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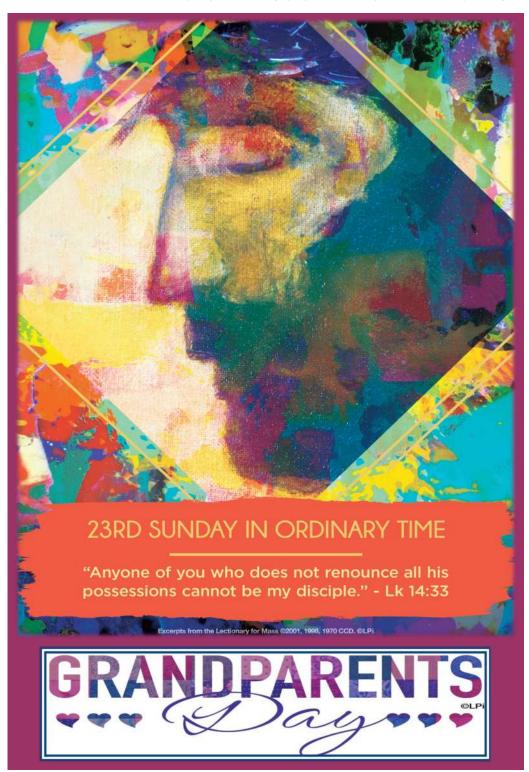
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Pastor Rev. Sławomir "Sławek" Ignasik

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025
TWENTY-THIRD
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

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

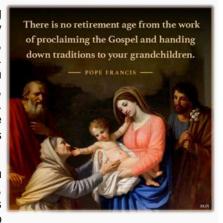
Friday, September 19th mghbulletin@maryqueen.org

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER SŁAWEK

Praise be Jesus Christ... Now and Forever!

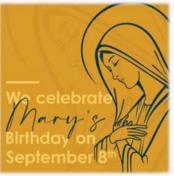
On Sunday, September 7th, we are celebrating Grandparents Day. This is a special opportunity to honor the men and women whose wisdom, love, and faith continue to bless our families. Grandparents play an irreplaceable role in handing down traditions, sharing life lessons, and keeping faith alive across generations. They are often the first to teach us simple prayers, take us to church, or tell us stories about God's goodness in their lives.

As we gather for Mass, we remember with gratitude all grandparents who are still with us, and we pray for those who have gone before us into eternal life. Let us take time this week to



thank our grandparents, visit them if we can, or honor their memory by living out the values they taught us. May God reward their generosity, patience, and constant love.

In a special way, we also reflect on how grandparents remind us of God's fidelity. Their presence and example point to the importance of staying close to Christ throughout all the seasons of life. Just as they cared for us when we were small, they now invite us to return love and care as they grow older. Truly, they are living witnesses of faith and perseverance.



The very next day, on Monday, September 8th, we celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast invites us to rejoice in the birth of the Mother of God, whose life brought hope and salvation to the world through her "yes" to God's plan. Mary's birth is a dawn of joy, for it marks the beginning of the fulfillment of God's promises in Christ.

Mary reminds us that every life is a gift from God, and that even in our earliest beginnings, God has a purpose for us. Her simplicity, humility, and openness to God's will make her a model for every Christian.

Just as she nurtured Jesus with tenderness and love, she continues to watch over us as a Mother given to us at the cross.

The celebration of Mary's birth on September 8th is an invitation for us to renew our devotion to her. We are called to imitate her trust in God and her willingness to serve. As we honor her nativity, let us also entrust ourselves and our families to her maternal protection, asking her to guide us closer to her Son, Jesus.

These two celebrations—Grandparents Day and the Nativity of Mary—fit beautifully together. Both remind us of the gift of life, the importance of family, and the ways faith is passed from one generation to the next.

As we honor our grandparents and rejoice in the birth of the Blessed Virgin, may we give thanks to God for the gift of faith that unites us all in His love.

God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Sławek

CALENDAR

9/6/25 SATURDAY

6:30am That Man Is You (TMIY)

8:30am Mass

9:00am Reconciliation

4:30pm Mass

9/7/25 SUNDAY

~ Grandparents' Day ~

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



9/8/25 MONDAY

~ The Feast of the Nativity of Mary

8:30am Communion Service 11:30am Prayer Group 3:00pm Brownie Troop

6:30pm Preschool Board Meeting

9/9/25 **TUESDAY**

8:30am Mass

9:00am Gentle Stretch

9/10/25 WEDNESDAY

8:30am Mass 9:00am Coffee and

3:00pm RE Faith Formation

9/11/25 THURSDAY

~ Patriot Day ~

8:30am Mass

7:00pm Baptism Prep Class

9/12/25 FRIDAY 8:30am Mass

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

FOR IN YOUR SIGHT A THOUSAND YEARS ARE BUT A DAY THAT PASSES, OR A WATCH OF THE NIGHT. - PSALM 90:4

To view complete job descriptions of open positions within the Diocese of Joliet, please visit:

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



THIS WEEKEND IS CONNECTION (NAME TAG) WEEKEND

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.



Please stop at the back of church and fill out a name tag to wear.



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

Currently, there is no fee for the program.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS - MARY GLAUDELL, DIRECTOR

A NEW YEAR OF FORMATION BEGINS



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

In the Mass we receive the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Serving at the altar of our Lord is a great way to participate in this sacred celebration and say, "thank you". Altar servers must have received their First Communion and be



committed to reverent service during the Mass. If interested, please complete the form below and return it to re@maryqueen.org and/or stop by at the training.

1	
Altar Server Name	Grade
Parent Name	Phone
E-mail for online sign-up:	
Parent Signature	Date



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.



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 Heaver 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. Peturning participants

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



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

Readings

THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2025

Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1) /Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Monday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 /Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Tuesday: St. Peter Claver, Priest Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday:

Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Lk 6:27-38

Friday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49 **Next 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

DNATIONS

WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT

Week of August 24, 2025

Sunday \$ 4,986.00 \$ Mail in 0.00 Electronic \$ 995.00 \$ TOTAL 5,981.00

Thank you for your Generosity!



Mary Queen of Heaven Monthly Sunday Giving Collection Analysis (rounded to nearest \$)

	August		 עוץ	
Sunday Collection	\$	22,662	\$ 46,048	
Mail in	\$	1,793	\$ 3,224	
WeShare	\$	10,405	\$ 22,160	
Total Collections	\$	34,860	\$ 71,432	
Budget Total	\$	24,000	\$ 48,000	
Over(Under) Budget:	\$	10,860	\$ 23,432	



September 8 Dcn. Rigoberto Padilla Dcn. Lindsey Parsons Dcn. Leonard Penkala Dcn. Michael Perkins

September 9 Sr. Mary Therese Forst OSF Sr. M. Debrah Funfsinn OSF

September 10Sr. Mary Elizabeth Imler OSF
Sr. Norma Janssen OSF
Sr. Olive Kabaguma OSF

September 11 Sr. Karen Marie Lanigan OSF Sr. Colleen Loehmer OSF

September 12 Fr. Grzegorz Podwysocki

September 13Sr. Judith A. Davies OSF
Sr. Nancy Roberta Schramm OSF
Sr. Mary Paul Shisler OSF

September 14Sr. Kathleen Anne Copp OSF
Sr. Kathleen Hook OSF
Sr. M. Alexine Knotek OSF



Dear God, thank you for the gift of our grandparents. Bless them with

health, joy, and peace, and fill their lives with Your love. For all the sacrifices they've made and the love they give, we are grateful. May they feel Your presence and find comfort and joy in their days. Amen!

HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY!!

CMAA Pledge Report for Mary Queen of Heaven

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Results through 8/31/2025

	2025	2024	Inc/Dec	2024 (Final)
Parish Goal	\$45,800	\$41,600	\$4,200	\$41,600
Amount Pledged	\$71,641	\$80,310	(\$8,669)	\$86,211
Amount Paid	\$64,461	\$70,763	\$6,303	\$83,971
Balance Due	\$7,180	\$9,546	(\$2,367)	\$2,240
Donors	190	202	-12	218
Rebate	\$13,063			

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 peods. returned to our parish for our needs.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Giving Weekend Collection Drive in support of St. Joseph's Place This Weekend - September 6th & 7th



ITEMS WE ARE COLLECTING TO HELP

Laundry detergent Dish Soap Hand Soap Toilet Bowl Cleaner

Bathroom disinfectant All-purpose cleaner Toothbrushes

Full-size toothpaste Full-size shampoo and conditioner

Full-size body wash Feminine hygiene products

All donations are appreciated. Please provide new unopened products. St. Joseph's place & MQH cannot verify the safety of any opened product. Please leave your donations in the Church narthex.

The MQH Outreach & Social Action Committee THANKS YOU for your generosity in making our Giving Weekends a success!!



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

Monday, September 8, 2025

8:30am Communion Service

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

8:30am † Ron Schroedl

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

8:30am † Vincenta Morales

Thursday, September 11, 2025

8:30am † Jean Carrico

Friday, September 12, 2025

8:30am † Dante Buendicho

Saturday, September 13, 2025

8:30am † George and Florence Howe

4:30pm † Chester Arcisz

Sunday, September 14, 2025

8:30am † Jocelyn Schwartz

Parishioners of Mary Queen

10:00am † Anna Frank

11:30am † Maria i Antoni Baran

† 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 13th - Sunday, September 14th

LECTORS

Saturday: September 13th | 4:30pm | E. Walker Sunday: September 14th | 8:30am | M. Pretlow |10:00am | P. Taylor

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday: September 13th | 4:30pm |

K. Passarelli (Capt.) | S. Harrington I

T. Stockman

Sunday: September 14th | **8:30am** | Deacon Alex

A. Weigel (Capt.) | M. Mooney

Sunday: September 14th | **10:00am** | Deacon Alex

K. Carambot (Capt.) | L. Frank | D. Justus

G. Nieves I M. Nieves

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



A 9/11 Prayer of Hope & Healing

Dear Loving Father, we pause to remember the great losses and courageous acts of September 11th. We lift up those who are still affected - families of the victims, police officers, firemen, first responders, and all who were involved. We pray for the light of Christ to flood the hearts of people everywhere. We believe You desire to redeem Your creation, and we trust that beauty will continue to come from the ashes of those dark days. Surround us with Your mighty angels of protection, give us compassion for one another in all of life's circumstances, and instill in us the courage

to answer Your call.

AMEN.

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