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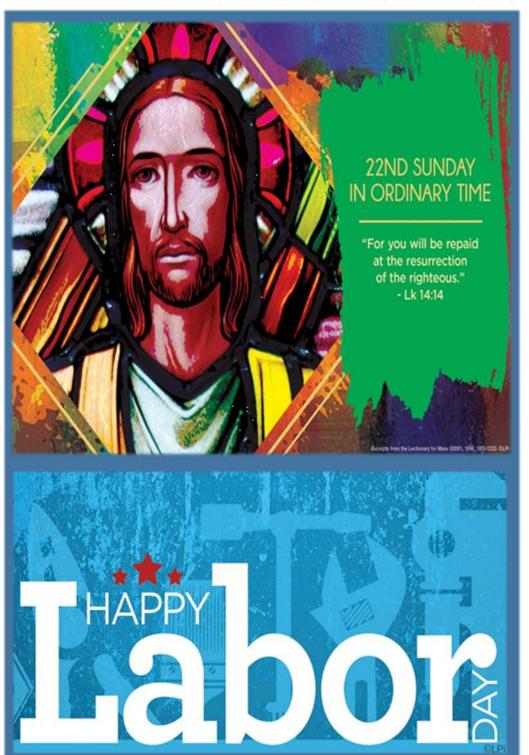
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AUGUST 31, 2025
TWENTY-SECOND
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

Inspired by the Holy Spirit and nurtured by our sacramental life, Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Church provides a welcoming and inclusive parish home.

We bear witness to the Gospel of Christ through prayer and worship, catechesis and spiritual growth, outreach and social action.



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday - 4:30 pm Sunday - 8:30 am, 10:00am and 11:30 am (Polish)

Weekday Masses

Monday Communion Service 8:30 am Tuesday to Saturday Masses 8:30 am

<u>Rosary</u>

Monday to Saturday 8:00 am

Eucharistic Adoration

1st Friday of each month from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm with Benediction at 7:00 pm.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

Saturday 9:00 am

Baptism

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 1:00 pm.
Required Baptismal preparation on the 2nd
Thursday at 7:00 pm.
Call Parish Office to register.

Marriage

Please contact the Pastor at least 6 months in advance.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Friday

Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on Labor Day - Monday, September 1st



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September 14th

Tuesday, September 2nd

September 21st

Tuesday, September 8th mqhbulletin@maryqueen.org

BISHOP HICKS' AUGUST COLUMN - "WE'RE GOING TO SELL OUT!"

ENCOUNTERING JESUS AT OUR YOUTH CONFERENCE



"We are going to sell out all the tickets instantly!" That was my spontaneous reaction when I first heard the news: Father Mike Schmitz had agreed to be our keynote speaker for our 2025

Youth Conference in the Diocese of Joliet.



If you do not know who Father Mike Schmitz is, it likely means you do not spend much time online or listening to Catholic podcasts. A priest of the Diocese of Duluth, Minnesota, Father Schmitz has become one of the most recognizable Catholic voices in the digital world. His Bible in a Year and Catechism in a Year podcasts have touched millions of lives. With a rare mix of clarity, humor, and conviction, he brings the Faith alive to all generations.

And that is exactly why we were elated when he was chosen as one of the speakers for our inaugural Steubenville Joliet Youth Conference. Yet long before a speaker was booked or ticket sales opened there was a dream to bring a Youth Conference to our diocese. For years, teens from the Diocese of Joliet had been traveling long distances to experience dynamic Catholic conferences hosted by Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio. The fruit was undeniable: renewed faith, deep conversions, and young people stepping into lives of discipleship. We began to ask, what if we brought that encounter home? What if we did not just send our teens away to find Christ, but invited Christ into our own backyard?

So, we did it. With prayer, planning, and no shortage of volunteers, collaborators, and donors, the Steubenville-Joliet Youth Conference took place on the weekend of June 27-29, 2025, at Benedictine University in Lisle, Illinois. The response was overwhelming.

Nearly 2,000 teens, plus chaperones and youth ministers, filled the campus. More than 1,700 confessions were heard. Parishes that had never connected before were praying side by side. There were moments of joyful chaos with laughter, dancing, and games, and moments of reverent silence that moved even the most skeptical hearts. One youth minister told me, "It felt like this conference had been running in our diocese for ten years." And in a way, it had, only in prayer and in the longing of many hearts.

From Friday evening to Sunday afternoon, our young people were immersed in an experience centered around Christ. There was music and praise, compelling keynote talks, breakout sessions for young men and women, and powerful times of small group reflection. But it was Saturday night's Eucharistic Adoration that left the deepest mark. I watched as Jesus in the monstrance was processed through the crowd. Two thousand voices quieted. Two thousand hearts opened. Christ was truly present—not only in the Eucharist, but also in their lives.

The weekend concluded with the Sunday closing Mass, which I had the privilege of celebrating. After the final prayer, Father Mike Schmitz stepped forward and invited anyone who was not yet baptized, but who had felt stirred by the Lord over the weekend, to come forward to receive a special blessing. He then invited any young people who were considering a vocation to the priesthood or religious life to do the same. Slowly, and then more confidently, over 100 teens stood and came forward. Some were weeping, and others were smiling with unapologetic joy. As I extended my hands in blessing over each group, the entire crowd prayed for them too.

Sometimes, I worry that if a young person loves God and wants to participate in the sacramental and communal life of our Church, they can feel like an anomaly or like they are the only ones with this desire. And that can be isolating and discouraging for them. Yet, at this Youth Conference, Christ was working in their hearts, and emboldened their steps toward faith, hope, and the future with the Church. Looking out at the participants, I saw joy, renewal, and courage. These teens were not just attending a Church-sponsored youth conference. They were meeting the Lord and being sent out as disciples.

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CALENDAR

8/30/25 SATURDAY

8:30am Mass

9:00am Reconciliation

4:30pm Mass

8/31/25 SUNDAY

8:30am Mass 10:00am Mass 11:30am Polish Mass

9/1/25 MONDAY

~ Labor Day ~

LABOR DAY **Parish Office Closed**

Communion Service 8:30am 11:30am **Prayer Group**

9/2/25 **TUESDAY**

Mass 8:30am **CRHP Women** 6:30pm

9/3/25 **WEDNESDAY**

8:30am Mass

3:00pm **RE Faith Formation**

9/4/25 **THURSDAY**

8:30am Mass

9/5/25 **FRIDAY**

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

8:30am Mass

9:00am Adoration in Church

7:00pm Benediction

9/6/25 **SATURDAY**

That Man Is You (TMIY) 6:30am

8:30am

Reconciliation 9:00am

4:30pm Mass

9/7/25 **SUNDAY**

~ Grandparents' Day ~

8:30am Mass Mass 10:00am

11:00am **OCIA**

11:30am **Polish Mass** 12:00pm **Baptisms**



FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

~ Friday, September 5th ~

The Holy Eucharist is food for our life's journey, the most intimate gift Christ has given us. While we receive Him into ourselves at Mass, we have prayer opportunities along the way to nourish our relationship with Him.

Come and be further nourished by spending time in His presence during our next Eucharistic Adoration,

First Friday, September 5th immediately after 8:30am Mass, from 9:00am to 7:00pm, followed

by Benediction. You are invited to come for Benediction too!

We welcome anyone who would like to "adopt" an hour. Just write your name & phone number on the sign-in sheet near the time you would like to have. For questions, call Kay Diggins at 630-530-7214, or

Rose Wilkes at 630-833-7238.

BISHOP HICKS' AUGUST COLUMN (Continued from Page 1)

I thank the many partners who made this possible, such as our parishes, our Department of Catechesis & Evangelization, Franciscan University of Steubenville, and of course Partnership For Youth who organized the logistics of the conference. Together, apostolates, higher education, and the local church can work together to build the Kingdom of God.

We are committed to building something sustainable and Spirit-filled for the youth of our Church. I am pleased to announce that the 2026 dates for our next Youth Conference are already set: June 26 - 28, 2026, again at Benedictine University.

Praise be to God, it is that popular!

So, stay alert for when those tickets go on sale, because if this year was any indication, they will not last long.



Do You Know of Anyone Seeking to Make or Continue Their Sacraments? The OCIA Program at MQH Starts Soon! **Contact the Rectory, ASAP!**

The Mary Queen of Heaven (MQOH) Parish Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) Program is to start **Sunday, September 7, 2025**.

The OCIA Program is open for adults, high school age and over, who wish to enter into the Catholic Church by receiving the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist.

It is also open to any Catholic, or anyone who has already been baptized in the Christian Faith and makes a Profession of Faith to Catholicism, who wishes to celebrate the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

Though these sessions are primarily for the Catechumen / Candidates, any parishioners who wish to enhance / share their Faith experience(s) are welcome to sit-in.

The schedule has been set for Sunday mornings – (one-hour sessions) starting at 11:00 am in Room 13. The program runs from mid-September through to the Sacraments being celebrated at the Easter Vigil or at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet, as applicable, to its conclusion around Pentecost Sunday

If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the Rectory at: (630) 279-5712 to register.

Currently, there is no fee for the program.

UPCOMING CONNECTION (NAME TAG) WEEKEND



NEXT Weekend September 6th and 7th Name Tag Weekend Please stop at the back of church and fill out a name tag to wear.

Building Stronger Connections.... one name at a time!

Have you ever seen a familiar face down the pew and just could not remember the person's name? Have you seen a newcomer at church and wanted an easy entrée to introduce yourself to them? Wearing name tags can help us get to know one another, as well as our visitors and new members, better.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS - MARY GLAUDELL, DIRECTOR

A NEW YEAR OF FORMATION BEGINS

Family Night is September 3rd at 6:30 pm in the Church — all grade levels!

Wednesday, September 3rd we begin a new year of faith formation with our Family Night. Come and find out what's in store for this faith year, meet the catechists, and sign up for our Family Day of Service. Confirmation Service will be discussed at the end.

CLASSES START:

- Family Faith K 6th September 7th
- Wednesday 1st 8th September 10th
- Family Faith 7th September 14th

NEW ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING:

Wednesday, September 17th at 5pm Sign up & details available on Family Night





CHILDREN'S LITURGY of the WORD

Begins September 7th during the 10am Mass.

All **children from 3 to 8 years old** are invited to our Children's Liturgy of the Word. They will hear the scripture readings from the Children's and engage in activities to reinforce the readings. No pre-registration is required. Just fill out a nametag when you come to Mass.

CATHOLIC MEN'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM





The That Man Is You! program will be returning for its <u>EIGHTH</u> year in Elmhurst beginning <u>September 6th</u>

"In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1: 4-5). Join us for food, fellowship and faith, Saturdays, 6:30am at Mary Queen of Heaven. All men are welcome.

TMIY is an interactive men's program focused on the development of male leadership in the modern world. It combines the best research with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of authentic men capable of transforming themselves, their families, and greater society.

MEETING INFORMATION

Saturday Mornings beginning

September 6th, 2025

6:30am - Breakfast and Fellowship

7:00am - Video Presentation

7:30am - Small Group Discussions

8:00am - Adjourn

LOCATION

Mary Queen of Heaven Parish – Barrett Hall 426 West Ave.

Elmhurst, IL 60126

REGISTRATION & INFORMATION

For more information or to register go to www.TMIY.org or use QR Code
Advanced registration is encouraged, but not required. Returning participants
DO NOT need to re-register

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That Man Is You! Elmhurst is open to men from ALL parishes!

MQH OUTREACH & SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE - UPCOMING GIVING WEEKEND



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN COLLECTION DRIVE FOR ST. JOSEPH'S PLACE Saturday, September 6th & Sunday, September 7th

The Mary Queen of Heaven, Outreach and Social Action Committee requests your support for Catholic Charities St. Joseph Place on Saturday September 6, and Sunday September 7, 2025. St. Joseph's Place offers services to transition families from homelessness to self-sufficiency in a six-month program. St. Joseph's Place provides housing for three families. Each family is provided with a separate apartment. The program provides critical support during a desperate period.

This month we ask for your donation of the following products currently needed:

Laundry detergent Dish Soap Hand Soap Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Bathroom disinfectant All-purpose cleaner Full-size shampoo and conditioner
Full-size body wash Toothbrushes Full-size toothpaste Feminine hygiene products
Shaving Supplies for Men & Women

All donations are appreciated. Please provide new unopened products.

St. Joseph's Place and Mary Queen of Heaven do not have the means to evaluate the safety of open products.

Please leave your donations in Church narthex next week.

The MQH Outreach & Social Action Committee THANKS YOU for your past donations to Evergreen Shared Housing for Women, Catholic Charities St. Joseph's Place, and PADS. We serve God by serving others.

Our Giving Weekend Program is the weekend of the First Sunday each month.



The acclaimed **Biblical Institute in the Diocese of Joliet** is registering students for Years I and 2 this Fall: Attend in person classes at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Wheaton for Year I on Thursdays 7-9pm. Year 2 in person classes will be held at Ascension of Our Lord Catholic Church in Oakbrook Terrace on Saturdays 9-11am. If you want to learn the Bible from a Catholic perspective come and see if this program is for you. **In Person Preview Events:** September 4 (Thurs.) at St. Michael's (Wheaton) 7-8:30pm September 6 (Sat.) at Ascension (Oakbrook Terrace) 9-10:30am FOR MORE INFORMATION Phone 630-852-9000 OR 630-698-8961 g Cotholics in a Modern World • Email jgorski@mayslakeministries.org Celebrating 30 Years ·Web site mayslakeministries.org Do you play an instrument?



Readings Week

THE WEEK OF AUGUST 31ST, 2025

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a) /Heb 12:18-19,22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Monday: Labor Day

1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday:

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/ Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday:

Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/ Lk 5:1-11

Friday:

Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/ Lk 5:33-39

Saturday:

Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/ Lk 6:1-5

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

September 1Br. Charles Pratt O.H.

September 2Dcn. Jack Hayes
Dcn. Peter Houtman
Dcn. Phillip Leonard

September 3Sr. Maria Brizuela OSF
Sr. Gloria Therese Cabrera OSF
Sr. Lois Ann Cline OSF

September 4 Fr. Dennis Paul Fr. Thomas Paul

September 5 Sr. Mary-Lynn Danaher OSF Sr. Diane Martin OSF

September 6Fr. Michael Pawlowicz
Fr. Michael Pennock

September 7Sr. Sandra Duma OSF
Sr. M. Dominic Dybel OSF
Sr. M. Margaret Anne Floto OSF

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WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT

Week of August 3, 2025

Sunday 7,342.00 Mail in 698.00 \$ 5,990.00 Electronic

\$ 14,030.00 **TOTAL**

Week of August 10, 2025

Sunday 4,810.00 Mail in 340.00 \$ Electronic 2,205.00 TOTAL 7,355.00

Week of August 17, 2025

\$ 5,524.00 Sunday \$ Mail in 755.00 \$ Electronic 1,215.00 TOTAL 7,494.00

Thank you for Your Generosity!



CMAA Pledge Report for Mary Oueen of Heaven

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Results through 8/24/2025

	2025	2024	Inc/Dec	2024 (Final)
Parish Goal	\$45,800	\$41,600	\$4,200	\$41,600
Amount Pledged	\$71,641	\$80,051	(\$8,411)	\$86,211
Amount Paid	\$64,175	\$69,280	\$5,105	\$83,971
Balance Due	\$7,465	\$10,771	(\$3,306)	\$2,240
Donors	190	202	-12	218
Rebate	\$12.863			

Monthly pledge payments for CMAA *Open your heart to God's goodness* pledges should be made in the next few days. It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach our goal. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over our goal will be returned to our parish for our poods. returned to our parish for our needs.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



A PRAYER FOR LABORERS

Lord, we thank you for the blessing of work. We ask for strength to complete each day. We ask for rest when we are weary. We ask Your guidance for everyone seeking employment, and we ask that You be with those whose faces we might never see but who work tirelessly each day for the good of us all. AMEN.

St. Joseph, Patron of Laborers, **PRAY FOR US**



HOW SWEET IT IS

16 YEARS & COUNTING

For sixteen years, we've lit thousands of birthday candles together In honor of our birthday join us in celebrating LIFE at our Sweet 16th Birthday Ice Cream Social





GAMES

Yard Games + Raffle Something fun for everyone!







Saturday, August 30, 2025

8:30am † Virginia Hayes 4:30pm † Floria DeVito

Sunday, August 31, 2025

8:30am † Providenza Chiappetta

† Antonio Caruso

Parishioners of Mary Queen

10:00am † Russ McNeil

11:30am † Maria i Andrzej Makuch

† Józef Bielak - VII rocz. śmierci

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Monday, September 1, 2025

8:30am Communion Service

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

8:30am † Jim and Catherine Quinn

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

8:30am † Ron Schroedl

Thursday, September 4, 2025

8:30am † Deacon Tom Nolan

Friday, September 5, 2025

8:30am † Ron Schroedl

Saturday, September 6, 2025

8:30am † Virginia Carlevato

4:30pm † Dale Arcisz

† Donald and Bernadine O'Keffe

Sunday, September 7, 2025

8:30am † Virginia Hayes

† Enzo Berti

† Virgilio Sarvida

Parishioners of Mary Queen

10:00am † Gloria DiMonte

11:30am † Konrad Bednarski - 1 rocz. śmierci

Please remember deceased family, friends and parishioners in your daily prayers. May God grant them eternal rest and may His light shine on them forever.





If you are new to our church or just visiting today, **WELCOME!** We are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist with us. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to become part of our parish family. We are so glad you're here and hope you'll come back again!

Call our office or visit our website for information on how to register.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE Saturday, September 6th - Sunday, September 7th

LECTORS

Saturday: September 6th | 4:30pm | A. & D. Novar Sunday: September 7th | 8:30am | M. Grozik |10:00am | R. Styka

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday: September 6th | 4:30pm | Deacon Tim

K. Vicary (Capt.) | E. Ruizol

Sunday: September 7th | 8:30am | Deacon Tim

J. Weigel (Capt.) | A. Locascio

Sunday: September 7th | **10:00am** | Deacon Tim

D. Reed (Capt.) | M. Alcorn | R. Baquilet

P. Delanev

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND FELLOW PARISHIONERS

Hunter Zielinski Larry Calia Emily Stolz Sandie Novak

Do you or someone you know need prayer?

Please call the Parish Office to add a name to our Parish Prayer Lists.

Names will appear for one month, 3 months for chronic illness.

Asking for prayer for someone you love is a powerful act of

Also pray for the protection of our military as they serve our country.

U.S. Marine Corps SSGT Ethan Zielinski, Camp Pendleton, CA U.S. Navy Kevin Caskey, Japan



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Did you know that August is National "Make-A-Will Month?

As Catholics, we believe caring for the people and causes we love - today and in the future. There's no better time to create or update your will.

The Diocese of Joliet is offering a free resource through FreeWill, a simple online tool that can help you plan ahead in about 20 minutes.

Your will reflects your values - caring for your loved ones, stewarding your blessings and strengthening the Church for generations to come.

Create your Catholic legacy today and make a difference in the lives of those you love and the faith you cherish.

To learn more and get started, visit FreeWill.com/DioceseofJoliet



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