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JANUARY 7, 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord



LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 8:30am and 10:30pm

Weekday Masses

Mon: Communion Service 8:30am

Tues to Sat 8:30am

Rosary

Monday to Saturday 8:00 am

Sacraments

Reconciliation-Sat. 9:00am

Baptism

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 12:00pm. Required Baptismal preparation on the 2nd Thursday at 7:00pm. Call Parish Office to register.

Marriage

Please contact the Pastor at least 6 months in advance

Parish Office hours

Mon. to Thurs. 9:00am to 4:00pm

Friday 9:00am to 12:00pm

Pre-school Information

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Website: www.mqhpreschool.org

Religious Education Info

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Email: re@maryqueen.org

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” - Mt 2:2



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A Message from Fr. Sunny

A CHRISTMAS TO REMEMBER...

A blessed Epiphany Sunday to you all, my dear MQH parishioners!

How has your Christmas Season been? I pray that you have been given the opportunity to focus on the most important parts of the Christmas celebration – the part where we contemplated about the love of God and the ways that God blesses us every day in order that we may sustain ourselves in our ministerial responsibilities. I hope you had the chance to have some silence and reflected on all the moments with your heart.

To guide you in your reflection, you can also ask yourselves these questions and answer them prayerfully in an intimate conversation with Jesus:

Where did you find Jesus during the Christmas Season?

Who was the person that made you feel that Jesus was born?

What are the greatest blessings that God has given you this past year 2023? What are you most grateful for?

What gift did you “give” to Jesus for his birthday?

As we come to the final week of the Christmas Season, I want to make sure to thank so many of our parishioners who have volunteered their time, talent, and effort in making the Advent and Christmas seasons of this liturgical year so full of meaning and life. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication while doing your respective tasks in the name of Jesus whom we altogether serve with passion and purpose. As you already realize, everything about our liturgy is the concerted effort of so many, beginning from the lectors and ministers of communion, ushers and greeters, altar servers, singers, and musicians, to the ones who came in various hours to decorate and clean, and water plants, and wash linens. I am so grateful and proud of you all and pray for God to send you His loving consolation.

This year, I have been deeply moved by the outpouring of love, prayer, and support by many of you during my preparation for the polyp surgery on my larynx. I have felt all the love and the prayers. I was even delighted by some specific ways of people showing support, by sending me messages and offering assistance as needed. Right after my surgery, a group of kids under the class of Mr. Tim Trojanek came by the rectory and sang Christmas songs and gave me some baked goodies and told me that they are all praying for me. I was so moved by our young ones’ concrete act of love; my heart was so joyful even though I could not even say a word yet that evening. God has been so good, and you, my dearly beloved parishioners have been so good to me. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

As the Christmas Season ends, please know that the sentiments that I have felt during this year’s Christmas celebrations, even though I was voiceless at the apex of it all, will remain in my spirit to be remembered forever. May the Lord Jesus be enthroned in our hearts, and the joy of this Season become a seed that will grow and flourish into this new year!

With glad tidings and cheers,

Fr. Sunny Castillo

BULLETIN DEADLINES

for January 14, 2024

TUES. 1:00PM 1/9/24

for January 21, 2024

TUES. 1:00PM 1/16/24

CALENDAR

1/6/24 SATURDAY

8:30 am Mass
9:00 am Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass

1/7/24 SUNDAY
EPIPHANY

8:30 am Mass
9:00 am Family Faith K-5
9:30 am OCIA
10:30 am Mass
10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
12:00 pm Baptisms
7:00 pm Speaker

1/8/24 MONDAY

8:15 am Preschool Coffee & Convos
8:30 am Communion Service
6:30 pm Preschool Board Meeting
6:30pm Prayer Group

1/9/24 TUESDAY

8:30 am Mass
9:00 am YOGA
5:30 pm Preschool Open House
7:00 pm EDD Deacon
7:00 pm Choir Practice

1/10/24 WEDNESDAY

8:30 am Mass
9:00 am Coffee & Conversation
3:00 pm Religious Ed Classes

1/11/24 THURSDAY

8:30 am Mass
4:30 pm Preschool Open House
7:00 pm Baptism Prep Class
7:00 pm CCW Events

1/12/24 FRIDAY

8:30 am Mass

1/13/24 SATURDAY

8:30 am Mass
9:00 am Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass

1/14/24 SUNDAY, 2ND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 AM Mass
9:30 am OCIA
10:30 am Mass
10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

PARISH NEWS

Women – Give Yourself a Gift! Women's CRHP Weekend Feb 24-25, 2024

Do you sense that something's missing from your life? Do you feel that if you weren't so busy you would be happier, more fulfilled, healthier, and maybe even a better person? Give yourself a gift.

Prayerfully consider coming the next Women's CRHP Weekend, February 24-25, 2024. Take a break from the craziness of life and connect with other women from the parish. This weekend has changed lives and brings you closer to Jesus and each other. For more information contact Karen Sutkus, Spiritual Director, at 630-935-1153 or kustkus1@comcast.net or Siobhan Nolan, Lay Director, at sbhnolan@yahoo.com, 630-263-4396.



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Come Learn about the Life of St. Isaac Jogues

Thursday, January 18, 2024

6:00 - Potluck Dinner

7:00 pm - Presentation

**Saints Peter and Paul
Catholic Church**

Ministry Center Social Hall
36 N. Ellsworth St., Naperville

Director of Catechesis and Evangelization, Michael Lewandowski, will present on the life of St. Isaac Jogues. Born to a prosperous family in France in 1609, his desire was to bring the Gospel far and wide as a Jesuit missionary. He first ministered among the Hurons in Canada. Fr. Jogues struggled to spread the Gospel in the New World. He bore much suffering and danger, and witnessed terrible torture. However, his zeal and love for souls would eventually bear fruit.

Fr. Jogues returned to France after being captured and tortured by the Mohawks. He eventually left France once more to again minister in the New World, where he was martyred. He was canonized in 1930, along with the seven other North American Martyrs.

**For more information and to RSVP,
please visit sspeterandpaul.net/cloud**

***NAME TAG MASSESgetting to know our
fellow parishioners***

***On the weekend of January 20 & 21, 2024,
name tag stickers and markers will be
provided when entering church. If you
wish to participate, we would love to
learn your first and/or last name!***



FAITH FORMATION NEWS
FROM MARY GLAUDELL, DIRECTOR

“They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” (Matthew 2:10-11)



A dictionary definition of “epiphany” is: “an appearance or manifestation especially of a divine being.”

The Magi, also known as Kings or Wise Men, had an epiphany when they saw the star. They were overjoyed at seeing the infant and did him homage as one would before a King. Do we recognize Jesus as our King and Savior? How do you come before Jesus? What treasures do you bring?

Bring your treasures to Jesus, by taking time to celebrate His manifestation to the world and sharing the true treasure of love with others. Go to our web page for ways your Family can celebrate the Epiphany. Check out our webpage and learn how the Epiphany is celebrated in different cultures: <https://www.mqhelmhurst.org/> (click the Faith Formation tab)

PARISH NEWS



SERRA CLUB
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to the Priesthood and Religious Life.*



Mark Your Calendar
Guests are welcome

RSVP by Jan. 8th to: D. Thurman d21thurman@gmail.com or 630-642-2618
Please Denote any Special Dietary Requirements when RSPVing to D. Thurman above.

Speaker: Rev. David Mowry, S.T.L., DMin., Assistant Professor, Waud Chair of Homiletics, Department of Biblical Studies and Homiletics

DINNER MEETING DETAILS

Thursday, January 11, 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 Celebrant: Fr. David Mowry**
- 7:00 pm - Fellowship in the Social Hall**
- 7:20 pm - Dinner and Welcome**
- 7:30 pm - Start of both in person & Zoom Meeting**
- 8:00 pm - Guest speaker: Fr. David Mowry**

PRESCHOOL NEWS

FROM GENET PINKERTON, DIRECTOR



Mary Queen of Heaven
PRESCHOOL

**REGISTRATION BEGINS IN JANUARY
FOR OUR AMAZING SCHOOL!**



Mary Queen of Heaven Preschool, in partnership with families and with the loving support of our parish community, offers a Child-centered early learning environment.

OUR PROGRAM

We provide an educational experience that honors differences and focuses on strengths and goodness. Children are encouraged to make choices, develop their talents, and understand the role God plays in the world around them. We strive to educate the whole child. Children will be free to play, explore, and imagine in the course of a child-oriented day. Our faith-centered, child-focused, family sensitive preschool, seeks to develop a loving relationship with God and all those around us with love, justice, peace, and service. **All are welcome.**

PROGRAM DETAILS

- * Serving children ages 2-6 yrs. old.
 - o 4's classroom for MWF or M-F 8:15-11:45
 - o 3's classroom for MWF or M-F 8:15-11:45
 - o 2's classroom for T/Th or M/W 8:15-10:15
 - o Afternoon Enrichment 11:45-2:45

2024 Open House Dates and Times

Tue. 1/9, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Thur. 1/11, 4:30pm-6:30pm

Sun. 1/21, 11:30am-1:30pm

REGISTRATION OPENS IN JANUARY!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE! www.mqhpreschool.org for more information

Visit our Facebook, come to an open house, or schedule a tour to learn more about us!

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**What
will
you
do
this
year?**

. "Dear God, Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day. We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year. We ask that you will guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire you above all else. We ask that you will open doors needing to be opened and close the ones needing to be shut tight. We ask that you would help us release our grip on the things to which you've said 'no,' 'not yet,' or 'wait.' We ask for help to pursue you first, above every dream and desire you've put within our hearts." — Debbie McDaniel

PARISH NEWS

The 2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun!

As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2024 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 *For the Glory of God*. 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, but together through the appeal we can do so much more.

Our parish's goal for the 2024 CMAA is \$41,600, and 70 percent 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!

**St. Pius X School is Seeking a Full-Time PE Teacher**

Our St Pius X School is looking for a full-time PE teacher for our K-8 students.

If you have a four-year college degree, we can use you as a substitute until the permanent vacancy is filled.

Interested parties, please contact Mrs. Novak, Principal, at: 630-627-2353.

**Business Manager – St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, Naperville, IL**

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Naperville is seeking to hire a full-time Business Manager. The Business Manager is experienced in accounting and administration to work collaboratively, independently, and direct the work of others. Responsibilities include Accounting/Analytical, Administration, Human Resources, and Technology duties. Qualifications include a Bachelor's Degree. Applicants must have 3 years of experience in accounting and administration roles. The ideal candidate will possess excellent written, oral, and interpersonal communication skills. Must have knowledge of and competency in Microsoft Office software. Must support the mission, philosophy, objectives and policies of the Catholic Church and the Diocese of Joliet. To view a full job description, visit: [The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois](https://www.jolietdiocese.org/). Interested in this wonderful opportunity – please submit your resume and cover letter to jsimmons@stapostle.org



Sunday, January 7, 2024

8:30am † Maria Paz Lansang
 10:30am † Iris S. Maradiaga
 † Raimonda Gagliano

Monday, January 8, 2024

8:30am Communion Service

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

8:30am Parishioners of Mary Queen of Heaven

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

8:30am Homeless & Hungry

Thursday, January 11, 2024

8:30am Priests and Seminarians

Friday, January 12, 2024

8:30am All God's Children

Saturday, January 13, 2024

8:30am Parishioners of Mary Queen of Heaven
 4:30pm Crystal Durdil

Sunday, January 14, 2024

8:30am Priest and Seminarians
 10:30am Gerlando Tamburello

† indicates person is deceased



Bud Rogers, Ann M., Anna M., Anna C., Cindy, Don S.,
 Phil O., Nick M. Sr., Rose M., Mick M. Jr., Rose M.,
 Nick M. Jr., Bill M., Honor of Betty and Dick

All above as requested by Therese Rogers

CMAA PLEDGE REPORT THROUGH 12-24-2023

GOAL	\$ 37,800
PLEGGED	\$ 65,090
PAID	\$ 64,128
BALANCE DUE	\$ 962

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 additional funds received will be returned to the parish for our use.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 13, 2024 & Sunday, January 14, 2024

	SATURDAY 4:30pm	SUNDAY 8:30am	SUNDAY 10:30am
LECTORS	A & D Novar	Michelle Pretlow	Marie McCall
EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	T. Sabel-C B. Dunn K. Vicary	A. Weigel-C J. Dezur	D. Reed-C R. Baguilat D. Justus D. Styka R. Styka
	<i>C-indicates the captain</i>		

READINGS FOR THE WEEK of JANUARY 7, 2024

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

20: Is 60:1-6/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Mt 2:1-11

Monday: The Baptism of the Lord

21: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/ Ps 29 1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9b-10/ Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday:

306: 1 Sm 1:9-20/ (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8/ Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 (305) and 1:9-20 (306)/ Mk 1:14-20 (305) and 1:21-28n(306)

Wednesday:

307: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/ Ps 40:2,5,7-10/ Mk 1:29-39

Thursday:

308: 1 Sm 4:1-11/ Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 25-26/ Mk 1:40-45

Friday:

309: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/ Ps 89:16-19/ Mk 2: 1-12

Saturday: Saint Hilary, Bishop. Doctor of the Church

310: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/ Ps 21:2-7/ Mk 2:13-17

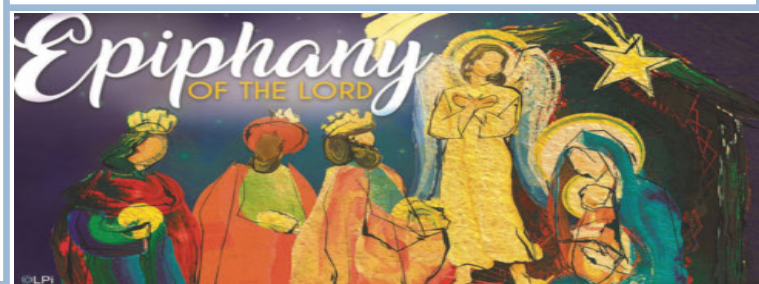


WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT	Sunday	\$ 4729.50
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023	Mail in	\$ 450.00
	Electronic	\$ 2307.50

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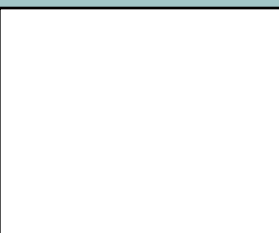
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