of the divine presence of God. They will forget soon enough but for now they hold the mystery. Look at it, contemplate it and see the face of God.

In Jesus God's face incarnate,
Father Tony

A Letter from Bishop Sartain

I received a packet in the mail last week from Bishop Sartain and Tony Brandolino, director of development for the diocese, concerning our annual Catholic Ministries Appeal. As you know the Ministries Collection goes to support the various agencies of the diocese (vocation, catholic charities, missions, etc) in their holy work. This year the diocesan goal is \$6,400,000 and Mary Queen's Parish goal is \$28,503.00.

Thanks to the 107 families who have contributed to the appeal, we are at 62% of our goal. This still leaves us with a \$10,817.99 (it's always 99 cents isn't it) deficit. If you gave last year but have not yet this or if you've never given will you please consider doing so?

My favorite reason for encouraging the diocesan appeal is that we are a specifically "catholic" church, not a congregational church. That means we are connected...intimately. The envelopes are still in the pews and your desk at home. Please use them.

Parish News

Eucharistic



Adoration

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We will be celebrating the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Oct. 4th. "All of the saints have been ardent adorers of the Holy Eucharist, from the great Doctors of the Church like St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Bonaventure, to popes such as Pius X and John Paul II....Consider how St. Francis of Assisi spent so much time, often entire nights, before the altar, and remained there so devoutly and humbly that he deeply moved anyone who stopped to watch him." (Jesus Our Eucharistic Love, Manelli)

Spend some time with Our Lord at our next day of Eucharistic Adoration, **Monday, October 6, 2008. The day begins after 8:30 Mass and ends at 7 p.m. with Benediction.** All are invited to come and pray any time during the day, but **we also need some people to sign up for a given hour** on the large sign-up sheet in the back of church. If you wish to be placed on a list of regular adorers, please contact

**Kay Diggins at 630-530-7214 or
Rose Wilkes at 630-833-7238.**

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

WOMEN IN THE PAULINE CHURCHES

As part of a year-long celebration of Women in the Church/Bible, the Adult Education and Spirituality Committee is proud to present Sister Barbara Reid, who will discuss Women in the Pauline Churches. The talk will be an exploration of women ministers found in Paul's letters, such as Phoebe - deacon of the church at Cenchreae; Junia - "notable among the apostles"; and Prisca - coworker and head of a house church.

Sr. Barbara Reid is a Dominican Sister with a Ph.D. in Biblical Studies from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D. C. She is a Professor of New Testament Studies at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. Sister Barbara has authored a number of books and is currently writing *Sophia's Table: An Introduction to Feminist Interpretation of the Scriptures* (forthcoming from Eerdmans Press). She is also the general editor for a new multi-volume feminist commentary on the Bible (forthcoming from Liturgical Press).

The presentation will be at 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, October 15** (date change from earlier publicity) in Barrett Hall. All interested men and women are invited. For further information, contact the Church office at 630-279-5700.

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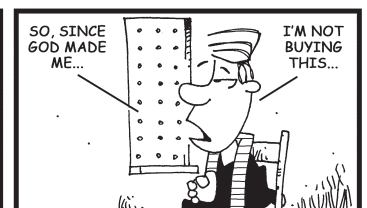
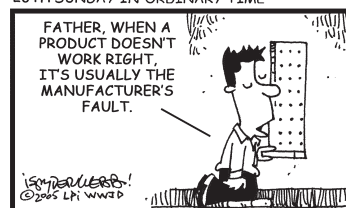
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"God loves a cheerful giver"

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). You may place your envelope in the collection basket at the mass or bring it to the rectory.

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Parish News

VOLUNTEER WORK TO FIT YOUR SCHEDULE - WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP THE HOMELESS?

This is some volunteer work that you can do when you have time.

Here are some different opportunities:

- Looking for four volunteers for the over night shift of Oct. 25th and 26th. You would be helping out with PADS at Saint Alexis. Looking for two people on Saturday the 25th from 11:00 PM to 2:00AM and 2 more people on Sunday the 26th from 2:00AM to 5:00AM. Men or two people working together for these over-night shifts.

Call or email with any questions.

Contact: **708-533-1122** or johnwirwin@comcast.net

- Debbie Styka needs a few helpers every month or two, on a Sunday morning from 6:00 to 7:30 am. We do a shift at St. Alexis in Bensenville on Wood Street the 4th Sunday of every month from 6:00 am to 7:30 am. We do this work with another church from Elmhurst - Bethel UCC. I have an email list that I send out to each month looking for four volunteers. We have enough volunteers that you do not need to volunteer every month. The work you would be doing could be serving food, putting away bedding, sweeping floors, etc. If you have any questions, please call

Debbie Styka at 630/941-7224

Thank you for considering this work.

JOYFUL AGAIN

Alexian Brothers Hospital invites all widowed persons (especially younger widowed) to attend the faith-based, 2-day workshop being held at:

Date: October 11 & 12, 2008

Location: 800 Biesterfield Rd, Elk Grove Vlg.

This program is designed to address the special issues surrounding being widowed. It also offers support and encouragement to help you move forward in your new path in life, while still treasuring your memories.

For more information call:
708-354-7211



BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Have you lost a child or do you know someone whose child has predeceased them? **Our Lady of Pompeii** (1224 W. Lexington St., Chicago) is offering a Lost Child Pilgrimage on October 18, 2008 from 9:00-4:00. There will be a personal reflection done by Hon. Anne Burke, Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court. She "lost her 30-year old adult child, Emmet, to a freak snowmobile accident in 2004.... As a life long Catholic, Anne Burke has found reconciliation with her child's death through the paradigm of faith and hope." There are break out session for those who have lost younger children or teens.

If you need additional information call:

**The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii: (312) 421-3757
or Mimi Wolak, (630) 941-3851.**

Christian Education News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A huge Thank You to our almost 100 volunteer catechists, aides, office helpers, hall monitors, traffic monitors, etc. etc. It truly takes a village to share our faith with the 540 children in our RE program. We could not do it without you. We are truly blessed at Mary Queen. All our positions have now been filled. However, if there is someone who would be interested in helping on a regular basis in the Gr. 4 at 3:15, the current classroom catechist would be most appreciative. Please call the REO.

With the start of RE, please be very cautious in the parking lot on Wednesday afternoons and evenings. Our little ones and even our not so little ones are our precious gifts from God.

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

THE CHALLENGE OF FORMING CONSCIENCES FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP (PART 1 OF 6)

This brief document is a summary of the United States bishops' reflection *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* (www.faithfulcitizenship.org). It complements the teaching of bishops in dioceses and states. *It is being presented by the MQH Peace and Justice Committee in six parts.*

Our nation faces political challenges that demand urgent moral choices. We are a nation at war, with all of its human costs; a country often divided by race and ethnicity; a nation of immigrants struggling with immigration. We are an affluent society where too many live in poverty; part of a global community confronting terrorism and facing urgent threats to our environment; a culture built on families, where some now question the value of marriage and family life. We pride ourselves on supporting human rights, but we fail even to protect the fundamental right to life, especially for unborn children.

We bishops seek to help Catholics form their consciences in accordance with the truth, so they can make sound moral choices in addressing these challenges. We do not tell Catholics how to vote. The responsibility to make political choices rests with each person and his or her properly formed conscience.

Why Does the Church Teach About Issues Affecting Public Policy?

The Church's obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society is a requirement of our faith, a part of the mission given to us by Jesus Christ. Faith helps us see more clearly the truth about human life and dignity that we also understand through human reason. As people of both faith and reason, Catholics are called to bring truth to political life and to practice Christ's commandment to "love one another" (Jn 13:34). According to Pope Benedict XVI, "charity must animate the entire lives of the lay faithful and therefore also their political activity, lived as 'social charity'" (Encyclical *Deus Caritas Est*, no. 29). The United States Constitution protects the right of individual believers and religious bodies to participate and speak out without government interference, favoritism, or discrimination. Civil law should recognize and protect the Church's right and responsibility to participate in society without abandoning our central moral convictions. Our nation's tradition of pluralism is enhanced, not threatened, when religious groups and people of faith bring their convictions into public life. The Catholic community brings to the political dialogue a consistent moral framework and broad experience serving those in need.

Who in the Church Should Participate in Political Life?

In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation. As Catholics, we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to a political party or interest group. In today's environment, Catholics may feel politically disenfranchised, sensing that no party and few candidates fully share our comprehensive commitment to human life and dignity. Catholic lay women and men need to act on the Church's moral principles and become more involved: running for office, working within political parties, and communicating concerns to elected officials. Even those who cannot vote should raise their voices on matters that affect their lives and the common good.

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MQH PRESCHOOL -SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

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.

Mary Queen of Heaven				October 2008		Elmhurst, Illinois	
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28 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA in Church/Social H/ School 13, 4-5 8:30 & 10:30 AM MQH Masses 8:30 AM - 10:15 AM Destiny Meets in School 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Wings to Heaven meets in School	29 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Bible Study - Letters Prison in Conf Rm	30 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Bible Study - Letters Prison in Conf Rm 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Bible Study - Letters Prison in Conf Rm	1 3:00 PM - 8:30 PM RE Classes in School 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM Confirmation Interviews - School 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Bible Study - Letters Prison in Conference Rm	2 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM New Wine in School / Rooms 4-5, 13 8:00 PM - 10:30 PM Men's Group in Barrett H		4 4:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM MQH Mass in Church	
5 Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA in Church/Social H/ School 13, 4-5 8:30 & 10:30 AM MQH Masses 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Baptisms in Church	6 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Eucharist Adoration in Church 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Bible Study - Letters Prison in Conf Rm	7 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Bible Study - Letters Prison in Conf Rm 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Bible Study - Letters Prison in Conf Rm	8 3:00 PM - 8:30 PM RE Classes in School 4:45 PM - 5:30 PM Blessing of Pets in front of Church 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Bible Study - Letters Prison in Conference Rm	9 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM New Wine-School 13,4-5 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM St. Vincent De Paul Mtg. in Barrett Hall 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Peace and Justice Comm. Mtg. in Conf Rm.	10	11 4:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM MQH Mass in Church	
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MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2008

	5:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
Lector	B. Lawlor	A. Grozik M. Grozik	P. Reyenertson
Eucharistic Ministers	G. Los (S) D. StaRosa (C) K. Diggins S. Pingatore G. Pstrzoch	K. Vicary (S) D. Bernstein (C) R. Styka D. Styka Volunteer	J. Eichorst (S) K. Gusloff (C) P. Mason J. Spears F. Tremmel Volunteer
Altar Servers	J. McDonough M. McDonough	M. Bourke B. Gornick G. Gornick	J. Vosicky M. Renno

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK****Sunday, September 28, 2008**

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

Monday, September 29, 2008

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Tuesday, September 30, 2008

8:30 AM † Richard Jones

Wednesday, October 1, 2008

8:30 AM † Aristotle D. Villamil

Thursday, October 2, 2008

8:30 AM Communion Service

Friday, October 3, 2008

8:30 AM † All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, October 4, 2008

5:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, October 5, 2008

8:30 AM Teri Rogers
10:30 AM † All Souls in Purgatory

† indicates person is deceased

Gospel Verse

Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

- Mt. 21:31-32

Readings for the Week of September 28, 2008

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32
Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51
Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

**The collection total for:**

- Sunday September 14, 2008 amounted to \$6,758.50
- Parish Pay for the month of September amounted to \$3,018.00

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