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DECEMBER 3, 2023

1ST 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**A TIME OF WAITING**

Waiting is a prayerful action. It is an expression of hope, that someone will eventually come. It is an exercise of patience, where the soul extends itself to the great possibility to simply let the plan unfold without having to force the arrival of the one who is to come. Waiting is an act of faith, that the one will indeed arrive. It is a disposition of holy longing, which intensifies according to how much the one coming is needed or loved. Advent is a time of waiting in prayer, hope, patience, faith, and holy longing.

As the Church begins a new liturgical year, we put on the garb of waiting for the coming of the Lord, both for His Coming in glory at the end of time, and for the glorious season of Christmas, the festival that celebrates the birth of Jesus. These twofold waiting gives us a sense of purpose that we do need our Savior, that we badly need him to set the world aright.

My dear church, I again encourage you to take this short four weeks of Advent seriously. There are many special ways to observe this season of waiting. Allow me to name some here:

- Increase your prayer time by adding some devotionals or reflections.
- Allot some moments of silence as part of your daily routine, to be aware of the spirit of the season. Do this even in the midst of physical noise.
- Listen to some beautiful music that is unique to the season of waiting.
- Reach out to a friend or family who is struggling. Let them know of your prayers. Assure them that you are thinking of them and that you care about them. Extend your peace, especially if you have some severed relationships with family or friends.
- Go to the sacrament of reconciliation. Confessions for the deanery will be available here at Mary Queen on December 16, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Take advantage of the opportunity to find renewal and grace in the sacrament of reconciliation.
- Read from our advent resource for daily reflections. There are many others that you can find online, but if you have our own handy daily advent thoughts to ponder, get one and use it well, and even share it with other friends and family.
- Keep your Christmas plans simple and implement lifestyle adjustments that will make Christmas less materialistic and more spiritual.
- Do an act of charity. Our church has concrete options to reach out to the marginalized members of the community.
- Go to mass. There is no better way to prepare for the coming of Jesus than availing His divine presence in the Holy Eucharist.
- Smile and be a cheerful presence to others. Do not wait in gloom, but wait in joy for the Lord is near!

Whatever you do during Advent, know that you are accompanied by my prayers and the prayers of our parish family. Have a blessed season of waiting.

With holy expectations,

Fr. Sunny Castillo

BULLETIN DEADLINES**for December 10, 2023****TUES. 4:00PM 12/5/23****for December 17, 2023****TUES. 4:00PM 12/11/23**

CALENDAR

11/26 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time, King of the Universe
 8:30am Mass
 10:30am Mass
 10:30am Children’s Liturgy of the Word

11/27
 8:30am Communion Service
 7:00pm Deanery Steering Committee

11/28
 8:30am Mass
 9:00am YOGA
 6:30pm CRHP
 7:00pm Choir Practice

11/29
 8:30am Mass
 3:00pm Religious Ed. Classes

11/30
 8:30am Mass

12/1
 8:30am Mass
 9:00am Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour

12/2
 6:30am This Man is You in Barrett Hall
 8:30am Mass
 9:00am Reconciliation
 4:30pm Mass
 4:30pm Giving Tree
 4:30pm Food for the Poor
 4:30pm Christmas Food Drive
 5:30pm CCW Senior Dinner

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December 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our diocese will soon take up the national collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your support for this collection December 9/10 provides financial assistance for retirement needs for 297 U.S. religious communities.

Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests—collectively known as women and men religious—have selflessly served for decades without significant financial compensation. However, due to escalating health-care costs, numerous U.S. religious communities face a substantial gap between their elderly members’ needs and the financial resources available for their care. Many religious orders currently experience insufficient retirement savings.

The 2022 appeal demonstrated Catholics’ tremendous generosity by raising \$27.6 million. Diocese of Joliet parishioners contributed \$286,788.25 to the collection.

The senior religious in our diocese never retire from their vows, and they play a crucial role in conveying the faith from one generation to the next. In their younger years, they laid the foundation for Catholic schools, hospitals, and works of mercy. Today, many serve in volunteer ministry as ongoing witnesses to the Gospel. Others are frail and need assistance, yet all remain wholly committed to their vocations by embracing the opportunity to spend more time praying for our Church and world.

Please support the retirement needs of our senior religious. And please join me in praying for God’s continued blessing on our nation’s elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

As I remain –
 Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Ronald A. Hicks

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
 Bishop of Joliet

The Need is Great

- Religious communities are financially responsible for the support and care of all members.
- There are 24,005 religious past age 70 living in the United States. In 2022, the average annual cost for their care was roughly \$55,500 per person; skilled nursing care averaged \$82,700 per person.
- Since 2009, the annual cost to support senior women and men religious has exceeded \$1 billion.
- In 2022, 71 percent of the religious communities providing data to the National Religious Retirement Office had a median age of 70 or higher.
- The average annual Social Security benefit for a religious is \$7,679, whereas the average lay US beneficiary receives \$21,902.

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FAITH FORMATION NEWS
FROM MARY GLAUDEL, DIRECTOR



Instead of spending the day shopping last on Black Friday, Mary Queen of Heaven spent the afternoon at Feed My Starving Children packing meals for people around the world who struggle with hunger and food insecurity. As a group we packed 222 boxes consisting of 47,952 meals and we had a whole lot of fun too.



PARISH NEWS

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PRESCHOOL NEWS

FROM GENET PINKERTON, DIRECTOR



Happy Thanksgiving



PARISH NEWS

The Christmas Food Drive will be held the weekends of December 2nd and 3rd and December 9th and 10th. Items needed are Cereal, Prepared Foods (Tuna, etc), Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Canned Soup, Baking Items, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Pasta and Spaghetti Sauce, Dressing and Cranberry Sauce, Condiments, (Ketchup, Mustard, etc.), Drinks, Coffee, Tea and Goodies, Cleaning Supplies, Personal items such as Bar Soap, Deodorant, Hand Cream, Shampoo, etc. Food Store Gift Cards are always appreciated. Again 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 beginning the weekend of November 25 and 26th. Please take an ornament, purchase the item listed, wrap the package with Christmas paper and place the ornament on the top of the box or gift bag. 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. Process R.E. registrations, compile R.E. registration packets to current and new families. Assist with mailing catechist and volunteer assignments. Supply materials & information to parents, students, catechists & volunteer ministers. Assist in preparing for catechist and volunteer meetings. Obtain subs for RE sessions when needed. Assist at sacramental rehearsals and celebrations for RE and CYM. **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](#). If interested in this amazing opportunity, please submit resume to llong@stisidoreparish.org



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 3, 2023

8:30am Parishioners of Mary Queen of Heaven
 10:30am Priscilla Uminsky

Monday, December 4, 2023

8:30am Communion Service

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

8:30am Priests and Seminarians

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

8:30am Parishioners of Mary Queen of Heaven

Thursday, December 7, 2023

8:30am Priests and Seminarians

Friday, December 8, 2023

8:30am † Cathy O Donovan
 7:00pm † Pauline Ricci

Saturday, December 9, 2023

8:30am Rita Simpson
 4:30pm Caroline June Anderson

† Indicates person is deceased

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 9, 2023— Sunday, December 10, 2023

| | SATURDAY 4:30pm | SUNDAY 8:30am | SUNDAY 10:30am |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| LECTORS | The Novars | Michelle Pretlow | Tim Kowalski |
| EUCARISTIC MINISTERS | T. Sabel (C.) B. Lawlor E. Ruizol | A. Weigel J. Weigel | C. Anasco C. Gillie D. Justus G. Nieves M Nieves |

READINGS FOR THE WEEK of DECEMBER 3, 2023

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent

*Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/ Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/ 1 Cor 1:3-9/
 Mk 13:33-37*

Monday: Saint John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church

Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday:

Is 11:1-10/ Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Saint Nicholas, Bishop

Is 25:6-10a/ Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Is 25:1-6/ Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Immaculate Conception of BVM (Holy Day of Obligation)

Gn 3:9-15, 20/ Ps 98: 1-4/ Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/ Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/ Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Prayer REQUESTS

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| 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 \$ 63,644
 PAID \$ 61,617
 BALANCE DUE \$ 2,026

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 | \$ 4,897.00 |
| SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023 | Mail in | \$ 450.00 |
| | Electronic | \$ 2,807.50 |
| | TOTAL | \$ 8154.50 |

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| WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT | Sunday | \$ 5,953.00 |
| SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023 | Mail in | \$ 365.00 |
| | Electronic | \$ 5,907.50 |
| | TOTAL | \$ 12,225.50 |

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