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December 14, 2008

*Third 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



I hate to wait. (It's a true character flaw.) As a graduate student there were courses at Indiana University that I refused to take because the enrollment line was too long. And I hate to keep people waiting. I don't know if you have noticed or not but at Mary Queen of Heaven if we do nothing else, we start on time. To me it is a sign of respect for those who show up on time.

It's all about time. And waiting. For what? For what or, more accurately, Who's coming. Put them all together and you have the Holy Season of Advent. It's a rather strange season based upon what we are hoping for but is not yet here. And the paradoxical thing about it is that that which we seek we do not receive by going after but by...waiting. Letting it come to us. For 'can do' Americans and 'can do even better' suburbanites, that's tough stuff. The Holy season of Advent tells us, "Don't just do something, stand there." And wait. And I hate to wait. I know that patience is a virtue and that I must pray for it and so I do, "Lord, I want patience and I want it now!"

Obviously, I am not alone in my desire for patience. One of the most common complaints (sins) I hear in confession is that, "I have no patience with my children." (Read; I want them to grow up and be mature... Now!). I usually tell the penitent to pray for patience but warn them that this is a prayer that is always immediately answered. The moment you pray for patience, God will send someone or something into your life that will drive you right up the wall. When you ask Him what He is doing, he responds "I am teaching you patience. I am answering your prayer."

Another word for patience is the ability to wait and trust that what you hope for will come about (your children will grow up...and all too fast).

So what are we waiting for? Is it really going to be better on the other side of the rainbow? Or on the other side of the stop light? I hate to wait at stop lights. Recently I had been doing a spiritual exercise at the longest lights (turning left on Lake off West is interminable). While waiting for the light to change I ask myself, will I really be happier on the other side of the street? Can I be just as happy right here, right now? It's been a marvelous exercise and I recommend it for lowering blood pressure and stress levels.

And so we wait. And we hope. We wait and we hope that the economy will turn around, that our broken relationships will be healed, that our children will grow into the people we know they truly are, that all wars will end and that... Christmas will come. Oh come, oh come Emmanuel. We are waiting for you, we are hoping in you.

How patient is God for him to wait for us to come around. How hopeful is God that we one day will truly see the light and be transformed into the people he created us to be. Can we do no less as we wait for him?

In Jesus, God's waiter,

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.

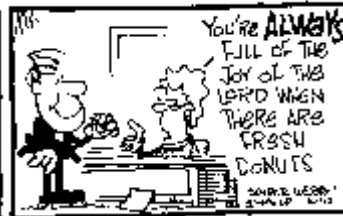


CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Sponsored by
MQH St. Vincent DePaul Society

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

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Parish News



COMMISSIONS MEETING CANCELLED!!!

The Commissions Meeting scheduled for **Monday, December 15** has been cancelled. All Parish Meetings will resume in January.



YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wings to Heaven Christmas Party Sunday

Dec 21 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Dinner and White elephant
An Evening of Food and Fun..
Hope you can make it.

Please RSVP to Mrs. Gusloff
the5ofgus@aol.com or 630-832-4348
Feel free to call with any questions 832-4348

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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.

Contact www.parishpay.com, or
call 866-PARISH-1 for further information.
"God loves a cheerful giver"

All of the people in today's readings - the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist - seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?



Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24

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| 4:00 PM | Little Children's Mass | (Not for the faint of Heart). This mass will begin as soon as the Church is completely filled. There will be no overflow in Barrett Hall this year. |
| 6:30 PM | Family Mass | This Mass has been added new this year and is geared for older children and families. It is at an excellent time and we hope that it will alleviate the overcrowding from the 4:00 PM Mass. |
| 11:00 PM | Solemn High Mass | This is the traditional "Midnight" Mass. Christmas Caroling by the Congregation and Choir will begin at 10:30PM. |

Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25

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| 8:30 AM | Mass |
| 10:30 AM | Mass |

Please share these Mass times with your Chreaster (those who show up only for Christmas and Easter) friends and family. As is tradition at Mary Queen of Heaven, for all Christmas masses, if you are over 60 years old, you are guaranteed a seat. If you are under 21, expect to stand because you just gave your seat to someone over 60. Not to worry, however, your turn will come soon enough.



Parish Calendar



PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS DECEMBER 14 - DECEMBER 21

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

Monday, December 15, 2008

8:30 AM	MQH Mass in Church
7:00 PM	NO Commissions Meeting
7:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Sort Giving Tree Gifts in Church

Tuesday, December 16, 2008

8:30 AM	MQH Mass in Church
7:00 PM	NO Finance Council

Wednesday, December 17, 2008

8:30 AM	MQH Mass in Church
3:15 PM - 8:15 PM	NO RE Classes in School

Thursday, December 18, 2008

8:30 AM	Communion Service in Church
	Preschool Christmas Break Begins
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal in Church

Friday, December 19, 2008

8:30 AM	MQH Mass in Church
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Giving Tree Gifts Pick-Up in Church

Saturday, December 20, 2008

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Children's Christmas Rehearsal in Barrett Hall/Mary's Gathering Place
3:30 PM	Confessions
4:30 PM	MQH Mass in Church

Sunday, December 21, 2008

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM	RCIA in Church/Social Hall/School 13, 4-5
8:30 AM & 10:30 AM	MQH Masses
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Wings to Heaven Christmas Party in Barrett Hall
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Children's Christmas Rehearsal in Church

Christian Education News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A huge thank you to all who participated in our RE Advent Service Projects.



Several boxes of new unwrapped toys were collected for **Marillac House**. Sr. Antoinette is very grateful to everyone for their generosity. Many children on the near West Side...not so very far from Elmhurst, will have smiles on their faces this Christmas morning because of you.

After Christmas we will report which animal received the most votes in our **Heifer International project**. Thanks to all our children who took part in this most worthy, educational, and fun activity. Thank you also to the members of "The Gathering" small faith community who generously donated to our Heifer project.

Please note:

RE classes will not be in session on December 17, 24, and December 31. Class sessions will resume at the normal time on Wednesday, January 7, 2009.


For more info 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

 Read the Gospel and Co. or



John the Baptist prepared the way for the Messiah, Jesus Christ. He shouted in the desert, "Get your soul ready. The Lord is coming." Today John still warns you to get your soul ready for Jesus. Ask God to forgive you. Then forgive yourself and others. Shout to the world. Be a witness by your actions. Show that you believe in God. Then you will be ready when Jesus comes to take you to heaven with him.

Christmas Schedule

MINISTRY SCHEDULE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25,

	4:00 PM	6:30 PM	11:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
Lector	TBD	R. Wilkes	E. Walker	G. Dolesy	T. Kowalski
Eucharistic Ministers	K. Diggins (S) H. Todd (C) K. Passarelli C. Reisenbuckler J. Lindberg F. Trevino M. Zelinski M. Japczyk	R. Villamil (S) G. Los (C) M. Groszik A. Groszik B. Lawlor J. Lawlor M. Conway F. Caruso G. Pstrzoch	R. Styka (S) D. Styka (C) S. Pingatore T. Kevil M. Kelly M. Murray K. Mueller K. Mueller T. Sabel	K. Vicary (S) G. Regan (C) D. Bernstein T. Nanak J. Eichorst K. Biggs B. Nosek J. Unger M. White	F. Tremmel (S) M. McCall (C) J. Spears K. Gusloff P. Twardowski B. Quist M. Quist P. Mason P. LeTourneau
Altar Servers	M. Bourke J. Vosicky C. Ceper	J. Alonso B. Dunn K. Pierzchala	J. Nosek M. Nosek	J. Simon	S. Lewand J. McDonough H. Rossiano

Diocesan News

MISSION TO THE NAVAJO RESERVATION

Diocese of Joliet Catholic Construction Corps

Please join us at St. Charles Pastoral Center in Romeoville at **7:00 pm on Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2009** or **Thursday, January 22, 2009** for an information night for the eighth annual mission to the Navajo Reservation. The trip is planned for June 6 - 20, 2009 to repair homes on the Navajo Reservation in Arizona. Prior missions included projects in carpentry, electrical, plumbing, and roofing. Men and women, who are skilled, semi-skilled, or even handy around the house, are welcome. Interaction with the Navajo community and culture are part of this mission. For more information contact Art Sheridan, Missions Coordinator, at 815-834-4072 (asheridan@dioceseofjoliet.org) or contact (evenings) either Deacon Tom Goebel (630-782-9577) or Deacon Larry Lissak (630-629-9234). Visit us online at www.paxjoliet.org/missions



L.O.S.S. SUPPORT GROUP

(LOVING OUTREACH TO SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE)

Through the collaboration of Catholic Charities (the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Diocese of Joliet), support groups are in place for anyone who has lost a relative or friend to suicide. A trained facilitator and a mental health professional assist these groups. The groups meet from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. on either the third Wednesday or the fourth Thursday of the month. The next meeting dates are as follows:

- December 17 - St. Paul the Apostle Activity Center, 130 Woodlawn in Joliet
- *December 18 - St. Daniel the Prophet Parish Center, 101 West Loop Drive in Wheaton.

During the month of December, all groups will participate in a candle-light service of remembrance. Members may bring a photo of their loved ones who have died.

*Please note that this group will be meeting one week earlier for the month of December.

A Vocation View

God gives you a mission. Respond! Rejoice in the Spirit who is at work in you.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20 - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2008

	4:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
Lector	M. Reed	A. Grozik M. Grozik	P. Reynerntson
Eucharistic Ministers	M. White (S) K. Passarelli (C) D. StaRosa H. Todd Volunteer	G. Regan (S) J. Unger (C) T. Nanak M. Reed Volunteer	F. Tremmel (S) M. McCall (C) P. Twardowski K. Gusloff P. Mason Volunteer
Altar Servers	C. Ceper J. Simon	E. Horne E. Zielinski	J. McDonough M. McDonough

**Sunday, December 14, 2008**

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

Monday, December 15, 2008

8:30 AM † All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, December 16, 2008

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, December 17, 2008

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, December 18, 2008

8:30 AM Communion Service

Friday, December 19, 2008

8:30 AM † Aurora Calderón

Saturday, December 20, 2008

4:30 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, December 21, 2008

8:30 AM † Jeane Allen
10:30 AM † Kathy Bryers

† indicates person is deceased

Gospel Verse

John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."

- Jn 1:26-27

Readings for the Week of December 14, 2008

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
Thursday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
Saturday: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

**Collection Totals for Sunday
December 7, 2008**

Adults	\$7,149.75
Children	\$128.77
Total	\$7,278.52

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Enter **www.goodsearch.com** for web site.
Type "Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Church" into the
"I support" box, & click "verify". Continue your search.

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).

We need a baby Jesus for this year's Children's Christmas Eve Liturgy celebration. New Mothers can you help us? The infant Jesus should be about 1 to 3 months old.

Practice Dates	Time	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 or

C. J. Fuchsen

Home: 630-941-8168 Cell: 312-301 7299

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Name(s):

1. _____ **Age:** _____

2. _____ **Age:** _____

3. _____ **Age:** _____

Parents'

Name _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Ministry: Use number 1 through 3 if more than one child is participating)

Proclaimer/Reader: _____

Angel: _____

Shepherd: _____

Sacred Dancer: _____

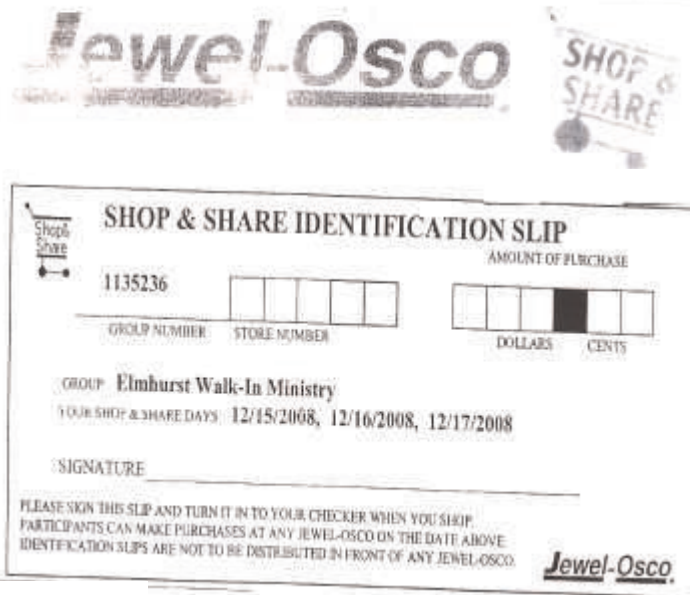
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Gift Bearer: _____

Helper: _____

Snacks: _____

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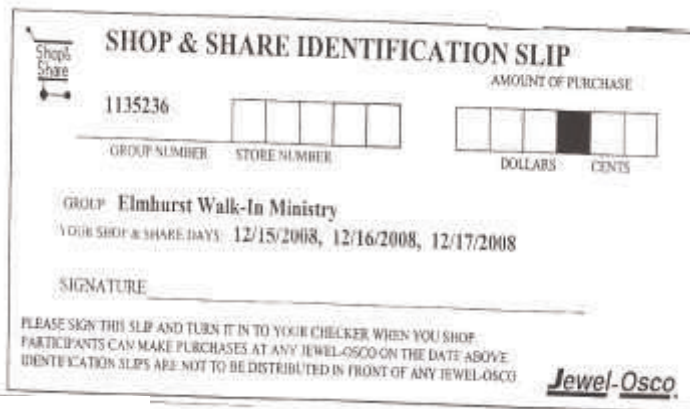
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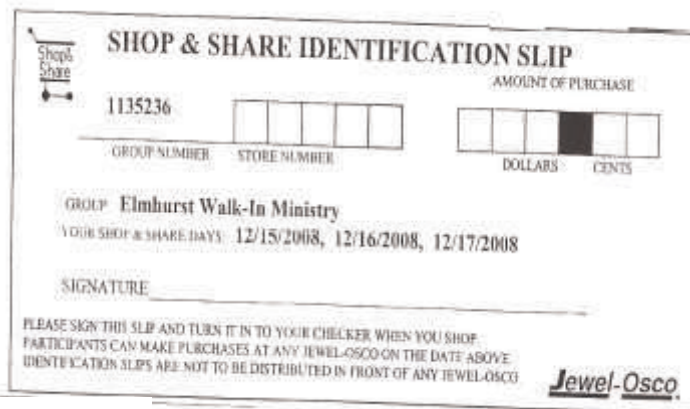
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