

# MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH

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November 16, 2008

*Thirty-Third  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time*



*"His master said to him, 'Well done,  
my GOOD and faithful servant,  
Since you were FAITHFUL  
in SMALL matters,  
I will give GREAT responsibilities.  
Come, share your master's JOY.'"*

*Matthew 25:21*

## Worship Schedule

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. 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 3:30 p.m.

### Baptism

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at 2:00 p.m. Baptismal preparation is required. Baptismal prep takes place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. of the month at 7:30 pm. Please call Deacon Tom Nolan to register.

### Marriage

Please contact the Pastor 6 months in advance.

## Parish Office Hours

Mon.-Fri.: 9:00am-4:00pm

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## Note from the Pastor

### FINANCIAL AND SPIRITUAL FREEDOM

Let me begin with a confession. I know very little about the complexities of finance. Anyone who sits on our excellent Finance Committee can tell you when the monthly statements are passed out with hundreds of financial figures on them, my eyes glaze over and my mind goes into a fog. I do, however, know one mega-financial principle and I know it and live it to the core of my being. It is this: spend less than you make or conversely, make more than you spend. As children of the depression, my mother and father lived this principle petrified of ever having to go into debt. My father's favorite financial saying was, "Son, if you can't buy it with cash money, you can't buy it." The only exception to this rule was when you bought something that appreciated in value like real estate or pipe organs. That's it. To be perfectly honest, that's how I run my personal finances and that's how I manage the finances of the parishes that have been entrusted to my stewardship. And that's how I intend to manage the money entrusted to us by the community of Mary Queen.

Debt is slavery. The freest 6 years I have ever lived were the ones I lived in poverty while pasturing the community of Sacred Heart in Hopkins Park, Illinois. On the day I arrived I discovered that the electricity was about to be cut off, the oil tank for the church's furnace was empty, the collection was \$25 a week, the Diocese was subsidizing the parish priest's salary and we had bingo. I immediately did three things: called the Diocese to cancel the subsidy, went to our Resale shop to get more winter coats and blankets and announced to the people that bingo was over. I will not proclaim to you out of the right hand side of my mouth that if you seek the kingdom of God, all things will be given to you besides and out of the left side of my mouth, do you want to get rich quick? One of the two had to go. I also told them that we were no longer receiving Diocesan subsidies and that if I was going to eat, they were going to have to feed me. The next morning, the old black matriarch, Barbara Bratton came into my little house, walked right past me into the kitchen, opened the refrigerator, looked inside and announced, "A fly would die in there." And the food came. And the following Sunday the collection went up to \$150. And someone from one of my old parishes paid off our electric bill and filled our tank. We dared to believe that God will take care of our needs (not greeds) and so He did.

We have been lied to. We were told that we could buy now and pay later. That's the lie our entire nation bought into and today we are reaping what we sowed. When a young couple comes in for marriage preparation, I tell them two things: the number one early cause of marriage breakup is financial and if you take this next bit of advice, I will save you over three quarters of a million dollars in your lifetime. Don't buy on credit. The next piece of financial advice I would give you is this, pay yourself first.

From the Wealthy Barber to Susie Orman, to even crazy Cramer we all hear the same thing. Pay yourself first. When the bills come at the end of the month, the first bill you need to pay is to yourself. You take 10% of your income and you put it away. My mother and father while never rich, were comfortable in their retirement. I asked them how they did it on my father's working class salary? The answer, a bond a week. Every week out of my father's pay check a U.S. savings bond was automatically purchased. Since it was money he never saw, he never missed it. It sat there in savings and accumulated. And when interest rates went crazy in the late 70s and early 80s, they did quite well, thank you very much. This, (pay yourself first) is a really good financial principle. To this I want to add an indispensable spiritual principle. Even before you pay yourself, pay God first.

Does God need our money? Absolutely not! We need to give much more than God needs to receive. This great counter intuitive truth is the key to true freedom and joy. I know of no truly generous people who are not filled with freedom and joy. The Lord puts it this way in the Sermon on the Mount, blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs. What is mercy? The free gift of all that you have and all that you are. That gift given freely, opens you up to receive the Divine Mercy which is gift without end. Hence, the great spiritual principle of paying God first. And the best way to do it? Probably automatically. Just as I automatically take money out of my salary to fund my I.R.A. so I have recently signed up to automatically pay my tithe to the Lord. Here at Mary Queen, we use the services of Parish Pay (Go to [www.maryqueen.org](http://www.maryqueen.org) and click on the Parish Pay logo found on the left hand side below the menu). For me, it is by far the easiest and most painless way to fulfill my commitment to pay God first. And if a Luddite like myself can do it, anyone can do it. Please seriously consider it.

Today is Stewardship Commitment Sunday. It is the day that we will tell the Lord what we intend to do. I wish to do no less. It is my intention to ultimately pay back or give away 10% of our Parish Revenues to the poor and charitable causes, 10% to our savings and then to run the day to day operation of the parish with the remaining 80%. At this point, we are not ready to make a full 10% commitment (our incoming revenues will not allow it). But we must begin with 3% or 4% or 5%. This is on the agenda for both our Parish Council and Finance Committee.

And the goal? Financial freedom, mercy, joy. And that's not half bad.

In Jesus, the Free One,

**Father Tony**



## Parish News



### COMMISSIONS MEETING REMINDER!!!

There will be a Commissions Meeting the evening of **Monday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m. in Barrett Hall.** Commission Chairmen, please contact the ministries under your commission and remind them to come with reports.



### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TRAINING

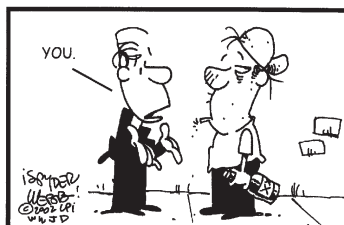
**Mark your Calendar!**  
**Please Note Time Change!**  
**Tuesday November 25, 2008**  
**7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.**

Mary Queen of Heaven will be conducting a training session for current and new Eucharistic Ministers. The theological foundation and "how-to's" will be explained. Teenagers 16 and older as well as grandparents are welcome!

### ARE YOU SEARCHING? WE ARE LOOKING!

Are you searching for a way to make your participation in your parish more meaningful? Have you considered serving in a liturgical ministry? Both the Eucharist Ministers and the Lectors are looking for volunteers to join their ministries. Both will provide training for their ministries and the responsibilities are light. For Eucharist Ministers you must be at least 16 years of age and for Lectors it is asked that you be 18 years of age. No previous experience at either is needed. We will be having training sessions in November and December. Please contact either **Derrick StaRosa at 630-832-0105 for Eucharistic Ministry** or **Ellen Walker at 630-279-4021 for the Lector Ministry.** Come join us in serving your parish and serving the Lord.

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER 16 - NOVEMBER 23

#### Sunday, November 16, 2008

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM	RCIA in Church/Social Hall/School 13, 4-5
8:30 AM & 10:30 AM	MQH Masses
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Thanksgiving Food Drive in Church
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Baptisms in Church

#### Monday, November 17, 2008

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Bible Study - Letters Prison in Conf Rm
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Commissions Meeting in Barrett Hall

#### Tuesday, November 18, 2008

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Yoga in Barrett Hall
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Bible Study - Letters Prison in Conf Rm
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Catholic Christian Women in Barrett Hall
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Finance Council in Parish Office Dinning Rm
7:00 PM	CCW Craft Night at "Pik a Pot n Paint"
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Bible Study - Letters Prison in Conf Rm

#### Wednesday, November 19, 2008

3:15 PM - 8:15 PM	RE Classes in School
7:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Sort Thanksgiving Food in Church
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Bible Study - Letters Prison in Conference Rm

#### Thursday, November 20, 2008

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	New Wine in School / Rooms 4-5, 13
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal in Church

#### Friday, November 21, 2008

6:00PM - 8:00PM	Thanksgiving Food Basket Pick-Up in Church
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#### Saturday, November 22, 2008

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Altar Server Training
3:30 PM	Confessions
4:30 PM	MQH Mass in Church

#### Sunday, November 23, 2008

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM	RCIA in Church/Social Hall/School 13, 4-5
8:30 AM & 10:30 AM	MQH Masses



### ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The CCW cordially invites all Senior Citizens to the Annual Christmas party in Barrett Hall on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> immediately following 4:30 PM Mass. Reservation forms are in this week's bulletin. Please return these reservation forms as soon as possible to the basket in the vestibule of church or to the rectory. **Rides will be provided for anyone who needs one.**

For more information, please call Cheryl DeSantis at 279-3148, Dayna Pierzchala at 834-3233 or Sheila Reiter at 833-6657.

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**THERE WILL NOT BE ANY FELLOWSHIP  
AFTER THE 10:30 AM MASSES DURING  
THE MONTHS OF  
NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER**

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### **BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY TABLE OF REMEMBRANCE**



Thank you to all who brought in photos for our **Table of Remembrance**. This action helped to expand our view of family and remind us of the lives and gifts of these individuals. May they rest in the peace of God. With Advent approaching, the table will need to be taken down next Sunday (11-23). Please remove your pictures before next weekend. Thank you.



### **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

December 12 is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe patroness of all the Americas. If there is enough interest, we will celebrate a (mostly Spanish) bi-lingual Mass at 7:00 PM.

If you are interested, we will have a meeting after the 10:30 mass on November 16 to plan. We need Hispanic musicians.



### **ST VINCENT DEPAUL THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION**

Our annual Thanksgiving Food Collection will be held the weekend of November 15 and 16. Because of the economic conditions, we have also received additional calls for help this year and have had to place them on a waiting list. We are in need 25 each of all kinds of canned soups, vegetables, and fruits; cereal, processed meats and fish, jello, pudding, potatoes packaged cake mixes, frosting, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, pasta, coffee, tea, juice, laundry and dish soap, hand soap, paper towels, toilet tissue, kleenex, and cleaning supplies. Also, dressing mix, cranberry sauce, canned sweet potatoes and other items for Thanksgiving Dinner. Should you wish to donate gift certificates for turkeys, please purchase and place them in envelopes marked "St. Vincent DePaul Thanksgiving" and put them in the collection basket or drop them off at the Parish Office. Monetary donations are appreciated too! **Thanks again for sharing your blessings with those who are less fortunate!**

#### **"HELP WANTED"!**

Do you have some spare time? We could use your help with making up Thanksgiving Food Baskets on Wednesday evening, November 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. If you can give a couple hours, please call the Parish Office or Sheila Reiter (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.

Rose Caffarelli



## Parish News



### ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

To serve at the Altar of the Lord is a true ministry. Next Saturday, November 22nd, there will be training for all altar servers new and old beginning with a pizza lunch at 12:30 pm in Barrett Hall. The training will go from 1:00 PM to 2:00PM. We are open to new servers from 4th grade up.

## Christian Education News



### MQH PRESCHOOL NEWS

This year's theme for Catholic Schools focuses on Celebrating Service. Our Preschoolers have helped to celebrate service by creating Christmas cards for children in Russia who live in an Orphanage. We discussed how Jesus takes care of us and how it is our responsibility to help take care of others.

This past week our families attended Parent Teacher Conferences. This was a wonderful opportunity to get together to share our observations and goals for our children.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Contact Mrs. Liz Lowrey for more information and registration at: **(630) 833-9500**

Please see our website at [www.maryqueenpreschool.org](http://www.maryqueenpreschool.org)  
Preschool tours scheduled upon request.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Please be advised that there is no RE class on Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> because of the Thanksgiving Holiday.



Just a reminder, if you have not as yet paid your RE tuition, please do so as soon as possible. Remember to be very cautious in the parking lot on Wednesday afternoons & evenings. With the shortened days, our little ones and even are not so little ones become difficult to see.

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

## Diocesan News



### Diocese of Joliet

#### Office of the Bishop

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### CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Dear Parishioners,

There are nearly 37 million people in the United States struggling below the poverty line, and 13 million of those are children. Over a 10-year cycle, about 40% of the United States population experiences poverty at some time. Poverty is caused not simply by the lack of financial resources, but by the lack of quality education, affordable housing, health care, child care, fair wages, and vocational training.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has worked to create permanent, community-based solutions to the problem of poverty by funding programs that promote self-sufficiency. These successes are only possible through the solidarity of parishioners across the United States.

The majority of CCHD's funding comes through its annual parish Collection. This year's Collection will take place on November 22/23. Out of your donations, 25% stays in our diocese to fund local projects that help strengthen our communities. The remaining 75% goes to the CCHD national office to support anti-poverty initiatives across the United States.

The success of the mission of CCHD is not possible without us. Please stand in solidarity with the Catholic Campaign for Human Development to make a difference in our community and all over our nation.

May God bless your generosity.  
Sincerely in Christ,

*+ J. Peter Sartain*

Most Reverend J. Peter Sartain  
Bishop of Joliet

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22 - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2008**

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
<b>Lector</b>	D. StaRosa	M. Reed	T. Kowalski
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	K. Passarelli (S) S. Pingator (C) K. Diggins M. White <b>Volunteer</b>	R. Styka (S) D. Styka (C) J. Eichorst D. StaRosa G. Regan	M. McCall (S) F. Tremmel (C) P. Twardowski K. Gusloff J. Spears <b>Volunteer</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b>	M. Jankovec E. Zielinski	K. Pierzchala S. Pierzchala	J. Alonso J. Vosicky

**Sunday, November 16, 2008**

8:30 AM † Noeleen Loesch  
10:30 AM † Pasquale Rossi

**Monday, November 17, 2008**

8:30 AM † All Souls in Purgatory

**Tuesday, November 18, 2008**

8:30 AM People of the Parish

**Wednesday, November 19, 2008**

8:30 AM † Margaret Delbeke

**Thursday, November 20, 2008**

8:30 AM Communion Service

**Friday, November 21, 2008**

8:30 AM People of the Parish

**Saturday, November 22, 2008**

4:30 PM † Lillian Dolinaj

**Sunday, November 23, 2008**

8:30 AM † Albert P. Kabat  
10:30 AM † Al Fuchsen

† indicates person is deceased

**Gospel Verse**

"The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.'"

- Mt. 25:20-21

**Readings for the Week of November 16, 2008**

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/  
Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21  
Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43  
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10  
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28  
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44  
Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48  
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40  
Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26,28/  
Mt 25:31-46



The collection total for  
Sunday November 9, 2008  
amounted to \$8,514.57  
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# SENIOR CITIZEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

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**The Council of Catholic Women**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2006**  
**IN**  
**BARRETT HALL**

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 4:30 p.m. MASS**

All seniors are cordially invited to attend a Christmas Party in their honor. A Buffet Dinner will be served and entertainment will be provided by our Youth Group. Mark your calendar now and plan on having an enjoyable Saturday evening with good food, great conversations with your friends and special entertainment prepared especially for you.

If you need assistance or transportation, please contact Cheryl DeSantis at 279-3148 and she will be happy to make the arrangements for you. So that we can prepare food for everyone, we ask that if you are planning to attend, you please fill in the form below and return it in the collection basket, the basket provided in the vestibule of church or return it to the parish house.

**WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>nd</sup>.**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We will need transportation or assistance.