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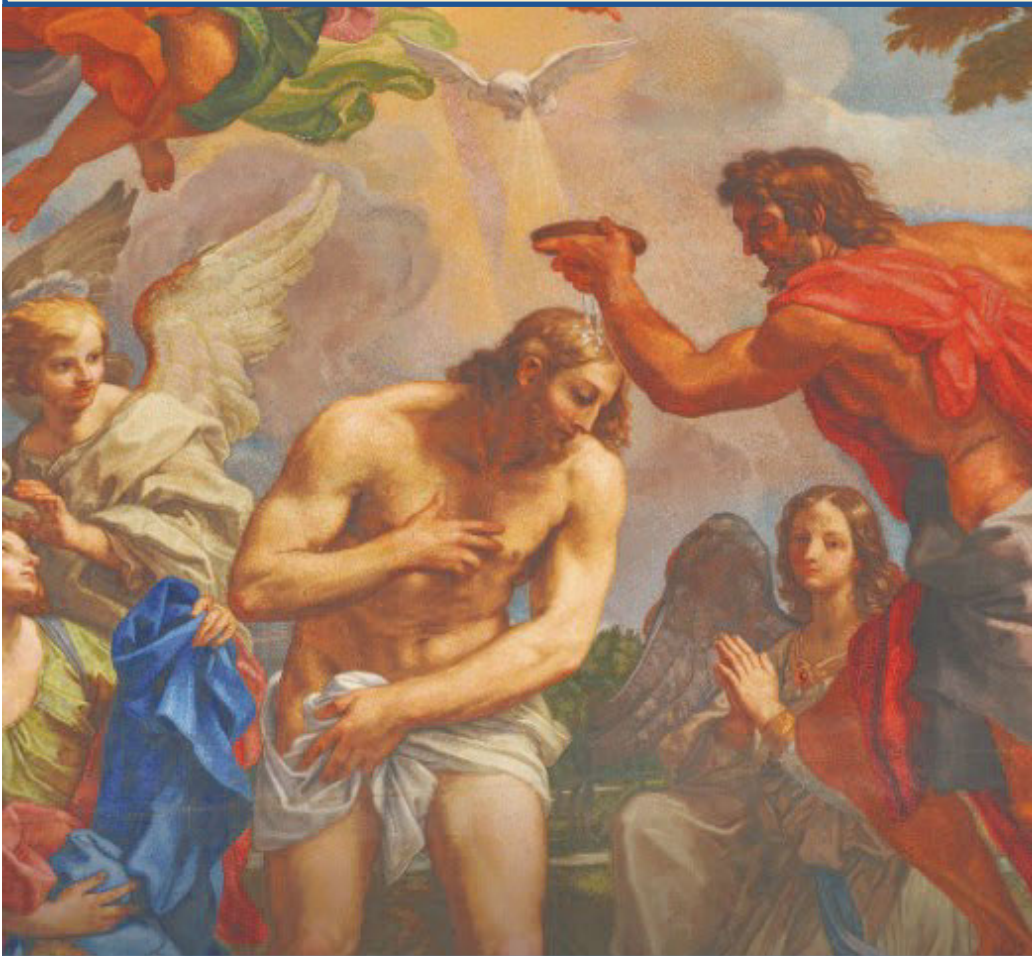
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JANUARY 12, 2025
THE BAPTISM
OF THE LORD

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.



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Praise be Jesus Christ... Now and Forever

The Baptism of the Lord

The Spirit of God comes upon Jesus as he is baptized by John. The baptism of Jesus is attested to in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The account that appears in Matthew is the only one to include the dialogue between Jesus and John, however. Another difference in Matthew’s presentation of this event is the announcement made by the voice from heaven, which says, “This is my beloved son . . .” In Mark and Luke, this voice addresses itself to Jesus: “You are my beloved son . . .”

The baptisms that John performs prefigure Christian Baptism. John baptizes for repentance from sin. In accepting this baptism, Jesus unites himself with all sinners even though he is sinless. In Matthew’s Gospel, John the Baptist distinguishes his practice of baptism from the Baptism that the Messiah brings: “I am baptizing you with water. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire” (Matthew 3:11).

The baptism of Jesus is another manifestation of Christ, another epiphany. Christ’s baptism inaugurates his mission. In an analogous way, our Baptism inaugurates our mission as Christians.

This Sunday marks a transition from the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. In a way, today’s feast is the high point of the Christmas season. Before Jesus’ birth, angels announced to Mary and to Joseph who Jesus would be. At his birth, the shepherds and the Magi recognize Jesus as the Messiah. At his baptism, Jesus accepts that he is God’s son and inaugurates that mission.

In this same vein, I thought it would be interesting to share the numbers of those who have received the sacraments at Mary Queen of Heaven’s every year since 2021. Coinciding with this week, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, notice how many more baptisms we’ve had this past year!

SACRAMENTS	2021	2022	2023	2024
BAPTISM	35	27	36	24
FIRST COMMUNION	27	31	36	52
CONFIRMATION	28	45	45	45
MARRIAGE	3	1	8	5
FUNERAL	16	19	28	20

Have a blessed week.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Sławek

CALENDAR

1/11/25	SATURDAY
8:30am	Mass
9:00am	Reconciliation
10:00am	Reconciliation Retreat for Faith Formation
4:30pm	Mass
6:00pm	Indian Catholic Community
1/12/25	SUNDAY - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
8:00am	Family Faith
8:30am	Mass
9:00am	OCIA
10:30am	Mass
11:30am-3:30pm	MQH Preschool Open House
1/13/25	MONDAY
8:30am	Communion Service
8:30am	Mom and Tot Play Group
3:00pm	Girl Scouts Troop
3:00pm	Brownie Troop
6:30pm	Preschool Board Meeting
6:30pm	Mundelein Seminary in Room 1
7:00pm	Prayer Group in Room 13
1/14/25	TUESDAY
8:30pm	Mass
9:00am	Gentle Stretch in Room 1
4:30pm-6:30pm	MQH Preschool Open House
6:00pm	Memorial Mass for Mrs. Margherita
1/15/25	WEDNESDAY
8:30pm	Mass
3:00pm	Faith Formation
6:30pm	CRHP Meeting
1/16/25	THURSDAY
8:30am	Mass
9:00am	Eastern DuPage Deanery
7:00pm	Parish Pastoral Council in Room 13
1/17/25	FRIDAY
8:30am	Mass
1/18/25	SATURDAY
8:30am	Mass
9:00am	Reconciliation
9:30am	Joyful Again Steering Comm. Mtg.
10:00am	Reconciliation Retreat for Faith Formation
4:30pm	Mass - Name Tag Day
4:15pm	CRHP Speaker before Mass
1/19/25	SUNDAY
8:00am	Name Tag Day
8:15am	CRHP Speaker before Mass
8:30am	Mass
9:00am	OCIA
8:15am	CRHP Speaker before Mass
10:30am	Mass
11:30am	Fellowship Sunday
12:00pm	Baptisms
3:00pm	El Shaddai Charismatic in Barrett Hall

MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CRHP NEWS

Women – Give Yourself a Gift! Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) Women’s Weekend, February 22-23, 2025

God speaks to us in many ways and through different methods. He sends his Holy Spirit, who lives within us to guide, to comfort, to give wisdom.

But have you ever taken the time to slow down and really listen to God speak?

Do you know His voice?

Come to a CRHP Women’s Weekend on
February 22-23, 2025.

Come hear His voice through team members’ powerful witnesses, meeting other women and being in community with them.

Has the Holy Spirit nudged you?
Curious?

Register for the weekend. You won’t regret it.

For more information contact:

Karen Sutkus, Spiritual Director, at 630-935-1153 or
kustkus1@comcast.net or

Joan Bajda, Lay Director at 630-660-1747 or
jlajda@gmail.com.

Registration weekend is Jan 18-19, 2025.

NAME TAG WEEKEND & FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

Next Weekend

January 18 and 19

**Name Tag
Weekend**

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



FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

**On Sunday, January 19th, CRHP will be hosting
Fellowship immediately following the 10:30 AM
Mass in Barrett Hall.**

Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy the company of fellow parishioners and the delicious breakfast items donated by the members of CRHP.

Hope to see you all there!

FAITH FORMATION NEWS
MARY GLAUDELL, DIRECTOR



“Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations”
(Isaiah 42:1)

Jesus began His ministry of love and service with His own Baptism. We are call by our Baptism to serve and one another as Christ loved us. (CCC 1269)

Next Monday, January 20th our nation honors Martin Luther King Jr. and designated this day as a federal day of service. While not perfect, Martin Luther King Jr.

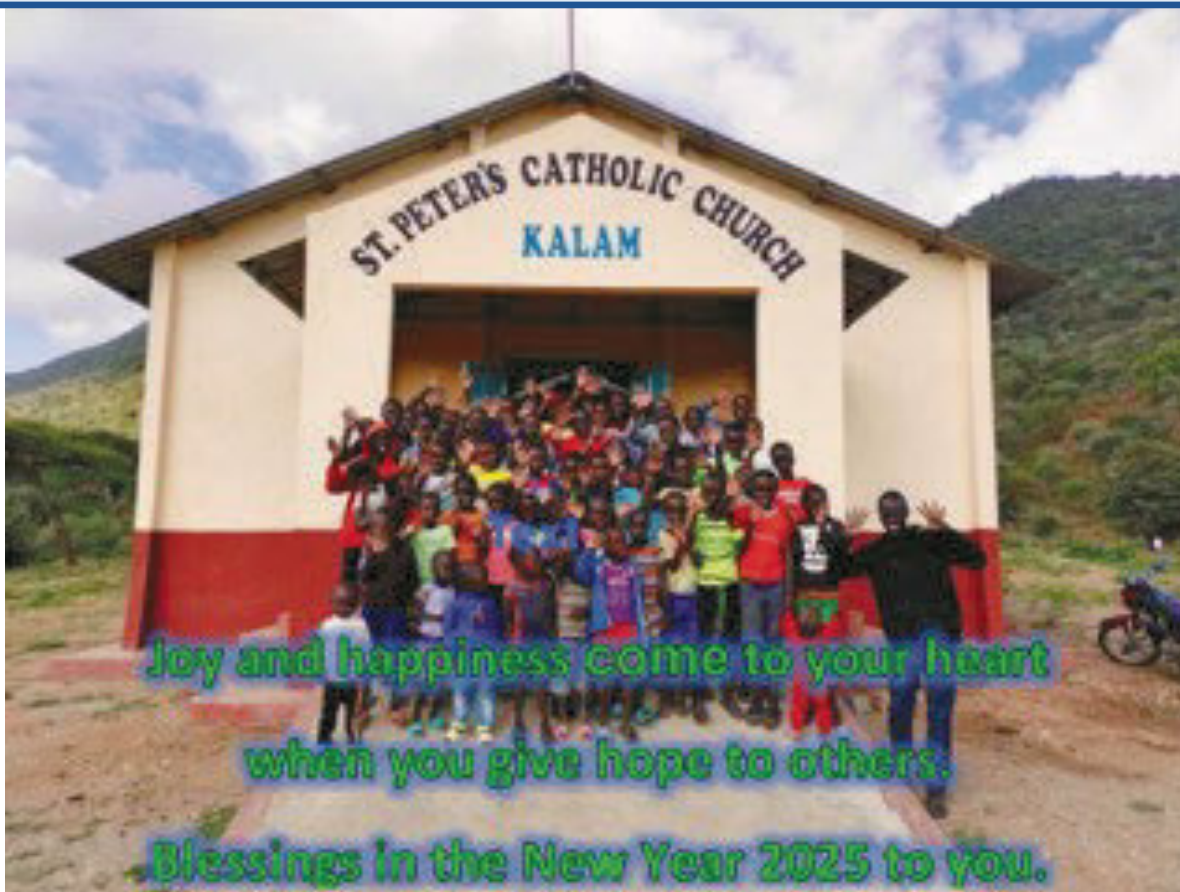
advocated love and justice for all. With our nation so divided, we should remember that this is the justice we should also work towards. King worked to unite a divided nation. He brought together many different people in solidarity to work for justice for all. Pope Paul VI taught that if you want peace, work for justice.*



*Source: United States Council of Catholic Bishops, *Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching*.

For more information on Catholic Social Teaching check out our webpage at <https://www.mqhelmhurst.org/> under the Faith Formation tab.

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM AFRICA



**Joy and happiness come to your heart
when you give hope to others.**

Blessings in the New Year 2025 to you.

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 2025-26
begins Jan. 2025

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.

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.

Open House Dates:

Sunday Jan. 12th 11:30am-3:30pm

Tuesday Jan. 14th 4:30 - 6:30pm

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



*"Free to play, explore,
and imagine."*

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Readings of the Week ©LPI

THE WEEK OF JANUARY 12, 2025

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30
3:4-7/ Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17



- January 12**
Father Raed Bader
Father Jared Rutnicki
- January 13**
Seminarian Jared Beltz
- January 14**
Seminarian Andrew Bogusz
- January 15**
Sister Judith Ann Heble
Sister Irene Jasien
Sister Lois Jean Jensik OSB
- January 16**
Deacon Gary Bednar
Deacon Ralph Bias
- January 17**
Sister Helen Jilek
Sister Christine Kouba OSB
- January 18**
Father John Balluff
Father Brad Baker
- January 19**
Monsignor Janes E. Burnett
Father Thomas Cargo
- January 20**
Deacon Alberta Kywela
Sister Norbertha Mlowe
Sister Margaret Mary Schima OSB

DONATIONS ©LPI

WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT Week of December 15, 2024

Sunday \$ 4,891.77
Mail in \$ 100.00
Electronic \$ 1,350.00
TOTAL \$ 6,341.77

WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT Week of December 22, 2024

Sunday \$ 6,156.77
Mail in \$ 1,880.00
Electronic \$ 3,000.00
TOTAL \$ 11,036.77



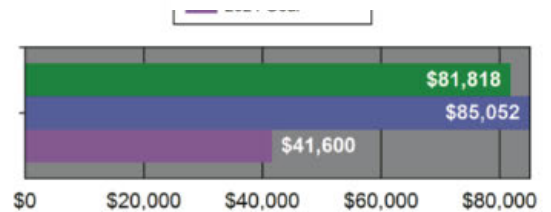
CMAA Report By Parish

2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal through 12/29/2024

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	\$85,052	\$65,800	\$19,252	\$66,134
Amount Paid	\$81,818	\$65,138	\$16,680	\$65,772
Balance Due	\$3,234	\$662	\$2,572	\$362
Donor Count	214	182	32	183
2024 Rebate	\$28,153			

THANK YOU
for your generosity



**More information coming regarding a Second Collection January 25-26, 2025
for the Church in Latin America**

New Bulletin Editor

It has been a privilege to serve at Mary Queen of Heaven as the Bulletin Editor working remotely for this past year. Due to other obligations, I have decided to leave this position.

Please join me in welcoming Aileen Weigel as the new bulletin editor.

She can be reached at mqbulletin@maryqueen.org

Michele Zielinski

**Saturday, January 11, 2025**

8:30am † Richard DeMondo

4:30pm † David Grunwald

Sunday, January 12, 2025

8:30am † Kathleen Reiter

For the Parishioners of MQH

10:30am † Gerlando Tamburello

Monday, January 13, 2025

8:30am Communion Service

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

8:30am † Mary A. Heselbarth

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

8:30am † Richard F. Kopp Jr.

Thursday, January 16, 2025

8:30am † Richard Buch

Friday, January 17, 2025

8:30am For All God's Children

Saturday, January 18, 2025

8:30am † Richard DeMondo

4:30pm † David Grunwald

Sunday, January 19, 2025

8:30am † Carol Novak

For the Parishioners of MQH

10:30am † Imrich Stanko

† Jack Conley

† indicates person is deceased

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 18 & Sunday, January 19

LECTORS**SATURDAY**
4:30pm

Beth Dunn

SUNDAY
8:30am

Patti Taylor

SUNDAY
10:30am

Phil Reynertson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**SATURDAY**
4:30pm

Deacon Tim

T. Sabel-C

T. Stockman

SUNDAY
8:30am

Deacon Tim

J. Eichorst-C

M. Mooney

SUNDAY
10:30am

Deacon Tim

P. Twardowski-C

C. Anasco

L. Frank

J. Los

P. Los

*C-indicates the captain*Al Fuchsen
Betty Wozniak
Ray Wozniak
Edna WozniakRose Bier
Rose Brogan
Maria Lirio
Ubungen**Armed Forces Prayer List**

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

U.S. Marine CorpsSGT Ethan Zielinski,
Camp Pendleton, CA
Kevin Caskey, Japan**U.S. Navy***Please contact the parish office at 630-279-5700 if you would like to add a name to our ongoing prayer list for our active duty loved ones.***EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

To view a complete job descriptions of open positions within the Diocese and contact information, please visit:

[The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois.](#)**The 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun!**

As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are humbly asking all parishioners to pledge their support for this important effort, as together we can make a profound difference.

This year's CMAA theme is *Open your heart to God's goodness*. Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ's Church are available to everyone. Together, we can help provide safe shelter for the homeless, feed the physical and social needs of those who are hungry, inspire those discerning a life of vocation, and aid in the education of our next generation of Catholics. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own. As a diocese working together, we can do so much more.

Our parish goal for the 2025 CMAA is \$45,800, and 70% of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us and used fruitfully within our own parish. Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

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