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**FEBRUARY 23,
2025**
**SEVENTH 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, and outreach and social action.



7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Give, and gifts will be given to you.”
- Lk 6:38

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 FATHER SLAWEK

Praise be Jesus Christ... Now and Forever.

The Gospel of Luke 6:27-38 presents one of the most radical teachings of Jesus' love for enemies, doing good to those who hate us, blessing those who curse us, and forgiving without limits. At first glance, this teaching seems almost impossible to live out, especially in a world where retaliation and

self-defense are often seen as necessary. However, Jesus is not asking us to be weak but to be strong in love. His call challenges us to rise above our natural instincts and act with divine mercy. True discipleship is not about following the easiest path but about imitating God's boundless love.

In our daily lives, this Gospel teaches us to let go of grudges and to practice forgiveness. When someone wrongs us, our immediate reaction is often anger or a desire for revenge. Yet Jesus calls us to respond differently - to pray for those who hurt us and to return kindness for hostility. This does not mean tolerating injustice but rather choosing a higher way of dealing with conflicts. If we can truly forgive, we free ourselves from the burden of resentment and allow healing to take place in our hearts and relationships.

Another practical lesson from this passage is generosity and selflessness. Jesus says, "Give, and it will be given to you." He challenges us to be open-handed with our time, resources, and compassion. In our interactions with others at work, in our families, or within our communities, we should strive to be givers rather than takers. When we act generously, not expecting anything in return, we create an environment of grace. People may not always repay our kindness, but God assures us that our reward will be great in heaven.

Lastly, this Gospel reminds us not to judge others harshly. In a world filled with criticism and division, Jesus calls us to look at others with eyes of mercy. Instead of focusing on people's faults, we should recognize their struggles and show compassion. This attitude fosters peace and unity rather

than conflict. By practicing love, forgiveness, generosity, and non-judgment, we become true followers of Christ, reflecting His love in every aspect of our daily lives.

Have a blessed week.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Slawek



CALENDAR

2/22/25 SATURDAY
 6:30am That Man Is You (TMIY) @ Visitation Parish
 6:30am CRHP Women’s Weekend
 8:30am Mass
 9:00am Reconciliation
 4:30pm Mass
 7:00pm CRHP Women in Church

2/23/25 SUNDAY
 6:30am CRHP Women’s Weekend
 8:30am Mass
 Girl Scout Cookie Sales Begin 9:15am
 10:30am Mass
 Girl Scout Cookie Sales until 1:45pm

2/24/25 MONDAY
 8:30am Communion Service
 6:30pm Mundelein Seminary in Room 1

2/25/25 TUESDAY
 8:30am Mass
 9:00am Gentle Stretch in Room 1

2/26/25 WEDNESDAY
 8:30am Mass

2/27/25 THURSDAY
 8:30am Mass

2/28/25 FRIDAY
 8:30am Mass

3/1/25 SATURDAY
 6:30am That Man Is You (TMIY) in Barrett Hall
 8:30am Mass
 9:00am Reconciliation
 4:30pm Mass
 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal - in pew

3/2/25 SUNDAY
 8:30am Mass
 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal - in pew
 8:30am Faith Formation in Barrett Hall
 9:00am OCIA in Room 13
 10:30am Mass
 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal -in pew
 12:00pm Baptisms
 3:00pm El Shaddai Charismatic in Barrett Hall

CRHP WOMEN’S WEEKEND - PRAYER SUPPORT

Please pray for all of the women attending the “The Spirit Within” Retreat happening this weekend here at Mary Queen of Heaven.

“All Loving God, as the women enter into this sacred time, may they feel surrounded by Your loving presence. In the quiet stillness may they hear You speak to them. In your loving embrace, may they be restored. Amen.”

HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND!



GIRL SCOUT COOKIES FOR SALE

Emerson school’s 2nd grade Girl Scout Troop 56719 is having a cookie booth sale.

When: Sunday February 23rd from 9:15 – 1:45

Where: In front of Mary Queen of Heaven Church

Please consider supporting one of our local scout troops!

HYMNAL DONATIONS

If you wish to donate a hymnal in honor of someone special, call or visit the office during normal business hours. For a \$20 donation, a sticker will get printed by the office for you to place in a book that you use every Sunday. Please stop in or call the office at 630-279-5700.



UPCOMING DATES YOU DON’T WANT TO MISS



Ash Wednesday is March 5th

Mass Times: 8:30am, 12:00pm & 7:00pm
 Ash Distribution Only: 3:45pm & 5:15pm

...& as well, can’t forget that

Paçzki Day is Tuesday, March 4th.

Be sure to plan accordingly!
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FAITH FORMATION NEWS - MARY GLAUDELL, DIRECTOR

Portillo's for Mardi Gras

**Tuesday, March 4th 5-8pm
Faith Formation Fundraiser**

Before you begin your Lent fasting, enjoy a meal from Portillo's and support our Faith Formation program. Bring the flyer insert or download from <https://www.mqhelmhurst.org/>



Once again, we are sponsoring the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Program. Now more than ever, it is important that as Catholics we contribute to global efforts to fight hunger. Thanks to the generosity of MQH families, last year we collected nearly \$600 to fight hunger worldwide. **CRS Rice Bowl will available in the back of the church beginning next week.** Donations should be turned in by April 25th. Thank you in advance for your support.

You're invited to a
Portillo's FUNDRAISER

Join us at Portillo's for a fundraiser to support:
Mary Queen of Heaven Faith Formation

When: March 4, 2025 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	at the Portillo's located at: 155 S. Route 83 Elmhurst, IL
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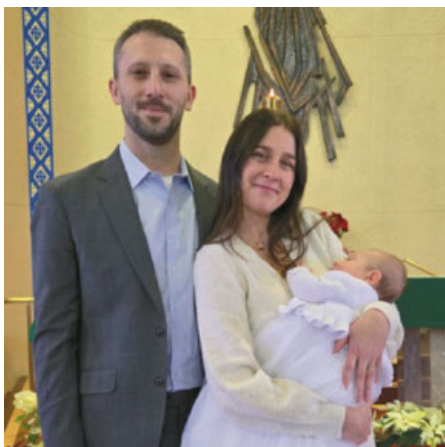
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PARISH NEWS—NEWLY BAPTIZED

Mary Queen of Heaven welcomed on February 16, 2025



Riley Quinn Csuk
Son of Daniel and Caitlin
(Pailian) Csuk

Lola Marie Scott
Daughter of Ryan and Sarah
(Kowalski) Scott



A MESSAGE FROM THE MQH OUTREACH & SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE—MQH GIVING WEEKEND



**MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN COLLECTION DRIVE
FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES' ST. JOSEPH'S PLACE
MARCH 1 & 2**

The Mary Queen of Heaven, Outreach and Social Action Committee requests your help with a new program called **Giving Weekend**, a recurring drive to aid the needy in our area.

The drive will take place on the weekend of the first Sunday each month and will assist one of the following on a rotating basis: **Evergreen Women's Shelter, DuPage PADS, and Catholic Charities St. Joseph's Place**

Evergreen Women's Shelter was founded and is operated by a Mary Queen of Heaven parishioner. Evergreen provides shelter, guidance and support to Women suffering with addiction.

DuPage PADS currently provides food and shelter for about three hundred (300) individuals including about one hundred (100) children. PADS provides support services and life coaching to help end the cycle of homelessness.

Catholic Charities St. Joseph's Place provides temporary housing and supportive services to households experiencing homelessness.

~ Our first Giving Weekend collection is on Saturday March 1 and Sunday 2, 2025 ~

It will support **Catholic Charities-Diocese of Joliet** and is targeted to directly support **St. Joseph's Place** located nearby within DuPage County. This smaller facility opened in 2024 and is currently serving three families with children. This program is designed to provide support and guidance over approximately a six-month period to transition each family to self-sufficiency. Since it provides temporary housing, the needs for St. Joseph's Place will vary over time as families transition to the next phase of their lives. We will communicate to the parish community the needed donation items before each quarterly collection.

Currently, we are asking for your generous donation of cleaning supplies (hand and dish soaps, laundry detergent, toilet bowl cleaner, bathroom disinfectant, all-purpose cleaner) and non-perishable food items (canned goods, rice, beans, pasta, pasta sauce, pancake mix, maple syrup).

While our goal is to regularly support St. Joseph's Place, any excess donations may be directed to help those in need at other Catholic Charity facilities within the Diocese of Joliet. Please see the flyer in the bulletin for more details and also pray for all people suffering from homelessness!

**Interested in learning more about Catholic Charities?
Contact Stephanie Hook at shook@cc-doj.org or 815.724.1146.**

Any extra items collected for St. Joseph's Place will be shared with other Catholic Charities programs to help even more individuals and families in need.

WE ARE A FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATION PROVIDING SERVICE TO PEOPLE
IN NEED AND CALLING OTHERS OF GOOD WILL TO DO THE SAME.



Readings Week GLPI



THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23, 2025

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38
 Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29
 Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28,39-40/Mk 9:30-37
 Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119: 165,168,171,172,174,175/Mk 9:38-40
 Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mk 9:41-50
 Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16,18,27,34,35/Mk 10:1-12
 Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18/Mk 10:13-16

Read, listen to an audio recording or watch a reflection video of the readings for each day by visiting <https://bible.usccb.org/>
You can also sign up to have daily readings sent to your email address.

DONATIONS GLPI

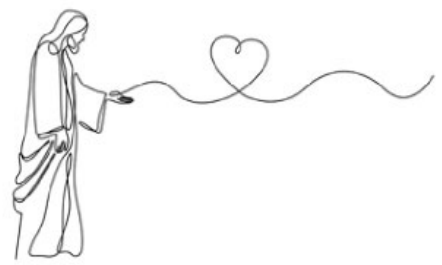
Your Gift To The CMAA Makes An Impact!

The opening report for the 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) in today's bulletin reflects how as Christians, we are called to *Open our hearts to God's goodness* in service to our brothers and sisters in need.

Through the CMAA, we show generosity toward the most vulnerable members of our community. We also benefit, as a parish, from the many ministries the CMAA supports, that touch our own lives and the lives of our fellow parishioners. Ministries that include; vocations, Catholic education, and faith formation.

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

View a Video Message from Bishop Hicks @ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pY8RNivOD-I>
 Commitment / In-Pew Weekend is March 1-2, 2025



- February 22**
Seminarian Vincent Omondi
- February 23**
Fr. William M. DeSalvo
- February 24**
Sr. Patricia Hottinger
Sr. Margaret Nimbley
Sr. Catherine Tighe SH (HHS)
- February 25**
Francesca-Cynthia Riddick
Margaret M. Trepal, CON VIRN
- February 26**
Sr. Lucina Aguilera
Sr. Maria del Rocio G. Castillo
Sr. Judith Perez
Sr. Maria Teresa Gonzales HJ
- February 27**
Dcn. William Crane
Dcn. Michael Crowell
Dcn. Daniel Culloton
Dcn. Gregory Cummins
Dcn. Terry Cummiskey
- February 28**
Fr. William Dewan

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

Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit.
 -Pope Francis

WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT Week of February 9, 2025

Sunday	\$ 5,362.77
Mail in	\$ 500.00
Electronic	\$ 1,602.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,464.77

To view complete job descriptions of open positions within the Diocese of Joliet, please visit:
<https://www.diojoliet.org/offices/careers>
 There have been several new positions posted in recent weeks.

**Saturday, February 22, 2025**

8:30am Families of the Terminally Ill

4:30pm † Michael N. Durdil

Sunday, February 23, 2025

8:30am † Matteo Del Cotto

† Jack Nelson

Parishioners of MQH

10:30am † Jim Morby

Monday, February 24, 2025

8:30am Communion Service

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

8:30am † Fred Cafasso

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

8:30am Those Living with a Disability

Thursday, February 27, 2025

8:30am Marriages in Need of Help

Friday, February 28, 2025

8:30am For Someone with Cancer

Saturday, March 1, 2025

8:30am † Lorraine Olsen

4:30pm † David Grunwald

Sunday, March 2, 2025

8:30am † William Wrobel

Parishioners of MQH

10:30am † Anna Frank

† 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! Please visit our office or website for information on how to register.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 1st & Sunday, March 2nd

LECTORS**SATURDAY**
4:30pm

B. Dunn

SUNDAY
8:30am

M. Pretlow

SUNDAY
10:30am

M. Reed

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**SATURDAY**
4:30pm

Deacon Tim

T. Sabel—C

E. Ruizol

SUNDAY
8:30am

Deacon Alex

M. Grozik - C

A. Locascio

SUNDAY
10:30am

Deacon Alex

D. Reed - C

C. Gillie

D. Justus

J. Los

P. Los

C-indicates the captain

Maria Ubunger
Belinda Sobucki
Brianna



Hunter Zielinski
David
Lynn Suwanski

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.

FORMER PASTOR TO PLUNGE FOR CHARITY

In case you missed last week's bulletin insert, Fr. Tony Taschetta, the Seventh Pastor of Mary Queen of Heaven will be taking the Polar Plunge into Lake Michigan on March 3rd,

**POLAR
PLUNGE**
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in support of Special Olympics Illinois. Should you wish to support Fr. Tony's bravery - as well his goosebumps - he provided this QR code that can be used to reach his personal fundraising page, where you can donate.



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