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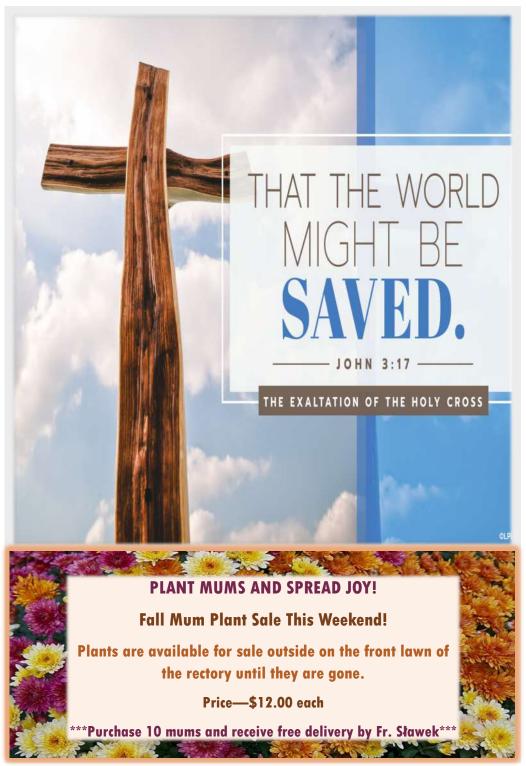
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SEPTEMBER 14, 2025
THE EXALTATION OF
THE HOLY CROSS

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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

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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September 21st

Monday, September 8th

September 28th

Friday, September 19th mghbulletin@maryqueen.org

BISHOP HICKS' SEPTEMBER COLUMN - THE LEO EFFECT: REFLECTING AFTER 100 DAYS



In the world of leadership, there is a common practice: after the first one hundred days in office, we pause to reflet. What direction is this new leader taking us in? What tone has been set? Where might we be headed? In these early months, we are beginning to see the kind of



shepherd God has given us. The "Leo Effect", as I like to call it, is the fruit of his presence. It is the blessings, the new stirrings, and the hopeful signs already emerging in our Church and in our world. At a recent Presbyteral Council meeting, on of our Augustinian priests told me that, since Pope Leo is himself an Augustinian, they have noticed a marked increase in young men expressing interest in the priesthood. That is the Leo Effect in action. These are ripples of inspiration that move from Rome all the way to local parishes and communities like ours.

Another question I have been asked many times in recent weeks is this: will Pope Leo XIV choose Chicagoland as the first place he visits? People have wondered if he might return to his roots in the south suburbs, visit his old neighborhood in Dolton, grab a slice of his favorite pizza, or even celebrate Mass at White Sox Park. As wonderful as that would be, and as much as I would personally love to see it, I usually remind people that his first stop is more likely to be a place in urgent need of healing, reconciliation, or peace. Perhaps the Holy Land, perhaps Ukraine, or perhaps another corner of the world that needs his pastoral presence. But who knows? The Holy Spirit guides these journeys, and for now we simply wait in joyful anticipation.

People close to Pope Leo have said, "He listens more than he talks." That in itself is part of the Leo Effect. In an age of noise and constant headlines, the witness of a leader who listens deeply is striking. His way of leadership is not rooted in quick soundbites but in steady gestures of closeness and compassion. Early in his pontificate, he celebrated Mass with the homeless and then shared a meal with them. He has spoken often of the "fire of love" that must burn within us, not a fire that remains hidden, but one that spreads outward in compassion, justice, and peace.

Another sign of the Leo Effect is his bridgebuilding across cultures. Born in the United States, formed as a missionary in Peru, and shaped by the Augustinian spirit of community and humility, People Leo embodies the universality of the Church. His very life story unites North and South America, English and Spanish, tradition and modernity.

Pope Leo has also expressed concern about pressing global issues. He has spoken about the moral questions surrounding artificial intelligence, reminding us not to allow technology, money or power to displace God. He has called for peace in conflict zones, urging the world to pursue reconciliation. He has also reminded us that the greatness of the Church is not measured in status or wealth, but in holiness and service. Recently, he approved a new Mass for the Care of Creation, highlighting his commitment to safeguarding our common home and encouraging all believers to pray and act for the protection of God's earth.

At the same time, he has shown deep respect for tradition. When he walked out onto the balcony of St. Peter's, he reclaimed the use of the mozzetta, a traditional papal vestment symbolizing continuity with history. He also revived the ancient practice of personally bestowing the pallium on new archbishops. These gestures remind us that while Pope Leo leads the Church into new challenges, he remains anchored in her history and symbols. His leadership balances continuity with creativity.

Many have also noted his warmth and relatability. He is approachable, enjoys simple pastimes like baseball, tennis, and word games, and speaks plainly from the heart. These touches of humanity remind us that the pope is not a distant figure but a pastor walking with his flock.

The Leo Effect is nothing less than the Holy Spirit reminding us that God is alive and active in His Church. And just as the world pauses after one hundred days to reflect on a leader, let us pause to recognize the Spirit's work through Pope Leo XIV. As we pray for our new Holy Father, let us also commit ourselves to being open to the impact the Leo Effect can have on our own lives, to become people of unity, compassion and love that set the world aflame.

CALENDAR

9/13/25 **SATURDAY**

6:30am That Man Is You (TMIY)

8:30am Mass

9:00am Reconciliation

4:30pm Mass

6:00pm Indian Catholic Community

9/14/25 SUNDAY

~ The Feast of the Exaltation of the

Holy Cross ~

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



9/15/25 MONDAY

8:30am Communion Service 3:15pm Brownie Troop

9/16/25 TUESDAY

8:30am Communion Service

9:00am Gentle Stretch 6:00pm KC Ice Cream & Game Night

6:30pm CRHP Women

9/17/25 WEDNESDAY

8:30am Communion Service

9:00am Coffee and

3:00pm RE Faith Formation

9/18/25 THURSDAY

8:30am Communion Service

6:30pm Council of Catholic Women 7:00pm Parish Pastoral Council

9/19/25 FRIDAY

8:30am Mass

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



Please Note: For Tuesday 9/16 through Thursday 9/18 no 8:30am Masses will be offered as Fr. Sławek will be in attendance at the DOJ Priests Convocation. Communion Services will be held all three days.

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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.

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, <u>please contact the Rectory at: (630)</u> 279-5712 to register.

Currently, there is no fee for the program.

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



FAITH FORMATION NEWS - MARY GLAUDELL, DIRECTOR

WE'RE OFF TO A GOOD START

THANK YOU to all our CATECHISTS & VOLUNTEERS!

All sessions of Faith Formation have started and what a joyful group of children! We at Mary Queen of Heaven could not do this without the help and support of our families, especially our parents and guardians. However, we would not have a successful program without the dedication of those who answered the call to serve as a catechist or aide. They are true angels bring the Good News to our children.





SAVE THE DATE for our PET BLESSING

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 join our prayer and receive a blessing.

Children's Liturgy of the Word started again during 10am Sunday 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 Liturgy and engage in activities to reinforce the readings. No pre-registration is required. Just fill out a nametag when you come to Mass.



NEWLY BAPTIZED

Mary Queen of Heaven welcomed on September 7th, 2025



Theodore Michael Ostrowski
Son of Marc and Kelley (O'Connor) Ostrowski



Forrest Peter Woodhams
Son of Matt and Meghan (Matthews) Woodhams

MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRESCHOOL NEWS - GENÉT PINKERTON, DIRECTOR

Undy Sunday 2025

Did you know that new underwear and socks are the most-requested but least-donated items at Catholic Charities? These basic items (new underwear, warm socks, a fresh diaper) are truly

treasures to those who are living in poverty.

Mary Queen of Heaven is helping Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet and the individuals and families they serve by collecting the following NEW items for children and adults living in low-income households:

- 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/boxer briefs) The Collection will be held at Mary Queen of Heaven
- Boy's underwear (all sizes briefs/boxer briefs)
- Men's T-shirts (all sizes)
- Women's socks (all sizes and styles)
- Thermal/Work socks (all sizes)
- Boy's Crew socks (all sizes)
- Girl's Crew socks (all sizes)
- Feminine Hygiene products tampons and maxi pads (no adult depends)
- Full size bottles of shampoo/conditioner/body wash



The Collection will be held at Mary Queen of Heave Church from September 19th—28th.

All donations to be collected by Sunday, September 28th.

THANK YOU for making a difference in the lives of the poor and vulnerable in our community.



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

but not required. Returning participan DO NOT need to re-register



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

Readings

THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2025

Sunday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Monday: Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/ Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6?Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday:

1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10/Lk 7:36-50 Friday: St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang,

and Companions, Martyrs

1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15 **Next 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

WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT

Week of August 31, 2025

Sunday \$ 4,847.00 Mail in 500.00 Electronic \$ 3165.00

8,512.00 TOTAL

Thank you for your Generosity!



CMAA Pledge Report for Mary Queen of Heaven

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Results through 9/7/2025

	2025	2024	Inc/Dec	2024 (Final)
Parish Goal	\$45,800	\$41,600	\$4,200	\$41,600
Amount Pledged	\$71,899	\$80,538	(\$8,639)	\$86,211
Amount Paid	\$64,784	\$71,446	\$6,662	\$83,971
Balance Due	\$7,115	\$9,091	(\$1,977)	\$2,240
Donors	190	202	-12	218
Rebate	\$13,289			

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 needs.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Julie Garofalo, from Waterleaf, will be visiting Mary Queen of Heaven next weekend on Saturday, September 20th and Sunday September 21st. She'll be speaking to us for just a few minutes before all masses regarding the upcoming 2025 Baby Bottle For Life Campaign.



Mary Queen of Heaven 2025 Baby Bottles for Life!





September 15Sr. Kathleen Moseley OSF
Sr. Geneive Raupp OSF
Sr. Leticia Lapid OSF

September 16Fr. Michael Powell
Fr. Matthew Pratscher

September 17 Fr. Thomas Schrader O. Carm. Fr. Jeffery Smialek O. Carm. Fr. Michael O'Keefe O. Carm

September 18 Seminarian Jared Beltz Seminarian Gregory Gray

> September 19 Fr. Richard Prodehl Fr. Mario Quejadas Fr. James Radek Fr. John Regan

September 20 Deacon Candidates Scott Pointner Francisco Prado David Rudofski Gustavo Santana

September 21 Sr. Jeanette Pierce OSF Sr. Marilyn Renninger OSF Sr. Gayle Lynn Rusbasan OSF



Mary Queen of Heaven Youth Ministry

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, Oct. 12th 7:00pm 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. More information will be available after Saturday and Sunday Masses starting Sept. 14th. We encourage all who are interested to reach out to Heather Raffe

(<u>hraffe@maryqueen.org</u>) in the Faith Formation Office.



Saturday, September 13, 2025

8:30am † George and Florence Howe

4:30pm † Chester Arcisz

Sunday, September 14, 2025

8:30am † Jocelyn Schwartz

† Paul Reilly

Parishioners of Mary Queen

10:00am † Anna Frank

11:30am † Maria i Antoni Baran

Monday, September 15, 2025

8:30am Communion Service

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

8:30am Communion Service

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

8:30am Communion Service

Thursday, September 18, 2025

8:30am Communion Service

Friday, September 19, 2025

8:30am † Ireneusz Ignasik

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 Głąb – XII rocz. śmierci

† Maria Makuch

† indicates person is deceased

Mary Queen of Heaven is saddened to share of the passing of our former Music and Choir Director, Ed Nowak on September 3rd, 2025 and we extend our deepest sympathy to his family. We are grateful for Ed's 17 years of dedicated service to Mary Queen. His gift enriched our liturgies with beautiful music, inspiring countless voices to praise God through song. May you Rest in Peace Ed.



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 20th - Sunday, September 21st

LECTORS

Saturday: September 20th | 4:30pm | K. Passarelli Sunday: September 21st | 8:30am | W. Wollard |10:00am | T. Kowalski

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday: September 20th | 4:30pm | Deacon Tim

L. Maniola (Capt.) | B. Lawlor

Sunday: September 21st | 8:30am | Deacon Alex

M. Grozik (Capt.) | J. DeZur

Sunday: September 21st | **10:00am** | Deacon Alex

G. Pinkerton (Capt.) | K. Carambot | D. Reed

D. Styka I R. Styka

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

THE CROSS PRAYER

Oh. Adorable Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, You have suffered death on the Cross for our sins. Oh Holy Cross of Jesus. be my true light! Oh. Holy Cross fill my

soul with good thoughts, Oh Holy Cross ward off from me all things that are evil. Oh. Holy Cross ward off from me all dangers and deaths and give me life everlasting! Oh. Crucified Jesus of Nazareth have mercy on me now and forever. In honour of the Precious Blood of Jesus, His

death, resurrection and ascension which lead to everlasting life; true as Jesus was born on Christmas Day; true as Jesus was crucified on Good Friday; true as Joseph and Nicodemus took Jesus down from the cross and buried Him; true as Jesus ascended into Heaven, may He preserve me from my enemies visible and invisible forever. Oh, Lord Jesus Christhave mercy on me! Mary and Joseph, pray for me. Lord

Jesus Christ through Your suffering the Cross grant me strength to bear the Cross without fear or dread and give me the grace that I may follow You. AMEN.

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