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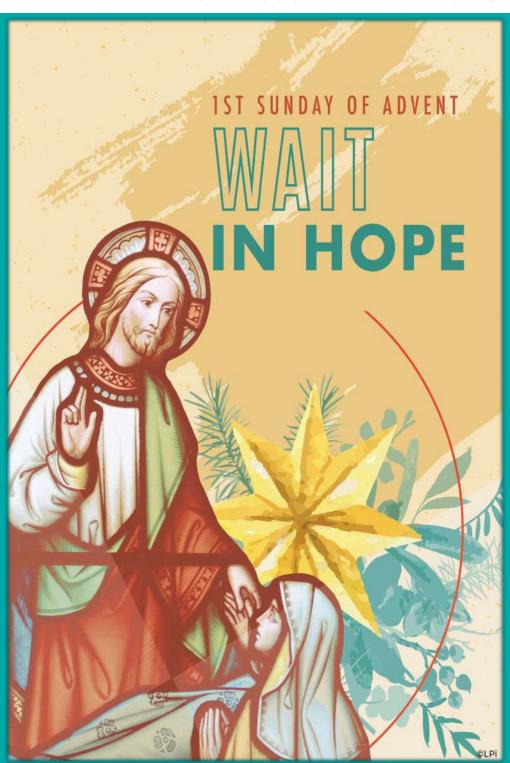
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NOVEMBER 30, 2025 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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



CLERGY

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BULLETIN DEADLINES

December 14th

Friday, November 21st

December 21st

Friday, November 28th

December 28th

Monday, December 8th mqhbulletin@maryqueen.org

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER SŁAWEK

Praise be Jesus Christ... Now and Forever!

As we enter this holy season of Advent, the Church invites us once again to lift our eyes and hearts toward the coming of our Savior. Advent is a time of longing, hope, and expectation—a season when we prepare to welcome Christ not only at Christmas, but also into every part of our daily lives. In these four weeks we are called to slow down, reflect, and make room for the Lord who desires to dwell with us.

The First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year. This is a fresh spiritual beginning for all of us, a chance to renew our commitment to prayer, to the sacraments, and to intentional discipleship. The Gospel this weekend urges us to "be awake" and attentive, for the Lord comes at a time we do not expect. Advent, therefore, is not simply about waiting—it is about active readiness and joyful preparation.

One of the beautiful traditions of Advent is the lighting of the Advent wreath. Each candle represents a growing light in the darkness as we draw nearer to the birth of Christ, the Light of the World. Let us allow this symbol to inspire us to become bearers of Christ's light in our homes, workplaces, and parish community. With each candle we light, may our hearts grow in trust, peace, and hope.

Advent also invites us to look honestly at our lives and ask where Christ is calling us to deeper conversion. Perhaps He is calling us to forgive someone, to return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to renew our family prayer, or to rekindle charity toward those in need. Let us welcome this invitation with open hearts. God never tires of drawing us closer to Himself.

This Advent, I encourage each of us to make time for quiet prayer, even if only for a few minutes a day. In silence, the Lord speaks tenderly to our hearts and reminds us of His love. Whether it is before the Blessed Sacrament, at home with the Scriptures, or during a walk outside, let us be intentional about creating space for God's voice. The more we listen, the more we will recognize His presence throughout our days.

Beginning this First Sunday of Advent, we are also introducing a new devotional option during the distribution of Holy Communion. For those who desire to receive Our Lord kneeling, kneelers will be placed in front of the altar. Those who prefer to receive standing are most welcome to do so, as always. This addition is offered to deepen reverence and prayer for anyone who finds kneeling a meaningful way to express devotion to the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

As we begin this sacred season, may the Lord bless our parish family with renewed faith, hope, and love. Let us walk together with confidence, trusting that Christ is near and that He is guiding us every step of the way. May this Advent be a time of grace, reflection, and joyful anticipation as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Emmanuel—God with us.

Have a blessed week.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Sławek



CALENDAR

11/29/25 SATURDAY

8:30am Mass

9:00am Reconciliation

4:30pm Mass

11/30/25 SUNDAY

~ 1st Sunday of Advent ~

8:30am Máss 10:00am Mass 11:00am OCIA

11:30am Polish Mass

12/1/25 MONDAY

8:30am Communion Service

11:30am **Prayer Group**

12/2/25 TUESDAY

8:30am Mass

9:00am **Gentle Stretch** 6:30pm **CRHP Women**

12/3/25 WEDNESDAY

8:30am Mass

3:00pm **RE Faith Formation**

12/4/25 THURSDAY

8:30am Mass

6:30pm Handbell Choir, Choir Loft **Grace & Growth Scripture Study** 7:00pm

12/5/25 FRIDAY

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

8:30am Mass

9:00am Adoration in Church

7:00pm Benediction

12/6/25 SATURDAY

6:30am That Man Is You (TMIY)

8:30am Mass

9:00am Reconciliation

4:30pm Mass

5:30pm **CCW Senior**

Christmas Dinner -

Barrett Hall

12/7/25 SUNDAY

~ 2nd Sunday of Advent ~

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

Polish Mass 1:00pm **Baptisms**



St. Vincent De Paul Society of Mary Queen of Heaven will continue selling Advent Wreath Sets and Replacement Candles before and after masses this weekend;

Any questions, please contact; Sheila Reiter (630) 833-6657

> Phyllis Twardowski (630) 279-6239



TABLE OF REMEMBRANCE

For those who have not yet claimed your photographs from our Table Display of Remembrance. These may be picked up at the Parish office during regular office hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00AM—2:00PM If you have any questions, please contact the office @ (630)279-5700.



The Feast of The Immaculate Conception is Monday, December 8th and it is a **Holy Day of Obligation**

PLEASE MAKE NOTE

Masses will be celebrated at; 8:30AM & 7:00PM

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Spend some quiet time at the start of this Advent Season in His presence during our next day of Eucharistic Adoration on

Friday, December 5th, from after morning Mass until 7:00pm. All are welcome to come and pray, as well as join us



for the brief Benediction service to close the day. You are welcome to "adopt and hour" if your schedule allows. Questions? Please call

Kay Diggins (630-530-7214) or Rose Wilkes (630-833-7238).

Our sister parish, Visitation offers adoration 24/7 in the parish center, 799 S. York Rd.

SENIOR CHRISTMAS DINNER

All Seniors of our parish are cordially invited to attend the CCW Senior Citizen Christmas Dinner, on Saturday, December 6th!

In Barrett Hall immediately following the 4:30PM Mass If you have not already done so, please fill out a form & place it in the box in the rear of the church. Or return it to the Parish office, no later than Monday, December 1. We hope you will join us for this delightful dinner and entertainment.

Any questions, please contact: Debbie Styka at (630) 941-7224

MQH Senior Christmas Dinner - Volunteers Needed

Call Debbie Styka or email her at: DebbieStyka@yahoo.com if you can volunteer to bring food, or help with set-up, welcoming, serving and clean-up. There is also a SignUp Genius link located on the homepage of the Mary Queen website (mghelmhurst.org) Click on the link & you will see what food items and volunteers are still needed.

GIVE YOURSELF A GIFT OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

Come to the next Christ Renews His Parish Women's Weekend February 21-22, 2026

What is CRHP? Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) is a beautiful time to celebrate your faith, spend time with God and share it with Sisters in Spirit.

> "Why belong to CRHP? Because God helps us to go through life together!".

> > - Heather Brand

~MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WEEKEND RETREAT COMING SOON~

FAITH FORMATION NEWS - MARY GLAUDELL, DIRECTOR

"I rejoiced because they said to me,
"We will go up to the house of the LORD."." (Psalm 122:1)



We go to the house of the Lord in joy. Share your joy this Advent with the families at Marillac House and participate in our annual Mary Queen of Heaven toy drive.

Marillac House of Chicago is need of new, unwrapped toys for their families this Christmas. Please send your donation for Marillac House with your child to class or drop it off in the designated bin in Mary's Gathering Space by Thursday, December 11th. Thank you in advance for your generosity as we show our joy in the Lord and love for one another.

PARISH MARIAN CONSECRATION – WEEK 4



MARIAN CONSECRATION means entrusting yourself totally to Mary as your Mother.

Once consecrated she will take all of your thoughts, words, and actions and present them to her most beloved Son with the sweetest love. Your life will never be the same.

Week 4 begins Nov. 30th - this week read the Week 4 lesson *Links to each lesson file are on the MQH Website, within the Calendar & Events page, under Marian Consecration or please come to the Parish Office to secure a printed lesson.

~All four readings can be read anytime before December 7th ~
*Readings are not required for children. Parents can simply tell
their children about Mary in whatever way fits their family best.

Upon completion of the 4 weekly Readings a Consecration Ritual will be held on December 7th - at 10AM Mass - one day before the Feast of the Immaculate Conception Individual Confession should occur either 20 days before or after December 7th - this reflects a desire to humble oneself and live a new, changed life. **Children under 7 do not need to go to confession.

*If participating, please sign up (through November 29th) using the SignUp Genius link also on the MQH Website titled; "Participant SignUp for Parish Marian Consecration".

Please visit https://militiaoftheimmaculata.com/ for more information

Questions? Please email; parishoffice@maryqueen.org

NOTES OF THANKS

Thank you MQH ~ It has been quite a ride the last 25 years! Thank you to the entire Parish who helped to mold me and challenge me to be good servant. The reception following the 10:00 a.m. Mass last Sunday was an awesome example of the vitality of Mary Queen. I am beyond grateful! May the Lord's blessings continue to shine on this parish as you continue to bring forth His kingdom here on earth!

Love, prayers and hugs, Mimi Nolan

A heartfelt "Thank You" to all of you for your warm and loving wishes on my "retirement" from the Bereavement Ministry! I was greatly moved to receive such wonderful recognition. It has been my honor and privilege to journey with so many of you through the loss of your loved ones. Please know that I am not going anywhere—I will remain a Mary Queen of Heaven parishioner for life! I look forward to continuing my ministry to the parish from the altar, through my involvement with CRHP, and ongoing Social Justice ministries.

God Bless You All! Mary Ann Reed

Mary Ann & Mimi

PARISH NEWS - ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE AND GIVING TREE

THE ANNUAL MQH SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

will be the weekend of;

December 13th and 14th, 2025

Baskets will be provided for 14 families. Candy Canes will be hung with suggestions on needed food. Gift cards are always welcome to provide perishables.

We will sort the food on Monday, December 15th

Any questions, please contact: Sheila Reiter (630) 833-6657 or Phyllis Twardowski (630) 279-6239



THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Christmas Giving Tree will be up beginning the weekend of November 29th and 30th.

Gift tags are for the same families that we will provide Christmas Food baskets to AND for patients at Elmhurst Extended Care.

Wrapped gifts with the tags attached must be returned by;

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

Gifts will be sorted on Monday, December 15th

Any questions, please contact: Sheila Reiter (630) 833-6657 or Phyllis Twardowski (630) 279-6239





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Readings Week

THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30TH, 2025

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Monday:

Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: St. Nicholas, Bishop Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/ Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Data for The Mary Queen of Heaven Weekly Offerings Report for the Week of November 16th, 2025 and The CMAA Pledge Report with Results through November 23rd, 2025 were not available for inclusion in this week's bulletin and will be published at a later date.

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December 1Br. Augustine Mallak OSB
Br. Gregory Perron OSB
Br. Richard Poro OSB

December 2 Dcn. Mark Ranieri Dcn. Rodney Sindac Dcn. David Stanton

December 3Sr. Geraldine Podobnik OSF
Sr. Lois Prebil OSF
Sr. Margaret (Peggy) Quinn OSF

December 4Bishop Daniel Conlon

December 5Sr. Jane Rieden OSF
Sr. Marianne Saieg OSF
Sr. Sandra Salois OSF

December 6Dcn. Michael Raiz
Dcn. Juan Reyes
Dcn. Sean Tierney
Dcn. Robert visher

December 7 Fr. Bogdan Molenda SCh.





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



Thank you, Mary Queen of Heaven 2025 Baby Bottles for Life!

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Thank you for continuing to help us give the gifts of life, love, and hope in 2025!



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Saturday, November 29, 2025

8:30am † Tom Petros

4:30pm † Michael Norman Durdil

Sunday, November 30, 2025

8:30am † Mary P. Burke

† Richard Kopp Sr.

† Richard Kopp Jr.

† Richard Bush

† Connors Family

† Kopp Family

Parishioners of Mary Queen

10:00am † Pressie de Asis

† Apolonia Sindingan

11:30am † Maria Kozina

† Anna i Andrzej Woźny

Monday, December 1, 2025

8:30am Communion Service

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

8:30am † Catherine Zable

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

8:30am † John and Rosy Trejo

Thursday, December 4, 2025

9:00am † Ernie Vlchek

Friday, December 5, 2025

8:30am † Harry Olsen

Saturday, December 6, 2025

8:30am † Mary Olsen

4:30pm † Paul Reilly

Sunday, December 7, 2025 8:30am † Pauline Ricci

† Mary P. Burke

† Sam Sciabica

Parishioners of Mary Queen

10:00am † Leo Schwartz

11:30am † Zofia Serwatka - 1st rocz. śm.

† Mieczysława Serwatka - XXX

rocz. śm

† Alicja Bertrand - IV rocz. śm.

† Broniskawa Sus

Gron Family - Health and Blessings

† 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.



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

LECTORS

Saturday: December 6th | 4:30pm | A. & D. Novar Sunday: December 7th | 8:30am | W. Woollard |10:00am | P. Naples

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday: December 6th | 4:30pm |

B. Lawlor (Capt.) | E. Ruizol | K. Vicary

Sunday: December 7th | **8:30am** | Deacon Alex

J. Weigel (Capt.) | A. Locascio

Sunday: December 7th | **10:00am** | Deacon Alex

K. Carambot (Capt.) | J. Los | P. Los |

J. Naples | P. Naples

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND FELLOW PARISHIONERS

Angelica Gonzalez Ignacio Campos Bohdan Fedushynskyy Heather Brand

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

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





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Join us in answering the call to help others-give blood!

St Alexander Catholic Church Blood Drive

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