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**AUGUST 24, 2025**

**TWENTY-FIRST  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

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TO ENTER  
THROUGH THE  
NARROW GATE.

— LUKE 13:24 —



**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### 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

#### Rosary

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



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**August 31st**

**Friday, August 22nd**

**September 7th**

**Monday, August 25th**

mghbulletin@maryqueen.org

## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER SŁAWEK

**Praise be Jesus Christ... Now and Forever!**



Our parish picnic, held on August 16th, was truly an evening filled with joy, fellowship, and gratitude. I want to extend my deepest thanks to our Parish Council for their hard work and dedication in organizing this special event for our parish. Their commitment to bringing us together as one community made the day a true celebration of friendship.

A special word of appreciation goes to everyone who helped with the many details that made the picnic such a success. From preparing the raffle baskets to ordering and serving the food, selling tickets, to setting up the grounds and providing music, all efforts were appreciated.

I am also grateful to all who came and supported the event. Your presence and participation show the blessing it is to belong to a loving parish family. The picnic was more than just a gathering; it was a witness of our unity in Christ. Thank you again to all who made this possible!

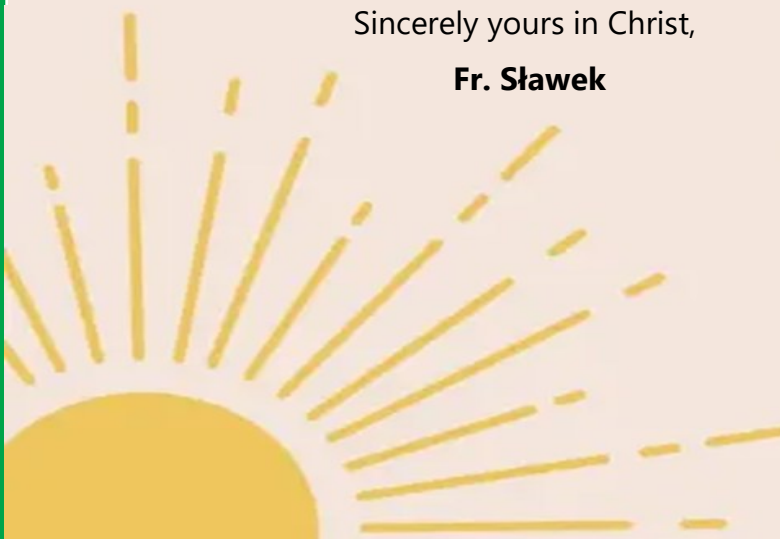
Also, I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to Janet for organizing our very first parish rummage sale. Her vision, dedication, and countless hours of preparation with others made this event not only possible but also a success. We are truly blessed to have her leadership and enthusiasm in our parish community.

Many thanks also go out to everyone who donated items for the sale. Your generosity filled the tables and gave others the chance to find something they needed. Finally, I want to extend my appreciation to those who volunteered their time to sort, organize, and staff the sale, as well as to all who came to shop and support this new parish initiative. Thank you to everyone who helped with this event.

God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

**Fr. Sławek**





## CALENDAR

### 8/23/25 SATURDAY

8:00am MQH Rummage Sale  
8:30am Mass  
9:00am Reconciliation  
9:00 am RE Catechist Kick-Off  
4:30pm Mass  
5:00pm Focolare

### 8/24/25 SUNDAY

8:30am Mass  
8:30am RE Family Faith Formation  
10:00am Mass  
11:30am Polish Mass

### 8/25/25 MONDAY

8:30am Communion Service

### 8/26/25 TUESDAY

8:30am Mass  
7:00pm Vocal Workshop - Choir Loft  
7:00pm USML

### 8/27/25 WEDNESDAY

8:30am Mass

### 8/28/25 THURSDAY

8:30am Mass

### 8/29/25 FRIDAY

8:30am Mass

### 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



## 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 2025.

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.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### The Annual Fall Mum Sale Is Coming!

Plants will be available for sale after masses the weekend of **September 13th and 14th.**

The flowers will be located on the front lawn of the rectory until they are gone. Price - \$12.00 each.

\*\*\*Purchase 10 mums and receive free delivery by Fr. Sławek\*\*\*

## AUGUST VOCAL WORKSHOP SERIES - FINAL SESSION AUGUST 26TH

Anyone is welcome to attend the **August Vocal Workshop Series** on Tuesday evenings at 7:00p.m. in the church balcony.



Each week will have a new focus, from learning about microphones to vocal tone and color.

Whether your goals are to sing better in the car, in church or even gain confidence speaking with a micro phone,

**Come meet Holly Herber, our new Music Director!**



To view complete job descriptions of open positions within the Diocese of Joliet, please visit: <https://www.diojoliet.org/offices/careers>

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS - MARY GLAUDELL, DIRECTOR

**“Go out to all the world and tell the Good News”** (Mark 16:15)

Go out and tell the Good News! This was our responsorial psalm today. The Good News of course is Jesus and the divine love he brings for our salvation. Faith Formation is underway, but I am still praying for a 6<sup>th</sup> grade catechist to “tell the Good News” for our people. Be that person that makes a difference.



**Save  
the  
Date**

**Faith Formation Family Night is  
September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm**

**Family Faith Formation (K – 6<sup>th</sup>) starts September 7<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday Faith Formation starts September 10<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> grade Formation starts September 14<sup>th</sup>**

## MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRESCHOOL NEWS— GÉNET PINKERTON, DIRECTOR



Hello, I am here to talk to you about the preschool.

The parish, which is all of you, have always been so supportive of the school since day 1 back in 2007; thankfully that has not changed. I felt that you would like an update about the school.

There are some changes in the way the Diocese of Joliet and the State of Illinois will govern their schools. The biggest change for the preschool is now we are titled a “stand alone” school which we always were because we do not have an Elementary school. Due to this title standing we are required to have a DCFS license for just our preschool. We are still part of the Diocese of Joliet Catholic Schools and they are helping us through this process.

Change is inevitable but change is not always easy, smooth, or quick. We are still in the process of getting our application approved.

I am telling you this because you might be wondering why there is less activity at the school. We won't start preschool until our application is approved. Unfortunately, this could be another month or so.

Please keep us in your prayers and I will keep you updated through our article in the bulletin.



**MQH PARISH PICNIC PHOTOS - THANKS TO ALL WHO CAME OUT ON AUGUST 16TH!**





# Readings Week of the

THE WEEK OF AUGUST 24TH, 2025

## Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1,2 (Mk 16:15)/ Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

## Monday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

## Tuesday:

1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/ Mt 23:23-26

## Wednesday: St. Monica

1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/ Mt 23:27-32

## Thursday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51

## Friday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

1 Thes 4:1-8 (429) /Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/ Mk 6:17-29

## Saturday:

1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

# DONATIONS

Data for The Mary Queen of Heaven Weekly Offerings Report for the Weeks of August 3rd & 10th, 2025 and The CMAA Pledge Report with Results through 8/17/2025 were not available for inclusion in this week's bulletin and will be published at a later date.

## PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

### August 25

Sr. Rose Mary Pint OSF  
Sr. Diane Przyborowski OSF

### August 26

Fr. Clive Otieno  
Fr. John Ouper

### August 27

Sr. Mary Patrick Salm OSF  
Sr. Lynn Schafer OSF  
Sr. Rosemarie Stewart OSF

### August 28

Sr. Julie Walsh OSF  
Sr. Sylvia Wehlisch OSF  
Sr. Georgene L. Wilson OSF  
Sr. Mary Lou Wirtz OSF

### August 29

Fr. J. Agustin Ortega Ruiz  
Fr. William O'Shea

### August 30

Fr. Michael Groth  
Fr. Gregory Alberts

### August 31

Sr. Ella Binz OSF  
Sr. Christine Bowman OSF  
Sr. Ellen Mary Brenner OSF





**Join us for the**

## Catholic High School Admissions Fair

Sponsored by the Diocese of Joliet and Benedictine University in partnership with the Archdiocese of Chicago.

**Tuesday, September 9 from 6-8 p.m.**

**Benedictine University**  
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**Learn more about outstanding schools rooted in the Catholic faith!**

**Join Us!** Register to attend: <https://bit.ly/45ePqfh>  
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## HOW SWEET IT IS

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The acclaimed **Biblical Institute in the Diocese of Joliet** is registering students for Years 1 and 2 this Fall: Attend in person classes at **St. Michael's Catholic Church** in Wheaton for Year 1 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:

**August 30 (Sat.) at St. Pius X (Lombard) 9-10:30am**

**September 4 (Thurs.) at St. Michael's (Wheaton) 7-8:30pm**

**September 6 (Sat.) at Ascension (Oakbrook Terrace) 9-10:30am**



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Web site [mayslakeministries.org](http://mayslakeministries.org)



**Saturday, August 23, 2025**

8:30am † Patti Parrilli  
4:30pm † Vincent Coppola

**Sunday, August 24, 2025**

8:30am Nancy Haefling  
Parishioners of Mary Queen  
10:00am The Frank Family  
11:30am † Kazimierz Surdel  
† Eugenia Kosk – XXVII rocz. śmierci  
† Zofia Lebicka

**Monday, August 25, 2025**

8:30am Communion Service

**Tuesday, August 26, 2025**

8:30am Matthew Simpson

**Wednesday, August 27, 2025**

8:30am † Andrew Poludniewski  
† Victor Poludniewski  
† Angeline Poludniewski

**Thursday, August 28, 2025**

8:30am † Clayton Carrico

**Friday, August 29, 2025**

8:30am † Paul Schroedl

**Saturday, August 30, 2025**

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

**Sunday, August 31, 2025**

8:30am † Providenza Chiappetta  
Parishioners of Mary Queen  
10:00am † Russ McNeil  
11:30am † Maria i Andrzej Makuch  
† Józef Bielak - VII rocz. śmierci

† indicates person is deceased

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, August 30th - Sunday, August 31st**

**LECTORS**

**Saturday:** August 30th | **4:30pm** | D. Harrington  
**Sunday:** August 31st | **8:30am** | P. Taylor  
**10:00am** | M. Reed

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Saturday:** August 30th | **4:30pm** |  
T. Sabel (Capt.) | B. Dunn | S. Nagy  
**Sunday:** August 31st | **8:30am** | Deacon Tim  
J. Eichorst (Capt.) | K. Diggins  
**Sunday:** August 31st | **10:00am** |  
P. Twardowski (Capt.) | J. Los | P. Los  
J. Naples | P. Naples

**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  
faith, love and community.*

**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**

**Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Grant us all peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

**FREEWILL**



**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/DiocesefofJoliet](https://FreeWill.com/DiocesefofJoliet)



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