

Elmhurst, Illinois

MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 5, 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

**Sept 29th – Feast of the Archangels
Michael Gabriel, Raphael**

Oct 2nd – Feast of the Guardian Angels

Can you see them? Probably not. They are purported to be pure spirits and therefore supposedly invisible but I know lots of people who at the end of their lives told me they saw them. And I believe it. Can you feel their presence? Sometimes. I feel their presence very strongly today because I pen this note on their Feast day. I will make lots of calls today to all of the Michaels that I know (and that's a whole bunch) and to my own very special angels, my granddaughters, Ange Raphaëlle and Ange Gabrielle. My third granddaughter, Ange Michelle is with me as I write. She is my oldest granddaughter who was killed at the age of 8 in a terrible auto accident in 1993. By now, she is a young woman (I have no proof, but I do believe that we continue to grow in heaven) and from her place continues to intercede on behalf of our family. She has become a real angel. And while not an angel per se, she acts like one, a messenger from God.

Angels. Everybody loves angels (except, maybe, the fallen ones). All three major religions of the book have a common father, Abraham and a strong belief in angels. In the scriptures, the angels are the messengers of God. The first thing that comes out of their mouth when they appear is, "Be not afraid" (makes you wonder what they look like, doesn't it?). And then they give their message, "I am Raphael, I will heal your blindness. I am Gabriel, I come to announce you tidings of great joy." Those are the biggies but, like the stars in the sky there are billions and billions of lesser angels and some have been specifically assigned to us as our Guardian Angel. Do you remember the prayer? When was the last time you prayed it? "Oh Angel of God, My Guardian Dear, to whom God's love commits me here. Ever this day be at my side, to light, to guard, to rule and guide. Amen." Do we still teach this to our children? We should. Because the great message of the angels is that we are not alone.

As the primary messengers of the Lord God they come

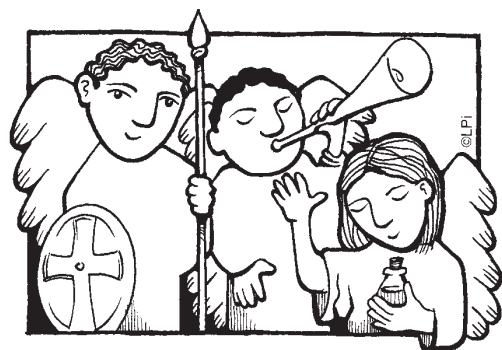
bearing one particular and profound message: God is with you. We pray in the subjective "The Lord be with you." They proclaim in the imperative, "Be with God for the Lord is with you." Immanuel - God with us. Immanuel, Jesus came 2,000 years ago. He was God with us but he remains by the power of His Holy Spirit and now we become, literally His Body in space and time. How do I know? An angel told me so. And he/she will tell you too but you need to learn how to listen.

One of the tenants of this catholic faith of ours is that we believe in the Communion of the Saints. This means that we are in touch with the spiritual world, those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith and the angels. At every funeral, I announce to the congregation during the incensing of the body that the church is utterly filled not with just the family and those who came to mourn and show their respects but with the saints and angels who are present to help the deceased and all of us on our journey into the heart of God.

And so we celebrate the angels in our lives. They truly are God's message and the message is really Good News.

In Jesus to whom the angels minister,

Father Tony



JUST A REMINDER

Just to remind you if you have not yet had the opportunity to return your Annual Diocesan Ministries appeal envelope to do so sometime this week. As members of the Diocese of Joliet it is incumbent upon us to fully participate. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Parish News



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

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.

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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Please consider this option when choosing how to best support our Parish Family at Mary Queen of Heaven.

Contact www.parishpay.com, or
call 866-PARISH-1
for further information.

A Vocation View

An employer would probably fire any employee who never does the job properly. God's plan calls us to live our vocation daily in the best way we can.

"God loves a cheerful giver"

27TH 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



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE

OCTOBER 11 & 12, 2008

We are having a clothing drive for the Society of St. Vincent DePaul the weekend of October 11th and 12th. Your donations will benefit the needy, so now is a good time to clean your closets, dressers and cabinets. Clear out all those items that you no longer need.

Pass along those barely worn items to children from low-income families. We need clothing for persons of all ages and all sizes. We especially need children's winter clothing. Also needed are small household items: dishes, glassware, cookware, small clean working appliances, knick-knacks, lamps, linens, toys, books, jewelry, etc.

Furniture and other large items will not be accepted at the clothing drive. For pick-up of furniture and other large articles please call 630-231-4658 to schedule a truck to come to your home.

Receipts for your donations are available! Please help us help others.

For further information, please call Sheila (630)833-6657.

Christian Education News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Attention Pet Lovers: This Wednesday, **October 8th at 4:45PM** in front of church Fr. Tony will bless all our furry and not so furry little friends in front of church. This is in observance of the feast of St. Francis, which was celebrated on October 4th. St. Francis has been traditionally known as the patron saint of animals because of his love of all of God's living creatures.

Reminder: On Wednesday, October 15th there will be a special session for all 8th graders from 7PM to 8:15PM in Barrett Hall. Details are available from the classroom catechists.

Continue to exercise extreme caution in the parking lot on Wednesdays. With the days getting shorter, our little people are more difficult to see.

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

Youth Group News



YOUTH GROUP MEETING TIMES

Wings to Heaven

All 5th-8th grade students

Sundays... 6:00- 8:00 pm Barrett Hall

Oct 12th, Oct 26, November 9th

****December 6th Saturday (senior dinner)**

December 21st (Christmas party)

Destiny.

All high school students welcome

Sundays... 8:30 am - 10:15 am school building

Oct 12th, Oct 26, November 9th,

Dec 7th

(Christmas party date to be decided)

If you do not currently receive email notification please email Kathleen Gusloff at the5ofgus@aol.com and get on the list. We do most of our info via email and the bulletin. So please be sure to get on the list.

Feel free to call with any questions 832-4348
Hope to see you there :)

Diocesan News



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Perfect Gift Idea

Are you searching for the perfect gift for your spouse, the one gift that will be treasured for many years to come? You won't find it in any retail store or discount center, because perfect gifts are not for sale. Perfect gifts come from the heart. Whether it's your anniversary, birthday or Christmas, you won't find a better gift than the "Magical 44 Hours" of a World Wide Marriage Encounter weekend. The weekends even come with a 90 day guarantee!

Order your gift today for
Oct 24th - 26th or Dec 5 - 7th weekend
by calling Tom & Mary Leonard at 630-577-0778
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Diocesan News

HOPE! COMING SOON TO YOUR HOME

Starting in mid-October, you will be receiving a free magazine from the Diocese of Joliet and Mary Queen of Heaven entitled "Christ is Our HOPE."

Many of our fellow Catholics have become disconnected from the life of the Church, and HOPE Magazine is a way for us to reach out to them. Mary Queen of Heaven is committed to sending HOPE to every home. That means you and every parishioner will receive it each month. By sending HOPE to every Catholic home in our diocese, we remind everyone that they belong to someone – Jesus Christ – and they belong to something – Mary Queen of Heaven. HOPE will not only inform our people about Catholic news and events, but it will inspire us all to engage in the life of Jesus and His Church.

When you receive this magazine, take a moment to welcome it into your home. Sit down, open it up and let the stories of faith inspire you.

ANNULMENT INFORMATION SEMINAR

Father Joseph Tapella, the Judicial Vicar of the Joliet Diocesan Tribunal and Desirée Marciani, the associate director of The Center for Family Ministry, will conduct an annulment information seminar, on **Saturday, October 18, 2008**, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the St. Charles Pastoral Center in Romeoville. People interested in petitioning for annulment, those already in the process, and those who are just curious about the process are welcome to attend. The meaning of the word "annulment," church status, myths, misunderstandings, Joliet Diocesan annulment paperwork, and other concerns or questions will be addressed. **Kindly pre-register by October 10.** A \$25 fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, and handouts.

For information and to register, please call 815-838-5334 or go to our website Event Calendar at www.dioceseofjoliet/familyministry for a copy of the event flyer and registration form.

THE CHALLENGE OF FORMING CONSCIENCES FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP (PART 2 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.*

How Does the Church Help Catholics to Address Political and Social Questions?

A Well-Formed Conscience: The Church equips its members to address political questions by helping them develop well-formed consciences. "Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act. . . . [Every person] is obliged to follow faithfully what he [or she] knows to be just and right" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1778). We Catholics have a lifelong obligation to form our consciences in accord with human reason, enlightened by the teaching of Christ as it comes to us through the Church.

The Virtue of Prudence: The Church also encourages Catholics to develop the virtue of prudence, which enables us "to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1806). Prudence shapes and informs our ability to deliberate over available alternatives, to determine what is most fitting to a specific context, and to act. Prudence must be accompanied by courage which calls us to act. As Catholics seek to advance the common good, we must carefully discern which public policies are morally sound. A good end does not justify an immoral means. At times Catholics may choose different ways to respond to social problems, but we cannot differ on our obligation to protect human life and dignity and help build through moral means a more just and peaceful world.

Doing Good and Avoiding Evil: There are some things we must never do, as individuals or as a society, because they are always incompatible with love of God and neighbor. These intrinsically evil acts must always be rejected and never supported. A preeminent example is the intentional taking of human life through abortion. It is always morally wrong to destroy innocent human beings. A legal system that allows the right to life to be violated on the grounds of choice is fundamentally flawed. Similarly, direct threats to the dignity of human life such as euthanasia, human cloning, and destructive research on human embryos are also intrinsically evil and must be opposed. Other assaults on human life and dignity, such as genocide, torture, racism, and the targeting of noncombatants in acts of terror or war, can never be justified. Disrespect for any human life diminishes respect for all human life. As Catholics we are not single-issue voters. A candidate's position on a single issue is not sufficient to guarantee a voter's support. Yet a candidate's position on a single issue that involves an intrinsic evil, such as support for legal abortion or the promotion of racism, may legitimately lead a voter to disqualify a candidate from receiving support.¹ Opposition to intrinsically evil acts also prompts us to recognize our positive duty to contribute to the common good and act in solidarity with those in need. Both opposing evil and doing good are essential. As Pope John Paul II said, "the fact that only the negative commandments oblige always and under all circumstances does not mean that in the moral life prohibitions are more important than the obligation to do good indicated by the positive commandment" (Encyclical *Veritatis Splendor*, no. 52). The basic right to life implies and is linked to other human rights to the goods that every person needs to live and thrive—including food, shelter, health care, education, and meaningful work. The use of the death penalty, hunger, lack of health care or housing, human trafficking, the human and moral costs of war, and unjust immigration policies are some of the serious moral issues that challenge our consciences and require us to act.

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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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2008

	5:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
Lector	M. Reed	G. Dolesy	T. Kowalski
Eucharistic Ministers	K. Passarelli (S) C. Reisenbuckler (C) H. Todd M. White Volunteer	G. Regan (S) T. Sabel (C) J. Unger T. Nanak Volunteer	F. Tremmel (S) M. McCall (C) T. Kevil P. Twardowski M. Reed Volunteer
Altar Servers	M. Jankovec E. Zielinski	M. Nosek V. Maple	J. Simon K. Pierzchala

**Sunday, October 5, 2008**

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

Monday, October 6, 2008

8:30 AM † Al Fuchsen

Tuesday, October 7, 2008

8:30 AM † Bernadette Kohn

Wednesday, October 8, 2008

8:30 AM † Al Fuchsen

Thursday, October 9, 2008

8:30 AM Communion Service

Friday, October 10, 2008

8:30 AM † Thomas M. Ennis

Saturday, October 11, 2008

5:00 PM † James O. Kennedy

Sunday, October 12, 2008

8:30 AM † Jeane Allen
10:30 AM † Marlene Mitchell

† indicates person is deceased

Gospel Verse

Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes'? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

- Mt. 21:42-43

Readings for the Week of October 5, 2008

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10



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amounted to \$8,164.97

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