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FEBRUARY 2, 2025
THE
PRESENTATION 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.



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

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
**A LIGHT FOR
REVELATION.**

LUKE 2:32

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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER SLAWEK

Praise be Jesus Christ... Now and Forever.

The Presentation of the Lord - A Celebration of Light and Faith. This Sunday, we gather to celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas. This beautiful feast marks the moment when Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to the temple, fulfilling the law and dedicating Him to God. Simeon and Anna, filled with the Holy Spirit, recognized Jesus as the Light of the World, proclaiming Him as the salvation prepared for all nations.

As we celebrate this feast, we are blessed to welcome Bishop Ronald Hicks to Mary Queen of Heaven in Elmhurst for a very special occasion. During the 10:30 a.m. Mass, Bishop Hicks will officially install me as the tenth pastor of Mary Queen of Heaven. This moment is both humbling and deeply meaningful, as I take on the responsibility of guiding this lively faith community. I am grateful for the trust placed in me and look forward to walking together as we grow in faith, hope and love.

This Sunday is a time of great joy and renewal for our parish. I am grateful for the warm welcome I have already received and for the support of all who make this parish an example of faith. Together, as we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord and reflect on Christ's light in our lives, let us pray for the strength and grace to carry His light into the world. I invite you all to join us for this momentous celebration and to continue praying for our parish and its mission.

May God bless Mary Queen of Heaven as we begin this new chapter together!

Have a blessed week.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Sławek



CALENDAR

2/1/25 SATURDAY
 6:30am That Man Is You (TMIY) in Barrett Hall
 8:30am Mass
 9:00am Reconciliation
 1:00pm Confirmation Retreat

2/2/25 SUNDAY
 8:30am Mass
 8:30am Faith Formation in Barrett Hall
 9:00am OCIA
 10:30am Mass - Rite of Installation, Fr. Slawek
 12:00pm Baptisms
 3:00pm El Shaddai Charismatic in Barrett Hall

2/3/25 MONDAY
 8:30am Communion Service
 3:00pm Girl Scouts Troop
 6:30pm Mundelein Seminary in Room 1
 6:30pm Preschool Board Meeting
 7:00pm Prayer Group in Room 13

2/4/25 TUESDAY
 8:30am Mass
 9:00am Gentle Stretch in Room 1
 6:30pm CHR Meeting

2/5/25 WEDNESDAY
 8:30am Mass
 3:00pm Faith Formation

2/6/25 THURSDAY
 8:30am Mass

2/7/25 FRIDAY
 8:30am Mass
 9:30am Eucharistic Adoration in Church
 7pm Benediction
 6:30pm Preschool Family Night in Barret Hall

2/8/25 SATURDAY
 6:00am That Man Is You (TMIY) in Barrett Hall
 8:30am Mass
 9:00am Reconciliation
 11:00am RE First Reconciliation in Church



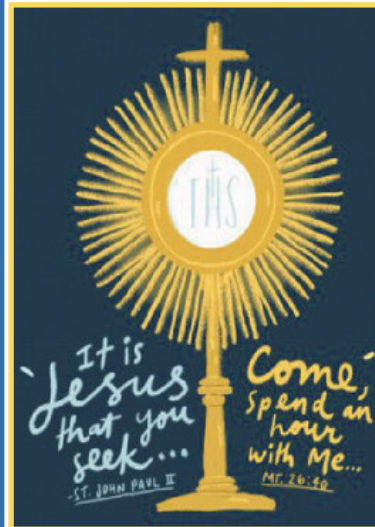
PARISH NEWS—SPECIAL EVENT

Installation Mass and Reception

This weekend on **Sunday, February 2nd**, Bishop Hick's will celebrate the 10:30am Mass and install Fr. Slawek as the 10th Pastor of Mary Queen of Heaven. A reception with food and refreshments will be held in Barrett Hall immediately following Mass. Everyone is invited to attend!



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



“Let us then draw near to the Child God with great faith...In the tabernacle as in the Crib [at Bethlehem], it is the same God full of power, the same Savior full of tender mercy” (*Blessed Columba Marmion*).

Come and “draw near” to God during our next day of Eucharistic Adoration, **Friday, February 7, 2025 from 9 AM to 7 PM**. The day of adoration begins after 8:30 Mass with prayers led by Fr. Slawek, and closes with **Benediction at 7:00 p.m.** All are welcome any time of the day to spend time in conversation with Jesus, as well as for Benediction. We welcome permanent adorers (being available for a certain hour each month). Please include your name and phone number on the Adoration sign-up sheet for your preferred hour. You may contact **Kay Diggins at 630-530-7214**, or **Rose Wilkes at 630-833-7238** for questions. Our sister parish, Visitation, provides 24/7 adoration in the convent chapel, 799 S. York.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS - MARY GLAUDELL, DIRECTOR

SAVE THE DATES

Portillo's
for Mardi Gras

Portillo's
for GOOD
FUNDRAISERS



March 4th 5 - 8 pm

**Mary Queen of Heaven
Faith Formation Fund Raiser**

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Elmhurst, IL 60126

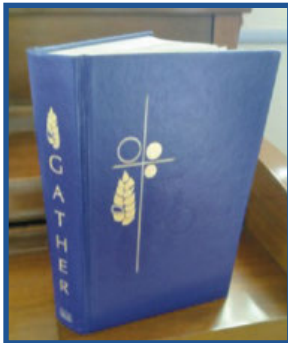
**Save the Date
Vacation Bible
School**

June 9th - 13th



LITURGY COMMISSION UPDATE

The Blue Hymnals Have Arrived!



Last week we shared the good news about getting new hymnals. Some of you may remember that when we introduced the red hymnals over 20 years ago, we were given the opportunity to make a donation for the cost of

the book. We were then able to have written on a sticker something like "*In memory of (Name)*", and the sticker went in the book. Some of us put the book near us in the pew we sat in, and could then use the hymnal during Mass. We are making that offer again. All you need to do is call the office and let them know you wish to donate \$20 toward the book, and when they have names and donations, they will print stickers in the office. In the meantime, if you wish to keep a red hymnal that you donated, feel free to find it and claim it!

Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP)

Women's Weekend

February 22-23, 2025

REGISTER NOW



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? Come to a CRHP Women's Weekend on February 22-23, 2025, and listen to what God might be trying to reveal to you. He's a personal God and many women have discovered His personal love for them from attending the weekend. The theme of the weekend is "The Spirit Within".

Registration Forms are in the back of church, on the MQH website or contact one of us below. Please don't delay signing up. We would like all registration forms no later than February 18th.

For more information contact:

Karen Sutkus, Spiritual Director, at 630-935-1153 or ksutkus1@comcast.net or

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

PRESCHOOL NEWS - GENÉT PINKERTON, DIRECTOR

How do you have fun in the snow when it's too cold to go out and play in it? You bring the snow inside of course. The classes have been exploring snow and ice along with arctic animals that live where it is cold and snowy.



The 2's made beautiful art with mitten painting, their sensory table had snowy items in it, and they made pretend snow to play with at home.



The 3's learned about snow owls, penguins, and marbled painted a mitten shape.



The 4's did experiments with ice and salt, they made snow forts in the classroom, they had a penguin and arctic animal research center, and an ice cream parlor.



Readings Week of the GLPI

THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9,10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
 Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab,3cd-4, 9,10-11/Mk 6:7-13
 Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29
 Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34

DONATIONS GLPI

A MESSAGE FROM OUR BUSINESS MANAGER

Year end 'Tax Statements'

The year end contribution statements will be mailed this week (the week of February 2nd). They will be sent automatically by mail to those whose contributions for the calendar year totaled \$1,000 or more. If you do not get one, and want or need one, please call the office.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT Week of January 19, 2025

Sunday	\$ 4,425.00
Mail in	\$ 1,005.00
Electronic	\$ 1,980.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,410.00



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

To view complete job descriptions of open positions within the Diocese of Joliet and for HR contact information, please visit:
<https://www.diojoliet.org/offices/careers>

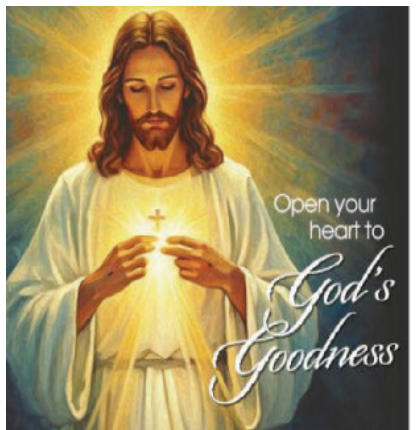
The 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) has begun!

As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal, 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 don't receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office.

Thank you!



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

February 2

Dcn. Nick Cifonie
Dcn. Gerald Christensen

February 3

Dcn. Dominic Cerrato
Dcn. Anthony Clishem

February 4

Fr. Santos Castillo
Fr. Benjamin Chinnappan

February 5

Fr. Daniel Torson C.P.P.S.
Fr. Edward Howe C.R.

February 6

Sr. Maria Catherine Rethwisch
Sr. Marie Isaac Staub OP

February 7

Dcn. Ronald Brown
Dcn. Rocco Busato
Dcn. Michael Butz
Dcn. Bruce Carlson
Dcn. Robert Cassey

The Holy Father's Worldwide Prayer Intention for February 2025 is for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life



Saturday, February 1, 2025

8:30am † James Stamko
4:30pm † Bud Rogers

Sunday, February 2, 2025

8:30am † Greg Lentini
Parishioners of MQH
10:30am † Mary Ellen Viter

Monday, February 3, 2025

8:30am Communion Service

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

8:30am † Catherine Quinn

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

8:30am † Zoe Zurkowski

Thursday, February 6, 2025

8:30am All Married Couples

Friday, February 7, 2025

8:30am All Civil Servants

Saturday, February 8, 2025

8:30am † Edith Godar
4:30pm † Paul Arcisz

Sunday, February 9, 2025

8:30am † Alida Iozzi
Teresa Campos
† Anthony Carlevato
Parishioners of MQH
10:30am † Thomas Edward Konkol

† indicates person is deceased



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 will come back again!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 8th & Sunday, February 9th

LECTORS

<u>SATURDAY</u> 4:30pm	<u>SUNDAY</u> 8:30am	<u>SUNDAY</u> 10:30am
K. Passarelli	K. Sutkus	R. Styka

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

<u>SATURDAY</u> 4:30pm	<u>SUNDAY</u> 8:30am	<u>SUNDAY</u> 10:30am
Deacon Tim T. Sabel - C E. Ruizol	Deacon Tim J. Weigel - C J. Dezur	Deacon Alex K. Carambot - C P. Delaney L. Frank C. Gillie D. Justus

C-indicates the captain

Maria Ubunger
Anthony Carlevato
Virgina Carlevato



Steve Lesniak
Lesniak Family
Belinda Sobucki
Brianna

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 SGT Ethan Zielinski,
Camp Pendleton, CA
U.S. Navy Kevin Caskey, Japan

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.

The Coldest Night of The Year— February 22nd @ 5PM

The Coldest Night of the Year is a winterrific family-friendly walk to support local charities serving people experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness. Join us in Villa Park as we raise funds for Catholic Charities' Kathy Paulsen Hope House Shelter.

Kathy Paulsen Hope House homeless shelter provides a temporary safe haven for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. During their stay, program participants work intensively with case managers to secure stable employment and permanent housing. Hope House empowers residents to rebuild their lives and achieve lasting stability.

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<https://cnoy.com/location/villapark>
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