



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN

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SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

**TWENTY-FIFTH
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.



CATECHETICAL Sunday

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PRAISE THE LORD
WHO LIFTS UP
THE LOWLY AND
THE POOR.

PSALM 113

25th 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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BULLETIN DEADLINES

September 28th

Friday, September 19th

October 5th

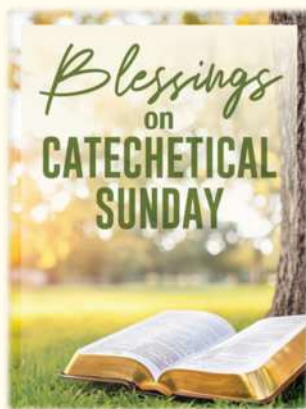
Friday, September 26th

mghbulletin@maryqueen.org

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER SŁAWEK

Praise be Jesus Christ... Now and Forever!

This weekend, the Church in the United States observes Catechetical Sunday, celebrated each year on the third Sunday of September. It is a day set aside to recognize the important role of catechists—those who hand on the faith in our parishes, schools, and families. Catechesis is not just about teaching facts; it is about passing on a living faith in Jesus Christ.



The theme of Catechetical Sunday this year reminds us that every baptized person is called to be a witness to the Gospel. Parents, grandparents, godparents, teachers, catechists, clergy, and parishioners all play a vital part in forming others in faith. Together, we make present the love of Christ in our homes, classrooms, and community.

On this day, catechists across the country are formally commissioned for their ministry. Here at our parish, we give thanks for those who so generously dedicate their time and talent to sharing the faith with our children, youth, and adults. We also renew our own commitment to grow in faith so that we may pass it on by the witness of our lives.

Let us pray in a special way for all catechists, that the Holy Spirit may strengthen and guide them in their mission. And let us support them with our encouragement, our prayers, and our example. May our whole parish community be inspired to continue learning, living, and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

In addition, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all those who helped with unloading the mums this past week. Your hard work and cheerful spirit made the task lighter and turned it into a joyful community effort. We are also grateful to all those who gave their time to sell the mums and to everyone who purchased them. Your generosity supports our parish.

Finally, a very special word of gratitude goes to Rose Wilkes, who organized the entire effort. Her dedication, energy, and leadership brought everything together beautifully. Thank you, Rose, and thank you to all who participated—your support truly makes a difference!

God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Sławek



Do you play an instrument?

Such as guitar, flute, or any other?

Music or chord reading is necessary.

Please contact our

Music Director Holly Herber

for details at;

hollymusicministry@gmail.com



CALENDAR

9/20/25 SATURDAY

6:30am That Man Is You (TMIY)
8:30am Mass
9:00am Reconciliation
4:30pm Mass

9/21/25 SUNDAY

~ *Catechetical Sunday* ~

8:30am Mass
10:00am Mass
11:00am OCIA
11:30am Polish Mass
1:00pm Baptisms



9/22/25 MONDAY

8:30am Communion Service

9/23/25 TUESDAY

8:30am Mass
9:00am Gentle Stretch

9/24/25 WEDNESDAY

8:30am Mass
3:00pm RE Faith Formation

9/25/25 THURSDAY

8:30am Mass

9/26/25 FRIDAY

8:30am Mass

9/27/25 SATURDAY

6:30am That Man Is You (TMIY)
8:30am Mass
9:00am Reconciliation
4:30pm Mass
5:00pm Focolare

9/28/25 SUNDAY

~ *Priesthood Sunday* ~

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



THANK YOU Catechists!

For your ministry and gift of faith. For your love of sharing and wisdom in teaching the Gospel. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and inspire you!

ALL MQH YOUTH - SAVE THE DATE!

YOU ARE CALLED!



Mary Queen of Heaven Youth Ministry

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, Oct. 12th,
from 7 to 8:30pm in Barrett Hall

We would like to invite every student,
8th to 12th grade, to come and be a part
of a long overdue addition to the
Mary Queen of Heaven Community.

We encourage all who are interested to reach
out to **Heather Raffe**

(hraffe@maryqueen.org)

In the Faith Formation Office.

YOUNG ADULT PRAYER OPPORTUNITY



School Sisters
of Notre Dame

young adult evening prayer

via Zoom

Online Evening Prayer with Young Adults

Young adults ages 18+ are invited to pray online together with other young adults and School Sisters of Notre Dame from across the U.S. and Canada. Remaining Tuesdays for 2025 are; **September 23rd, October 28th, November 25th and December 16th.** Learn more and register for the Zoom link at ssnd.org/events/9-23-25/ or via QR Code.



**Fourth Tuesday
of every month**

@ 8p ET / 7p CT / 6p MT / 5p PT

Register in advance at ssnd.org/events

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



To view complete job descriptions of open positions within the Diocese of Joliet and for HR contact information please visit:

<https://www.diojoliet.org/offices/careers>

Several new positions have been posted in recent weeks.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS - MARY GLAUDELL, DIRECTOR

September 21st is Catechetical Sunday and the theme is:

"Always be ready to give an explanation...for a reason for your hope" (1 Peter 3:15)

Prayer for Catechists

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church. Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you.



Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our catechists and other volunteers help the children come to know the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, in the Word, and through their daily lives. **Please thank your catechists and all our volunteers. Keep them in your prayers as we embark on our faith journey this year.**

SAVE THE DATE for our PET BLESSING Celebrating the life of St. Francis of Assisi

Come celebrate St. Francis of Assisi and your pet(s) on October 5th at 1pm behind the church at Mary's Gazebo.

All "friendly" pets are welcome to come to join our prayer and receive a blessing.



WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP & SCRIPTURE STUDY



Grace & Growth Women's Fellowship Scripture Study Workshop

"Encountering The God of Faith, Hope, & Love in the Bible"

- **Location:** Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Church, 426 West Ave., Elmhurst, IL
- **Dates:** October 30 – December 12, 2025
- **Time:** Thursdays, 7:00–9:00 PM
- **Book:** Encountering The God of Faith, Hope, & Love in the Bible
- **Cost:** \$14 (includes the book)
- **Deadline to Enroll:** **October 16, 2025**

Why Join?

- Grow in your **faith** through Scripture
- Build lasting **friendships** with other women
- Find **healing, hope, and love** in God's Word
- Deepen your **relationship with Christ**

■ Questions?

Lupe Martinez – (630) 464-7814 | Backclinic@aol.com
Donna Klopacz – dklopacz@msn.com

How to Register

- Complete the application form
- Return it by the deadline
- Bring payment (\$14) at the first session

Completed Applications can be placed in the collection box at the back of church, dropped at the parish office or emailed to Lupe Martinez or Donna Klopacz

2025 UNDY SUNDAY DRIVE



COLLECTION DRIVE TO BENEFIT THE CLIENTS
OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES.

SEPTEMBER 19 - 28, 2025

We will be collecting donations of basic needs items for the clients of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet at the Parish **through Sunday, September 28**. Any donation of new underwear, socks, and diapers are welcome. Catholic Charities has requested that we focus on the following items this year:

- Diapers (size 4, 5, 6)
- Pull Up Training Diapers (sizes 2-3T, 3-4T, 5-6T)
- Baby wipes
- Men's underwear (Size M-XXL -briefs and boxer briefs)
- Boy's underwear (all sizes - briefs and boxer briefs)
- Men's t-shirts (all sizes)
- Women's socks (all sizes and styles)
- Thermal/Work socks (all sizes)
- Boy's socks (all sizes, especially crew socks)
- Girl's socks - especially crew socks (we have an abundance of ankle socks)
- Feminine Hygiene products - tampons and maxi pads (no adult pads)
- Full size bottles of shampoo/conditioner/body wash

*Thank you for caring
for the poor and
vulnerable in our
community.*



THAT MAN IS YOU! AT MQH



Join us for food, fellowship and faith, Saturdays, 6:30am at
Mary Queen of Heaven Parish. 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

6:30am - Breakfast and Fellowship
7:00am - Video Presentation
7:30am - Small Group Discussions
8:00am - Adjourn

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



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

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY EVENT



Do You Know of Anyone Seeking to Make or Continue Their Sacraments?

The Mary Queen of Heaven (MQOH) Parish Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) Program started on **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.

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

Currently, there is no fee for the program.



Chain-For-Life Event

Wheaton, Illinois

Sunday, October 5, 2025

St. Michael Parish in Wheaton is Partnering with Local Area Catholic and Christian Churches and the National LifeChain Org. to Host an Ecumenical Silent, Prayerful, Chain-For-Life Event on Roosevelt Rd. from Naperville Rd. to President from 2:00 PM to 3:00PM on Sunday, October 5, 2024.

Please arrive by 1:45PM at 520 E. Roosevelt Rd. Wheaton, IL

(Compass Church parking lot) for a brief prayer service and to pick-up a sign!

Please bring a friend and encourage all you know to join us for this peaceful and prayerful event!

For more details: Contact Vince Heaton at: wheaton2@gmail.com
or call him at 630 235-3448

Readings of the Week

THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2025

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b) / 1Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Monday:

Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday:

Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday:

Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b) / 1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

September 22

Dcn. Edwin Petak
Dcn. Charles Peterson
Dcn. Anthony Plese

September 23

Fr. Edward Ward O. Carm.
Fr. John Welch O. Carm

September 24

Fr. Lawrence Jagdfeld O.F.M.

September 25

Sr. Mary Mark Segvich OSF
Sr. Joyce Shanabarger OSF
Sr. Mary Shinnick OSF

September 26

Fr. Gerald Riva
Fr. Mark Rosenbaum

September 27

Fr. Larry Janezic O.F.M.

September 28

Sr. Josephine Mulcahey OSF
Sr. Francis Therese Ortega OSF
Sr. Mary Barbara Hassler OSF

DONATIONS

WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT

Week of September 7, 2025

Sunday	\$ 6,351.00
Mail in	\$ 600.00
Electronic	\$ 4,630.00
TOTAL	\$ 11,581.00

Thank you for your Generosity!

CMAA Pledge Report for Mary Queen of Heaven

157 - Mary Queen of Heaven Parish - Elmhurst

Results through 9/14/2025

	2025	2024	Inc/Dec	2024 (Final)
Parish Goal	\$45,800	\$41,600	\$4,200	\$41,600
Amount Pledged	\$72,537	\$80,548	(\$8,011)	\$86,211
Amount Paid	\$65,556	\$71,828	\$6,272	\$83,971
Balance Due	\$6,981	\$8,720	(\$1,739)	\$2,240
Donors	191	202	-11	218
Rebate	\$13,289			

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



YES MINISTRY



The YES MINISTRY is looking for folks willing to OFFER AND ASK for help.

If you are willing to form JOYOUS CONNECTIONS with your neighbors and fellow parishioners, please email

-Your first and last name

-Your email address

-Your phone number

- your skills or your needs to

yesministrymqh@gmail.com

Thank you for helping create JOYOUS CONNECTIONS!



Mary Queen of Heaven 2025 Baby Bottles for Life!

Ways to Support Waterleaf

- Take home a bottle, card, and/or envelope
- Place a check (made out to Waterleaf) coin, or cash in the envelope or bottle
- Scan the QR code for online giving
- Pray for the staff and clients at Waterleaf



Start Date
September
27th-28th
2025

End Date
October 2025
October 11th-12th
2025

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Saturday, September 20, 2025

8:30am Colin Weigel and Tatjana Vidacak
4:30pm † Iris Maradiaga

Sunday, September 21, 2025

8:30am † Anselmo Ressa
Parishioners of Mary Queen
10:00am † Dan Carrico
11:30am † Henryk Głęb – XII rocz. śmierci
† Maria Makuch
Krystian - 15 rocz. urodzin

Monday, September 22, 2025

8:30am Communion Service

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

8:30am † Tom Trejo

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

8:30am † Jose Alberto I. Velasco

Thursday, September 25, 2025

8:30am † Debbie Parent

Friday, September 26, 2025

8:30am † Josephine Schwartz

Saturday, September 27, 2025

8:30am † Clayton Carrico
4:30pm † Mimma Bruno

Sunday, September 28, 2025

8:30am † Danielle-Anne Buendicho
† Ana Maria and Raul Calderon
† Virginia Anthony
Parishioners of Mary Queen
10:00am † Maria Trejo
11:30am † Tadeusz Gill
† Anna I Andrzej Woźny

† 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, September 27th - Sunday, September 28th

LECTORS

Saturday: September 27th | **4:30pm** | S. Griffin
Sunday: September 28th | **8:30am** | C. Espinosa
10:00am | M. McCall

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday: September 27th | **4:30pm** | Deacon Alex
T. Sabel (Capt.) | B. Dunn
Sunday: September 28th | **8:30am** | Deacon Alex
J. Eichorst (Capt.) | N. Sietsma
Sunday: September 28th | **10:00am** | Deacon Alex
P. Twardowski (Capt.) | P. Delaney | J. Los
P. Los | J. Naples

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND
FELLOW PARISHIONERS**

Emily Stolz Sandie Novak
Lynn Suwanski

*Do you or someone you know need prayer? Please call the Parish Office
to add a name to our Parish Prayer List. Names will appear for 1 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



**Join us for the
Diocese of Joliet**

**JUBILEE MASS FOR
GRANDPARENTS AND
ELDERLY**

Pilgrims of Hope

**Saturday, October 4, 2025
11:00 AM**

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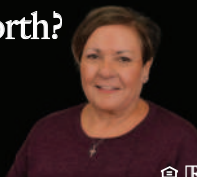
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