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# WORLD DAY OF Prayer

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## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

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APRIL 21, 2024

4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY  
OF EASTER

### 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 8:30 am

#### Rosary

Monday to Saturday 8:00 am

### 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.

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Monday to Thursday -  
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

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**A Message from Fr. Sunny**

*Fall in Love with God*

In last Sunday’s bulletin, I encouraged you, my dear MQH parishioners, to never stop learning about your faith, i.e., to get to know more about God and His Church takes more than a lifetime to really know. In fact, we never really fully exhaust the truth about God and His Church. The ongoing quest to discover God and the richness of our tradition will only end in heaven. Here on earth, once we stop learning, we begin regressing, we slowly stop living when we stop learning.

There is a corollary to this first premise which I hope that you take to heart always, that is: FALL IN LOVE WITH GOD. We can only love God more when we get to know Him more. The reverse is equally true: we can’t fall in love with someone we do not know. I usually give this advice to parents who would like to develop a spirituality in their children. I tell them to introduce their children to God and talk to them about what He does in their everyday lives, because in doing so, they begin to develop a personal encounter with Him, which will become a loving relationship.

Now let me explain what I mean when I say, “Fall in love with God.”

- 1 - TO FALL IS TO SURRENDER. When we think of “falling in love,” we might immediately look at it from a romantic angle. However, here, I invite you to think more in terms of surrendering of oneself. To fall is to completely succumb to the weight of the earth. So when we fall in love with God, we completely surrender to Him.
- 2 - THE CATCHER LOVED US FIRST. As we surrender to God, and fall in love with Him, our action of falling assures us by faith that God will catch us, and we fall gently in to His divine and holy arms. This is what we know about God especially in times of trials and tribulations. We never suffer alone; we are always suffering in the comforting arms of a provident and loving God. The Catcher loved us first, remember?
- 3 - LOVE IS A CHOICE. The idea of “falling in love” might sound like it is not our choice to love, but I want to offer the image of choosing to “dive into” God’s love as a better way to imagine what it is. We fall, not in the sense of tripping into something without our knowledge, but actually, making the conscious decision to “jump in” like that of someone on the edge of a helicopter who is going to do a free dive into open space.
- 4 - TO LOVE IS TO LIVE. It is true that we live in this world to love, because that is the desire of God. He brings us into existence in this world so that we may love Him. God desires us, and He brought us into existence with the intention to love and be loved. The reverse is also perfectly true: to love is to live! God is love, and when we love God, we live abundantly. Falling then is not to end in destruction, but instead, we find our true self and live in the most beautiful and meaningful way possible. We become most alive when we are in love. That is true with every relationship, but most importantly, it is perfectly true in our relationship with God.

At the evening of life, says St. John of the Cross, we shall all be judged by how much we have loved. This is something that has guided me for many years in my discernment and introspection. I invite you, dear friends, to think about this often and keep it always in your hearts and minds: are you in love with God?

With the gladness of the Eastertide,

Fr. Sunny Castillo

**BULLETIN DEADLINES**

**for April 28, 2024**

**MON. 1:00 PM 4/22/24**

**for May 5, 2024**

**MON. 1:00 PM 4/29/24**

**CALENDAR**

- 4/20/24 SATURDAY**  
 6:30am That Man is You in Barrett Hall  
 8:30am Mass  
 9:00am Reconciliation  
 4:30pm Mass  
 NAMETAG WEEKEND  
 5:30pm Focolare in Barrett Hall
- 4/21/24 World Day of Prayer for Vocations & 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
 8:30am Mass  
 NAMETAG WEEKEND  
 9:30am OCIA  
 10:30am Mass  
 10:30am Children's Liturgy of the Word  
 11:30am Fellowship  
 12:00pm Baptisms  
 3:00pm El Shaddai Charismatic
- 4/22/24 MONDAY**  
 8:30am Communion Service  
 7:00pm Suicide Prevention Presentation in Barrett Hall
- 4/23/24 TUESDAY**  
 8:30am Mass  
 9:00am Yoga  
 7:00pm Finance Council  
 7:00pm Choir Practice  
 7:00pm Preschool in Barrett Hall and 2/3
- 4/24/24 WEDNESDAY**  
 8:30am Mass  
 3:00pm Religious Ed Classes
- 4/25/24 THURSDAY**  
 8:00am Preschool in Barrett Hall  
 8:30am Mass
- 4/26/24 FRIDAY**  
 8:00am Preschool in Other  
 8:30am Mass
- 4/27/24 SATURDAY**  
 6:30am That Man is You in Barrett Hall  
 7:30am Preschool in Barrett Hall and Grounds  
 8:30am Mass  
 9:00am Reconciliation  
 4:30pm Mass  
 5:30pm Word of Life Mtg - Rm 13
- 4/28/24 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
 8:30am Mass  
 9:30am OCIA  
 10:30am Mass  
 10:30am Children's Liturgy of the Word  
 11:45am 1st Communion Practice

**PARISH NEWS**

**NAMETAG WEEKEND - Saturday, 4/20 & Sunday, 4/21**  
**FELLOWSHIP THIS SUNDAY**

Please join us for Fellowship Sunday in Barrett Hall on **April 21st immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass.** The Lectors and Ushers are hosting and invite you, your families and friends to join one another for coffee, tea, juice and goodies.  
 Hope to see you after Mass!

**Word of Life Meeting - 5:30pm**  
**Saturday, April 27, 2004 - Room 13**  
**Mary Queen of Heaven, 426 West Avenue**  
**Potluck dinner and Word of Life Sharing**

“With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all.”  
 (Acts 4:33)

You're invited to a  
**Portillo's**

Join us at Portillo's for a fundraiser to support:  
**Mary Queen of Heaven Preschool's Grace Scholarship Fund**

**When:** April 22, 2024  
 5:00pm - 8:00pm

**Location:** 155 S. Route 83  
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**PRESCHOOL NEWS**  
FROM GENET PINKERTON, DIRECTOR

Mary Queen of Heaven's  
**CHILDREN'S**  
**CLOTHING & TOY RESALE**  
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Saturday,  
April 27

8am - 2pm



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FAITH FORMATION NEWS  
FROM MARY GLAUDELL, DIRECTOR

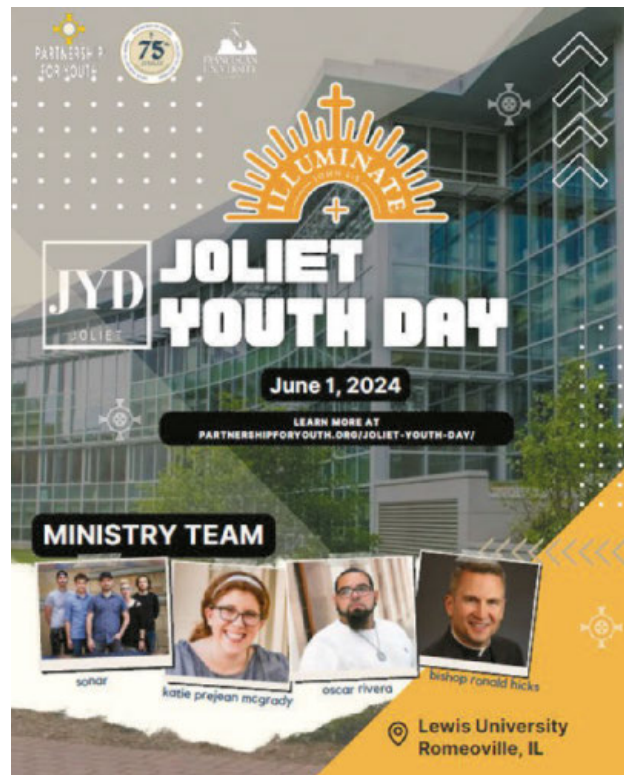
## Joliet Youth Day – June 1<sup>st</sup>

You have heard of World Youth Day and the spiritual awakening that invokes. Now, you have a chance to participate in a similar experience on a smaller & local scale. **The Diocese of Joliet is hosting a day long Youth Day on June 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Let the Holy Spirit light fire up your faith and discipleship in a day designed to be both lively and deeply spiritual.

***7<sup>th</sup> graders (going into 8<sup>th</sup> grade) through high school join our Mary Queen of Heaven group. Cost = \$75 includes transportation & lunch.***

If interested, forms and link are available on Mary Queen of Heaven website: <https://www.mqhelmhurst.org/> or contact the Faith Formation Office: [re@maryqueen.org](mailto:re@maryqueen.org) or 630-832-8962.



### SACRAMENT CELEBRATION

Newly  
Baptized

Stone Elliott Thurman  
Child of God  
celebrated  
the sacrament of  
Baptism!



His mom, Godparents  
and sisters joined in this  
beautiful celebration.





# Prayer REQUESTS

Russ & Lynn Kubycheck	Paul Kulczynski	Nick M., Sr
George "Allen" Alcorn	Helen Kulczyncki	Bud Rogers
Celia Targa	Laurina Coccia	Lucille R.
Eric Sanders	† Sam Furlin	Rose M.
Joseph Fassl	Marcela Mendez	John R., Sr
Phyllis Greco	Nemesia Ruizol	Anna M.
Phil Greco	Santiago Mendez	Nick M., Jr
Apolinario Abad	Lynn Suwanski	Beverly R.
Alex & Lillian Karpy	Ron Nasti	Ann M.
Ed (Millard) Wilson		Bill M.
Ray, Donovan, and Grocke Families		John R., Jr
The Deceased Members of the Mr. & Mrs. Calia Family		Angelica Gonz
		Ignacio Campos

## CCW SPRING PLANT SALE

The Council of Catholic Women are holding their Spring Plant Sale on Saturday May 11th, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

This is a yearly event for CCW and ORDER FORMS will be in the bulletin the weekend of April 27 & 28th and May 4th and 5th.

CCW Representatives will be in the rear of church to take your orders and answer any questions. Please submit your order as soon as possible as the deadline for ordering is the 5th of May. *Thank you again for your support!!!*

## Readings of the Week

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 21, 2024

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

50: Acts 4:8-12 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 28-29  
1 Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:11-18

### Monday: Easter Weekday [4]

279: Acts 11:1-18 Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4  
Jn 10:1-10

### Tuesday: Easter Weekday [4]; Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop Martyr

280: Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1-7 Jn 10:22-30

### Wednesday: Easter Weekday [4];

### Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest, Martyr

281: Acts 12:24-13:5a Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8  
Jn 12:44-50

### Thursday: SAINT MARK, EVANGELIST

555:1 Pt 5:5b-14 Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17  
Mk 16:15-20

### Friday: Easter Weekday [4]

283: Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-11 Jn 14:1-6

### Saturday: Easter Weekday [4]

284: Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 14:7-14

Coming soon to Visitation!

### Called & Gifted

Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 am – 3:30 pm  
Visitation Parish Center



The **Called & Gifted** workshop can help you:

- Discover the unique call God has for you.
- Discern the gifts the Holy Spirit has given you in Baptism and Confirmation to fulfill your mission in life?

Teachers from the **Catherine of Siena Institute** in Colorado will facilitate this introductory **Called & Gifted** workshop. Learn more at

[siena.org/called-gifted](http://siena.org/called-gifted)



To register for the June 15<sup>th</sup> workshop use the QR code to the left or: <http://bit.ly/CandGElmhurst>

Cost: \$35 (covers book & lunch)

This is a joint effort of Visitation, IC, & Mary Queen of Heaven.

For more info please contact:

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Mary Glaudell (MQH): 630-832-8962, [mglaudell@maryqueen.org](mailto:mglaudell@maryqueen.org)



**Sunday, April 21, 2024**

8:30am James Constering  
 10:30am † Melissa Schowalter

**Monday, April 22, 2024**

8:30am Communion Service

**Tuesday, April 23, 2024**

8:30am Anna Marie Simpson

**Wednesday, April 24, 2024**

8:30am Maisie Malloy

**Thursday, April 25, 2024**

8:30am Raffaele Di Balsamo

**Friday, April 26, 2024**

8:30am † Adolph Krolikowski

**Saturday, April 27, 2024**

8:30am William Simpson  
 4:30pm † Sean & Isabel Murphy

**Sunday, April 28, 2024**

8:30am For the Faithful of MQH  
 10:30am † Karla Kenevan

† indicates person is deceased

**Universal Prayers**

Tuesday, April 23 - St. Mary Parish, Paxton  
 Wednesday, April 24 - St. Mary Parish, Park Forest  
 Friday, April 26 - St. Anne Parish, Oswego

**SUICIDE PREVENTION: Listening For and Helping to Create Life Worth Living**

*Monday, April 22 @ 7:00 – 8:30 PM*

Mary Queen of Heaven Parish Barrett Hall

For information, contact Joe Gornick at

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**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Saturday, April 27, 2024 & Sunday, April 28, 2024

**LECTORS**

<u>SATURDAY</u> 4:30pm	<u>SUNDAY</u> 8:30am	<u>SUNDAY</u> 10:30am
Ellen Walker	Wilma Woollard	Randy Styka

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

<u>SATURDAY</u> 4:30pm	<u>SUNDAY</u> 8:30am	<u>SUNDAY</u> 10:30am
K. Passarelli-C	J. Eichorst-C	M. Reed-C
T. Sabel	A. Locascio	R. Baguilat
K. Vicary		J. Naples
		P. Naples
		G. Pozen

*C-indicates the captain*



**WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT  
 SUNDAY, April 7, 2024**

Sunday	\$ 6,531.00
Mail in	\$ 540.00
Electronic	\$ 6,242.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 13,313.50</b>

**CMAA Pledge Report for Mary Queen of Heaven**

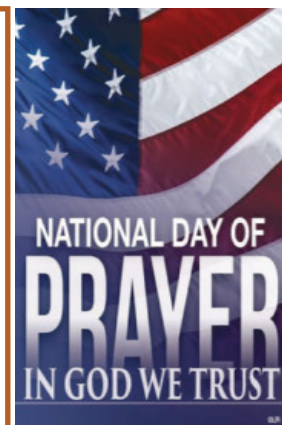
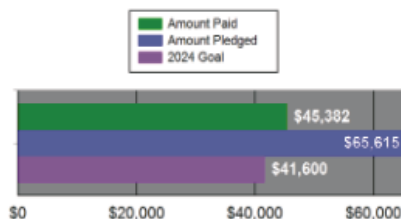
Monthly pledge payments for CMAA pledges should be made in the next few days. It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach our goal. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over goal will be returned to our parish for our needs. PARISH GOAL: 41,600



**CMAA Report By Parish**

2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal through 4/14/2024

	2024	2023	Inc/Dec	2023 (Final)
Parish #	157			
Parish Name	Mary Queen of Heaven Parish - Elmhurst			
Goal	\$41,600	\$37,800	\$3,800	\$37,800
Amount Pledged	\$65,615	\$54,377	\$11,239	\$66,134
Amount Paid	\$45,382	\$40,784	\$4,598	\$65,772
Balance Due	\$20,233	\$13,593	\$6,640	\$362
Donor Count	173	155	18	183
2024 Rebate	\$2,647			



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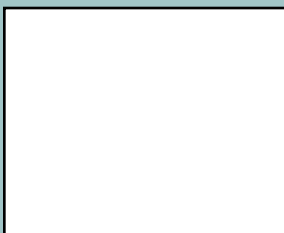
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