

MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH

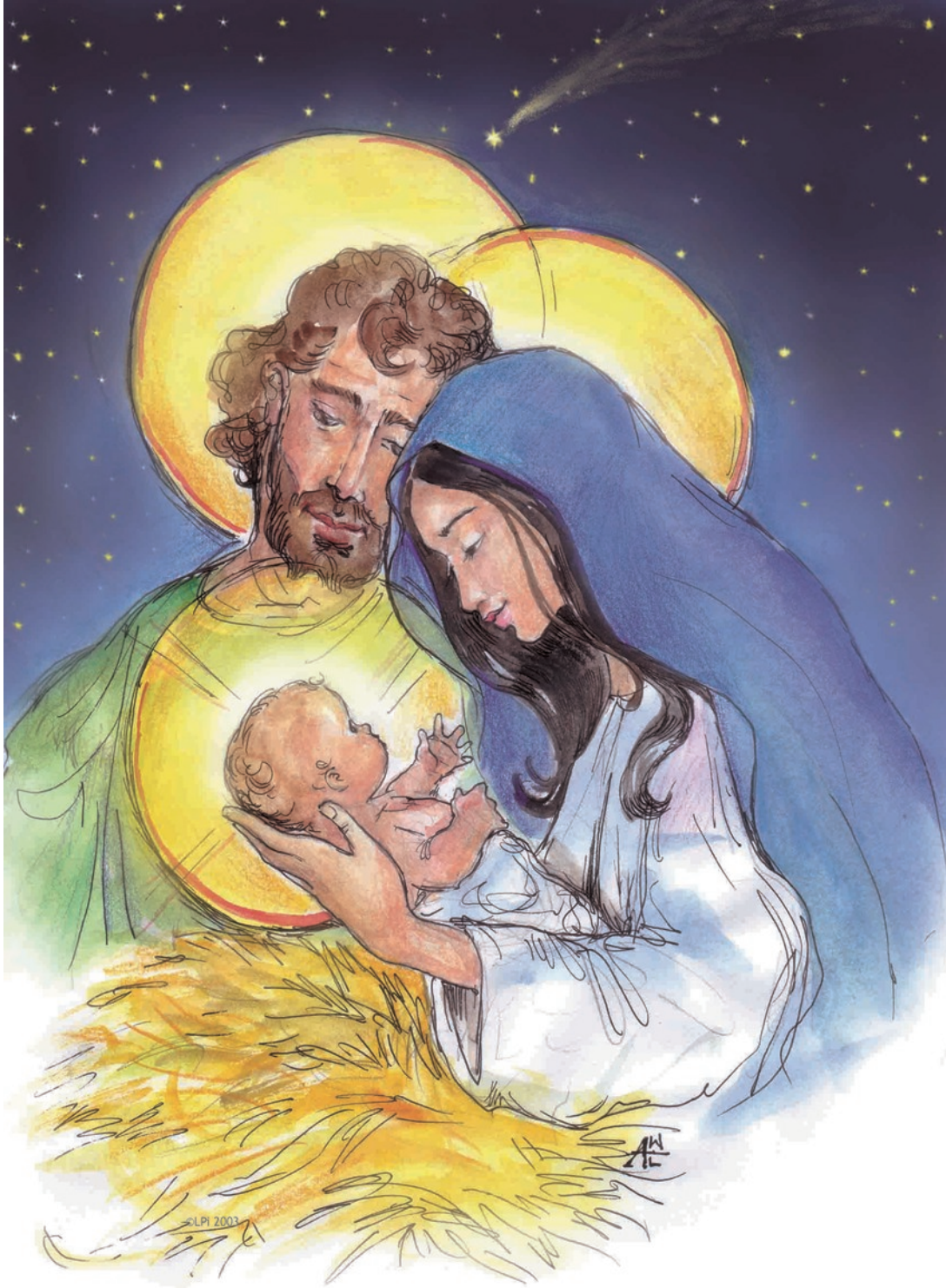
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December 28, 2008

*Holy Family of
Jesus Mary and
Joseph*



Worship Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

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

New Year's Week Mass Schedule

Mon., Tues., and Fri.: Mass

All at 8:30 a.m.

Wed. December 31 - New Year's Eve
8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Thurs. January 1 - New Year's Day
10:30 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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Pastor Emeritus

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Note from the Pastor

THE HOLY FAMILY - THE SLAUGHTER OF THE INNOCENCE



Today, the Sunday after Christmas, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. Were it not a Sunday, we would be celebrating the Feast of the Slaughter of the Holy Innocence, December 28th.

The Church's Liturgical Calendar never ceases to amaze us with its juxtaposition of beauty and ugly, innocence and sin, life and death. Usually, we celebrate them sequentially: December 25th, the joy of the birth of Jesus; December 26th, the stoning of St. Steven the first martyr; December 27th the sweetness and beauty of the Evangelist St. John who lived to be almost a hundred; December 28th, the slaughter of the children. Once in a while, however, like today we celebrate them both at the same time. To me, today's celebration is much more like real life, messy and beautiful, disastrous and wonderful all at the same time. It is also my number one sibling rival's birthday. Happy Birthday, Brother Joe.

While the Church tries to paint an idyllic picture of the Holy Family where everything is perfect, we know better. All we need to do is read the Scriptures. As a pre-pubescent, the boy Jesus drives his parents crazy by hanging around the temple in Jerusalem when he is supposed to be on the road with them. For three days his parents are worried half to death about his whereabouts. And when they find him? "Hey, what's your problem? I've got work to do here." And as a young man when his mother wishes to get in to see him (and in that culture, like ours, mothers can do whatever they darn well please) he seems to rebuff her by stating, "Who is my mother? Who is my brother? Those who hear my word..." No, I am afraid the Holy Family is just as dysfunctional as ours. And isn't that nice to know.

The neat, clean, Platonic ideal of family, of life, of anything does not exist in the real world. But we do. And so did Jesus and Steven and John and the Holy Innocence whose senseless killing we recall today. At its very best, life is a mess. I used to have a sign on my bedroom door which read, "Bless this mess." It really is a mixed bag. But it is real. Now Jesus, the Church's Liturgy, and even our own experience all teach us that to give birth, to give life there will be pain, loss and messiness. Don't cover it up. Don't wallpaper over it. It is the royal road through pain and suffering to life.

On Thursday we begin a brand New Year and quite honestly, some of us are scared. We who had all the answers a decade ago are now filled with questions. There are personal questions, family questions, cultural questions, cosmic questions. And they all boil down to the same

question, are we going to make it? Will my job hold out? Will I be able to feed and shelter my family? And if I and my family do OK, what about my neighbor, my fellow parishioner? And what about the country? This does not seem to be an upward and onward year. Will there really be another depression? And what about the world? Are the riots in Greece and Madrid, the suicide bombings in the Middle East, the famine and genocide in Africa and the threat of nuclear war going to continue and escalate this coming year? Will there be more slaughter of more innocence? I don't know. I am not optimistic. But I am very very hopeful.

I am hopeful because of one last question that must be asked. Where is God in the midst of all of this? And the answer is: In the midst of all of this! The Master of the Universe does not sit on some golden throne up in Heaven unaffected by human suffering and misery. No, we know first hand and by experience that where there is suffering, loss and pain, there is Jesus in the midst of it, experiencing it, transforming it. There is Jesus calling us to another response besides despair and fear and violence. There is Jesus teaching us how to embrace the cross of the real but never losing hope in the promise of the Really Real, the fullness of life.

In the history of humankind, most of our wounds and agony have been self inflicted. It is our own greed that is presently causing the economic collapse. It is our own fear and hatred that continues to lead us into senseless wars. It is our hoarding that allows so many to starve to death while we fatten our bodies and emaciate our souls. And the ones who suffer are always the truly innocent, our children. It doesn't have to be this way.

Thursday we begin a brand New Year. It is a time for New Year's resolutions. Can we resolve, right now, that no matter what it brings, good or bad that we will place the Christ in us in the midst of it? With him there, our mourning turns to gladness. The scarcity of resources turns to a richness of sharing and giving. The violence of fear is transformed into the embrace of compassion. In the midst of the mess is a brand new hope, a brand new year, a brand new life. It is the life of the Holy Family, the family of man.

In Jesus, the son of God,

Father Tony



Parish News

BULLETIN DEADLINE

For Bulletin On	Articles due by noon
Sunday, Jan 4	Monday, Dec 22

Thank you for your cooperation.



New Year's Schedule

New Year's Eve

Wednesday, December 31, 2008

8:30 AM Mass

4:30 PM New Year's Eve Mass

New Year's Day

Thursday, January 1, 2009

10:30 AM Mary the Mother of God Mass



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

... "I grew up going to pray to Jesus during Eucharistic Adoration. While I believe He is present in the tabernacle, spending time praying before the Host present in the Monstrance during Eucharistic Adoration helps me to experience Him more intimately." (A member of MQH)

We are right in the heart of our celebration of the Christmas season with the sweet refrain of "Oh come, let us adore Him" still echoing in our ears and hearts! Come and adore Him, praise Him, thank Him, ask Him - at our next Day of Eucharistic Adoration, on Monday, January 5, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. You are welcome to begin the day with Mass at 8:30 a.m. All are invited to join us any time during the day and for Benediction at 7:00 p.m. Please see the sign-up board in the back of church if you would like to choose a specific time. **We especially need someone to fill in at the 2 p.m. 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.**



ST VINCENT DEPAUL RAFFLE UPDATE

Congratulations to Judy Fuchs, winner of the "Wagon Full of Toys" Raffle and how wonderful of her to donate the wagon and all the toys to Marillac House for needy children. God Bless! A special "Thank You" to Dick Dufort and his wife for this wonderful donation which was raffled off on last Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. The proceeds from the raffle totaled \$1000. In addition to this, SDVP received a \$400 donation from a very generous and thoughtful parishioner. Thank you everyone for your support and generous spirit. These funds will help families with electric, gas, water/sewer, rent, car repairs, medicine and other necessities. Blessings and Have a Wonderful, Healthy New Year.



YOGA AT MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN

Yoga at Mary Queen, welcomes all ages. 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 Worship Commission



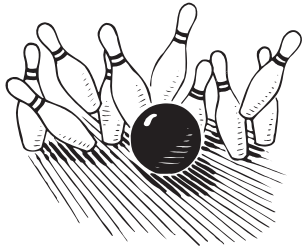
To pray for our sick is an important privilege of our parish family. Please call 630-279-5700 to have a name added to our list. A new listing will appear in bold face.

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

THE HOLY FAMILY





PARISH CANDLELIGHT BOWL

Sponsored by Mary Queen of Heaven CCW

Join us for a fun evening
At Stardust Bowl in Addison
On Saturday, January 31, 2009
Beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Cost is \$45.00 per couple and includes:
Dinner and dessert
3 Games of Scotch Doubles
Bowling Shoes

The deadline for reservations is
Sunday, January 25th.

Please return your reservation form
and payment to the rectory or to:
Karen Vicary,
545 W. Gladys, Elmhurst.

Make checks payable to
Mary Queen of Heaven CCW.

For more information, call
Karen at 630-279-4108.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Parish Calendar



PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS DECEMBER 28 - JANUARY 4

Sunday, December 28, 2008

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

Monday, December 29, 2008 - OFFICE CLOSED

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church

Tuesday, December 30, 2008 OFFICE CLOSED

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church

Wednesday, December 31, 2008 OFFICE CLOSED

New Year's Eve

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church
4:30 PM New Year's Eve Mass

Thursday, January 1, 2009 OFFICE CLOSED

New Year's Day

10:30 AM Mary the Mother of God Mass in Church

Friday, January 2, 2009 OFFICE CLOSED

8:30 AM MQH Mass in Church

Saturday, January 3, 2009

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

Sunday, January 4, 2009

8:00 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA in C/SH/School 13, 4-5
8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Masses
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Baptisms in Church

Christian Education News



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

On behalf of everyone in the REO, you
are wished a 2009 filled with much
peace and joy.

Please note:
There is no RE class on Wednesday, December 31st.

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



New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Schedule

MINISTRY SCHEDULE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2008 - THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2009

	4:30 PM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
Lector	K. Passarelli	R. Villamil
Eucharistic Ministers	M. White (S) H. Todd (C) T. Sabel	K. Vicary (S) G. Regan (C) J. Unger
Altar Servers	TBD	TBD

MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, JANUARY 3 - SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2009

	4:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
Lector	R. Styka	M. Reed	F. Tremmel
Eucharistic Ministers	D. StaRosa (S) G. Los (C) S. Pingatore M. White J. Goryl M. Zelinski	G. Regan (S) K. Passarelli (C) G. Pstrzoch J. Unger K. Biggs M. Kelly	J. Eichorst (S) F. Tremmel (C) P. Twardowski M. Murray T. Kevil D. Justus K. Mueller K. Mueller
Altar Servers	B. Gornick G. Gornick M. Bourke	J. Nosek M. Nosek B. Dunn	S. Lewand J. McDonough M. McDonough





MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 28, 2008

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

Monday, December 29, 2008

8:30 AM † Al Fuchsen

Tuesday, December 30, 2008

8:30 AM † Blythe O'Sullivan

Wednesday, December 31, 2008

8:30 AM † All Souls in Purgatory
 4:30 PM All Parishioners

Thursday, January 1, 2009

10:30 AM All Parishioners

Friday, January 2, 2009

8:30 AM † Ann Mariello

Saturday, January 3, 2009

4:30 PM † Joan Early

Sunday, January 4, 2009

8:30 AM All Parishioners
 10:30 AM † Margaret Delbeke

† indicates person is deceased

Gospel Verse

"My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

- Lk 2:30-32

Readings for the Week of December 28, 2008

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
 Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
 Thursday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29---3:6/Jn 1:29-34
 Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



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

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"God loves a cheerful giver"



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Collection Totals for Sunday December 21, 2008

Total will be reported in January 4 bulletin

Mary Queen of Heaven

January 2009

Elmhurst, IL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
BH - Barrett Hall C - Church Conf R - Conference Room PODR - Parish Office Dining Room SH - Social Hall				1 10:30AM Mary The Mother of God Mass in C	2	3 3:30 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass in C
4 Epiphany of the Lord 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA in C/SH/School 1,3,4-5 8:30 & 10:30 AM - Masses in C 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Baptisms in C	5 Preschool Classes Resume 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Eucharist Adoration in C 7:30 AM - 8:30 PM Liturgy Planning Committee in PODR	6	7 3:15 PM - 8:15 PM RE Classes in School	8 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Choir Rehearsal in C 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM New Wine in School 4-5,13 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM St. Vincent DePaul Mtg in BH 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Peace and Justice Comm. Mtg. in Conf R	9	10 3:30 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass in C
11 Baptism of the Lord 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA in C/SH/School 1,3,4-5 8:30 & 10:30 AM - Masses in C	12	13 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Baptism Prep Class in C	14 3:15 PM - 8:15 PM RE Classes in School	15 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Choir Rehearsal in C 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM New Wine in School 1,3,4-5	16	17 3:30 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass in C
18 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA in C/SH/School 1,3,4-5 8:30 & 10:30 AM - Masses in C 11:30 PM - 1:30 PM Fellowship in BH 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Baptisms in C	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day No Preschool 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Commissions Meeting in BH	20 6:00 PM-10:00 PM Catholic Christian Women in BH 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Finance Council in PODR	21 3:15 PM - 8:15 PM RE Classes in School	22 NO PRESCHOOL Institute Day 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Choir Rehearsal in C 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM New Wine in School 4-5,13	23 NO PRESCHOOL Institute Day	24 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Market Day in SH 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM RE Confirmation Retreat in BH/C/School 3:30 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass in C
25 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA in C/SH/School 1,3,4-5 8:30 & 10:30 AM - Masses in C 8:45 AM - 12:00 PM Catholics Week: Celebrate Service	26 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Parish Council in PODR	27	28 3:15 PM - 8:15 PM RE Classes in School	29 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Choir Rehearsal in C 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM New Wine in School 4-5,13	30	31 3:30 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass in C