

# MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH

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December 21, 2008

*Fourth Sunday of  
Advent*

December 25, 2008

*Nativity of the  
Lord*



GLORY  
TO GOD  
IN THE  
HIGHEST  
AND ON  
EARTH  
PEACE TO  
THOSE  
ON WHOM  
HIS FAVOR  
RESTS.

LUKE 2:14

## Worship Schedule

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

### Christmas Weekday Schedule

Mon., Tues., and Fri.: 8:30 a.m.

Wed. December 24 - Christmas Eve  
4:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

Thurs. December 25 - Christmas  
8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

### Rosary Devotion

Monday through Friday: 8:00 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 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

## Pastoral Staff

Rev. Anthony R. Taschetta  
Pastor

Rev. John Barrett  
Pastor Emeritus

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## Note from the Pastor



I used to be an Advent purist. No Christmas Carols, no decorations too early and the Christmas tree went up on the 24th. Then from the 25th all the way through to the Baptism of the Lord we would sing our little hearts out, every Christmas Carol in the book. Make those poinsettias last 'till Lent. The only difficulty with being a liturgical puritan was that I was the only one. In the real world everyone had put their Christmas stuff away by New Years.

Now, if you want to decorate your tree two days after Halloween, knock yourself out. I've even given in to allow my grandchildren to listen to the LITE as I drive them to piano lessons (if I never hear Burl Ives sing have a 'Holly Jolly Christmas' again, it'll be just fine with me). I must be going soft in my old age.

Why the change? Because, like the song says, 'we need a little Christmas right this very minute, we need a little Christmas now!' That song was sung by the intrepid Auntie Mame when she discovered how bleak Christmas was looking because she had just lost everything she owned.

Well, we too, need a little Christmas...now! Alvin and the Chipmunks aren't the only ones who can hardly wait for Christmas. And it is more than just about having presents under the tree as it is having The Presence in our hearts.

These are dark days. Winter came too soon and although we may talk about the audacity of hope, the reality of the present for so many is painful. So, what about it, Jesus? Are you coming or not? We can't wait. We need to touch you, to feel the warmth of your arms, the reassurance that you are here to guide us through the cold and the darkness. We are like the little boy in Jack Shea's story who is tucked into bed and then asks his mother for a glass of water. And then as she leaves and extra hug; and then as she tries to leave again he asks for her to stay with him until he falls asleep. "Don't be afraid honey, you're not alone, God is here with you." "I know that, Mommy, but I want someone with some skin." And don't we all.

The reason the Eternal Word became one of us, human, was so that we could grasp and hold onto God and he could grasp and hold onto us. This Christmas when we proclaim the Nicene Creed and get to the part that says *Et homo factus est* (And he became man), we will all genuflect. Why? Because the eternal, immutable, unapproachable, divine God has now become a graspable, huggable, lovable baby...one of us...with skin.

So, of course, we want to rush the season. We can't wait. We are too alone and afraid. Turn on the LITE and listen to

Johnny Mathis sing and Bing croon. It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas and may our days be merry and bright. Why? Because in the Incarnation, the Eternal has taken on flesh we can hold on to. When? December the 25th? No, now. We don't have to wait. Do you want to see the Christ Child? Look at your grandchildren, your children. Do you want to be held and hugged by Jesus? Embrace your spouse. He's not coming, He's already here. We only need eyes to see...and a little mistletoe.

In Jesus, God with skin,

**Father Tony**



**BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND YOURS**

The family of Mary Queen wishes each and all a Blessed and Holy Christmas. May our deepest desires for union and communion with those whom we love be ours. May our holy longing to be one with our God not be denied. And may we know that no matter where the path leads with all its twists and turns, it will always lead to Life. And that's a promise. The promise of the Christ Child.

Merry, Blessed Christmas.

## 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 28	Monday, Dec 15
Sunday, Jan 4	Monday, Dec 22

Thank you for your cooperation.

### 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](mailto:the5ofgus@aol.com) or 630-832-4348  
Feel free to call with any questions 832-4348

## 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.  
"God loves a cheerful giver"



## Christmas Schedule

### Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24

- 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

- 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 21 - DECEMBER 28

#### 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

#### Monday, December 22, 2008

- 8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church

#### Tuesday, December 23, 2008

- 8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
- OFFICE CLOSED**

#### Wednesday, December 24, 2008

##### Christmas Eve

- NO MQH Mass**
- OFFICE CLOSED**
- NO RE Classes in School**
- 3:15 PM - 8:15 PM Little Children's Christmas Mass
- 4:00 PM Family Christmas Mass
- 6:30 PM Choir & Parish Caroling in Church
- 10:15 PM - 11:00 PM Solemn High Christmas Mass
- 11:00 PM

#### Thursday, December 25, 2008

##### Christmas

- 8:30 AM Christmas Day Mass in Church
- 10:30 AM Christmas Day Mass in Church
- OFFICE CLOSED**

#### Friday, December 26, 2008

- 8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
- OFFICE CLOSED**

#### Saturday, December 27, 2008

- 3:30 PM Confessions
- 4:30 PM MQH Mass in Church

#### Sunday, December 28, 2008

- NO RCIA**
- 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Masses

## Parish News

### HEALTH UPDATE ON SISTER MARLENE

As many of you have heard, Sister Marlene was in a car accident three weeks ago. While nothing was broken, she was badly shaken up (the car was totaled). She has not been feeling well so please continue to keep her in your prayers.

Because of her absence, the office will be closed for Tuesday December 23 through the Holidays. Father Tony will be around to take any important messages but normal business will be put off until after the New Year. Thank you for your consideration and understanding.

### 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.**

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

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

Father Flood/Webb

CHRISTMAS #3



### A Vocation View

Christmas, a Dream come true! God comes to dwell among His people. Before the Second coming of Jesus, the world needs people like you to continue His work. Are you ready?

## Parish News



### YOGA AT MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN

Yoga- stretching, balancing, being healthy

Yoga at Mary Queen, welcomes all ages. If you have not tried Yoga yet, come and try it out.

There is Yoga class almost every Tuesday at 9:00 am

You can be added to Debbie's email list to find out or call 630/941-7224

**All Tuesdays in January 9:00 AM  
\$4 per class or \$6 per family**

## Christian Education News



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

On behalf of all of us in the REO, we wish you a most holy and happy Christmas.

**Please note:**

**There is no RE on December 24<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>.  
RE Class sessions will resume at the normal time on  
Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.**

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](http://www.maryqueenpreschool.org)

## 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.*

**Roger Lump**

### Gospel Verse

And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God."

- Lk 1:35

## Diocesan News

**A BEAUTIFUL PLACE TO VISIT...  
A SACRED PLACE TO BE**



**St. Mary's Cemetery, Elmhurst, Illinois**

The Diocese of Joliet wishes to announce the opening of it's newly developed Columbarium at St. Mary's Cemetery in Elmhurst, Illinois. The Columbarium has single and companion niches for cremations. If you wish further information on pricing and availability, please contact Mary at: **(630) 668-3313**

## 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
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
<b>Lector</b>	TBD	R. Wilkes	E. Walker	G. Dolesy	T. Kowalski
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	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
<b>Altar Servers</b>	M. Bourke J. Vosicky C. Ceper	J. Alonso B. Dunn K. Pierzchala	J. Nosek M. Nosek	J. Simon	S. Lewand J. McDonough H. Rossiano

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27 - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2008

	4:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
<b>Lector</b>	D. StaRosa	M. McCall	S. Napolilli
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	K. Diggins (S) M. White (C) S. Pingatore K. Passarelli M. Conway F. Caruso	D. Bernstein (S) K. Vicary (C) R. Styka D. Styka M. Groszik A. Groszik	J. Spears (S) J. Eichorst (C) K. Gusloff P. Mason T. Kevil B. Quist M. Quist P. Luckey
<b>Altar Servers</b>	N. Simon N. Simon E. Zielinski	K. Pierzchala S. Pierzchala J. Simon	C. Weigel I. Weigel J. Alonso



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, December 21, 2008**

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

**Monday, December 22, 2008**

8:30 AM † Florence Flint

**Tuesday, December 23, 2008**

8:30 AM † All Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday, December 24, 2008**

4:00 PM All Parishioners  
6:30 PM All Parishioners  
11:00 PM All Parishioners

**Thursday, December 25, 2008**

8:30 AM All Parishioners  
10:30 AM All Parishioners

**Friday, December 26, 2008**

8:30 AM All Parishioners

**Saturday, December 27, 2008**

4:30 PM All Parishioners

**Sunday, December 28, 2008**

8:30 AM † Hilarao Calderón  
10:30 AM † Al Pokorn

† indicates person is deceased

### Gospel Reflection

A mother is presented with an unexpected gift, and without thought of self immediately sets about to share it with the world. Gabriel has proclaimed that Mary not only is pregnant, but that she will give birth to the Savior of the world. Talk about unexpected gifts! We have a tendency to sometimes take this story matter-of-factly, but perhaps during this final week of Advent, we might take a few moments to quietly reflect on Mary and how she immediately knew and freely accepted her role in being part of God's greatest gift.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that Mary most perfectly embodies the definition of faith. From her humble acceptance of the angel Gabriel's news to her trust as her son-God's Son-was led to his death, reveals to us that a mother's faith and love can be perfect (CCC 148-149). In these last few days before Christmas, share in the joy of the season with your mother, even if it is only in her memory. If there has been a falling out, know that she has never stopped loving you; reach out to her, tell her you love her and that life begins today.

### Readings for the Week of December 21, 2008

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/  
Lk 1:26-38  
Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56  
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66  
Wednesday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79  
Thursday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/  
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25  
Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14  
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20  
Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/  
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14  
Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22  
Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/  
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/  
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40



### Collection Totals for Sunday December 14, 2008

Adults	\$7,507.66
Parish Pay December	\$6,488.00
Children	\$118.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,113.91</b>

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