MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



October 12, 2008

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Worship Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 p.m. (Starting on Nov 1 2008, the evening mass will be at 4:30 pm) 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.



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each October in our country we Catholics observe "Respect Life" month as a reminder of our responsibility to work tirelessly for the building of a culture of life. This is a serious, solemn responsibility – but it is also an expression of our unwavering hope in God! The theme of this year's observance - "Hope and Trust in Life" - is taken from the words of Pope Benedict XVI. He calls us to proclaim the gift of life, to serve life, and to promote a culture of life, with the sure confidence that in doing so we give hope to the world.

Our belief in the sacredness of life flows from Sacred Scripture, which teaches that we are made in God's image and likeness. Of all the magnificent beauty of the world and its creatures – all created by God – only the human person is God's image and likeness! That profound truth undergirds and enlivens our work toward building a culture of life, a culture which sees the image of God in every human person.

It has been the constant teaching of the Church that life begins at conception. In fact, it was not the birth of Jesus that was first announced by an angel - it was his conception in the womb of Mary! From the beginning, Christians sharply distinguished themselves from the pagan cultures that surrounded them by rejecting abortion and infanticide. It would have been inconceivable to profess that we are made in God's image and likeness and then snuff out a human life.

That human life begins at conception is a scientifically observable fact. Thus, from conception all humans have rights — including the right not to be killed! Opposition to abortion, then, is a matter of human rights, not religious opinion. The Catholic Church does not seek to impose its belief on others; it seeks instead to call everyone to recognize the observable fact that life begins at conception and to further recognize the dignity of the unborn child as well as his or her right to live.

Based on this fundamental and undeniable premise, Catholic teaching goes much further. Our concern stretches from abortion to euthanasia, to serving the poor, and to the death penalty. Being Pro-Life means that we will respect others and treat them in a way that is consistent with the dignity God has given them. No one can ever be cast aside, ignored, or forgotten because they are deformed, sick, elderly, foreign, poor, or in prison. To the contrary, they are the ones who have a claim on us precisely because we are Christian! The Catholic Church in this country has a proud heritage of demonstrating its commitment to life through outreach to all in need, particularly the most vulnerable. Did you know, for example, that we are one of the largest providers of social services in this country, second only to the federal government? As Jesus told us, "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).

God's will is life: the life of the unborn, the full life of infants born to poor mothers and fathers, the nourished life of the hungry, the sheltered life of the homeless, the safe and peace-filled life of the elderly and handicapped, the forgiven and transformed life of those who have done serious wrong, the faith-fulfilled life of people like you and I who see the will of God as the only right choice.

This annual observance of Respect Life month gives us an opportunity to thank those who have worked tirelessly to defend the sacredness of life from the moment of conception to natural death and to re-commit ourselves to respecting life at every opportunity, each day of our lives, in every person we meet. Together may we continue to build the Culture of Life!

Sincerely in Christ,

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J. Peter Sartain Bishop of Joliet

Parish News

CONGRATULATIONS DEACON TOM!

Deacon Tom Nolan celebrated his 20th Anniversary as deacon last Wednesday. A deacon is first and foremost a servant of the people of God (they started out waiting on tables for widows and orphans). Deacon Tom is a true Servant of this Community. God's richest blessing upon him and his ministry.



MOH MOTHERS GROUP

Dear MQH Moms,

Is there anything more important than being a mother? As you know, the journey of motherhood can be filled with great joys and many challenges. There is a new group being formed at MQH to help support and encourage women of school-age children. We

will have our first "Coffee Break" meeting in Barrett Hall on Friday October 24th at 9 a.m. Please come and invite a neighbor to join you, we will use this first meeting to get to know each other and discuss what types of events (speakers, crafts, outings) we would like this group to sponsor. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Julie Vacko at 630-832-4458.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

We are happy to celebrate the return of Children's Liturgy of the Word. During the 10:30 mass children in kindergarten through grade five are invited to share a parallel celebration of the word geared at their level. Shortly after mass begins, the children will process to Barrett Hall where the leaders will help them to reflect on the word of God, its meaning, and how it relates to their life. The children will return to celebrate Eucharist with their families. We are looking for adults interested in being leaders and 8th grade or high school students that would like to assist the leaders.

Come to Mary Queen of Heaven Parish's

6th speaker in the series of Women in the Bible and the Church

Women in the Pauline Letters

Sr. Barbara Reid, O.P.

Wednesday, October 15, 2008, 7p.m. in Church



PHOEBE of Cenchrae



Lydia - First European convert



Junia



Prisca and Aquila

Also, Join us Tuesday, November 4, 2008, 7:00pm for the last in the series of Women in the Bible and the Church

Women in Ecclesial Ministry Today with Dr. Mary Foley

Parish News

VOLUNTEER WORK TO FIT YOUR SCHEDULE - HELP THE HOMELESS

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. If you have any questions, please 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. If you have any questions, please call Debbie Styka at 630/941-7224



RECYCLING PAPER PROGRAM

Please, please, please do not put cardboard into the recycling (yellow/green) bin. Our recycling program is a <u>paper</u> recycling program. **Cardboard** <u>cannot</u> be

used by this company for recycling the <u>paper</u> back into useable <u>paper</u> for your reading pleasure in next week's news<u>paper</u>. This project began a few years ago in order to make us aware of the importance of taking care of the earth (being more GREEN conscious) as well as getting some money for our ministries.

Please dispose of your garbage and cardboard boxes at your curbside program that you have here in Elmhurst. We have no room for good paper if cardboard is being put in the bin. Any paper products that have been tainted by grease or food is garbage.

Here is the trusty dusty list of acceptable paper: newspaper, magazines, office paper and school paper. NO CARDBOARD OR TELEPHONE books.

Thank you, Sister Marlene

Did you know?... Every day Americans buy 62 million newspapers and throw out 44 million of them. Each year Abiti Paper Retriever recycles enough paper to make a car box car train 7,600 miles long. (Think of all the trees we are saving.)

SATURDAY EVENING MASS CHANGE

Starting November 1, the Saturday evening Mass will be at 4:30 pm.



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. 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.

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 21sth (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)

Feel free to call with any questions 832-4348 or email Kathleen Gusloff at the5ofgus@aol.com

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





Christian Education News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Reminder to all RE families:

Wednesday, October 15th at 7:00PM to 8:15PM all of our 8th graders will participate in a special "Service Night" in Barrett Hall. Please be advised that both sessions will meet at 7:00PM.

Continue to 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. Let's keep them safe.

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

Diocesan News

OPERATION ANDREW DINNER WITH BISHOP SARTAIN AT VISITATION PARISH

- Who: Young men high school age and older
- What: Dinner with Bishop Sartain with the opportunity to learn more about priesthood..
- When: Thursday, October 23, 2008, 6-8pm
- Where: Visitation Parish, 779 S. York St., Elmhurst , IL 60126
- Topic: How do I discern God's call in my life?

There is no cost for this event.
Please RSVP to Fr. Burke Masters at
frburke23@aol.com or 815-834-4004
by October 20th
so we know how many are coming.

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. For more information call: **708-354-7211**

Diocesan News

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BISHOP NEXT SUNDAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Dear Friends in Christ,

As Catholics we are called to share our faith as missionaries. World Mission Sunday gathers support for the pastoral and evangelizing programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America.

The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the Pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith—a Pontifical Mission Society.

In 1926, Pope Pius XI instituted Mission Sunday for the whole Church, and the first Worldwide Mission Sunday collection was taken up in October, 1927. The next to last Sunday of October is celebrated in all dioceses around the world as a feast of our Catholicity and our solidarity with Christians the world over. World Mission Sunday is one way Catholics can recognize our common responsibility for evangelization, spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.

Again this year, I invite you to be generous to the special collection for World Mission Sunday.

God bless you and your loved ones!

Sincerely in Christ,

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J. Peter Sartain Bishop of Joliet

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"God loves a cheerful giver"

THE CHALLENGE OF FORMING CONSCIENCES FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP (PART 3 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.

Making Moral Choices: Difficult political decisions require the exercise of a well-formed conscience aided by prudence. This exercise of conscience begins with always opposing policies that violate human life or weaken its protection. "Those who formulate law therefore have an obligation in conscience to work toward correcting morally defective laws, lest they be guilty of cooperating in evil and in sinning against the common good" (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops [USCCB], Catholics in Political Life). When morally flawed laws already exist, prudential judgment is needed to determine how to do what is possible to restore justice—even if partially or gradually—without ever abandoning a moral commitment to full protection for all human life from conception to natural death (see Pope John Paul II, Encyclical Evangelium Vitae, no. 73). Prudential judgment is also needed to determine the best way to promote the common good in areas such as housing, health care, and immigration. When Church leaders make judgments about how to apply Catholic teaching to specific policies, this may not carry the same binding authority as universal moral principles but cannot be dismissed as one political opinion among others. These moral applications should inform the consciences and guide the actions of Catholics.

What Does the Church Say About Catholic Social Teaching in the Public Square?—Seven Key Themes A consistent ethic of life should guide all Catholic engagement in political life. This Catholic ethic neither treats all issues as morally equivalent nor reduces Catholic teaching to one or two issues. It anchors the Catholic commitment to defend human life and other human rights, from conception until natural death, in the fundamental obligation to respect the dignity of every human being as a child of God. Catholic voters should use Catholic teaching to examine candidates' positions on issues and should consider candidates' integrity, philosophy, and performance. It is important for all citizens "to see beyond party politics, to analyze campaign rhetoric critically, and to choose their political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or mere self-interest" (USCCB, Living the Gospel of Life, no. 33). The following themes of Catholic social teaching provide a moral framework for decisions in public life.² (Note from MQH Peace and Justice Committee: These individual themes will be addressed in detail over the next two to three weeks:)

I. The Right to Life and the Dignity of the Human Person II. Call to Family, Community, and Participation

III. Rights and Responsibilities

IV. Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

V. Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

VI. Solidarity

VII. Caring for God's Creation

²These themes are drawn from a rich tradition more fully described in the *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church* from the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2005). For more information on these seven themes, see www.faithfulcitizenship.org. For information on how we bishops of the United States have applied Catholic social teaching to policy issues, see www.faithfulcitizenship.org.



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 18 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2008			
	5:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
Lector	R. Styka	R. Villamil	K. Pasarelli
Eucharistic Ministers	K. Diggins (S) D. StaRosa (C) T. Sabel G. Pstrzoch Volunteer	R. Styka (S) D. Styka (C) K. Vicary D. Bernstein Volunteer	J. Spears (S) M. Murray (C) J. Eichorst K. Gusloff P. Mason Volunteer
Altar Servers	J. Alonso J. McDonough M. McDonough	S. Lewand M. Renno	N. Simon N. Simon



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 12, 2008

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

Monday, October 13, 2008

8:30 AM † All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, October 14, 2008

8:30 AM † Deceased members of C.J. Marty Family

Wednesday, October 15, 2008

8:30 AM † Ted Malaichuk

Thursday, October 16, 2008

8:30 AM Communion Service

Friday, October 17, 2008

8:30 AM † Aileen White † Patrick White

Saturday, October 18, 2008

5:00 PM † Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Marty

Sunday, October 19, 2008

8:30 AM † Adeline Fuggiti 10:30 AM † Gene and Joyce Smiss

Gospel Verse

"Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests."

- Mt. 22:8-10

Readings for the Week of October 12, 2008

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14

or 22:1-10

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9

Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21



The collection total for Sunday October 5, 2008 amounted to \$7,910.20

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