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DECEMBER 31, 2023
THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH



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

Pre-school Information

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THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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A Message from Fr. Sunny

SENTIMENTS IN THE NEW YEAR

Another year has passed... a year that will never ever come back.

Human history is always moving forward. Time is such that we have a beginning and an end. Just consider how the year that just passed began last year, from where we are now, it feels like a whole year is but a blink of an eye. I miss those days of summer in the Philippines when days seemed to go on forever. As an adult and a priest, a day seems to just happen, while moving about from one thing to another. There always seems to be something else to do, and it doesn't stop. Before one knows it, the day is over again, and once the eyes are closed to sleep, time fades away, and a new day begins. It feels weird sometimes to think of how we are all caught in a hurly-burly of things. It goes on and on in circles, this whole waking and sleeping, and waking again, matched with all the chores and to do's of everyday life that we live in the workaday world. Once in a while, we get stumped and awoken to the routine, when something extraordinary happens, be it something recognizably good, or a challenging situation that we need to face.

Perhaps that is the consequence of being human. That we have to live in time, despite the fact that we are made for eternity, that our souls transcend the very limitations imposed upon us by our historicity.

Yes, my dear Mary Queen of Heaven family, when I get into these thoughts about our humanity, I am always opened to the thought of eternity. How beautiful it might be to exist in the fullness of God's presence forever, beholding His utter Godness, but unable to get to the bottom of His Mystery. So this New Year, my prayer is said in the words attributed to the great navigator Sir Francis Drake:

Disturb us, Lord, when we are too pleased with ourselves,
When our dreams have come true, because we dreamed too little,
When we arrived safely, because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord, when with the abundance of things we possess,
we have lost our thirst for the waters of life;
Having fallen in love with life, we have ceased to dream of eternity

And in our efforts to build a new earth,
we have allowed our vision of the new Heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to venture on wilder seas, where storms shall show Thy Mastery.
where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars.

In the name of Him who pushed back the horizons of our hopes
and invited the brave to follow Him.

For a Happy New Year,
Fr. Sunny Castillo

BULLETIN DEADLINES

for January 7, 2024

TUES. 1:00PM 1/2/24

for January 14, 2024

TUES. 1:00PM 1/9/24

CALENDAR

- 12/30/23 Saturday**
- 8:30 am Mass
- 9:00 am Reconciliation
- 4:30 pm Mass
- 12/31/23 New Year's Eve & The Holy Family**
- 8:30 am Mass
- 10:30 am Mass
- 10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 4:30 pm Mass
- 1/1/24 New Year's Day**
- 9:00 am Mass
- 6:30pm Prayer Group
- 1/2/24 Tuesday**
- 8:30 am Mass
- 6:30 pm CRHP
- 7:00 pm Choir Practice
- 1/3/24 Wednesday**
- 8:30 am Mass
- 1/4/24 Thursday**
- 8:30 am Mass
- 6:30 pm Liturgy Committee
- 1/5/24 Friday**
- 8:30 am Mass
- 9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour
- 1/6/24 Saturday**
- 8:30 am Mass
- 9:00 am Reconciliation
- 4:30 pm Mass
- 5:00 pm Choir
- 1/7/24 Epiphany**
- 8:30 am Mass
- 9:00 am Family Faith K-5
- 9:30 am OCIA
- 10:30 am Mass
- 10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 12:00 pm Baptisms
- 7:00 pm Speaker

PARISH NEWS



Mary Queen of Heaven has a new website!!

**Same name;
revised, updated and ready for you to view!!**

www.mqhelmhurst.org

We are also working on getting and keeping all of the social media platforms up to date so you, the parishioner, stay informed at all times!!

Check them out!!

**Facebook:
www.facebook.com/MaryQueenofHeaven**

**Instagram:
www.instagram.com/maryqueenelmhurst/**



**FAITH FORMATION NEWS
FROM MARY GLAUDELL, DIRECTOR**



Today, December 31st, we celebrate the Holy Family – Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Tomorrow, January 1st, we open the new year with the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Through these two days we celebrate family with the Blessed Mary as Christ’s mother and St. Joseph as examples for all of us of the holy love of family. During this Christmas season, let’s take time to celebrate the gift of our own family and give thanks for each other.

Blessings to all our Mary Queen of Heaven families in faith.

“Put on, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience” Colossians 3:12

Reminder:
Family Faith classes resume on January 7th.
Wednesday classes resume on January 10th.

PARISH NEWS

PLEASE NOTE from Mary Queen of Heaven Parish Office

If any parishioner has not received their donation envelopes or wishes to stop receiving donation envelopes, please contact the parish office at 630-279-5700. Please leave your name and telephone number before January 1, 2024 so we can contact the envelope company regarding your requests.....THANK-YOU!



Prayers of the Faithful

For our brothers and sisters in need who benefit from your gifts to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal, that their lives will be enriched, and their burdens lifted.

We pray to the Lord.



PRESCHOOL NEWS

FROM GENET PINKERTON, DIRECTOR




Mary Queen of Heaven
PRESCHOOL
REGISTRATION BEGINS IN JANUARY
FOR OUR AMAZING SCHOOL!



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 goodness. Children are encouraged to make choices, develop their talents, and understand the role God plays in the world around them. We strive to educate the whole child. Children will be free to play, explore, and imagine in the course of a child-oriented day. Our faith-centered, child-focused, family sensitive preschool, seeks to develop a loving relationship with God and all those around us with love, justice, peace, and service. **All are welcome.**

PROGRAM DETAILS

- * Serving children ages 2-6 yrs. old.
 - o 4's classroom for MWF or M-F 8:15-11:45
 - o 3's classroom for MWF or M-F 8:15-11:45
 - o 2's classroom for T/Th or M/W 8:15-10:15
 - o Afternoon Enrichment 11:45-2:45

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

REGISTRATION OPENS IN JANUARY!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE! www.mqhpreschool.org for more information
Visit our Facebook, come to an open house, or schedule a tour to learn more about us!

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PARISH NEWS






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Come Learn about the Life of St. Isaac Jogues

Thursday, January 18, 2024
 6:00 - Potluck Dinner
 7:00 pm - Presentation

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church
 Ministry Center Social Hall
 36 N. Ellsworth St., Naperville

Director of Catechesis and Evangelization, Michael Lewandowski, will present on the life of St. Isaac Jogues. Born to a prosperous family in France in 1609, his desire was to bring the Gospel far and wide as a Jesuit missionary. He first ministered among the Hurons in Canada. Fr. Jogues struggled to spread the Gospel in the New World. He bore much suffering and danger, and witnessed terrible torture. However, his zeal and love for souls would eventually bear fruit.

Fr. Jogues returned to France after being captured and tortured by the Mohawks. He eventually left France once more to again minister in the New World, where he was martyred. He was canonized in 1930, along with the seven other North American Martyrs.

For more information and to RSVP, please visit sspeterandpaul.net/cloud

PRESCHOOL NEWS

FROM GENET PINKERTON, DIRECTOR



Our "Road to Bethlehem", a children's version of the Christmas story, was so wonderful! The children performed beautifully and had a lot of fun as they learned about Jesus, his family, the angels, stars, wisemen, and the shepherds. We began Advent with many lessons about giving to others and doing acts of kindness. Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem for the birth of our Savior Jesus was reinforced through songs, dances, games, crafts, and more including having a birthday party for Jesus.



*Jesus
is the
reason
for the
Season*



*Merry
Christmas*





MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 31, 2023

8:30am Father Sunny
 † Perry Chiappetta
 10:30am Parishioners o Mary Queen of Heaven
 4:00pm Priests and Seminarians

Monday, January 1, 2024

9:00am All God’s Children

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

8:30am † Augustacia Ynclino

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

8:30am † Albert Fuschen

Thursday, January 4, 2024

8:30am † Diosdada Canete

Friday, January 5, 2024

8:30am † Maryann Mills

Saturday, January 6, 2024

8:30am † Aberlardo Lansang, Jr.
 4:30pm † Brian Duffy

Sunday, January 7, 2024

8:30am † Maria Paz Lansang
 10:30am † Iris S. Maradiaga
 † Raimonda Gagliano

† indicates person is deceased

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 6, 2024 & Sunday, January 7, 2024

	SATURDAY 4:30pm	SUNDAY 8:30am	SUNDAY 10:30am
LECTORS	Beth Dunn	Marie Grozik	Mary Ann Reed
EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	K. Passarell-C S. Harrington E. Ruiz	M. Grozik-C M Mooney	P. Twardowski-C L. Frank J. Los P. Los G. Pozen

READINGS FOR THE WEEK of DECEMBER 31, 2023

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

17: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-5/ Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday: Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

18: Nm 6:22-27/ Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/ Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church

205: 1 Jn 2:22-28/ Ps 98:14/ Jn1:19-28

Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

206: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/ Ps 98:1-3,6/Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

207: 1 Jn 3:7-10/ Ps 98:1, 7-9/Jn 1:35-42

Friday: Saint John Neumann, Bishop

208: 1 Jn 3:11-21/ Ps 100:1-5/ Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: Saint Andre´Bessette, Religious

209: 1 Jn 5:5-13/ Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/ Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

PRAYER REQUESTS

Tina Cappilupo	Carl Kandlbender	Paul Cain
Alexandra Barcal	Marie Kandlbender	James Cloney
Patrick Mooney	Jim Calderone	Deborah Blazer
Anthony DiVito	Maureen Gordon	Mary Collis (D)
Anne Marie Carney	Patricia Connour	
Bob & Patsy O’Donnell		

CMAA PLEDGE REPORT THROUGH 12-17-2023

GOAL	\$ 37,800
PLEDGED	\$ 64,715
PAID	\$ 63,731
BALANCE DUE	\$ 984

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.

PARISH SUPPORT

WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT	Sunday	\$ 10,769.50
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023	Mail in	\$ 1,315.00
	Electronic	\$ 7,202.00
THANK-YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY		TOTAL \$ 19,287.00

WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT	Sunday	\$ 4,729.50
SUNDAY DECEMBER 10, 2023	Mail in	\$ 450.00
	Electronic	\$ 1,307.50
THANK-YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY		Total \$ 6487.00

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