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November 5, 2023

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time



Liturgy Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

Weekday Schedule

Tues. thru Sat.: Mass

Mon.: Communion Service

All at 8:30 AM

Rosary

Monday through Saturday: 8:00 AM

Sacraments

Reconciliation - Saturday 9:00 AM

Baptism

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 12:00 PM

Required Baptismal preparation on the 2nd Thurs. at 7:00 PM.

Call Parish Office to register.

Marriage


Please contact the Pastor at least 6 months in advance.


Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday

9:00 AM — 2:00 PM


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31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“As for you, do not be called ‘Rabbi.’ You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called ‘Master’; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant.” - Mt 23:8-11

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VOCATIONS WEEK

When we were born, God already had a plan for us. God had a purpose. God had a vision of what He wanted us to be. That Divine plan, purpose, and vision is our vocation. From the word “vocare”, which means “to call,” we celebrate Vocations Sunday to celebrate what God has intended for us, our calling that God wanted us to respond to.

WHAT IS YOUR CALLING? Every human being is called to be holy, that is our universal vocation. We do this by conforming our will with God’s will. We are sanctified when we cooperate with the workings of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The Holy Spirit guides us to the fulfillment of our vocation.

DO YOU WANT TO ANSWER GOD’S CALL? OF COURSE! There has to be no better way than God’s way. It is a no-brainer to want to do what God wants. Our Divine Purpose is envisioned by God at the beginning of our life, but such is a gift, a proposition to our human freedom. In the end, God who is all powerful is not going to insist His plan if we do not desire it. How incredible to think of such a loving God who respects our freedom. Whatever choice we make, beyond His original plan, God can fully adjust and pave the way to a meaningful life, by infusing grace within the environment of our own choices. Just like a GPS, God has the power and knowledge to be able to “recalculate” a different path for us, one that can still lead to a meaningful and abundant, holy life. At the same time, God will also hold us responsible, and maybe even accountable.

LET US PRAY THAT WE MAY ALL RESPOND TO GOD’S CALL. This weekend is Vocations Sunday. Let us pray together that as God has called many to serve Him and His Church. So many will indeed hear the call and respond well and generously. The three vocations are: marriage, single blessedness, and consecrated life. If we all live as we have been called, there would not be a crisis in the family, in the priestly vocation and in lay ministry. Here at Mary Queen, let us encourage one another to live our vocations well. Let us also guide our youth to discern well what God wants them to do with their lives. I encourage you to have a lively conversation with your family about the Will of God and God’s call. I also ask you to pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, diaconate and lay ministry.

*And perhaps, we can pray together the radically beautiful *Sucipe Prayer*, attributed to St. Ignatius of Loyola: “Take Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all that I have and possess. Thou hast given all to me. To Thee, O lord, I return it. All is Thine, dispose of it wholly according to Thy will. Give me Thy love and thy grace, for this is sufficient for me. Amen.”*

Prayers and blessings,
Fr. Sunny Castillo

BULLETIN DEADLINES

November 12th

TUES. NOVEMBER 7TH

November 19th

TUES. NOVEMBER 14TH

at 4:00 pm

CALENDAR

11/5 Sunday**31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 8:30 AM Mass
Thanksgiving Food Drive
- 9:00 AM Family Faith
- 9:30 AM OCIA
- 10:30 AM Mass
Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 3:00 PM Eucharist Revival

11/6 Monday

- 8:30 AM Communion Service
- 3:00 PM Girl Scouts
- 6:30 PM Preschool Board Meeting
Prayer Group

11/7 Tuesday

- 8:30 AM Mass
- 9:00 AM Yoga
- 3:15 PM Girl Scouts (Daisies)
- 6:30 PM CRHP
- 7:00 PM Choir Practice
- 7:00 PM EDD Deacons

11/8 Wednesday

- 8:30 AM Mass
- 9:00 AM Coffee and...
- 3:00-8:00 PM RE Classes

11/9 Thursday

- 8:30 AM Mass
- 6:30 PM Liturgy Committee
- 7:00 PM Baptism P:rep Class

11/10 Friday

- 8:30 AM Mass

11/11 Saturday

- 6:30 AM TMIY in Barrett Hall
- 8:30 AM Mass
- 9:00 AM Reconciliation
- 10:00 AM Joyful Again
- 4:30 PM Mass
Thanksgiving Food Drive

11/12 Sunday

- 8:30 AM Mass
Thanksgiving Food Drive
- 9:00 AM Family Faith
- 9:30 AM OCIA
- 10:30 AM Mass
Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 2:00 PM Music Ministry Practice
- 3:00 PM El Shaddai Charismatic

PARISH NEWS

**November 2023
NOVENA OF GRACE**

From November 25 through December 3, members of our diocese will have the opportunity to participate in a novena of prayer to St. Francis Xavier, our patron saint.



Scan the QR code or visit the website for daily prayers and reflections.
diojoliet.org/75th

Day 1

"May our Lord increase the days of [your] life for many years, and may he grant you to feel, in this present life, his most holy will and the spiritual strength to fulfill it, so that you do and accomplish that which, at the hour of your death, you will wish to have done."

Letter to King John III of Portugal from Matteo in Malacca 23rd June 1548

Reflection

- What are the things in my life of which I am most proud?
- Which of these things will I be most pleased to place before God at the close of my life?
- What do I need to do more of, or less of, if I am to present my best self to God my Lord?

Prayer

Lord,
each day you give me new life,
new graces,
new opportunities to feel your presence.
Give me the gift of attentiveness
to notice you in the people
and your creation
which surround my life,
that I may grow in faith,
and hope,
and love.
Amen.



Come to the Vineyard

Sunday 11/5/23
3-5:15 pm

The Spirituality of Wine

An ongoing search for depths of meaning and significance...
A quest for a higher quality of life than mere existence...
With wine, the delight is often found in the search itself.



Get your Heine* in gear and explore your German heritage (even if you're not German!). The Elmhurst Harmonie, a German-language choir in Elmhurst, is preparing for its Christmas programs on Dec. 3 and 10. "A Visit from St. Nikolaus." Here's your chance for short-term participation in a community choir, sing Christmas music (in German and English), and present a fun program for children, families and people of all ages. The choir rehearses on Monday evenings at 6:30 at the Elmhurst Elks, 711 W. St. Charles Rd. For more information, call 630-916-8387. (*1. Heinrich Heine, 1797-1856, German writer and poet; 2. An affectionate nickname for friends with German ancestry.)

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

FROM MARY GLAUDELL, DIRECTOR

"The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." (Matthew 23:11-12)

November Faith Formation: Faith Formation is all about blending instruction in faith with faith in action. Check out what's on the calendar for us this November.



November 5th to 12th: All Faith Formation children participate in Saint activities, with our Confirmation Candidates presenting a full report.

November 18th: Our Wednesday Faith Formation will pray the Litany of Saints. We will ask the Saints to intercede for us for world peace.

November 24th at 2pm: Faith Formation's Family Day of Service at Feed My Starving Children. *If you would like to join us, contact the Faith Formation office. re@maryqueen.org or 630-832-8962*

PARISH NEWS

2023 Advent Retreat Series

The Perfect Gift – What's the Cost?



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For more information about our programming, please contact Susan Amann:

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Busy Person's Retreat

Individually scheduled

Stations of the Crib – Evening of Reflection

December 6, 2023

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

Online Retreat:

1st Session: December 2

2nd Session: December 9

3rd Session: December 16

4th Session: December 23

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Via Zoom

Weekend Retreat:

November 24-26, 2023

OR

December 1-3, 2023

7:00 p.m. Friday - 1:00 p.m. Sunday

At Nazareth Spirituality Center

717 N. Batavia Ave

Batavia, IL 60510

One-Day Retreat:

December 3, 2023

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

At One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center

2041 W. State Route 113

Kankakee, IL 60901

Advent Gospel Film Series

December 3, 10, & 17

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

PRESCHOOL NEWS

FROM GENET PINKERTON, DIRECTOR

Our Halloween Celebration was a howling good time for our students. A Great Pumpkin thank you to our fabulous parent volunteer and to our amazing teachers; they all helped to make a perfect event for the kids. The costume parade and trunk or treating was spooktacular on the cold and snowy day we had this year. Everyone had a wonderful time; God is good to us!



Dancing



Trunk or Treating



Games



Crafts



Reading



Spider snack

PARISH NEWS

All Souls' Day at Catholic Charities

All Souls' Day is a time to send special prayers for those who are no longer with us. At Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, we dedicate the month of November to remembering those we have lost.

Please consider honoring the spirit of a loved one (or the memory of a Catholic Charities client who has passed) by making a gift to Catholic Charities in their memory this month.

Your donation will help individuals and families who are living in poverty build a future of self-sufficiency and dignity. Your gift will help those who face homelessness, hunger, despair, and loneliness. What a beautiful gesture to honor the legacy of someone who has passed.

When you make your gift to Catholic Charities, please include the name of someone for whom you would like a prayer said this All Souls' Day.

To donate, visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org, call 815-724-1140 or send a check to Catholic Charities at 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, IL 60403 (please note "All Souls" in the memo).

Support our future priests through the "I Will Give You Shepherds" campaign

Priests are essential to our Catholic faith, as only these holy men can transform bread and wine into the life-giving Body and Blood of Christ. Although the number of priests has been on the decline for decades, the Diocese of Joliet has been blessed with an abundance of vocations to the priesthood.

Currently, our diocese has 21 men in seminary formation, which costs \$52,250 a year per seminarian. To ensure we are always able to support our seminarians both prayerfully and financially, the Diocese of Joliet has launched the I Will Give You Shepherds campaign.

At Masses next weekend, our parish will take up a second collection for this campaign. Gifts will be invested in an endowment designated specifically for seminarian education.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this second collection. To learn more about this campaign, or to make a gift online, please go to <https://www.givecentral.org/Seminarian-Education-Endowment-Trust>.

Catholic Charities' Anger Management Group

Catholic Charities' Counseling Services presents a new virtual group series for men and women, Anger Management. This group will help you learn to recognize the signs of anger and ways to maintain control. You will start to identify triggers and resolve them calmly. Instead of suppressing your rage, you will gain strategies for expressing your anger in a controlled, constructive way.

The program starts on November 20th, 2023 and meets virtually each Monday at 5:30PM.

Go to catholiccharitiesjoliet.org or call 815-723-0331 to register.

Questions? Email counselingreferrals@cc-doj.org.

Please note: This program is not intended for court, legal, probation, parole, and employment requirements.



Sunday, November 5, 2023

8:30 AM † Gerald Wilkes
 10:30 AM † Phil Greco
 † Michael Micaletti
 † Leonardo Gagliano

Monday, November 6, 2023

8:30 AM Communion Service

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

8:30 AM † Tony Mancuso

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

8:30 AM Parishioners of Mary Queen

Thursday, November 9, 2023

8:30 AM Priests and Seminarians

Friday, November 10, 2023

8:30 AM Parishioners of Mary Queen

Saturday, November 11, 2023

8:30 AM † John Sima

4:30 PM † Lucille Korte

Sunday, November 12, 2023

8:30 AM † Annette Turkotte

10:30 AM † Gerlando Tamburello

† Bernarda Terrado

† indicates person is deceased

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FELLOW PARISHIONERS

Tina Cappilupo
 Alexandra Barcal
 Julie Villarreal

Please call the Parish Office to add a name to our Parish Prayer List. Names will appear for one month, 3 months for chronic illness.

CMAA PLEDGE REPORT 10/29/2023

Goal:	\$ 37,800	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.
Pledged:	\$ 62,612	
Paid:	\$ 59,937	
Balance Due:	\$ 2,675	

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE
 Saturday, November 11/ Sunday, November 12**

	Saturday	Sunday	Sunday
	4:30	8:30	10:30
Lector	E. Walker	M. Pretlow	P. Naples
Eucharistic Ministers	B. Lawlor (C) K. Passarelli T. Sabel	A. Weigel J. Weigel	K. Carambot G. Nieves M. Nieves D. Reed M. Reed

Readings for the Week of November 5, 2023

Sunday: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10 / Ps 131:1-3
 Thes 2:7b-9 / Mt 22:1-12

Monday:

Rom 11:29-36 / Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36 / Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday:

Rom 12:5-16b / Ps 131:1cde, 2-3
 Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday:

Rom 13:8-10 / Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 / Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 / Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 / Jn 2:13-22

Friday: St. Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church

Rom 15:14-21 / Ps 98:1-4 / Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 / Ps 145:2-5, 10-11 / Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Wis 6:12-16 / Ps63:2-8
 1 Thes 4:13-18 / Mt 25:1-13



**WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT:
 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023**

Sunday	\$ 4,826.50
Cash/Mail-in	\$ 1,365.00
Electronic	\$ 2,517.50
Total	\$ 8,709.00

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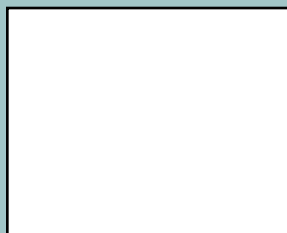
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