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MARCH 2, 2025
EIGHTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

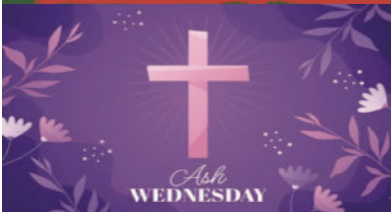
Inspired by the Holy Spirit and nurtured by our sacramental life, Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Church provides a welcoming and inclusive parish home.

We bear witness to the Gospel of Christ through prayer and worship, catechesis and spiritual growth, outreach and social action.



8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit."
- Lk 6:43**



Wednesday, March 5th
Masses With Ashes:
8:30 a.m. ~ 12:00 p.m. ~ 7:00p.m.
Ash Distribution Only:
3:45 p.m. ~ 5:15 p.m.

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

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 BISHOP HICKS - SPECIAL ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For more than 40 years, and in some countries more than 70 years, communism ruled Central and Eastern European countries and the Soviet Union's many republics. The Soviet Union stretched from Eastern Europe across central Asia and beyond to the Pacific Ocean. One of its former republics is Tajikistan, in central Asia. Bordering China to the east and Afghanistan to the south, Tajikistan is today the poorest of the former Soviet republics.

The country's economic challenges—along with a population that today is 98% Muslim—make Tajikistan a true mission country for the Church, because Catholics are few and needs are great. In fact, the Church's presence is so small that the Tajikistan Church is not part of a diocese with its own bishop but is an independent mission of the pope, administered by priests from the Institute of the Incarnate Word, a missionary order from Argentina. Along with the institute's order of sisters, the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará, these priests faithfully serve the pastoral needs of the people through education and accompaniment. Despite its small size and relative poverty, this community has fostered the first two priestly vocations and ordinations of two Tajik men, as well as the religious vocation of a Tajik woman who professed perpetual vows with the sisters.

With critical support from the **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe**, the sisters continue their mission by educating the children and providing them with instruction, school supplies, school uniforms, and the food they need to develop intellectually, spiritually, physically, and socially. Guided by their faith and this material support, the sisters witness to Christ's love while carrying out their works of mercy. You can participate in their success by donating to this special collection when it is taken up in our diocese, either by contributing at Mass or through your parish's e-giving platform. #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds online for the collection.

For more information about the collection and who it supports, visit

www.usccb.org/ccce. Thank you for your help to restore the Church and build the future in Central and Eastern Europe.

With best wishes, I ask God to bless you always.

As I remain – Sincerely yours in Christ,

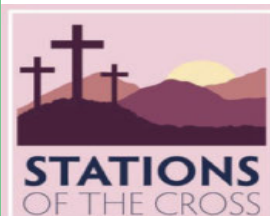
+ Ronald A. Hicks

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks

Bishop of Joliet



**RESTORE THE CHURCH
BUILD THE FUTURE**



Lenten Stations of The Cross at Mary Queen

**Every Friday of Lent there will be Stations of the Cross
held at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Church
Come walk the Way of The Cross**

CALENDAR

3/1/25 SATURDAY
 6:30am That Man Is You (TMIY) in Barrett Hall
 8:30am Mass
 9:00am Reconciliation
 4:30pm Mass
 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal - in pew

3/2/25 SUNDAY
 8:30am Mass
 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal - in pew
 8:30am Faith Formation in Barrett Hall
 9:00am OCIA in Room 13
 10:30am Mass
 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal - in pew
 12:00pm Baptisms
 1:00pm El Shaddai Charismatic in Barrett Hall

3/3/25 MONDAY
 8:30am Communion Service
 3:00pm Girl Scouts Troop
 6:30pm Mundelein Seminary in Room 1
 6:30pm Preschool Board Meeting in Room 11
 7:00pm Prayer Group in Room 13

3/4/25 TUESDAY
 8:30am Mass
 6:30pm CRHP Women in Room 1

3/5/25 WEDNESDAY *Ash Wednesday*
 8:30am Mass - with Ash Service
 12:00pm Mass - with Ash Service
 3:00pm RE Faith Formation
 3:45pm Ash Service in Church
 5:15pm Ash Service in Church
 7:00pm Mass - with Ash Service

3/6/25 THURSDAY
 8:30am Mass

3/7/25 FRIDAY
 8:30am Mass
 9:00am Eucharistic Adoration in Church - 7pm
 Benediction
 1:00pm Stations of the Cross in Church
 7:00pm Stations of the Cross in Church

3/8/25 SATURDAY
 6:30am That Man Is You (TMIY) in Barrett Hall
 8:30am Mass
 9:00am Reconciliation
 3:00pm RE First Communion Retreat
 4:30pm Mass
 KOC Speaker & Membership Drive
 Indian Catholic Community
 6:00pm

3/9/25 SUNDAY
 8:30am Mass
 KOC Speaker & Membership Drive
 9:00am RE First Communion Retreat II
 10:30am Mass
 KOC Speaker & Membership Drive



NEW HYMNALS NEXT SUNDAY



For anyone who, as a St. Charles parishioner may have stored that special blue book dedicated to the memory of someone(s) in your home after the parish closing last year, if you wish to be able to use that book for worship here at MQH, you are welcome to bring it to church and replace a current book with “your” book for use at regular Sunday worship.

To donate a hymnal in memory/honor of a special person, call or stop in the office. They will ask you for the information needed including your phone number. When we have names and donations, stickers will be printed in the office. You can drop off your \$20 donation at the office, or place it in a separate envelope for the Sunday collection. Also, if you wish to keep a red hymnal that you donated, feel free to find it and claim it before March 6th.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - MQH - MARCH 7TH

COME AND ADORE

What draws us to Eucharistic adoration? It is humility of heart, the humility that says, “I need God. I am a creature, and He is my Creator. I do not have to be in charge. I do not even have to use my talents to make this adoration a ‘success’.” Our task is simply to be docile, to receive, to respond, to come before Him, to rest in the silence of His presence. He will do the rest. He will sanctify us.



Please come and spend some time with Him this **First Friday, March 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** The day closes with Benediction at 7:00 p.m. ALL are welcome. To adopt an hour, please leave your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet in the back of church. There is Perpetual Adoration at Visitation parish, 779 S. York Rd..

SAVE THE DATE - FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY



On Sunday, March 16th, the Parish Council and the Council of Catholic Women will be hosting Fellowship in Barrett Hall immediately following the 10:30am Mass. Everyone is invited to attend!

FAITH FORMATION NEWS - MARY GLAUDELL, DIRECTOR

Portillo's for Mardi Gras

Tuesday, March 4th 5-8pm

Faith Formation Fundraiser

Before you begin your Lent fasting, enjoy a meal from Portillo's and support our Faith Formation program. Bring the flyer insert or download from <https://www.mqhelmhurst.org/>



Once again, we are sponsoring the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Program. Now more than ever, it is important that as Catholics we contribute to global efforts to fight hunger. Thanks to the generosity of MQH families, last year we collected nearly \$600 to fight hunger worldwide. **CRS Rice Bowl will available in the back of the church beginning next week.** Donations should be turned in by April 25th. Thank you in advance for your support.

You're invited to a
Portillo's FUNDRAISER

Join us at Portillo's for a fundraiser to support:
Mary Queen of Heaven Faith Formation

When: March 4, 2025 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	at the Portillo's located at: 155 S. Route 83 Elmhurst, IL
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20% of sales will benefit your organization. Order online or in app for pickup using code **PORTILLOS3** before checkout in the "Coupon Code" field, or show this flyer or a digital version to cashier when ordering at the restaurant. Valid on drive thru, pickup, kiosk, and in restaurant orders.

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***SPEAKER ALERT* - SERRA CLUB OF DUPAGE COUNTY DINNER MEETING**



SERRA CLUB of DuPage County

Fostering and Promoting Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life



Event Date: March 10, 2025

Event Location: St. James the Apostle Catholic Church
480 S. Park Blvd, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Speaker: Fr. Sunny Castillo, Singer, Actor, Poet, Blogger & Pastor at St. Michael

Evening Program:

6:00pm—Rosary 6:20pm—Mass 7:00pm—Fellowship (in Social Hall)
7:15pm Dinner 7:45pm Updates from Officers and Announcements
8:00pm—Guest Speaker Presentation and Q&A

RSVP By March 2nd to Joyce Bauer, mrsbb25@gmail.com

Mark Your Calendar—Guests are welcome!



PRESCHOOL NEWS - GENÉT PINKERTON, DIRECTOR

Yoga, we love to do yoga! We have a yoga class once a month for our 3 and 4-year-olds. We incorporate the yoga positions with a story book. The book directly ties into the theme for the month. We begin the year with "I Am Yoga" by Peter Reynolds. This year for Fall and Halloween we did "There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Ghost" by Lucille Colandro. Next for Winter we used "The Snowy Day" by Ezra Keats. Our latest story for Valentine's Day was "Mama, Do You Love Me?" by Barbara Joose.



Yoga, it's good for our minds and our bodies!!



Readings Week GLPI

THE WEEK OF MARCH 3, 2025

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45
 Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 10:17-27
 Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51: 3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13,14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Read, listen to an audio recording or watch a reflection video of the readings for each day by visiting <https://bible.usccb.org/>

You can also sign up to have daily readings sent to your email address.

DONATIONS GLPI

Pledge Your Gift To The CMAA!

This is commitment weekend for the 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal. The appeal is a beautiful way we can put our faith into action by supporting the mission and important ministries of the Diocese of Joliet.

This year's CMAA theme is *Open your heart to God's goodness*. When we care for our brothers and sisters in need, we are answering this call. Through our annual appeal, our parish joins with other parishes in the diocese to enrich the lives of those most vulnerable among us, grow our children in deep faith, and strengthen vocations. We could not foster these and the many other ministries the CMAA supports on our own. This is a diocese-wide effort.

70% of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us, a wonderful re-gifting of sorts, that affords us the opportunity to invest in the needs of our own parish.

Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support our annual appeal and help our parish reach it's \$45,800 goal. To make a gift, complete and return one of the pledge envelopes in church today.

Thank You in advance for your support!



March 1

Br. Charles Gregor
 Br. Peter Hannon
 Br. Thomas Harding
 Br. Thomas Hetland FSC

March 2

Dcn. Michael Fitzpatrick
 Dcn. Anthony Holmes
 Dcn. Andrew Jalove

March 3

Sr. Theresa Fix IHM
 Sr. Monica Allamandola
 Sr. Arlene Ashack IBVM

March 4

Fr. James Dougherty

March 5

Sr. Marietta Brummel
 Sr. Lorna Hays IBVM

March 6

Sr. Ann Hyzy
 Sr. Judy Illig IBVM

March 7

Fr. Stanley Drewniak
 Fr. Robert Duda

March 8

Fr. Thomas Dunn
 Fr. Douglas Hauber

March 9

Dcn. Joseph Cuzzone
 Dcn. Donald Cyr
 Dcn. Joseph Dalpiaz

God's call
 changes plans and
 directions of many
 lives.
 - Bishop Larry Duffy

WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT Week of February 16, 2025

Sunday	\$ 5,449.77
Mail in	\$ 2,755.00
Electronic	\$ 1,205.00
TOTAL	\$ 9,409.77

**Thank You for
 Your Generosity!**

The Knights of Columbus legendary fish fry is back!



Come & enjoy fried or baked cod, clam chowder or shrimp tacos. There is also a Kids Menu.

When: Friday's from March 7th—April 4th

Where: Renaissance Room ~ 537 N. York Rd.

Net proceeds of this event benefit the KOC Wheelchair Mission.



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

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



Saturday, March 1, 2025

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

Sunday, March 2, 2025

8:30am † William Wrobel
 † Bernice Morrison
 Parishioners of MQH
 10:30am † Anna Frank

Monday, March 3, 2025

8:30am Communion Service

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

8:30am † Al Trejo

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

8:30am † James Morby

Thursday, March 6, 2025

8:30am † Rudy and Linda Laso

Friday, March 7, 2025

8:30am † Greg Lentini

Saturday, March 8, 2025

8:30am † Geneva Jones
 4:30pm † Michael Durdil

Sunday, March 2, 2025

8:30am † Greg Lentini
 † Jack Nelson
 † Jean and Greg Nelson
 Parishioners of MQH
 10:30am † James Morby

† 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! Please visit our office or website for information on how to register.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 8th & Sunday, March 9th

LECTORS

<u>SATURDAY</u> 4:30pm	<u>SUNDAY</u> 8:30am	<u>SUNDAY</u> 10:30am
B. Dunn	C. Espinoza	T. Kowalski

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

<u>SATURDAY</u> 4:30pm	<u>SUNDAY</u> 8:30am	<u>SUNDAY</u> 10:30am
K. Passarelli—C T. Stockman B. Dunn	Deacon Tim J. Weigel - C N. Sietsma	Deacon Alex K. Carambot - C R. Baguilet L. Frank M. Grozik G. Pinkerton

C-indicates the captain

Maria Ubunger
 Belinda Sobucki
 Brianna



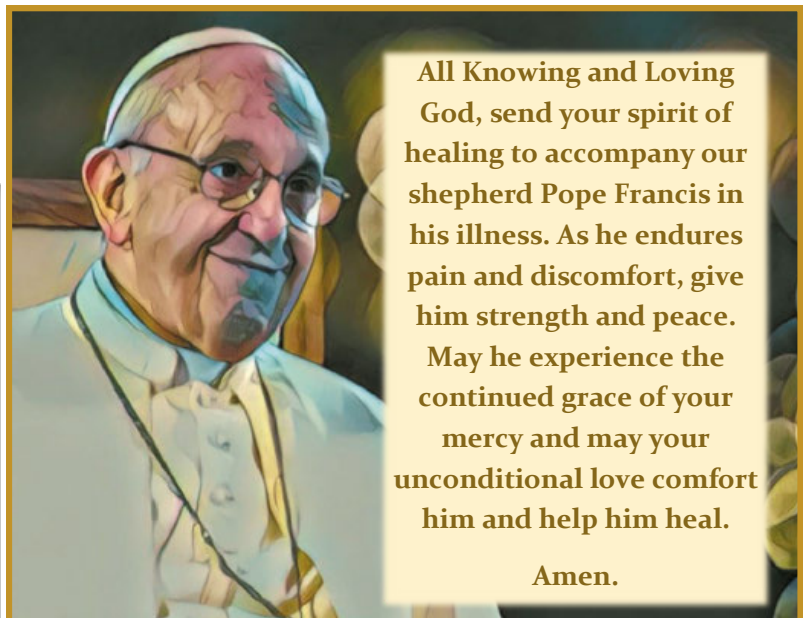
Hunter Zielinski
 David
 Lynn Suwanski

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.



All Knowing and Loving God, send your spirit of healing to accompany our shepherd Pope Francis in his illness. As he endures pain and discomfort, give him strength and peace. May he experience the continued grace of your mercy and may your unconditional love comfort him and help him heal.

Amen.

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