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DECEMBER 10, 2023

2ND SUNDAY OF

ADVENT



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 Thurs 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

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A Message from Fr. Sunny**PREPARE THE WAY OF JESUS:*****Healing and Renewal through Holy Confession***

During the Advent Season, we hear one of the most important prophetic messages of all time: BE PREPARED! Prepare, for at an hour you don't know the Son of Man will come (Matthew 24:44). Prepare, because the end will come like a thief in the night (1 Thessalonians 5:2). Prepare because Jesus will come again in His glory!

If an angel of God suddenly blows a trumpet into the earth and announces that there is just one hour left before the parousia, (the Second Coming at end of the world), will you be prepared? Will you panic and discontinue what you are doing and run to the closest church? A saint said, "I will go on ahead with my day's plans... Jesus is my Lord and Saviour. This weekend, as we light the second candle of the advent wreath, we acknowledge the great depth of insight to prepare for Jesus.

Preparing the way of Jesus is a call to self-examination and to give God's mercy a chance to renew and reform us back into His image, which becomes distorted because of sin. How good Jesus is that He commissioned His apostles to be instruments of divine forgiveness. How convenient and accessible Jesus has made His divine mercy through the confession of sins in church. That is why I am always puzzled why many people wait so long to go to the sacrament of reconciliation and even many years to return to it. In the previous years, when the priests of our deanery would offer the Deanery Advent Reconciliation, I would hear confessions of people who have never been to confession for as long as ten years or twenty years. Over the years, I remember hearing the confession of someone whose previous confession was sixty-one years ago. I pray that this year, especially because our Deanery Advent Confessions will be held here at Mary Queen of Heaven on December 16, from 9:00 in the morning to 3:00 in the afternoon, our parishioners will take advantage of the grace that the sacrament of forgiveness offers. There is no better way to prepare for the coming of Jesus.

Let me finish this article with a prayer written by the great 18th Century Saint Alphonsus Liguori, one of the doctors of the Church:

O my God, help me to make a good confession. Mary, my dearest Mother, pray to Jesus for me. Help me to examine my conscience, enable me to obtain true sorrow for my sins, and beg for me the grace rather to die than to offend God again. Lord Jesus, light of our souls, who enlightens every man coming into this world, enlighten my conscience and my heart by Thy Holy Spirit, so that I may perceive all that is displeasing to Thy divine majesty and may expiate it by humble confession, true contrition, and sincere repentance. Amen.

In the spirit of Advent,

Fr. Sunny Castillo

BULLETIN DEADLINES**for December 17, 2023****TUES. 4:00PM 12/9/23****for December 24, 2023****TUES. 4:00PM 12/13/23**

CALENDAR


12/10 2nd Sunday of Advent	
8:30 am	Mass
	Little Bethlehem Arts
	Christmas Food Drive
	Giving Tree
9:00 am	Family Faith
9:30 am	O CIA
10:30 am	Mass
	Children's Liturgy of the Word
12/11	
8:30 am	Communion Service
6:30 pm	Prayer Group
7:00 pm	SVDP Food & Giving Tree Sorting
12/12	
8:15 am	Preschool Coffee & Con- vos
8:30 am	Mass
9:00 am	Yoga
7:00 pm	Choir Practice
12/13	
8:30 am	Mass
9:00 am	Coffee and ...
3:00 pm	Religious Ed Classes
12/14	
8:30 am	Mass
6:00 pm	Parish Pastoral Council
7:00 pm	Baptism Prep Class
12/15	
8:30 am	Mass
4:00 pm	Community Wedding
7:00 pm	SVDP Food & Gift Pick Up
12/16	
6:30 am	That Man Is You Barrett Hall
8:30 am	Mass
9:00 am	Reconciliation
9:00 am—4:00 pm	Confession
4:30 pm	Mass
12/17 3rd Sunday of Advent	
8:30 am	Mass
9:30 am	O CIA
10:30 am	Mass
	Children's Liturgy of the World
12:00 pm	Baptisms
4:00 pm	Simbang Gabi

PARISH NEWS



On Monday, December 11, 2023, the diocese will celebrate the Opening Liturgy for the 75th Anniversary at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus. Ten bishops are expected to be in attendance for this special liturgy, which will begin with 5:15 p.m. performances by three choirs (Vietnamese, Polish and African American) ahead of the 6 p.m. Mass. The universal prayers will be read in seven languages, and a custom 75th Anniversary Psalm and Prayer will be incorporated into the liturgy. The Mass will be livestreamed starting at 5:15 p.m. from the Diocese of Joliet's YouTube channel.

The livestream link is here: <https://youtube.com/live/kFavZcqnDBM>

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FAITH FORMATION NEWS
FROM MARY GLAUDEL, DIRECTOR



Marillac House Toy Drive!

“Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.” (Psalm 85:8)

As we seek the Lord’s kindness and await His salvation, let us show kindness to others. Faith Formation is sponsoring our annual Marillac House Toy Drive. Marillac House of Chicago is part of St. Vincent DePaul serving those in need. They need new, unwrapped toys for their families this Christmas. **Please send your donation for Marillac House with your child to class or drop it off in the designated bin in Mary’s Gathering Space by December 14th.** Thank you in advance for your generosity as we show our love for one another and for Christ.

PARISH NEWS

Dear Friends,

As we begin this season of Advent, we are invited by the Lord to prepare our hearts to receive Him more fully this Christmas. One of the gifts I’m asking from the Lord is an increase in vocations to the priesthood from our diocesan parishes. Please join me in asking Jesus to prepare the hearts of many young men to respond to the Father’s call in their life. To help them on their journey, the Vocations Office is sponsoring a 1-day retreat (December 28th) for Men Seeking Holiness (18+).

To help you prepare for a great Advent, please listen to Father Steven on the Rooted in the Really Real podcast at rootedinthereallyreal.com. Episode 58.

Thank you and God bless you and your families this Advent season!

Sincerely,

Fr. Steven Borello



PRESCHOOL NEWS

FROM GENET PINKERTON, DIRECTOR



REGISTRATION BEGINS IN JANUARY FOR OUR AMAZING SCHOOL!

OUR MISSION

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 gifts of each child. Children are encouraged to make choices, develop their talents, and understand the role God plays in the world around them. Kids are free to play, explore, and imagine in our child-focused and family sensitive environment that develops caring relationships with all those around us with love, justice, peace, and service.

All are welcome.



PROGRAM DETAILS

Serving children ages 2-5 yrs. old.

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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



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*Testimonials *Registration *Program descriptions

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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

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PARISH NEWS



Mary Queen of Heaven welcomed on
December 3, 2023

Finnegan James St. Lawrence

Nicholas and Mary Kate (McGunn) St. Lawrence



The Christmas Food Drive will be held the weekends of December 2nd and 3rd and December 9th and 10th. We have 15 Needy Families that we have adopted. **Please remember the deadline for donations is Sunday, December 10th.**

We will be sorting the Food Donations on Monday evening, December 11th at 7:00 p.m. and we would appreciate it if you have an hour or so to help us. If you have any questions, please contact Sheila **Reiter (630-833-6657)** or **Phylis Twardowski (630-279-6239)**.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Our Christmas Giving Tree will be decorated with ornaments for the 15 Needy Families we have adopted. The deadline for returning the gifts for the 15 families, The Elmhurst Extended Care Nursing Home and the Grove Nursing Home is the weekend of **December 9th and 10th**. Sharing our blessings with others has been unique to Mary Queen of Heaven Parish for over 40 years and our parishioners generosity is beyond. If you have any questions regarding the ornament you choose, please feel free to contact **Sheila at 630-833-6657**.

Faith Formation Administrative Assistant - St. Isidore Parish, Bloomindale, IL

St. Isidore Parish is seeking a part-time Faith Formation Administrative Assistant. The FF Administrative Assistant will provide support to the Religious Education Director and CYM Coordinators. Responsibilities include but are not limited to: Responding to telephone inquiries, computer, and Copier work. **This individual must support the mission, philosophy, objectives and policies of the Catholic Church and the Diocese of Joliet.** To view a complete job description, visit: [The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org). If interested in this amazing opportunity, please submit resume to llong@stisidoreparish.org



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 10, 2023

8:30am Parishioners of Mary Queen of Heaven
 10:30am † Gerlando Tamburello

Monday, December 11, 2023

8:30am Communion Service

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

8:30am Nora & Pablo Fortuna, Wedding Anniv.

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

8:30am Nora Burke

Thursday, December 14, 2023

8:30am Priests and Seminarians

Friday, December 15, 2023

8:30am † Frances Chiarchiavo

Saturday, December 16, 2023

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

Sunday, December 17, 2023

8:30am † HiLario & Aurora Caldaron
 10:30am Parishioners of Mary Queen of Heaven
 † Frances Schidt

Prayer REQUESTS

Tina Cappilupo	Carl Kandlbender
Alexandra Barcal	Marie Kandlbender
Patrick Mooney	Rolf Schick
Paul Cain	Jutta Schick
Anthony DiVito	Bryan Cain
Anne Marie Carney	

CMAA PLEDGE REPORT THROUGH 11-26-2023

GOAL	\$ 37,800
PLEDGED	\$ 64,294
PAID	\$ 62,917
BALANCE DUE	\$ 1,376

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, December 16, 2023— — — Sunday, December 17, 2023

	SATURDAY 4:30pm	SUNDAY 8:30am	SUNDAY 10:30am
LECTORS	Ellen Walker	Ken Sutkus	Marie McCall
EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	L. Maniola (C.) T. Sabel K. Vicary	M. Nolan J. Eichorst	C. Carambot C. Gillie G. Pozen D. Reed

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2023

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11 / Ps 85:9-14 / 2 Pt 3:8-14 / Mk 1:1-8

Monday: Saint Damasus I, Pope

Is 35:1-10 / Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:4-17 / Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Saint Lucy, Virgin, Matyr

Is 40:25-31 / Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Saint John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church

Is 41:13-20 / Mt 11:11-15

Friday:

Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19

Saturday:

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 / Mt 17:9a, 10-13

PARISH SUPPORT

WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT	Sunday	\$ 4,897.00
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023	Mail in	\$ 450.00
	Electronic	\$ 2,807.50
	TOTAL	\$ 8,154.50

WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT	Sunday	\$ 5,953.00
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023	Mail in	\$ 385.00
	Electronic	\$ 5,907.50
	TOTAL	\$ 12,245.50

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