



# MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN

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**FEBRUARY 9, 2025**  
**FIFTH 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.*



## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."  
When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything  
and followed him. - Lk 5:10-11

### 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.

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who attended the Mass celebrating my installation as your pastor. Your presence, prayers, and support truly made me feel at home. A special thank you to the liturgy committee for their hard work in preparing a beautiful and reverent celebration, to the choir for

lifting our hearts in song, and to those who served during the Mass and at the reception and who provided the tasty baked desserts. A special thank you to Helen's Deli for providing the delicious Polish food for all. Your generosity and dedication reflect the deep faith and love that make our parish a welcoming community.

I was especially honored to have Bishop Hicks here to celebrate this special Mass with us on such a holy day, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. His presence was a blessing, reminding us of our connection to the universal Church and our shared mission as disciples of Christ. This celebration was not just about welcoming me, but about coming together as a parish family, rooted in faith and ready to continue our journey together. Thank you for making this such a joyful and memorable occasion!

On Saturday, February 8, we had the great joy of welcoming 44 second graders who received their First Reconciliation. Please keep them in your prayers as they experience God's mercy in this beautiful sacrament. Then today, Sunday, February 9, we have a special day of prayer for married couples. Marriage is a sacred vocation, and we ask for God's grace to strengthen and bless all couples in their love and commitment to one another.

In the Gospel of Luke, we hear the familiar yet powerful story of Simon Peter, who, after a long night of fishing, comes to shore with empty nets. He is tired and discouraged when Jesus tells him to go back out into the deep and lower his nets again. At first, Simon Peter hesitates - he doubts that anything will change. Yet, in faith, he obeys, and what happens next is nothing short of miraculous. His nets are filled to the point of breaking, a sign that with Jesus, abundance follows trust.

This Gospel reminds us that we, too, must place our trust in Jesus, even when it seems difficult or when we are discouraged. How often do we, like Simon Peter, feel like our efforts are in vain? But Jesus calls us to deeper faith, to cast our nets once more, even when it doesn't make sense. If we trust Him, He will provide - not always in the ways we expect, but always in the ways we need. Let us ask for the grace to follow His word with confidence, knowing that He will never leave us empty-handed.

Have a blessed week.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Slawek

**CALENDAR**

- 2/8/25 SATURDAY**  
 6:30am That Man Is You (TMIY) in Barrett Hall  
 8:30am Mass  
 9:00am Reconciliation  
 11:00am RE First Reconciliation in Church  
 6:00pm Indian Catholic Community
- 2/9/25 SUNDAY**  
 8:30am Mass  
 8:30am Faith Formation in Barrett Hall  
 9:00am OCIA  
 10:30am Mass
- 2/10/25 MONDAY**  
 8:30am Communion Service  
 8:30am Mom and Tot Play Group  
 3:00pm Girl Scouts Troop  
 6:30pm Mundelein Seminary in Room 1  
 7:00pm Prayer Group in Room 13
- 2/11/25 TUESDAY**  
 8:30am Mass  
 9:00am Gentle Stretch in Room 1
- 2/12/25 WEDNESDAY**  
 8:30am Mass  
 9:00am Coffee and  
 3:00pm Faith Formation in Church, Barrett Hall and School
- 2/13/25 THURSDAY**  
 8:30am Mass  
 7:00pm Council of Catholic Women in Barrett Hall  
 7:00pm Baptism Prep
- 2/14/25 FRIDAY**  
 8:30am Mass
- 2/15/25 SATURDAY**  
 6:30am That Man Is You (TMIY) in Barrett Hall  
 8:30am Mass  
 9:00am Reconciliation  
 9:30am Joyful Again Steering Committee  
 3:00pm RE First Communion Retreat



**INSTALLATION MASS PHOTOS**

Be sure to visit the MQH Website or Facebook page to view a wonderful collage of photos from the recent Liturgical Rite of Installation Mass for Fr. Slawek with Bishop Hicks as the Rite Celebrant.

All in attendance were surely blessed to witness Bishop Hicks present Fr. Slawek to staff, parish council and the faith community, to have Fr. lead the congregation in the Profession of Faith and to hear Fr. recite an oath of fidelity to the teachings and traditions of the Church.

<https://www.mqhelmhurst.org>



**CHRP WOMEN'S WEEKEND REGISTRATION**

**Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) Weekend  
 "The Spirit Within" - 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? Come 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.

**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](mailto:ksutkus1@comcast.net) or

**SAVE THE DATE - FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY**

On Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, the Eucharistic Ministers will be hosting Fellowship in Barrett Hall immediately following the 10:30am Mass.

Everyone is invited to attend!



FAITH FORMATION NEWS - MARY GLAUDELL, DIRECTOR



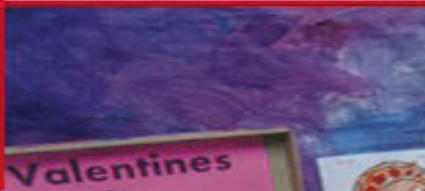
## 2025 Confirmation Retreat

On February 1<sup>st</sup>, Mary Queen of Heaven Confirmation Candidates came together for their retreat preparation towards Confirmation. Our Candidates spent the time learning, growing, praying – and they had some fun along the way. Keep our Candidates in your prayers as they continue their journey in faith.



## PRESCHOOL NEWS - GENÉT PINKERTON, DIRECTOR

The preschool organized a Valentine making event. We celebrate and honor St. Valentine and his works of generosity and compassion. We recognize Catholic schools week with a service event to remind us that we are a community that is rooted in social justice and works of mercy. The cards that the children made will go to a nursing home in Elmhurst and to a group of war veterans. We had children of all ages join us for this engaging and fulfilling event.



If your family would like to add to the collection, you may bring valentine cards to the parish office by Wed. Feb. 5th



## JOYFUL AGAIN! WIDOWED RETREAT/WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITY

If you have been recently widowed and are still struggling with the loss, or if you have been widowed for some time and need something to get you "over the hump" because you seem stuck in one spot, this program is designed to help you move on with life while still treasuring your past and its precious memories.

**Joyful Again!** is for both men and women (all ages) who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and new joy in life.

This unique retreat/workshop will be held at several locations in the next few months. All are welcome!

**What:** 2 Day Overnight Retreat/Workshop for Widowed Men & Women  
**When:** **March 1-2, 2025** – University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, IL  
**April 5-6, 2025** -St. Mary's Retreat House, Lemont, IL  
**June 28-29, 2025** - St. Julie Billiard Parish, Tinley Park, IL (overnight accommodations not available)

For more information on upcoming retreats, visit our website; [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org)  
 call: 708-354-7211 or e-mail us at [joyfulagain7211@gmail.com](mailto:joyfulagain7211@gmail.com)

# Readings Week ©LPI

## THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9, 2025

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a,3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8/1Cor 15:1-11/Lk 5:1-11  
 Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a,5-6,10 and 12, 24 and 35c/Mk 6:53-56  
 Tuesday: Gn 1:20-2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13  
 Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a,27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23  
 Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30  
 Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37  
 Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10



**February 8**  
 Fr. Shaun C. Cieslik  
 Fr. Santiago Corona

**February 9**  
 Fr. William J. Conway

**February 10**  
 Dcn. Arturo Chacon  
 Dcn. Lorenzo Chaidez  
 Dcn. John Chan

**February 11**  
 Dcn. William Ciston  
 Dcn. Raymond Clark  
 Dcn. Gregory Clodi  
 Dcn. Christopher Cochran

**February 12**  
 Sr. Patricia Francis  
 Sr. Linette Howard  
 Sr. Mary Carr OP

**February 13**  
 Linda Andrejek  
 Patricia Haney CON VIRN

*\*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

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

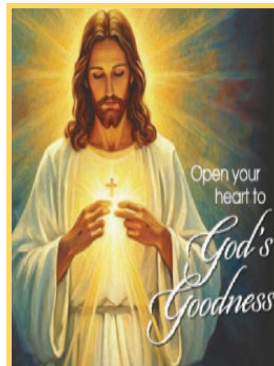
We humbly ask all parishioners to pledge their support for this important effort.

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.

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 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!



### Mary Queen of Heaven Monthly Sunday Giving Collection Analysis

(rounded to nearest \$)

	January	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 20,260	\$ 159,696
Mail in	\$ 3,865	\$ 24,930
WeShare	\$ 20,540	\$ 99,495
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$ 44,665</b>	<b>\$ 284,121</b>
Budget Total	\$ 40,000	\$ 273,000
Over(Under) Budget:	\$ 4,665	\$ 11,121

### Year end 'Tax Statements'

The year end contribution statements were mailed the week of February 2nd, 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 26, 2025

Sunday	\$ 4,090.54
Mail in	\$ 575.00
Electronic	\$ 1,535.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,200.54</b>



To view complete job descriptions of open positions within the Diocese of Joliet, please visit:

<https://www.diojoliet.org/offices/careers>



**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

**Monday, February 10, 2025**

8:30am Communion Service

**Tuesday, February 11, 2025**

8:30am † Jaime Alfaro

**Wednesday, February 12, 2025**

8:30am Belinda Trejo-Sobucki

**Thursday, February 13, 2025**

8:30am For the terminally ill

**Friday, February 14, 2025**

8:30am † Virginia Carlevato

**Saturday, February 15, 2025**

8:30am † Thor Olsen  
4:30pm † David Grunwald

**Sunday, February 16, 2025**

8:30am † Gerlando Tamburello  
Parishioners of MQH  
10:30am † Patricia Gnoffo

† 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 15th & Sunday, February 16th

**LECTORS**

<u>SATURDAY</u> 4:30pm	<u>SUNDAY</u> 8:30am	<u>SUNDAY</u> 10:30am
S. Griffin	M. Grozik	P. Naples

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

<u>SATURDAY</u> 4:30pm	<u>SUNDAY</u> 8:30am	<u>SUNDAY</u> 10:30am
L. Maniola—C	Deacon Alex	Deacon Tim
S. Harrington	J. Eichorst - C	P. Twardowski—C
T. Stockman	W. Woollard	C. Anasco
		R. Baguilet
		D. Styka
		R. Styka

*C-indicates the captain*

Maria Ubunger  
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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