



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN

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Pastor Rev. Sławomir "Sławek" Ignasik

**DECEMBER 15,
2024
THIRD SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**

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.

Third Sunday of **ADVENT**



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 thought many of you would like to see the fruit of your generosity this Advent season. Again, this year the family of Mary Queen of Heaven rose to the occasion and shared with others less fortunate. Over 30 families were helped by your generosity. Additional families were helped by parishioners wishing to remain anonymous who wanted to contribute even more. As a family and church, I am sure it warms your hearts, as it does mine, to know how well we take care of those in need. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for hearing the “cry of the poor,” with your overwhelming response to their needs. I would like to thank Sheila Reiter and her team for coordinating the giving tree and for all of her hard work to segregate all of the gifts for the individual families.

Advent is not about the gifts we receive, but rather it is about who we are and the changes we make. Through the generosity we share with others and the changes we make in ourselves; we manifest Christ in the world. This helps us during this time of preparation to receive the newborn Jesus anew at Christmas.

The Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday, is a time of joy and anticipation as we near the celebration of Christ’s birth. In the Gospel of Luke 3:10-18, John the Baptist provides practical guidance to those preparing for the coming of the Messiah. The crowd, recognizing their need for repentance, asks, “What then shall we do?” John’s response is simple yet profound: share with those in need, act justly, and live a life of integrity. This message reminds us that true repentance is not merely about words but a transformation of our daily actions to reflect God’s love and justice.

John’s responses to the tax collectors and soldiers highlight the universal call to holiness within one’s vocation. He doesn’t ask them to abandon their professions but to practice them ethically and without greed or abuse. This teaches us that no matter our state of life, we are called to live out our faith in concrete ways. Advent challenges us to examine our relationships and responsibilities, ensuring that our actions align with God’s will. By doing so, we prepare our hearts not only for the celebration of Christ’s birth but for His ongoing presence in our lives.

The Gospel concludes with John proclaiming the coming of one “mightier than I,” who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. This anticipates the transformative power of Christ, who purifies and renews us. Gaudete Sunday invites us to rejoice in this promise of salvation and to embrace the joy that comes from living a life oriented toward God. As we light the rose candle, we are reminded that amidst the penitential spirit of Advent, there is a deep and abiding joy in knowing that the Lord is near.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Sławek

CALENDAR

- 12/14/24 SATURDAY**
 8:30am Mass
 9:00am Reconciliation
 9:30am Joyful Again Steering Comm. Mtg.
 4:30pm Mass
 6:00pm Indian Catholic Community
- 12/15/24 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
 8:30am Mass
 9:00am OCIA Room 13
 10:30am Mass
 12:00pm Baptisms
- 12/16/24 MONDAY**
 8:30am Communion Service
 8:30am Mom and Tot Play Group
 3:00pm Brownie Troop
 6:30pm Mundelein Seminary in Room 1
 7:00pm Sort Christmas Food
- 12/17/24 TUESDAY**
 8:30am Mass
 9:00am Yoga Room 1
 6:30pm CRHP Meeting
- 12/18/24 WEDNESDAY**
 8:30am Mass
 3:00pm Faith Formation
- 12/19/24 THURSDAY**
 8:30am Mass
- 12/20/24 FRIDAY**
 8:30am Mass
- 12/21/24 SATURDAY**
 8:30am Mass
 9:00am Reconciliation
 4:30pm Mass
- 12/22/24 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
 8:30am Mass
 10:30am Mass



PARISH NEWS

Christmas Food Drive

Need: Dish soap, laundry soap, shampoo, body wash, paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, canned soup and vegetables, peanut butter and jelly, tuna, stew, rice, a variety of non-perishable items, and \$25.00 Gift cards to grocery stores. **Pick a candy cane from the tree with items you would like to donate. Bring your items back to church or school before noon on Mon. Dec. 16th and food sorting at 7pm.**

Women – Give Yourself a Gift! Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) Women’s Weekend, February 22-23, 2025

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? Gift yourself a gift.

Prayerfully consider coming the next Women’s CRHP Weekend, February 22-23, 2025. 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 Joan Bajda, Lay Director at 630-660-1747 or jlbajda@gmail.com. Registration forms will be available soon.

A NOTE FROM OUR BEREAVEMENT MINISTER**DO YOU WANT TO KNOW...**

If you would like to be included in notifications of funerals and deaths in the parish, please send your email address to Deacon Matt Nowak: businessmanager@maryqueen.org.

Be sure to indicate that you wish to be placed on the list specifically for bereavement notices.

We understand that it is important for people to know about deaths in the parish, and with the inclusion now of so many parishioners from St. Charles Borromeo parish, it is a good time to update our email lists. So, even if you have given your email address when you registered for the parish, or for any other reason, you **MUST** indicate that you wish to be on the list for Bereavement Notices. Thank you, and may you have a blessed Christmas and New Year! (Mary Ann Reed, Bereavement Minister, maryann.reed@icloud.com)

FAITH FORMATION NEWS
MARY GLAUDELL, DIRECTOR

“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.” (Thessalonians 5:16-18)

In this third week of Advent, we rejoice as Christmas draws near and we celebrate the birth of our savior Jesus. I want to thank all our families that have participated in our parish service and giving opportunities this Advent: The Giving Tree, the Food Drive, and the Marillac House Toy Drive. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Reminder: No Faith Formation from December 25th through January 1st.



PARISH NEWS



Coat Exchange was AMAZING!
Thank you so much.

The Clothing Center, located in the First Church United Methodist Church of Elmhurst.



<https://umcelmhurst.org/serve/local-missions/clothing-center-at-first-church/they>

We donated 39 Adult coats; 30 children’s coats; 23 toddler and infant coats; 10 snow pants; 52 hats; 10 scarves; 26 pair mittens or gloves; and 8 pairs of boots. The folks at the donation center were very grateful for the huge donation and the variety of items.

SACRAMENT ANNOUNCEMENT



Bianca Faith Banuelos
Daughter of
Noel and Christina (Guzman)
Banuelos

Frederick Thomas McWherter
Son of
Matthew and Priscilla (Banuelos)
McWherter

PRESCHOOL NEWS
GENÉT 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
 Enrichment option for 3's and 4's 11:45-2:45

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2's Program:

- 2 or 4 mornings available.
- We help your kids become bathroom independent.

Registration for Fall 2025-26
 begins Jan. 2025

3's Program:

- We meet the learning benchmarks while maintaining a play-based environment.

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 play, academics, arts, and religion.
- Specific activities designed to develop physical and social skills.
- All are welcome at Mary Queen of Heaven.

Open House Dates:

Sunday Jan. 12th 11:30am-3:30pm

Tuesday Jan. 14th 4:30 - 6:30pm

To learn more about our parish community, visit www.mqhelmhurst.org



*"Free to play, explore,
 and imagine."*

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Readings of the Week CLP

FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 15, 2024

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Prayer REQUESTS

Rolando Padillo
 Herminia Cagalpin
 Erlinda T. Sarvida
 Olympia G. Sarvida
 Antero Sarvida
 Peter & Martha Wabol
 Jean & Hank Schousen
 Eugene M. Godawa Sr.
 Rose Brogen
 Karl Schmidt

Dent Joyce
 Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Moore
 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Moore
 Mollie Ferrari
 Philip Ferrari
 John Ferrari
 William Kulpacka
 James Inandiro
 Nick DePaul
 Wally Bassi
 Pete Loutous
 Carl & Marie Kandlbinder

M. E. Wilson
 Alex & Lillian Karp
 Grocke Family
 Nasca Family
 Clyde Todd
 Daniel White
 Brigid White
 Patrick White
 Aileen White
 Al Fuchsen
 Betty Wozniak
 Ray Wozniak
 Edna Wozniak
 Rose Bier



December 15
 Sister Patricia Skowronski OSF
 Sister Rose Marie Surwilo OSF

December 16
 Father Thomas Logue

December 17
 Pope Francis

December 18
 Deacon Joseph Urso
 Deacon Glenn Vanek
 Deacon Joseph Verdico
 Deacon Herbert Waldron

December 19
 Seminarian Chris Oyoo Otieno

December 20
 Deacon Randy Waring
 Deacon Charles Woods
 Deacon Robert Wallace

December 21
 Sister Helen Vahling OSF
 Sister Rita Vahling OSF

UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

Monday, December 16 - Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Aurora
Tuesday, December 17 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Ashkum

Thursday, December 19
 St. Philip Parish, Addison

Friday, December 20
 St. Joseph Parish, Addison

2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal:

Thank you, everyone who has helped make the 2024 CMAA as successful as it has been this year. As you can tell from this week's report, we have exceeded our goal. Not only has the parish met its goal every year since at least 2016; this is the fourth consecutive year where the rebate has increased from the prior year. It is truly a blessing.

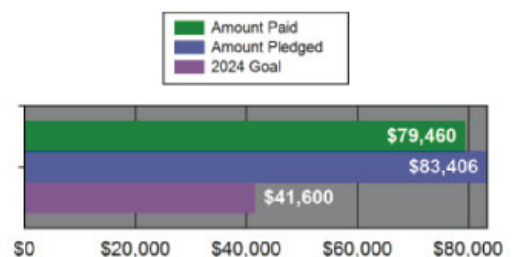
Wishing everyone a happy, safe, and blessed Christmas Season. Matt Novak



CMAA Report By Parish

2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal through 12/1/2024

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	\$83,406	\$64,577	\$18,829	\$66,134
Amount Paid	\$79,460	\$63,376	\$16,085	\$65,772
Balance Due	\$3,945	\$1,201	\$2,744	\$362
Donor Count	210	179	31	183
2024 Rebate	\$26,502			





Saturday, December 14, 2024

- 8:30am Mary Agnes Hesselburth
† Jesus Villanueva
- 4:30pm † Marcelina Bitancor
† Apolinario Abad
† Marcela Abad
† Nemesia Ruizol
† Corazon Saloman

Sunday, December 15, 2024

- 8:30am For the Parishioners of MQH
Joe Wichgers
- 10:30am Gerlando Tamburello

Monday, December 16, 2024

- 8:30am Communion Service

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

- 8:30am Ann & John McNamera

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

- 8:30am † Aurora Calderon
† Marta Calderon
† Ana Calderon
† Hilario Calderon

Thursday, December 19, 2024

- 8:30am † Rita Walz

Friday, December 20, 2024

- 8:30am Eddie & Kay O'Connor

Saturday, December 21, 2024

- 8:30am Ruben
- 4:30pm † Ronald Nasti

Sunday, December 22, 2024

- 8:30am For the Parishioners of MQH
† Mary Stanko
- 10:30am † Ronald H. Stefani Sr.

† indicates person is deceased



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 21 & Sunday, December 22

LECTORS

<u>SATURDAY</u> 4:30pm	<u>SUNDAY</u> 8:30am	<u>SUNDAY</u> 10:30am
Dan Harrington	Michelle Pretlow	Phil Reynertson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

<u>SATURDAY</u> 4:30pm	<u>SUNDAY</u> 8:30am	<u>SUNDAY</u> 10:30am
T. Sabel-C	Deacon Tim	Deacon Alex
B. Dunn	M. Grozik-C	P. Twardowski-C
E. Ruizol	A. Locascio	D. Justus
		J. Los
		P. Los
		G. Pozen

C-indicates the captain

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

To view complete job descriptions of open positions within the Diocese and contact information, please visit: The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois.



Sponsor a Needy Individual or Family for Christmas

Catholic Charities is offering you the opportunity to help their clients at Christmas this year. The Gift of Christmas is an annual program that fulfills wish lists for individuals and families served by Catholic Charities.

Read stories about clients and choose who you would like to help this Christmas. Or, if you prefer, you can direct your donation to an individual or family who hasn't been chosen yet.

Donating is simple: visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org and click on "donate." Or, call 815-724-1140 to make your donation over the phone. To send a check, please note "Gift of Christmas" in the memo and send checks to:

Catholic Charities 16555 Weber Rd. Crest Hill, IL 60403

If you have any questions, please call 815-724-1140 or email msnow@cc-doj.org. Thank you, and God bless you! Merry Christmas!

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 by calling 630-279-5700 if you would like to add a name to our ongoing prayer list for our active duty loved ones.

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