



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN

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**DECEMBER 1,
2024
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, and outreach and social action.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday

4:30 pm

Sunday

8:30 am and 10:30 am

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 12:00 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

Phone: 630-279-5700

Monday to Thursday

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Friday

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

First Sunday of
ADVENT



Eucharistic Adoration following 8:30am Mass on Friday, December 6th

Sign up on the chart in back of church to “adopt” an hour. Question?

Contact Kay Diggins 630-530-7214 or Rose Wilkes 630-833-7238

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Praise be Jesus Christ... Now and Forever *First Sunday of Advent*

Jesus teaches his disciples to be vigilant so that they will be ready when the Son of Man comes in glory.

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle C). Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

The community for whom Luke wrote his Gospel may have believed that they were already experiencing some of the events Jesus described. Most scholars believe that Luke's Gospel was written after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. At the time, many Christians interpreted this event as an indication that Jesus' second coming was near.

Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unfailing love for us in all circumstances.


Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness the action of God in our world.

It's the little things that add up and help us prepare our hearts to receive Jesus more fully. Let us all pray this Advent to know Jesus in a more intimate way than before. Let us look forward to Christmas, ready to celebrate with great peace and joy in our hearts. Have a blessed week.

In preparation for Christmas, 7 hours of Reconciliation will be held at St. Pius X in Lombard on Saturday, December 14th from 8am until 3pm.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Slawek

CALENDAR	CCW CHRISTMAS DIINNER
<p>11/30/24 SATURDAY 8:30am Mass 9:00am Reconciliation 4:30pm Mass</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>ALL SENIORS ARE INVITED</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">to the CCW Senior Citizen Christmas Dinner, on Saturday, December 7, 2024, immediately following the 4:30 PM Mass. Please fill in the form in the bulletin, and place it in the box in the rear of the church. You can also return the form to the Parish Office, no later than Monday, December 2nd, so we know how many people to prepare for. We hope you will join us for this delightful dinner and entertainment.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Styka at 630-941-7224</p>
<p>12/1/24 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:00am Faith Formation 8:30am Mass 9:00am OCIA Room 13 10:30am Mass & Children's Liturgy of the Word Ages: 3-8 12:00pm Baptisms 3:00pm El Shaddai Charismatic in Barrett Hall</p>	
<p>12/2/24 MONDAY 8:30am Communion Service 8:30am Mom and Tot Play Group 3:00pm Girl Scouts Troop 56756 6:30pm Mundelein Seminary in Room 1 7:00pm Prayer Group in Room 13</p>	
<p>12/3/24 TUESDAY 8:30am Mass 9:00am Yoga Room 1 6:30pm CRHP Meeting</p>	<p>MQH Senior Christmas Dinner – Volunteers Needed Call Debbie Styka (630-941-7224) or email her at: DebbieStyka@Yahoo.com if you can volunteer to bring food, or help at the dinner. It will be held in Barrett Hall on Saturday, December 7, right after the 4:30 Mass. You can also go to SignupGenius.com, and search for the Senior Christmas Dinner under Faith Formation programs / Religious Education. There you can see what food items and volunteers are still needed. Please note the name of the recipe you are making when you sign up.</p>
<p>12/4/24 WEDNESDAY 8:30am Mass 3:00pm Faith Formation</p>	
<p>12/5/24 THURSDAY 8:30am Mass</p>	<p>Food is to be dropped off between 4:00 and 5:00 PM in Barrett Hall on December 7. Please have your hot food hot, and the cold food cold already. Disposable trays are great. Otherwise mark any dishes that you will be collecting after the dinner with your name using masking tape and permanent marker. You can pick these up at your convenience, after the dinner. Each dish should serve 8 to 10 adults please. Dishes that are generally needed are ham, meatballs, chicken casseroles, green lettuce salads, coleslaw, Jello salads, pasta salads, rice casseroles, or baked pasta. Sweet potato, zucchini, carrot, asparagus or green bean dishes; corn or potato casserole, or mashed potatoes are also favorites.</p>
<p>12/6/24 FRIDAY 8:30am Mass 9:00am-7:00pm - Eucharistic Adoration  7:00pm Benediction 3:00-7:00pm - Preschool RESALE</p>	
<p>12/7/24 SATURDAY 8:30am Mass 9:00am Reconciliation 4:30pm Mass 5:30pm CCW Senior Christmas Party in Barrett Hall</p>	
<p>12/8/24 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:00am Faith Formation 8:30am Mass 9:00am OCIA Room 13 10:30am Mass & Children's Liturgy of the Word Ages: 3-8 11:30am Focolare in Barrett Hall until 6:00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Volunteers needed for set-up, serving, welcoming and clean-up</p> <p>Set up will be earlier that afternoon; welcoming from 4:30 until 6:30. The other shifts are welcoming, serving, drinks, and clean-up from 5:30 until 7:30; or clean-up from 7:00 until 8:30.</p>

FAITH FORMATION NEWS - MARY GLAUDELL, DIRECTOR

“May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you.” (1 Thessalonians 3:12)



As we begin the Advent season, we can abound in love for one another and for all through our annual Marillac House Toy Drive. Sharing our Christmas joy with the families at Marillac House is a Mary Queen of Heaven tradition.

Marillac House of Chicago is in 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 December 11th.** Thank you in advance for your generosity as we show our love for one another and for Christ.

PARISH NEWS



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084DAAA82AA3FF2-52372547-mqhwinter#/>

PRESCHOOL NEWS - GENÉT PINKERTON, DIRECTOR

**PROGRAM DETAILS**

Serving children ages 2-5 yrs. old.

2's classroom for T/Th or M/W 8:15-10:15

3's classroom for MWF or M-F 8:15-11:45

4's classroom for MWF or M-F 8:15-11:45

Enrichment option for 3's and 4's 11:45-2:45

What makes us amazing and different?**2's Program:**

- 2 or 4 mornings available.
- We help your kids become bathroom independent.

Registration for Fall 2024-25 has begun.
We are filling up, so register soon!

3's Program:

- We meet the learning benchmarks while maintaining a play-based environment.

4's Program:

- We facilitate a bus pick-up to Madison Early Learning Center for our students.

Afternoon Program:

- Follows a daily themed curriculum for the children to continue playing and learning.

"Free to play, explore, and imagine."

All Programs:

- Open-ended curriculum to meet children at all levels of development.
- Safe and secure learning environment.
- Large playground and an indoor recess space.
- Balanced program of play, academics, arts, and religion.
- Specific activities designed to develop physical and social skills.
- All are welcome at Mary Queen of Heaven.



To learn more about our amazing school and to schedule a tour, please visit our website www.mqhpreschool.org

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To learn more about our parish community, visit www.mqhelmhurst.org

Christmas Food Drive

Need: Dish soap, laundry soap, shampoo, body wash, paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, canned soup and vegetables, peanut butter and jelly, tuna, stew, rice, a variety of non-perishable items, and \$25.00 Gift cards to grocery stores.

- ❖ **Pick a candy cane from the tree with items you would like to donate.**
- ❖ **Bring your items back to church or school before noon on Mon. Dec. 16th.**



Readings of the Week

FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 1, 2024

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14
(1b)/1Thes 3:12-4:2/ Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday: Is 2:1-5/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: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
Mt 15:29-37

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

SACRAMENT ANNOUNCEMENT



 **God Bless Lorenzo King Lewis and parents Jeniel and Bianca (Lopez) Lewis**

UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

Monday, 12/1

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
Bolingbrook

Thursday, 12/5

St. Dominic Parish
Bolingbrook

Friday, 12/6

St. Isidore Parish, Bloomingdale

Armed Forces Prayer List

We remember and pray for the protection of our military as they serve in our Armed Forces.

U.S. Marine Corps

SSGT Ethan Zielinski,
Camp Pendleton, CA

Please contact the parish office by calling 630-279-5700

if you would like to add a name to our ongoing prayer list for our active duty loved ones.



Rolando Padillo
Herminia Cagalpin
Erlinda T. Sarvida
Olympia G. Sarvida
Antero Sarvida
Peter & Martha Wabol
Jean & Hank Schousen
Eugene M. Godawa Sr.
Rose Brogen
Karl Schmidt
Dent Joyce

WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT Week of November 10, 2024

Sunday	\$ 4,331.77
Mail in	\$ 120.00
Electronic	\$ 1,375.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,826.77

CMAA Report By Parish

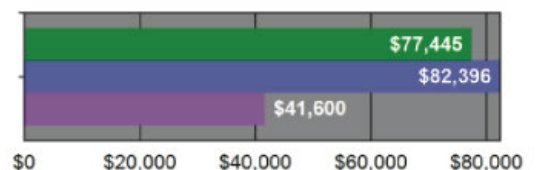
2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal through 11/17/2024

Parish # 157
Parish Name Mary Queen of Heaven Parish - Elmhurst

	2024	2023	Inc/Dec	2023 (Final)
Goal	\$41,600	\$37,800	\$3,800	\$37,800
Amount Pledged	\$82,396	\$63,734	\$18,662	\$66,134
Amount Paid	\$77,445	\$61,497	\$15,948	\$65,772
Balance Due	\$4,951	\$2,236	\$2,714	\$362
Donor Count	207	176	31	183
2024 Rebate	\$25,092			

CMAA Pledge Report MQH

Since we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over goal will be returned to our parish for our needs. Please continue making payments on your pledges, or new and additional amounts, as 70% of that money will be refunded to Mary Queen of Heaven. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**



**Sunday, December 1, 2024**

8:30am † Catherine Zable

10:30am Yulia Navalnaya

Monday, December 2, 2024

8:30am Communion Service

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

8:30am † Cathy Zable

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

8:30am Josephine Wichgers

Thursday, December 5, 2024

8:30am † Reynaldo Marquez

Friday, December 6, 2024

8:30am † Angeles M. Adapon

Saturday, December 7, 2024

8:30am † Erlinda Sarvida

† Olymdia Sarvida

4:30pm † Harry Dennis

Sunday, December 8, 2024

8:30am For the Faithful of MQH

Mary Agnes Hesselburth

10:30am † Ronald H. Stefani Sr.

† indicates person is deceased

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 7 & Sunday, December 8

LECTORS**SATURDAY**
4:30pm

Ellen Walker

SUNDAY
8:30am

Wilma Woollard

SUNDAY
10:30am

Marie McCall

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**SATURDAY**
4:30pm

L. Maniola-C

B. Dunn

K. Vicary

SUNDAY
8:30am

Deacon Alex

J. Eichorst-C

J. DeZur

SUNDAY
10:30am

Deacon Alex

G. Pinkerton-C

C. Gillie

J. Naples

P. Naples

G. Pozen

C-indicates the captain

For those who have not yet claimed their photographs from the Table of Remembrance, these may be picked up at the Parish office during regular office hours: Mon-Thurs 9 AM-4 PM; Fri 9 AM to 1 PM. If you have any questions, please contact the office (630) 279-5700.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

To view complete job descriptions of open positions within the Diocese and contact information, please visit:
[The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois.](#)

DIOCESE NEWS**Sponsor a Needy Individual or Family for Christmas**

Catholic Charities is offering you the opportunity to help their clients at Christmas this year. The Gift of Christmas is an annual program that fulfills wish lists for individuals and families served by Catholic Charities.

Read stories about clients and choose who you would like to help this Christmas. Or, if you prefer, you can direct your donation to an individual or family who hasn't been chosen yet.

Donating is simple: visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org and click on "donate." Or, call 815-724-1140 to make your donation over the phone. To send a check, please note "Gift of Christmas" in the memo and send checks to:

Catholic Charities

16555 Weber Rd.

Crest Hill, IL 60403

If you have any questions, please call 815-724-1140 or

email msnow@cc-doj.org. Thank you, and God bless you! Merry Christmas!

For Bulletin Requests: mqhbuletin@maryqueen.org
For the 12/15 bulletin the deadline is Wednesday, 11/27
For the 12/22 bulletin the deadline is Monday, 12/2

SECOND COLLECTION Next Week - December 8
Retirement Fund for Religious—USCCB

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