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December 7, 2008

*Second Sunday
of Advent*

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.

Rosary Devotion

Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM

Sacraments

Reconciliation - Saturday 3:30 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 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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ADVENT

Note from the Pastor



The first time I heard it was coming out of the mouth of Bob Collins on the radio when he quipped, "No good deed will go unpunished." "That's not so!" I shouted back to the wireless in rebuttal. That kind of statement only a cynic would say. After all, doesn't God bless those who do good? Well, yes. And does he bless those who do bad? Hmmm.

The Friday after Thanksgiving was to be a day all for me. The kids and grandkids were in Onarga visiting the *cuñados* and cousins. My work was done, I celebrated morning mass and I was now on my way to catch the train to the city for a day of anonymous people watching (my very favorite pasttime).

A few weeks back I taught the RE 5th grade class of Danielle Japczyk and Amanda Smith. One of the questions the kids asked was what's the hardest part of being a priest? I had to confess that sometimes it is not easy being a public person. Now and then you feel a little bit like the town pump available to all at any hour of the day or night so that you may be a conduit of God's flow of grace. Most of the time, I find this an honor and a privilege. Sometimes, however, I stare at the phone begging it *not* to ring. This is why I am faithful to my day off. It's the day when I can be a private person and I truly believe that everyone has a right to a private life (but not to a secret life). I used to feel guilty about taking care of my own personal needs until I discovered that the better I took care of myself physically, emotionally, and spiritually, the better priest I was. And this day I was to take care of me. But it was not to be.

On my way to the train station, my old friends and nemesis, 'Shoulda, woulda, coulda' and began to speak to me. You know, you could take tomorrow off, there is nothing planned and you really should go visit Butch's wife Andrea in the nursing home because she would really appreciate your visit. Truly, I did have to whole day free and after a short visit with her, I could then drive into the city and if nothing else at least walk the lakefront. Surely, God would bless this plan.

The best laid plans of mice and men... On my way to Lee Manor where she is a resident, I stopped by the Jewel to pick up some bagels, lox and cream cheese (her favorites). Along with my smiling face, this will make her very happy, I thought. On my way out of my car, I picked up the paper bag filled with the goodies, locked the doors and went upstairs to be greeted by my usual greeting from her, "Good God, it's the priest. I think I've died and gone to hell." (She has a marvelous sense of humor). "That happy to see me, huh? But look, I come bearing gifts." I was

feeling pretty good about myself for doing good and as I took my seat, I fumbled in my pocket and discovered that my car keys weren't there. I must have left them at the front desk when I signed in. No I didn't. They were locked inside the car with the car running. No big deal. I have a keyless entry system. I'll just push in the numbers. To my chagrin, I discovered that the Ford family of fine cars won't open yours while the engine is running. Nor could the young police officer get the Slim Jim in. Nor could the locksmith who passed by get in. It's a dinky little Ford Focus. This is not rocket science. And then I thought, ah, no good deed will go unpunished. Finally, after another hour of phone calls, AAA came out with what looked like a blood pressure cuff that they slid in the door, pumped it up and violá, unlocked the sucker. By now it was way too late to go to the city.

I went back upstairs and listened to Andrea's lecture about, 'So you came to visit with me and spend the afternoon in the parking lot. Some visit. You owe me one.' And as I received her mock lecture, I had to smile to myself. What a wonderful day. I really did want to spend a day doing nothing and that's exactly what I did. I had lots of time to think and pray while waiting to be rescued. A little time to beat myself up for being so stupid as to lock my car keys in the car and then even more time to forgive myself for being so human and stupid. All in all it was a...a day. When all is said and done, all we are given is the day. Sometimes it goes as planned. Sometimes nothing goes as planned. Stuff happens.

And then I remembered the scriptures. God reigns on the just and unjust. God blesses the good and the bad. God's love and goodness is not predicated on my behavior. I can't win brownie points with God. I simply do what I do because it is seemingly the right thing to do. And if I don't do it, I am still loved. And if I still do it, there is no guarantee that it will go the way I wanted it to. That's not my problem. My work is to just do it. And when all is said and done, that's pretty liberating. How nice to know that my happiness and joy is not predicated on my performance or how well I do. How freeing is that?!

In Jesus who loves the good, the bad and even the stupid.

Father Tony



Parish News



Due to the Christmas and New Years Holidays, all articles for bulletins for the month of December will have the following deadlines:

For Bulletin On	Articles due by noon
Sunday, Dec 21	Thursday, Dec 11
Sunday, Dec 28	Monday, Dec 15
Sunday, Jan 4	Monday, Dec 22

Thank you for your cooperation.



CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

On 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. 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.



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. 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. 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.**

John the Baptist's call to repentance is echoed in the US Bishops pastoral letter on Stewardship: "Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live - the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards."

Parish Calendar



PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS DECEMBER 7 - DECEMBER 14

Sunday, December 7, 2008

Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA in C/SH/School 13, 4-5
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Christmas Food Collection in Church
8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Masses
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Children's Christmas Rehearsal in Barrett Hall

Monday, December 8, 2008

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Immaculate Conception Mass in Church
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Lector Training in Church

Tuesday, December 9, 2008

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Yoga in Barrett Hall
7:00 PM - 9:30 PM Christmas Food Sorting in Church
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Baptism Prep Class in Church

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
3:15 PM - 8:15 PM RE Classes in School

Thursday, December 11, 2008

8:30 AM Communion Service in Church
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Choir Rehearsal in Church
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM St. Vincent DePaul Mtg in Barrett Hall
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Peace & Justice Comm. Mtg in Conf. Room

Friday, December 12, 2008

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
8:45 AM - 12:00 PM Preschool "Road to Bethlehem" Celebration
7:00PM - 8:00PM Guadalupe Mass in Church

Saturday, December 13, 2008

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Market Day in Social Hall
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Children's Christmas Group in Barrett Hall/
Mary's Gathering Place
3:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM MQH Mass in Church
Giving Tree Gift for Needy in Church
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM Return Giving Tree Gifts in Church

Sunday, December 14, 2008

Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA in Church/Social Hall/School 13, 4-5
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Return Giving Tree Gifts in Church
8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Masses
11:30 AM - 2:00 PM Meeting & Christmas Party-CLOW
in Barrett Hall
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM Children's Christmas Rehearsal in Church/
Mary's Gathering Place

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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**.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY MEMBERS THANK YOU

Mary Queen of Heaven recently had the Eucharistic training session for existing and new members. There were over 40 people in attendance and the tenure of the participants ranged from 2 months to 50 years! Father Tony and I would like to extend a heart felt thanks to all the members of the Eucharistic Ministry, which will be used to feed and nourish our Parish. If you are still interested in joining, please contact Derrick StaRosa at (630) 291-9115 and the protocol will be reviewed with you.

Alex Grozik	Kathleen Gusloff
Beth Fazzio	Kathryn Brennan
Bob Lawlor	Kathy Mueller
Bob Nosek	Katie Mueller
Brian Quist	Kay Diggins
Carol Reisenbuckler	Kay Passarelli
Debbie Styka	Marie Grozik
Derrick StaRosa	Marie McCall
Diane Bernstein	Marta Quist
Doug Justus	Mary Alex Japczyk
Ellen Walker	Mary Conway
Florencia Trevino	Mary White
Frank Caruso	Michael Kelly
Fred Tremmel	Michele Zelinski
Gary Regan	Mimi Wolak
Georgiann Los	Moirra Murray
Geri Pstrzoch	Paul Letourneau
Helen Todd	Paul Mason
Jennifer Spears	Peggy Luckey
Joan Eichorst	Phyllis Twardowski
Joe Goryl	Randy Styka
John Unger	Rory Villamel
Judy Fuschen	Rosemarie Pizzaro
Judy Lawlor	Sue Pingitore
Julie Lindberg	Terri Kevil
Karen Biggs	Thomas Nanak
Karen Vicary	Tom Sabel

MONDAY IS A HOLY DAY



We celebrate the
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
this **Monday, December 8.**
It is a Holy Day of Obligation and
there will be
Mass at 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM.



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!

CAROLING FOR CHRON'S

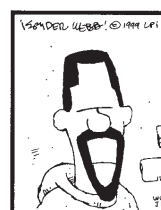
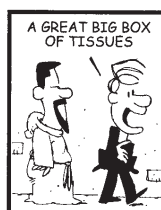


Please join us Saturday, December 13, 2008 from 1pm to 3pm as we enjoy the Season and spread holiday cheer strolling through the neighborhood singing holiday carols of joy & peace.

- **Date: Saturday, December 13th**
- **Time: 1pm – 3pm**
- **Place: Mary Queen of Heaven Parking Lot before & MQH Social Hall for cocoa after**

Donations received will be contributed to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA), as part of Genet Pinkerton and Heather Callans' challenge for a cure. Please call Carmela Marrero at 630.993.1138 with any questions.

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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THE ROSARY

The rosary has always been a powerful instrument of conversion. Describing the rosary as a "remedy for the spiritually diseased," the Redemptorists' founder, St. Alphonsus Liguori observed, "The walls of Jericho did not collapse more quickly at the trumpet call of Joshua than false teachings disappear after the earnest praying of the rosary."

Did you know that the Rosary is prayed in our Church daily, Monday through Friday at 8:00 a.m.? This is a great devotion for the Advent season. All are invited to join any time.



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

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



COMMISSIONS MEETING REMINDER!!!

There will be a Commissions Meeting the evening of **Monday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m. in Barrett Hall.** Commission Chairmen, please contact the ministries under your commission and remind them to come with reports.

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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 and click on the Parish Pay logo found on the left hand side below the menu.

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"God loves a cheerful giver"

Christian Education News



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
Preschool tours scheduled upon request.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Congratulations to all our second graders who celebrated Reconciliation for the first time this weekend. You will recognize them by their saintly "glow".

Advent Service Projects:

Just a reminder, this year we are again collecting new unwrapped toys for **Marillac House** on Chicago's West Side...not so very far from Elmhurst. Sister Antoinette tells us that they are in great need. There is a "toy box" in the hall of school for donations on Wednesday, **December 10** during class times. Toys for all ages are welcome...no violent toys please. Please be generous.



Our children also have the opportunity to add a global dimension to their acts of service. They are going to the "polls" to vote for the animal of their choice to be sent to a 3rd world country. The RE children are asked to come to class with a donation of 50 cents that will be donated to **Heifer International**. They can then "vote" for a pig, a sheep, or a goat to be sent to a small village, which will drastically improve the quality of life of its residents. Our "polls" are open this Wednesday, December 10 during class time.

Please note: The last session of RE before Christmas is this Wednesday, December 10th. Class will resume at the normal times on Wednesday, January 7, 2009.

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

Vocation View

The cry of the people: "Lord let us see your kindness."
Who will prepare the way of the Lord coming to us today?

2008 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE LITURGY REHEARSALS

For Christmas Eve, we are preparing a very special celebration as our gift to Jesus and to our parish family of Mary Queen of Heaven. This year our **2008 Children's Christmas Eve Liturgy celebration will begin at 4:00 PM.** Please complete the information below and return it to the parish office, or bring it with you. **PRACTICES ARE VERY IMPORTANT - THERE ARE ONLY A FEW AND EVERYONE MUST BE AT EACH PRACTICE!** (Snacks will be available)

Practice Dates	Time	Place
Sunday, Dec 7	1:00PM - 4:00PM	Social Hall
Saturday, Dec 13	1:00PM - 4:00PM	Barrett Hall/ Mary's Gathering Place
Sunday, Dec 14	1:00 PM - 4:00PM	Church/ Mary's Gathering Place
Saturday, Dec 20	1:00 PM - 4:00PM	Barrett Hall/ Mary's Gathering Place
Sunday, Dec 21	6:00 PM - 9:00PM	Church

**If you have any questions, please
call Wendy Krafcky:
Home: 630-617-0066 Cell: 630-559-4044**

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2. _____ **Age:** _____
3. _____ **Age:** _____
4. _____ **Age:** _____
5. _____ **Age:** _____

Parents'

Name _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Ministry: Use number 1 through 5 if more than one child is participating)

Proclaimer/Reader: _____

Shepherd: _____

Banner Bearer: _____

Helper: _____

Angel: _____

Sacred Dancer: _____

Gift Bearer: _____

Snacks: _____

Diocesan News



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RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION

Dear Parishioners,

Please join with me in enthusiastic support of the upcoming appeal December 13-14 for the Retirement Fund for Religious and all of our brothers and sisters in Christ, present and past, who have dedicated their lives to prayer, ministry, and service.

Ministry in any era is challenging; but the indomitable spirit of religious enabled them to build schools, hospitals, and much of the social service infrastructure of this country. Religious helped establish the institutions that enabled missions of Catholics to engage in the mainstream of our country's industry and economy.

When their numbers were vast and their majority young, religious institutes invested not in pension plans but in ministry, in people, and in the future of the Church they served.

Today, the majority of women and men religious are past age 60; a significant number are past age 80. Many institutes simply do not have the resources to meet the dramatically escalating costs of care for their growing populations of elderly.

Nevertheless, religious institutes do not assertively seek our help. Their traditions of service to others are deeply rooted and ongoing; so I ask that you advocate on their behalf. During the appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious, please recall the role of religious in your life; the ways that they have nourished your faith and defined and strengthened your values.

Our witness, our compassion, and our advocacy are the best that we can offer to this appeal and to parishioners who, through their past generosity, have demonstrated their gracious willingness to give what they can.

With every best wish and prayer, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

+ *John Sartain*

Most Reverend J. Peter Sartain
Bishop of Joliet

MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13 - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2008

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
Lector	B. Lawlor	R. Villamil	F. Tremmell
Eucharistic Ministers	K. Diggins (S) D. StaRosa (C) C. Reisenbuckler S. Pingatore Volunteer	K. Vicary (S) D. Bernstein (C) R. Styka D. Styka Volunteer	P. Twardowski (S) T. Kevil (C) K. Gusloff P. Mason J. Spears Volunteer
Altar Servers	B. Dunn J. Alonso	K. Pierzchala S. Pierzchala	M. Piszczor M. Bourke

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK****Sunday, December 7, 2008**

8:30 AM † All Souls in Purgatory
10:30 AM † Jeane Carrico

Monday, December 8, 2008

8:30 AM † Greg Scheve
† Thomas Fennell

Tuesday, December 10, 2008

8:30 AM † Eugenia Syslo

Wednesday, December 11, 2008

8:30 AM † Blythe O' Sullivan

Thursday, December 12, 2008

8:30 AM Communion Service

Friday, December 13, 2008

8:30 AM † Alejandro M. Villamil

Saturday, December 14, 2008

4:30 PM † Lillian Dolinaj

Sunday, December 15, 2008

8:30 AM † Alejandro Villamil
† Rosario Villamil
10:30 AM † Antonio Santiago

† indicates person is deceased

Gospel Verse

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:
"Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way."

- Mk 1:2

Readings for the Week of December 7, 2008

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**Collection Totals for Sunday
November 30, 2008**

Adults	\$8,539.00
Children	\$121.49
Total	\$8,660.49

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