

# MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH

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November 23, 2008

*Our Lord Jesus  
Christ the King*



# Happy THANKSGIVING

## 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

All at 8:30 a.m.

Thursday Nov. 27: Thanksgiving Mass at  
9:00 AM

### 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

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## Note from the Pastor

### THANK YOU! THANK YOU VERY MUCH!



Thursday is Thanksgiving. It is the last true, pure holiday. Try as it may, Madison Avenue has not been able to co-opt the day except for selling maybe a few extra Butterball Turkeys.

It is a family day when parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, and cousins all come together just to be with each other and give thanks. Little kids will run and play, big kids will watch others play...football. After dinner the in-laws will argue about politics followed by a snooze on the sofa thanks to turkey's magic ingredients. It's a good day.

It's a good day to remember and give thanks. Often one or the other members of the family will suggest that we list the things for which we are thankful. It is a wonderful practice. And so we enlist Irving Berlin's message and melody of "Counting my Blessings." This is a wonderful and laudable practice. One can not be grateful, truly grateful and depressed at the same time. It really is true, if you can't sleep, count your blessings instead of sheep and you'll be so amazed at the length of the list that you will soon doze off.

Now, to the good things for which we usually and easily give thanks may I make a bold suggestion? As well as the good, give thanks for the difficult, challenging, painful, and even bad things that seem to creep into our lives. This is not only counterintuitive but, at first glance seems crazy. Why would you give thanks for a seemingly evil? You are asking me to be grateful for my gout? Never. I didn't say it was easy but it is, especially if we can do it while it is going on, most helpful. The difficulty is that while I am having a terrible tooth ache, I am not thinking about praising God. I am thinking about my pain and, maybe, the dentist. It is only in retrospect that we can see some very negative things as beneficial. In the economy of God, nothing gets wasted. On the journey into the heart of the fullness of life, it is often the detours that help us the most. This, however, is always seen after the fact, not while we are going 50 miles out of our way.

God uses *everything*. Saint Paul puts it this way, "For

those who love the Lord, everything that happens, happens for the good." Then he adds, "In every circumstance, give thanks." Nice theology but does it reflect reality?

If God is the ultimate reality, it certainly does. The ultimate reality of God is Love. That simply means that God is in everything. He is present not only during our good times, but most especially during our bad times. In the midst of our pain and suffering is God. Is he taking it away? Not always. Will he take us through? That's a promise. Do you believe that? Then give thanks. To give thanks in the midst of suffering is what the scriptures call a sacrifice of praise. The last thing we think of doing is praising and thanking God and yet when we do we are categorically stating that we believe that there is a reality even greater than the pain and suffering I am going through at this moment and this reality is not utterly benign but a blessing. This releases in us whatever is blocking us from receiving God's healing grace. Now, the only way to know that this is true is to try it. It is the real audacity of hope. It is daring to believe that no matter what all shall be well.

This Thursday is Thanksgiving. As is our tradition at Mary Queen we will gather for Mass at 9:00 AM. It is one of the most wonderful masses of the year because even though it is not a holy day of obligation, it is a most holy day. It is the day when this community is truly able to celebrate Eucharist (Thanksgiving). Put your turkey in the oven, gather the kids and grandkids, and come, let us give thanks.

In Jesus, the Eucharist of God,

**Father Tony**



## Parish News



### THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

We will celebrate **Mass at 9:00 AM** on Thanksgiving morning. What a wonderful opportunity to do Eucharist (Thanksgiving).

### MARK THE DATE! RECONCILIATION SERVICE

It's time. If all religion is about what you do with your pain, your wound, it's time to practice true religion.

On Tuesday evening, December 2 at 7:00 PM, we will have the opportunity to hand over our wound, our



### CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

Thank you to all of you who so generously donated food to our Thanksgiving Food Drive! The weekend of December 6 & 7 we will be collecting food for our Christmas Baskets which are given to the same 25 families along with gifts from our giving tree. We are looking for canned soup, vegetables, pasta, spaghetti sauce, Jello, pudding, baking items, prepared foods, juice, coffee, tea, sugar, cranberry sauce, dressing, cereal, ketchup, mustard, peanut butter, jelly, personal items such as bar soap, tooth paste, deodorant, paper goods (individually wrapped) such as toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, laundry soap, dish soap, and cleaning supplies. Due to our economic situation, these families are especially in need of help this year and we know the parishioners of Mary Queen always are very generous. Gift cards for turkeys, ham or other meat are always appreciated too! Thank you for giving to those who are less fortunate!

The sorting of food will take place on **Tuesday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m.** Help is always needed and appreciated. Give Sheila a call at 630-833-6657 if you can lend a hand.



### MARKET DAY

**Orders for December are due Monday, December 8, at noon.** Turn in your order form in the box in the back of church or at the rectory. Pickup on **Saturday, December 13, from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. in the Social Hall.** If you have questions or would like to place an order, please call **Karen at 279-4108** or **Beth at 833-5469** or email her at [ekujawa121@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ekujawa121@sbcglobal.net).



## PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER 23 - NOVEMBER 30

### 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

### Monday, November 24, 2008

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Parish Council in Parish Office Dining

### Tuesday, November 25, 2008

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church  
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Yoga in Barrett Hall  
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Eucharistic Ministers Training in Church

### Wednesday, November 26, 2008

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church  
**NO PRESCHOOL - NO RE CLASSES**

### Thursday, November 27, 2008 - THANKSGIVING

9:00 AM MQH Mass in Church  
**OFFICE CLOSED - NO PRESCHOOL**

### Friday, November 28, 2008

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church  
**OFFICE CLOSED - NO PRESCHOOL**

### Saturday, November 29, 2008

3:30 PM Confessions  
4:30 PM MQH Mass in Church  
Giving Tree Gift for Needy in Church

### Sunday, November 30, 2008 - First Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Masses  
NO RCIA  
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Giving Tree Gift for Needy in Church



## ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The CCW cordially invites all Senior Citizens to the Annual Christmas party in Barrett Hall on Saturday, December 6 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 630-279-3148, Dayna Pierzchala at 630-834-3233 or Sheila Reiter at 630-833-6657.

## Parish News

### Eucharistic



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Advent is just around the corner, and you may be looking for something special you can do to “prepare the way of the Lord” into your heart this Christmas. Why not spend some extra time in prayer this Advent? What a perfect opportunity awaits you at our next day of Eucharistic Adoration on Monday, December 1. Spend one hour, or whatever time you have that day with Jesus, between 9 AM and 7 PM. The day of adoration and prayer closes with Benediction at 7:00 PM. All are invited to join us any time during the day as well as for Benediction. It is recommended that at least two people are present for each hour of the day. **We are in particular need for someone to sign up on the list in the back of church during the 2:00 PM hour.** If you are interested in becoming a permanent adorer for *any* given hour, you may contact **Kay Diggins at 630-530-7214**, or **Rose Wilkes at 630-833-7238**.



### CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

**Sponsored by  
MQH St. Vincent DePaul Society**

As in past years, **The Christmas Giving Tree** is decorated with ornaments for needy families in our area the **first Sunday in Advent**. Ornaments are also on the tree for the elderly and sick in the Elmhurst Extended Care Nursing Home. All of the ornaments were made by our Religious Education students.

This year the Advent Season begins the weekend of November 29 and 30. Please take an ornament off the tree and purchase the item written on the back. Wrap the item in Christmas wrapping paper, tape the ornament securely on the top of the package, and place the gift under the Giving Tree.

**The deadline for returning your gifts for needy families and nursing home residents is Sunday, December 14.**

## ParishPay

*Making it Easier to Give*

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

**Contact [www.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com), or  
call 866-PARISH-1 for further information.**



### 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!

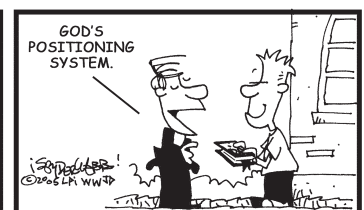
### ARE YOU SEARCHING? WE ARE LOOKING!

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.



This past weekend our Parish welcomed 7 individuals into the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**. Our Catechumens are: **Asha LaBine, Ian Race** and **Julian Race**. Our Candidate seeking Confirmation is **Ana Chanis**. **Suzan Bakievkska** seeks to be in full communion with the Catholic Church. We ask the entire parish community to pray for them and their sponsors. Check out the bulletin board in the back of church to see photos of the candidates, sponsors and RCIA team members! If you have questions about RICA, please contact Mimi Wolak @ 630-941-3851 or Tom Nanak @ 630-530-4502.

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## Parish News



### MQH GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Thanks to all who helped clean up our gardens around the church, school and the rectory on Saturday, November 1. Our crew included three young gardeners whose assistance was greatly appreciated! The rains cooperated so well this summer, we had little need to water frequently. However, as we have now put the gardens to sleep for the winter, I want to thank everyone of our "crew" of 13 regular planting and general garden care members for all their help throughout the growing season.

A few additional updates include 1) the removal of the overgrown and/or almost dead shrubs in front of church by Chuck Dolesy and Jerry Cote, and 2) the removal of a tall shrub by the rectory due to needed plumbing work there. For safety reasons, we have filled the rectangular cement areas in the front of church with mulch for the winter. In Spring we will replace the mulch with soil and plan to plant some new evergreens and other perennials in this "barren" area. We are open to ideas of kinds of plants you may be interested in seeing there, with great consideration being given to deer resistant plants. If you see fences around our new shrubs on the south side of church, it's because they make a good meal for winter-hungry deer, and we are trying to keep the deer out. 3) We have a potential problem with gypsy moths as they are already in their cocoons on our lovely oaks around the rectory. We are monitoring this problem, and will be taking appropriate action in Spring to get rid of them before they produce their thousands of caterpillars, who crawl up the tree and can manage to defoliate the tree as they munch away.

Please contact **Rose Wilkes at 630-833-7238** with your plant ideas. They will help us make the best decisions for our new gardens. Enjoy curling up by the fireplace this winter!

### ADVENT WREATHS AND CANDLES

**Advent** is that time of year prior to Christmas when we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child. Do you and your family ever discuss the importance of the Advent Season? Perhaps you have wondered how to prepare for His birth. One way is to have an Advent Wreath in your home and hold a special prayer service during each week of the Advent Season. **We will have Advent Wreaths available for purchase the weekends of Nov. 22-23 and Nov. 29-30 in the Church vestibule.**



### LISTEN UP, LECTORS! LECTOR MEETING AND TRAINING MONDAY DECEMBER 8

All previous and soon to be lectors are asked to join us on Monday, December 8 at 7:30pm in the church for our yearly meeting and training session. We will be going over a few changes in our ministry and having some reflection time as well. We also have a few new lectors to meet and greet! Please call **Ellen Walker at 630-279-4021** if you have questions or are new and would like to join us!

## Christian Education News

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



**Please be advised that there is no RE class on Wednesday, November 26 because of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Classes will resume at the normal times on Wednesday, December 3.**

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 our 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**



### MQH PRESCHOOL

#### 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.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29 - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2008**

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
<b>Lector</b>	E. Walker	R. Wilkes	S. Napolilli
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	M. Reed (S) H. Todd (C) K. Diggins T. Sabel <b>Volunteer</b>	J. Unger (S) M. Reed (C) K. Vicary D. Bernstein <b>Volunteer</b>	J. Spears (S) K. Gusloff (C) T. Kevil R. Styka D. Styka <b>Volunteer</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b>	N. Simon N. Simon	M. Nosek J. Nosek	J. Vosicky S. Lewand



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, November 23, 2008**

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

**Monday, November 24, 2008**

8:30 AM † Margaret Delbeke

**Tuesday, November 25, 2008**

8:30 AM † All Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday, November 26, 2008**

8:30 AM People of the Parish

**Thursday, November 27, 2008 (Thanksgiving)**

9:00 AM MQH Parishioners

**Friday, November 28, 2008**

8:30 AM People of the Parish

**Saturday, November 29, 2008**

4:30 PM People of the Parish

**Sunday, November 30, 2008**

8:30 AM † Adeline Fuggiti  
† Dino Fuggiti  
10:30 AM † Catherine O. Ennis

† indicates person is deceased

**Gospel Verse**

"Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'"

- Mt. 25:34-36

**Readings for the Week of November 23, 2008**

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26,28/  
Mt 25:31-46  
Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4  
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11  
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19  
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Lk 21:20-28  
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2/Lk 21:29-33  
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36  
Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/  
Mk 13:33-37



**Collection Totals for Sunday  
November 16, 2008**

<b>Adults</b>	<b>\$7,575.48</b>
<b>Parish Pay</b>	<b>\$3,378.00</b>
<b>Children</b>	<b>\$173.46</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,126.94</b>

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Type "Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Church" into the  
"I support" box, & click "verify". Continue your search.



# SENIOR CITIZEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

*Sponsored by*  
**The Council of Catholic Women**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2008**  
**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.**



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

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

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

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