



# MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN

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*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, and outreach and social action.*



## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are you when people hate you,  
and when they exclude and insult you,  
and denounce your name as evil  
on account of the Son of Man." - Lk 6:22

**FEBRUARY 16,  
2025  
SIXTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

### 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

Phone: 630-279-5700

#### 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



**Bishop Hicks' Column**  
February 2025

*The Gift of Imagination*



Whenever I fly, I frequently do three things. First, I always pray a rosary—that's a given! Then, I catch up on some work or necessary reading. Finally, I relax a bit and watch a movie. I admit I am quite conscious that, by wearing my Roman collar, many people in the seats around me take note of the movie I have selected. The last thing I want is for them to go home and tell their family and friends that they witnessed a Catholic bishop praying a rosary and then watching a super-violent or unseemly movie!

On my most recent flight, I selected the family-friendly movie *Harold and the Purple Crayon*. It is a heartwarming film about the power of imagination and the beauty of creativity. The hero of the story is Harold, a young boy who is gifted with a purple crayon that allows him to bring his drawings to life. As he sets out on an adventure, Harold learns valuable lessons about courage, problem-solving, and the responsibility that comes with shaping the world around him.

Spoiler alert: toward the end of the movie, Harold finds a touching letter from the author who created him. In it, he reads:

*"Dear Harold, one day you might want to know why I made you. I wanted to show folks that, with a little imagination, you can make your life whatever you want it to be."* This film reminds us that, like Harold, we all have the ability to create, dream, and make a difference in this world through our imaginations. How true!

Our imagination is truly a gift from God, allowing us to see beyond what is and dream of what could be. We are made in the image of God, and our ability to imagine and create reflects His divine nature. This gift allows us to participate in our Creator's ongoing work of beauty and goodness in the world.

Perhaps you are familiar with *Ignatian Contemplation*, also known as *imaginative prayer*. Through this method, St. Ignatius of Loyola teaches us to pray using our imaginations. This practice encourages us to place ourselves inside a biblical scene, using all our senses to experience the story as if we were truly there. If you have never used this form of prayer, I invite you to try it using these basic steps:

- Imagine yourself in a scene from Scripture, such as being present at Jesus' birth, walking with Him along the road, or witnessing His miracles.
- Engage your senses by seeing the setting, hearing the voices, feeling the textures, smelling the surroundings, and experiencing the emotions.
- Interact with Jesus directly by listening to His words, speaking to Him, and experiencing His love.

After an imaginative prayer experience, St. Ignatius invites us to reflect on what we felt, learned, or heard. In other words, we can ask ourselves, *"How did God speak to me through my imagination?"*

Faith itself requires the gift of imagination. It gives us the ability to believe in what we cannot see (Hebrews 11:1). Imagination allows us to trust in God's plan, envision a better future, and hold onto hope even in difficult times. It also builds our capacity for compassion and empathy by helping us put ourselves in others' shoes and understand both their joys and struggles. This ability to see the world from different perspectives strengthens our call to love one another, just as Christ taught.

Of course, like all gifts, we can misuse our imagination. According to John Lennon, we can *"imagine there's no heaven. It's easy if you try."* Why would we do that? Sometimes our world or life experiences bring us to imagine sad, evil, and immoral things. Yet God gifted us with our imaginations so that we may be fully alive and joyful through, with, and in Him.

So, I invite you to imagine the Holy Trinity—being in the presence of God the Father and feeling His eternal love, peace, and mercy; walking and talking with Jesus; and experiencing the Holy Spirit descending upon you, filling you with wisdom, strength, and courage. Imagine there is a beautiful heaven, teeming with saints, angels, and your loved ones in God's eternal presence.

Ultimately, imagination is a sacred gift that allows us to create, love, hope, and draw closer to God in all that we do. Please join me in imagining a Church and a world where every heart is filled with God's love and mercy, abounding in kindness, respect for life, justice and peace for all people—now and forever!

## LITURGICAL COMMISSION—NEW HYMNALS ARRIVING SOON



On the First Sunday of Lent, expect to be singing from our new, blue hymnals. One great advantage of switching is that the publisher, GIA, put all of the Mass prayers that we use on just ONE two-sided page, right there when you open the hymnal to the inside cover!

If you wish to donate a book in honor of someone special, call or visit the office during normal business hours. For a \$20 donation, a sticker will eventually be printed by the office for you to place in a book that you use every Sunday. So far, there is no deadline.

Questions? Please call the office at 630-279-5700.

**CALENDAR**

**2/15/25 SATURDAY**  
 6:30am That Man Is You (TMIY) in Barrett Hall  
 8:30am Mass  
 9:00am Reconciliation  
 9:30am Joyful Again Steering Committee  
 3:00pm RE First Communion Retreat

**2/16/25 SUNDAY**  
 8:30am Mass  
 9:00am OCIA in Room 13  
 9:00am RE First Communion Retreat  
 10:30am Mass  
 11:30am Fellowship Sunday in Barrett Hall  
 12:00pm Baptisms  
 3:00pm El Shaddai Charismatic in Barrett Hall

**2/17/25 MONDAY**  
 8:30am Communion Service  
 6:30pm Mundelein Seminary in Room 1



**2/18/25 TUESDAY**  
 8:30am Mass  
 9:00am Gentle Stretch in Room 1  
 6:30pm CHR P in Room 1  
 7:00pm CCW Meeting in Room 13

**2/19/25 WEDNESDAY**  
 8:30am Mass

**2/20/25 THURSDAY**  
 8:30am Mass  
 11:30am Friendship Group in Barrett Hall  
 7:00pm Parish Pastoral Council in Room 13

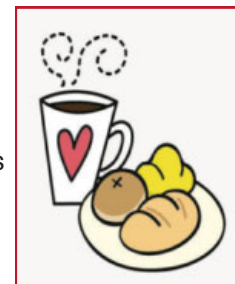
**2/21/25 FRIDAY**  
 8:30am Mass

**2/22/25 SATURDAY**  
 6:30am That Man Is You (TMIY) in Barrett Hall  
 6:30am CHR P Women's Weekend  
 8:30am Mass  
 9:00am Reconciliation  
 4:30pm Mass  
 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal  
 6:30pm CCW Meeting in Room 13

**2/23/25 SUNDAY**  
 8:30am Mass  
 9:00am OCIA in Room 13  
 10:30am Mass  
 Girl Scout Cookie Sale outside Church

**FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY — THIS WEEKEND!**

Immediately following the 10:30am Mass, the Eucharistic Ministers are hosting Fellowship in Barrett Hall. Come enjoy the company of fellow parishioners along with some delicious breakfast items donated by the members of the EMHC Ministry. Everyone is invited to attend!



**CHRP WOMEN'S WEEKEND  
 FINAL OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER**

**Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) Weekend  
 "The Spirit Within" - February 22-23, 2025**

God speaks to us in many ways and through different methods. He sends his Holy Spirit, who lives within us to guide, to comfort, to give wisdom. But have you ever taken the time to slow down and really listen to God speak? Come and listen to what God might be trying to reveal to you. He's a personal God and many women have discovered His personal love for them from attending the weekend.

**Registration Forms are in the back of church, on the MQH website or contact one of us below. Please don't delay signing up. We would like all registration forms no later than February 18th.**

For more information contact:  
 Karen Sutkus, Spiritual Director, at 630-935-1153 or [ksutkus1@comcast.net](mailto:ksutkus1@comcast.net) or  
 Joan Bajda, Lay Director at 630-660-1747 or [jlajda@gmail.com](mailto:jlajda@gmail.com).

**INSTALLATION RECEPTION PHOTOS**

Be sure to visit the MQH Website or Facebook page to view a collage of photos from the spirited reception that followed Fr. Slawek's Rite of Installation Mass on February 2nd, 2025. <https://www.mqhelmhurst.org>



FAITH FORMATION NEWS - MARY GLAUDELL, DIRECTOR

SAVE THE DATES

**Portillo's for MardiGras**  
**Portillo's for GOOD** FUNDRAISERS 

**March 4<sup>th</sup> 5 - 8 pm**  
 Mary Queen of Heaven  
 Faith Formation Fund Raiser  
 155 S. Route 83  
 Elmhurst, IL 60126

**Vacation Bible School**  
**June 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>**  
 Registration will open  
 in March



**Reminder: No Wednesday Sessions February 19<sup>th</sup> for Catechist Formation**

SAVE THE DATE!

DID SOMEONE SAY COOKIES?!?!?!?



Emerson school's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Girl Scout Troop 56719 is having a cookie booth sale.

**When:** Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:15 – 1:45


**Where:** In front of Mary Queen of Heaven Church

Please consider supporting one of our local scout troops!



JOYFUL AGAIN! WIDOWED RETREAT/WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITY

If you have been recently widowed and are still struggling with the loss, or if you have been widowed for some time and need something to get you "over the hump" because you seem stuck in one spot, this program is designed to help you move on with life while still treasuring your past and its precious memories.

 **Joyful Again!** is for both men and women (all ages) who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and new joy in life.

This unique retreat/workshop will be held at several locations in the next few months. All are welcome!

- What:** 2 Day Overnight Retreat/Workshop for Widowed Men & Women
- When:** **March 1-2, 2025** – University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, IL  
**April 5-6, 2025** -St. Mary's Retreat House, Lemont, IL  
**June 28-29, 2025** - St. Julie Billiard Parish, Tinley Park, IL (overnight accommodations not available)

For more information on upcoming retreats, visit our website; [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org) call: 708-354-7211 or e-mail us at [joyfulagain7211@gmail.com](mailto:joyfulagain7211@gmail.com)

PRESCHOOL NEWS - GENÉT PINKERTON, DIRECTOR



Our Sweet Heart Dance was a night of dancing, singing, limbo-ing! We rocked our Hearts OUT!

The kids and families danced the night away!

DJ Kameleon kept the night grooving with great songs and activities!



# Readings Week GLPI



## THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16, 2025

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6/1Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17,20-26  
 Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13  
 Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8;7:1-5/Ps 29:1a and 2,3ac-4,3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21  
 Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26  
 Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102: 16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33  
 Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34-9:1  
 Saturday: 1Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

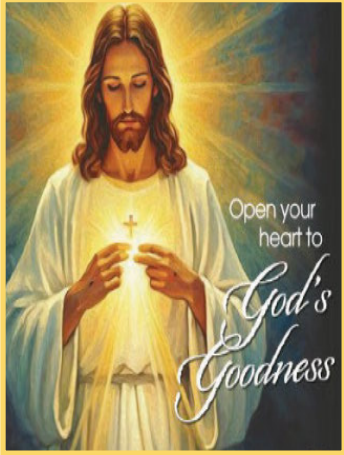
**Read, listen to an audio recording or watch a reflection video of the readings for each day by visiting <https://bible.usccb.org/>**  
**You can also sign up to have daily readings sent to your email address.**

# DONATIONS GLPI

## The 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA)

We humbly ask all parishioners to pledge their support for this important effort.

This year's CMAA theme is *Open your heart to God's goodness*. Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ's Church are available to everyone. Together, we can help provide safe shelter for the homeless, feed the physical and social needs of those who are hungry, inspire those discerning a life of vocation, and aid in the education of our next generation of Catholics. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own. As a diocese working together, we can do so much more.



Our parish goal for the 2025 CMAA is \$45,800, and 70% of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us and used fruitfully within our own parish.

Please review the materials you have received in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

If you haven't received a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office.

Commitment / In-Pew Weekend is March 1-2, 2025

To view complete job descriptions of open positions within the Diocese of Joliet, please visit:  
<https://www.diojoliet.org/offices/careers>  
 There have been several new positions posted in recent weeks.

- February 15**  
 Sr. Esperanza Herrera  
 Sr. Araceli Perez  
 Sr. Maria Teresa Gaytan  
 Sr. Maria Zomero Zaval HJ
- February 16**  
 Fr. Mark Cote  
 Fr. John L. Dennerlein
- February 17**  
 Sr. Maryann Dosen  
 Sr. Mary Terese Giblin  
 Sr. M. Paula Nasenbeny SSFCR
- February 18**  
 Sr. Mary Francis Werner,  
 Sr. Marjorie Westendorf SSFCR
- February 19**  
 Ruby Garfias  
 Margaret Gisburne CONVIRN
- February 20**  
 Sr. Dolores Blahaus  
 Sr. Victoria DiBrizzi  
 Sr. Mary Funge SH
- February 21**  
 Fr. Philip M. Danaher  
 Fr. Andrew Lewandowski C.R.

***\*The Holy Father's Worldwide Prayer Intention for February 2025 is for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life\****

Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit.

- Pope Francis

## WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT Week of February 2, 2025

Sunday	\$ 5,716.77
Mail in	\$ 225.00
Electronic	\$ 6,580.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 12,521.77</b>





**Saturday, February 15, 2025**

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

**Sunday, February 16, 2025**

8:30am † Gerlando Tamburello  
Parishioners of MQH  
10:30am † Patricia Gnoffo

**Monday, February 17, 2025**

8:30am Communion Service

**Tuesday, February 18, 2025**

8:30am † George M. Lutz

**Wednesday, February 19, 2025**

8:30am † Mark S. Erickson

**Thursday, February 20, 2025**

8:30am † George M. Lutz

**Friday, February 21, 2025**

8:30am † David M. Carrico

**Saturday, February 22, 2025**

8:30am Families of the Terminally Ill  
4:30pm † Michael N. Durdil

**Sunday, February 23, 2025**

8:30am † Matteo Del Cotto  
† Jack Nelson  
Parishioners of MQH  
10:30am † Jim 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!

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Saturday, February 22nd & Sunday, February 23rd

**LECTORS**

<u>SATURDAY</u> 4:30pm	<u>SUNDAY</u> 8:30am	<u>SUNDAY</u> 10:30am
E. Walker	W. Woollard	M. Mcall

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

<u>SATURDAY</u> 4:30pm	<u>SUNDAY</u> 8:30am	<u>SUNDAY</u> 10:30am
K. Vicary - C	Deacon Alex	Deacon Tim
B. Dunn	A. Weigel - C	G. Pinkerton - C
B. Lawlor	M. Mooney	P. Delaney
		L. Frank
		J. Naples
		P. Naples

*C-indicates the captain*

**Maria Ubunger**  
**Belinda Sobucki**



**Brianna**  
**Hunter Zielinski**

*"Private place and plenty of time are the life of prayer." E.M. Bounds*

**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.*

**The Coldest Night of The Year— February 22nd @ 5PM**

The Coldest Night of the Year is a winterrific family-friendly walk to support local charities serving people experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness. Join us in Villa Park as we raise funds for Catholic Charities' Kathy Paulsen Hope House Shelter.

**Kathy Paulsen Hope House** homeless shelter provides a temporary safe haven for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. During their stay, program participants work intensively with case managers to secure stable employment and permanent housing. Hope House empowers residents to rebuild their lives and achieve lasting stability.

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