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APRIL 28, 2024
5TH SUNDAY
OF
EASTER



CONFIRMATION

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 8:30 am

Rosary

Monday to Saturday 8:00 am

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.

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Parish Office Hours

Monday to Thursday - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

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**Congratulations to
all Receiving the
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Confirmation**

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A Message from Fr. Sunny

Always Strive for Excellence

TEN PRINCIPLES TO LIVE BY:

Never stop learning about your faith.

Fall in love with God.

Always strive for excellence.

Is that the most I could give? Is that the best work I can do? Did I give my 100% in the task? Is this the greatest representation of myself? Am I the best version of myself, here and now? Is this the most perfect reflection of my imperfect self?

These are some questions that ran through my mind over the years of my life. It seems to me that since I was young, I have been striving for personal excellence, and always worked hard to accomplish every task with the best effort I could give it. Perhaps, it is some manifestation of some personal wound in my past, that I strive always to be my best self. Perhaps, I am too competitive because I want to prove something to others. Or perhaps, I am just winning the esteem or approval of other people. If that is so, then what you get would be a very sad version of oneself.

What might it mean for Jesus to say, "Be perfect, as your Heavenly Father is perfect" in Matthew 5:48? Isn't He telling us to strive for excellence, that in our life with life, he will always love us as we are. On our end, we need to try the best that we can to glorify Him, by not settling for mediocrity in our Christian life, but by constantly striving to be better, to be more perfect, to be our best possible self.

There are many wonderful people here at Mary Queen of Heaven that have made this place their spiritual home. I have met many of you who have really inspired me and made me feel so proud to be part of your life in this church community. So many of you have been producing amazing fruits in your ministry, and it gave me so much pride and joy over the four years of my pastorate. There may be others who need to find their special niche in the life of the parish and start growing and bearing more fruits. I mean to say that we all need to continue working on moving from being Sunday Mass Christians to Passionate Daily Christians.

Opportunities for stewardship of time, talent and treasure abound in our community, and if everyone of us really decided to take our Catholicism even just a few more notches above, our parish will flourish like no other.

And why should we aim for excellence all the time?

If you have really fallen in love with God, we will not even ask the question. You will simply know that a fire has been lit in your heart, and you have to do something about it. Because someone who has really fallen in love will do everything to put a smile on his/her beloved, just like a child who works hard to make his/her parents proud, or like a young lover who will find many creative ways to express their love. It is only love that can bring the best in each one of us. Living an excellent life is the only sufficient expression of how much one really loves.

Here at Mary Queen, we strive for excellence to give love and glory to Jesus our King!

With the gladness of the Eastertide,

Fr. Sunny Castillo

BULLETIN DEADLINES

for May 5, 2024

MON. 1:00 PM 4/29/24

for May 12, 2024

MON. 1:00 PM 5/6/24

CALENDAR

4/27/24	SATURDAY
6:30am	That Man is You in Barrett Hall
7:30am	Preschool in Barrett Hall and Grounds
8:30am	Mass
9:00am	Reconciliation
4:30pm	Mass
5:30pm	Word of Life Mtg - Rm 13
4/28/24	5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
8:30am	Mass
9:30am	OCIA
10:30am	Mass
10:30am	Children's Liturgy of the Word
11:45am	1st Communion Practice
4/29/24	MONDAY
8:30am	Communion Service
9:15am	PS EOY Practice
4/30/24	TUESDAY
8:30am	Mass
9:00am	Yoga
9:15am	PS EOY Practice
7:00pm	Choir Practice
5/1/24	WEDNESDAY
8:30am	Mass
9:15am	PS EOY Practice
6:30pm	Confirmation
5/2/24	THURSDAY
8:30am	Mass
9:15am	PS EOY Practice
6:30pm	Liturgy Committee
5/3/24	FRIDAY
8:30am	Mass
9:00am	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
9:15am	PS EOY Practice
5/4/24	SATURDAY
6:30am	That Man is You in Barrett Hall
8:30am	Mass
9:00am	Reconciliation
11:00am	1st Communion Mass
12:30pm	1st Communion Mass
4:30pm	Mass
5/5/24	6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
8:30am	Mass
9:30am	OCIA
10:30am	Mass
10:30am	Children's Liturgy of the Word
12:00pm	Baptisms
3:00pm	El Shaddai Charismatic Speaker
7:00pm	

PARISH NEWS

CCW SPRING PLANT SALE

The Council of Catholic Women are holding their Spring Plant Sale on Saturday May 11th, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

This is a yearly event for CCW and ORDER FORMS will be in the bulletin the weekend of April 27 & 28th and May 4th and 5th.

CCW Representatives will be in the rear of church to take your orders and answer any questions. Please submit your order as soon as possible as the deadline for ordering is the 5th of May.

Thank you again for your support!!!

**Coming soon to Visitation!****Called & Gifted**

Saturday, June 15th
9:00 am – 3:30 pm
Visitation Parish Center



The **Called & Gifted** workshop can help you:

- Discover the unique call God has for you.
- Discern the gifts the Holy Spirit has given you in Baptism and Confirmation to fulfill your mission in life?

Teachers from the **Catherine of Siena Institute** in Colorado will facilitate this introductory **Called & Gifted** workshop. Learn more at



To register for the June 15th workshop use the QR code to the left or:
<http://bit.ly/CandGElmhurst>

Cost: \$35 (covers book & lunch)

This is a joint effort of
Visitation, IC, & Mary Queen of Heaven.

For more info please contact:

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PRESCHOOL NEWS

FROM GENET 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

Full day option for 3's and 4's 8:15-2:45

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 curriculum.

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 academics, arts, play, and religion combined.

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.mqhelmhurst.org

"Free to play, explore, and imagine."

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FAITH FORMATION NEWS FROM MARY GLAUDELL, DIRECTOR

Faith Formation Celebrates the Eucharist

Our Faith Formation children were invited to participate in the Eucharist Revival through art. Younger children colored a printed picture, while our older children made their own design and indicate how we show Christ's presence to others. We received submissions from our Kindergarteners to our 5th graders. Pictures were on display in Barrett Hall for last week's Followship. The overall best was submitted by Ava Ramirez pictured in the center.



Other Faith Formation News

Confirmation is May 1st with Bishop Kane

First Communion is May 4th at 11am and 1pm

Please keep our Confirmandi and First Communicants in your prayers.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Laudato Si' Ministry Activities - The Laudato Si' Ministry of the Diocese of Joliet is having a number of activities that are available for Mary Queen of Heaven parishioners. Laudato Si' is part of our Catholic Social Teaching. Their mission is to educate more parishioners about this ministry. The website is on the Diocese website:

https://www.diojoliet.org/web/guest/laudato-si?p_1_back_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.diojoliet.org%2F

The First Event is a Town Hall Meeting on May 6, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

The invitation link is below and the **Passcode is 992282** Information for future events coming.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84186002678?pwd=N8smFSukA85qKxQHdiFdZIUbXxmSfB.1#success>



Prayer REQUESTS

Russ & Lynn Kubycheck	Paul Kulczynski	Nick M., Sr
George "Allen" Alcorn	Helen Kulczyncki	Bud Rogers
Celia Targa	Laurina Coccia	Lucille R.
Eric Sanders	† Sam Furlin	Rose M.
Joseph Fassl	Marcela Mendez	John R., Sr
Phyllis Greco	Nemesia Ruizol	Anna M.
Phil Greco	Santiago Mendez	Nick M., Jr
Apolinario Abad	Lynn Suwanski	Beverly R.
Alex & Lillian Karpy	Ron Nasti	Ann M.
Ed (Millard) Wilson		Bill M.
Ray, Donovan, and Grocke Families		John R., Jr
The Deceased Members of the Mr. & Mrs. Calia Family		Angelica Gonz
		Ignacio Campos



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

Readings of the Week

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 28, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

53: Acts 9:26-31 Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 1 Jn 3:18-24
 Jn 15:1-8

Monday: Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church

285: Acts 14:15-18 Ps 115:1-4, 15-16 Jn 14:21-26 see 557:1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Mt 11:25-30

Tuesday: Easter Weekday [5]; Saint Paul V, Pope

286: Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-13ab, 21 Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Easter Weekday [5]; Saint Joseph the Worker

287: Acts 15:1-6 Ps 112:1-5 Jn 15:1-8 or, for Memorial: see 559: Gn 1:26-2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24 Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16 Mt 13: 54-58

Thursday: Saint Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

288: Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11 see 560: 1 Jn 5:1-5 Mt 10:22-25

Friday: SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOLTLES

561: 1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-5 Jn 14:6-14

Saturday: Easter Weekday [5]

290: Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 Jn 15:18-21



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Mark You Calendar
 Guests are welcomed!

RSVP by **May 3rd** to: D. Thurman d21thurman@gmail.com or 630-642-2618
 Please Denote any **Special Dietary Requirements** when RSPVing to D. Thurman.

Speakers: **Mary Jane, St. Pets Parishioner** - Missions with Sisters, Oikos Sisters in the Philippines



Mary Jane Trinkus was born and raised in the suburbs of St. Louis, MO where she was one of ten siblings in a fun and loving family. She began her mission work as a registered nurse with our Diocese of Joliet's international missions in 1996. She met her husband, Dr. Victor Trinkus on her second mission to Bolivia, his first in 1997. They continue their work in missions to this day, now in the Philippines. Mary Jane is the director of *The Poor Household of God*, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that supports a small community of nuns who have devoted their lives to serving the poor. She travels to the Philippines two to three times a year, working side by side with the Oikos Sisters with passion and love. In Mary Jane's spare time, she enjoys gardening, fishing and other outdoor activities.

DINNER MEETING DETAILS

Monday May 13, 2024

St. James the Apostle Catholic Church
 480 S Park Blvd, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Evening Program

- 6:00 pm - Rosary
- 6:20 pm - Mass
- 7:00 pm - Fellowship (In Social Hall)
- 7:20 pm - Dinner and Welcome
- 7:50 pm - Members updates from Officers & Announcements
- 8:00 pm - Guest speaker presentation followed by Q&A
- 9:00 pm - Closing prayer and Adjourn

JOIN US IN PERSON OR VIA ZOOM ACCESS:
 TBD



Sunday, April 28, 2024

8:30am For the Faithful of MQH
 10:30am † Karla Kenevan

Monday, April 29, 2024

8:30am Communion Service

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

8:30am † Mary Collis

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

8:30am Katie Simpson

Thursday, May 2, 2024

8:30am Martin Wichgers

Friday, May 3, 2024

8:30am † Alice Krolikowski

Saturday, May 4, 2024

8:30am Jerome Niehus
 4:30pm Julia Ebole

Sunday, May 5, 2024

8:30am For the Faithful of MQH
 10:30am Ed and MQH Choir

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
 Saturday, May 4, 2024 & Sunday, May 5, 2024

LECTORS		
SATURDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
4:30pm	8:30am	10:30am
Kay Passarelli	Michelle Pretlow	MaryAnn Reed

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS <i>C-indicates the captain</i>		
SATURDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
4:30pm	8:30am	10:30am
T. Sabel-C	M. Grozik-C	P. Twardowski-C
B. Lawlor	J. Dezur	R. Baguilat
E. Ruizol		K. Carambot
		J. Los
		P. Los

Universal Prayers
 Monday, April 29 - Ascension of Our Lord Parish, Oakbrook Terrace
 Tuesday, April 30 - St. Jude Parish, New Lenox
 Thursday, May 2 - St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Naperville

DONATIONS

WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT
SUNDAY, April 14, 2024

Sunday	\$ 5,360.00
Mail in	\$ 140.00
Electronic	\$ 2,032.50
TOTAL	\$ 7,532.50

Second Collections will usually be announced a week prior.

Second Collection this Weekend April 28
Catholic Home Missions Appeal—USCCB

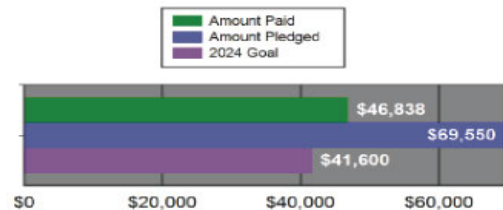
CMAA Pledge Report for Mary Queen of Heaven
 Monthly pledge payments for CMAA pledges should be made in the next few days. It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach our goal. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over goal will be returned to our parish for our needs. **PARISH GOAL: 41,600**



CMAA Report By Parish

2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal through 4/21/2024

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	\$69,550	\$55,087	\$14,464	\$66,134
Amount Paid	\$46,838	\$42,151	\$4,688	\$65,772
Balance Due	\$22,712	\$12,936	\$9,776	\$362
Donor Count	178	158	20	183
2024 Rebate	\$3,667			



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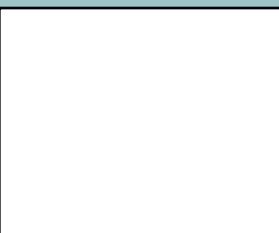
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