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November 12, 2023

32nd Sunday of

Ordinary Time



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 1:00pm

Pre-school Information

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32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Lord, Lord, open the door for us! But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’” - Mt 25:11-12



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GREETINGS FROM THE PASTOR

THOUGHTS ON THE STATE OF THE PARISH REPORT 2022-2023

Every year, since I have arrived at Mary Queen of Heaven in 2020, I offer the State of the Parish Report this season to wrap up the previous fiscal year. I am proud to present this third report, grateful to the Lord for everything we were able to accomplish together as a community of faith. What does the report say?

BABY STEPS ARE GOOD. I can immediately see the comparisons of the three years, and it shows that we have grown a little, here and there. A slight increase in number of parishioners shows that there are new people in our community, in fact I know some of them personally. Now, because they have since been involved in our ministries.

MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING IS INVESTING FOR OUR FUTURE. The last fiscal year saw some investments in improving our facilities. Thanks to the continued generosity of the Greco Family, we were able to convert the conference room 13 into a much more efficient, hospitable and warm space. The room is now renamed as Greco Room, recognizing the legacy of the Greco family, who laid the foundations of the parish with Fr. O'Keefe back in 1949. Bishop Ron Hicks did a simple blessing of this room together with some of the Greco family back in April 2023. Deacon Matt has also been busy with all kinds of maintenance work for our buildings, thanks to the ongoing process in our diocese to have a thorough study of our church campuses to ensure vitality of our operations in the future. Our Finance Council has been very diligent in studying our outputs and we continue to find ways of creating a buffer fund that will be used as a seed for bigger building expenses in the future.

WE ALWAYS NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS. We have many initiatives and ministries, and for a smaller parish like ours, it requires a higher percentage of parishioners to be involved in ministry. I will never tire of inviting people to participate and do their small tasks to contribute to the dynamism of our parish. If everybody is simply satisfied with going to Sunday mass, then our parish would stop existing. In some degree, coming to Sunday mass is our participation. Just by going to mass on Sunday, we will never deepen our understanding of our faith, we will never get to build a loving and supportive community atmosphere, and our clergy will never be able to satisfy all the need of the community. That is why, together with the report, I always emphasize the gratitude I feel for our parishioners who go the extra mile to volunteer and participate in ministry, hoping that others will be inspired to do the same.

GOD IS IN THE DETAILS. Whatever we may accomplished last year, I want to say "Thank you, Lord!" God has been good to us, and we are here, continuing our mission to the people of our parish, and to the world. God provides the big picture, which we can easily see in the report. But God is even more keenly present in the details, the very working of the Spirit that will never make it to the report, nor spoken in such great details. To our parishioners and family who did the simplest gesture of encouragement, service, kindness, initiative, joy and charity, THANK YOU. I may not know all those details, as your pastor, but I look to God in prayer to ask Him for His abundant blessings to all of you. I then bring this report to the altar of the Lord with all these sentiments of pride for our parish. And as we say in the Philippines, "*Mabuhay, Mary Queen!*"

With my fatherly devotion,

Fr. Sunny Castillo

PLEASE NOTE BULLETIN DEADLINES

NOVEMBER 19TH--TUES 4:00PM 11/14/23

NOVEMBER 26TH—MON 4:00PM 11/20/23

CALENDAR

11-12 31st SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME

8:30am Mass

Thanksgiving Food Drive

9:00am Family Faith 6-8

9:30am OCIA

10:30am Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word

11-13 MONDAY

8:15am Preschool Coffee &

Convos

8:30am Mass

6:30pm Prayer Group

11-14 TUESDAY

8:30am Mass

9:00am YOGA

11-15 WEDNESDAY

8:30am Mass

3:00pm Religious Ed Classes

11-16 THURSDAY

8:30am Mass

7:00pm Parish Pastoral

Council

11-17 FRIDAY

8:30am Mass

7:00pm Thanksgiving Food

Pickup

11-18 SATURDAY

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

6:30am This Man is You

8:30am Mass

9:00am Reconciliation

1:00pm Wedding Ceremony

4:30pm Mass

5:30pm Focalore

11-19 SUNDAY

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

8:30am Mass

9:30am OCIA

10:30am Mass

CONGRATULATIONS

On the occasion of my 50th anniversary as a Church musician, Fr. Sunny has asked me to say a few words about these 50 years.

My musical life actually goes back to my parents; my father who had a great baritone voice and directed the parish choir back in Minneapolis, and my mother who always prayed that her son would one day play the organ in church. My sisters told me that as a youth I would imitate musical jingles and themes I heard on the TV.

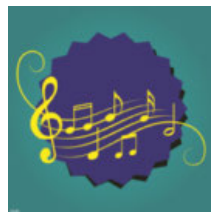
While I played French horn in the grade school band, I did not play keyboard until high school, a later start. I played organ in a rock group in high school, honing my ear training by picking out my organ part from a long-playing record. I took lessons from a well-known jazz musician, Alan Swain before entering DePaul University in 1972 where I had an emphasis on music composition.

In 1973, my mother came across an ad for a church organist in the Catholic *New World*. I became the organist and director of a small choir at St. Rose of Lima Church on south Ashland Avenue in Chicago.

Thanks to the pastor, Fr. Edward Slattery, who became Bishop of Tulsa, I was fortunate to attend the First Archdiocesan Choral Festival of Chicago, which inspired me with the choral music, but more so with the huge unison of the congregation. After that I wanted to imitate that sound whenever I could.

He sent me to a GIA seminar in Cleveland for church musicians with Bob Batistini and Richard Proulx, two well-known church musicians who taught us how to lead a congregation with the organ. It was the foundation of my playing from then onward.

After five years at St. Rose of Lima, I got a job at Lowery Organ and spent the next five years as a substitute at 20 churches in Chicago. This gave me a wealth of experience with different organs, clergy and congregational music aids. I followed up with a tenure as music director of St. Joseph's in Aurora, at which time my music was published by GIA Publications. I



was also a composer, arranger, organist and pianist for *Chicago Prayer*, a church music ensemble of singers and instrumentalists. Here I honed my skills as an arranger.

I later worked at St. Francis Xavier in La Grange with Daniel Coughlin as pastor, who later became the chaplain for the U.S. House of Representatives. I composed and arranged for a musical based on the Nativity called *at Bethlehem's Door*, where I honed my skills as a song writer. This was the brain child of Barbara Kales, one of my cantors at St. Francis, who also contributed songs to the musical. We performed the play at various churches in the 90's.

In 1993, I got what was at the time my dream job, music director at St. Barbara's in Brookfield, Bob Batistini's former position. I directed three choirs, played a full Mass schedule and led music for vespers during Advent and Lent. I was able to use the full range of my skills. I served for 13 years.

For the past 15 years, I have been here at Mary Queen of Heaven where I have worked for three pastors. I fully expect to be here until I pass. I don't expect to retire unless I become disabled, so don't get anxious.

Since I have never been married, I thank God for the Gift of creativity and inspiration to sustain me. It is always hard to determine how much is God and how much is me. I suspect I won't know this until I pass through the veil.

Ed Nowak.... Music Director, Mary Queen of Heaven

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

FROM MARY GLAUDEL, DIRECTOR

Better than Black Friday

Instead of the frustrations of black Friday shopping, fill your “lamp” with charity and goodness, and prepare and wait for the Kingdom of God.



Join our Faith Formation Families in service to others at Feed My Starving Children on Friday, November 24th at 2pm in Schaumburg.



If you are interested, please contact the Faith Formation office for details and to sign-up. re@maryqueen.org or 630-832-8962

PARISH NEWS

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE GERMAN TO ENJOY CHRISTMAS- but it helps! Many of your favorite Christmas carols, holiday treats and other custom came from Germany.

Enjoy them and more, at “**An Evening with St Nikolaus**” at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 142 E. Second Street in Elmhurst at 6:00pm on Sunday, Dec. 3rd. Free!

(There will be a free-will offering.) Presented by Elmhurst Harmonie, a German-

language chorus in the western suburbs. Bring the kids! Not available on December 3? Go to www.elmhurstharmone.com for another performance on Dec. 10th.



Thanks to all who brought photos for our **Display of Remembrance**. This helped to expand our view of family and remind us of the lives and gifts of those individuals. May they rest in the peace of God! With Thanksgiving approaching, the display will need to be taken down before then. All photos will be placed on the table in the back of the church for you to reclaim by **Sunday, November 19th**. Also, if there was a candle for your loved one at the mass on All Souls' Day, and you have not reclaimed it, you may do at the same time. All pictures remaining will be collected and taken to the Parish Office where they may be picked up during regular office hours (Mon-Thurs 9am-4pm, Fri 9am-1pm). If you have any questions, please contact the office (630) 279-5700. Thank-you.

Mary Ann Reed, Bereavement Minister



SENIOR CITIZEN CHRISTMAS DINNER

All Seniors of our parish are cordially invited to attend the CCW Senior Citizen Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 2, 2023 immediately following the 4:30pm Mass. Please fill in the form in the bulletin and place it in the box in the rear of Church or return it to the Parish Office so that we know how many Seniors to prepare for. Hope you will join us for this delightful dinner and entertainment. If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Reiter at 630-833-6657 or Debbie Styka at 630-941-7224.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

FROM GENET PINKERTON, DIRECTOR

MQH Preschool

HOLIDAY (RE)SHOPPE

COME SHOP WITH US!

Check off that holiday gift list at our first annual MQH Preschool HOLIDAY (RE)SHOPPE! Shop hundreds of donated, gently used children's toys and books for a fraction of the price.

MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH
NOVEMBER 28-29, 2023

HOLIDAY SHOPPE HOURS:

Tuesday, November 28
3-9pm

Wednesday, November 29
8am-12pm

Looking for a place to donate your outgrown children's clothes and toys? Please consider donating to MQH Preschool! Donations accepted year round. For more information, please contact Sarah Eilbracht at sceilbracht@gmail.com.

PARISH NEWS

MQH Coat Exchange!

Keep warm this winter!



We're hosting a parish wide "Coat Exchange".

- Bring in your clean and in-good-condition winter gear for a second life!

- We're accepting coats, boots, hats, gloves, scarves, etc. Please clean it first.
- Drop it off on the racks and bins in Mary's Gathering space, or the preschool hallway.
- Look for some new to you winter gear to keep you cozy this winter!
- We're collecting all child and adult sizes.

PARISH NEWS

The Thanksgiving Food Drive will be held the weekends of **November 11th and 12th**, and **November 18th and 19th**. Items needed are Cereal, Prepared Foods, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Canned Soup, Baking Items, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Pasta & Spaghetti, Dressing & Cranberry Sauce, Condiments (Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo, ect.), Coffee, Tea & Goodies, Cleaning Supplies, Personal Items such as Bars of Soap, Deodorant, Hand Cream, ect. Food Store Gift Cards would also be appreciated so the families can purchase fresh meats and other fresh items. As in past years, we have adopted 15 Families. Please remember the deadline for donations is **November 19th**.

We will be sorting the food donations on Monday evening, November 20th at 7pm. We would appreciate if you could help us do this for an hour or so. If you have any questions, please contact

Sheila at 630-833-6657 or phylis at 630-279-6239



Focolare Word of Life Meeting Saturday, November 18, 2023 5:30 p.m., Room 13 Potluck Dinner and Sharing

“You are all children of light and children of the day; we do not belong to the night, nor to darkness.”
(1 Thess 5:5)

Please join us for **FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY on November 19th** immediately following the 10:30am Mass. This is a very special occasion as we will be celebrating **Ed Nowak's, our Choir Director, 50th Anniversary** in spreading Faith through music. CCW is hosting the Fellowship. We hope you will be able to join us in Barrett Hall for delicious goodies, coffee, tea, juice and a special cake in Ed's honor.



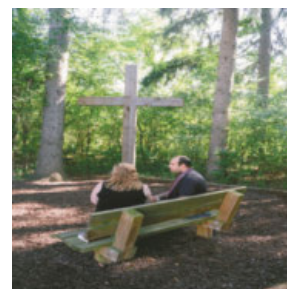
Our Christmas Giving Tree will be decorated with ornaments for the 15 Needy Families we have adopted beginning the weekend of November 25th & 26th. Please take an ornament, purchase the item listed, wrap the package with Christmas paper and place the ornament on the top of the box or gift bag. The deadline 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 & 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**.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES' ANGER MANAGEMENT

Catholic Charities' Counseling Services presents a new virtual group series for men & 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 November 20, 2023 & 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 12, 2023

8:30am + Annette Turkotte
 10:30am + Gerlando Tamburello
 + Bernarda Terrado

Monday, November 13, 2023

8:30am Communion Service

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

8:30am + Erlinda Sarvida
 + Olympia Sarvida

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

8:30am + Helen Vrlec

Thursday, November 16, 2023

8:30am + Anthony Vrlec, Jr

Friday, November 17, 2023

8:30am + Derna Pasquinelli

Saturday, November 18, 2023

8:30am + Martin Alioth
 4:30pm + Ella French

Sunday, November 19, 2023

8:30am Pasquale Cataldi
 10:30am + Philip Grecot
 Parishioners of MQH



Tina Cappilupo

Alexandra Barcal

CMAA PLEDGE REPORT THROUGH 10/29/2023

GOAL	\$ 37,000
PLEDGED	\$ 62,612
PAID	\$ 59,937
BALANCE DUE	\$ 2675

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, November 18th & Sunday, November 19th

	SATURDAY 4:30pm	SUNDAY 8:30pm	SUNDAY 10:30pm
LECTORS	Beth Dunn	Ken Sutkus	Mary Ann Woods
EUCCHARISTIC	K. Vicary (C)	M. Nolan	P. Delaney
MINISTERS	B. Lawlor	N. Sietsema	D. Justus
	T. Sabel		D. Styka
			R. Styka
			P. Twardowski

READINGS FOR THE WEEK of November 12, 2023

Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 6:12-16/ Ps 63 2-8/1Thes 4: 13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25: 1-13

Monday :Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Wis 1:1-7 / Ps 139: 1-10 / Lk 17: 1-6

Tuesday

Wis 2: 23-3:9 / Ps 34: 2-3, 16-19 / Lk 17: 7-10

Wednesday: Saint Albert the Great, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Wis 6: 1-11/ Ps 82: 3-4, 6-7/ Lk 17: 11-19

Thursday: Saint Margaret of Scotland

Wis 7: 22b—8:1/ Ps 119: 89-91, 130, 135,175/Lk 17: 20-25

Friday: Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Wis 13: 1-9/ Ps: 2-5/ Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: The Dedication of the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles; Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

Wis 18: 14-16; 19:6-9/ Ps105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18: 1-8



WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023

Sunday	\$ \$897.00
Mail in	\$ 450.00
Electronic	\$ 2807.50
TOTAL	\$8154.00

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