



# MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN

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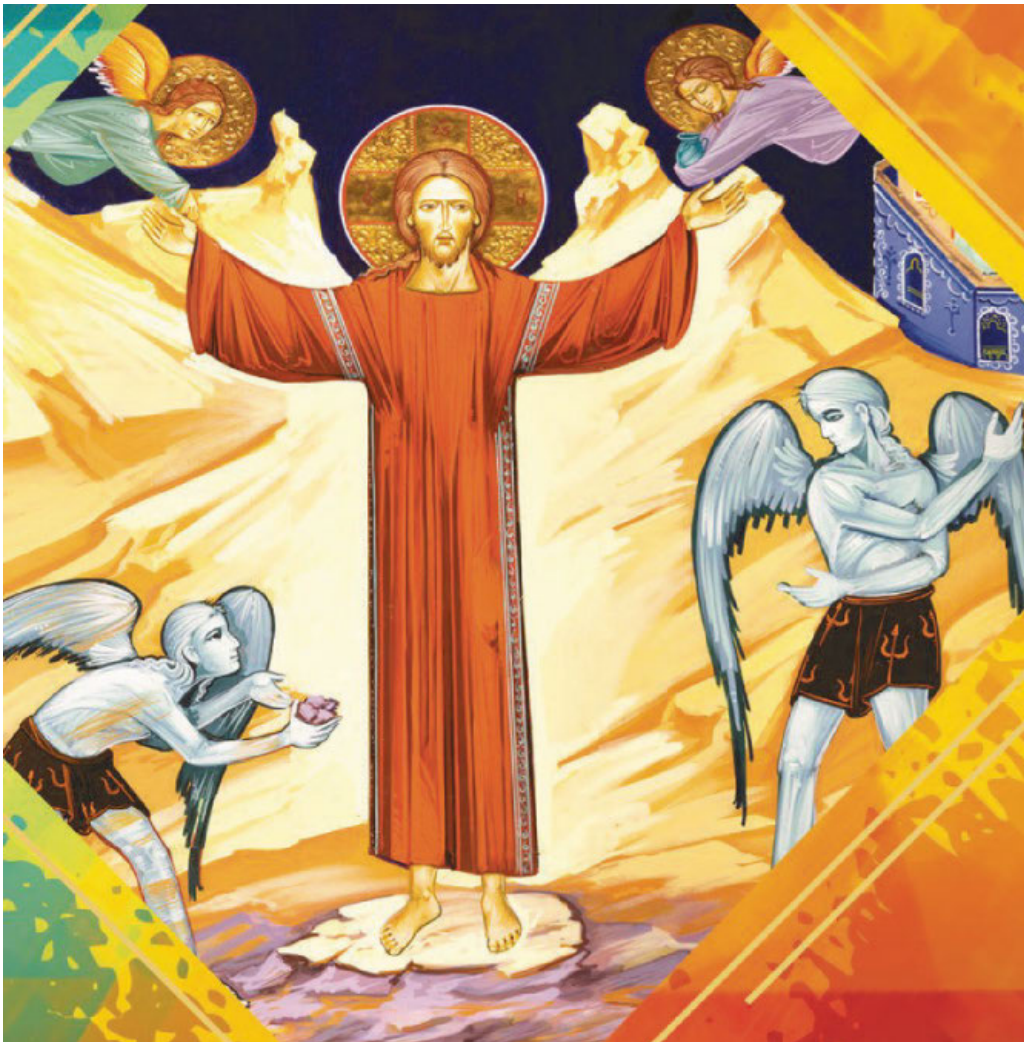
**Pastor Rev. Sławomir "Sławek" Ignasik**

**MARCH 9, 2025**

**FIRST SUNDAY  
IN LENT**

*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, outreach and social action.*



## 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

### Monday to Thursday

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

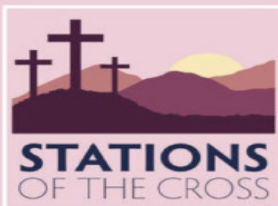
### Friday

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

## 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

**"Him alone shall you serve."**

**- Lk 4:8**



**Lenten Stations of The Cross at Mary Queen**

**Every Friday of Lent**

**1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Church**

**Come walk the Way of The Cross**

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## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER SLAWEK

During Lent we turn our hearts, minds and bodies, in a very particular way, towards God. We do this through **PRAYER, FASTING** and **ALMSGIVING**.

Before Jesus began his public ministry, he went out into the desert for 40 days of prayer and fasting. He needed to pray and spend time with His Father in prayer, so He would be fully prepared for the great mission He was about to undertake. He needed to listen to what the Father wanted to tell Him. He needed to trust in God and God alone. He was then tempted by the devil three times, in three particular ways.

Jesus' life was a reliving of Old Testament history; however, instead of failing as the children of Israel did, Jesus trusted in God. The first of the three temptations in the Old Testament was reflected when, after escaping from Egypt, the children of Israel did not trust God for their daily bread and complained about being brought into the wilderness to die of hunger (Exodus 16). The second instance was when they lacked trust in God to provide water (Exodus 17). And the third submission to temptation was the worship of the golden calf (Exodus 32). Jesus quotes from the book of Deuteronomy, which reviews these events to the devil.

Jesus' first temptation was to change stones into bread, as he was hungry from fasting. His response, "It is written, one does not live by bread alone" (Duet. 8:3). This is in direct opposition to the children of Israel who complained about lack of food. In the second temptation, "The devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, "I shall give to you all this power and glory, for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him alone shall you serve." (cf. Deut 6:13).

Jesus' third temptation was "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: 'He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you, and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" (cf. Ps 91:11-12) Jesus said to him in reply, "It also says, You shall not put the Lord, your God to the test." (cf. Deut 6:16) Jeff Cavins, noted Catholic biblical scholar stated, "In the third temptation, the devil tries to trip up Jesus by getting him to tempt God by throwing himself off the pinnacle of the temple. Psalm 91 says, "He will give his angels charge of you, and on their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone." If Psalm 91 were true, had Jesus jumped off of the temple, it would have been for the purpose of seeing. Jesus didn't have to jump to prove his trust in the Father; he demonstrated it by trusting in God's word. Jesus quotes Deuteronomy 6:16, "You shall not tempt the Lord your God." After Jesus' defeat of the three temptations, the devil leaves until another opportune time.

During Lent, we too, should spend more time in **PRAYER** with our Heavenly Father and listen to Him. We need to leave the business of the world and go into the desert of quietness and just be with God. What is He trying to tell us and teach us during this time of preparation to receive the Risen Lord? If we are tempted to give up our resolution to spend more time in prayer, we might remember the children of Israel and Jesus' temptations. Offer those temptations to Jesus, and He will see you through to victory.

**FASTING** disciplines us and helps us not give into temptations. We can fast in many small ways. If we are having trouble being patient, we can possibly start by being more patient in traffic. Once we've conquered the traffic, we can take on another instance of where we lack patience. As we discipline ourselves more and more, we are able to handle bigger temptations, which we need in this world where anything goes as long as it feels good.

**ALMSGIVING** is giving up something you really like for the good of another. When Jesus suffered the Passion, He did not do it for himself; He did it for all of us. Some good examples of almsgiving are the generosity of the parishioners during the food drive we had, donations for the Missionaries of the Poor, and the Giving Tree Christmas gifts for those less fortunate.

**PRAYER, FASTING** and **ALMSGIVING** all tie together. They help us to recognize all is a gift from God, and the depth of the sacrifice Jesus was willing to go through to save us, so that we may have eternal life. May we all live this Lenten season well, as we become closer to Jesus and better versions of ourselves. God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Fr. Slawek



## CALENDAR

**3/8/25 SATURDAY**  
 6:30am That Man Is You (TMIY) in Barrett Hall  
 8:30am Mass  
 9:00am Reconciliation  
 3:00pm RE First Communion Retreat  
 4:30pm Mass  
 KOC Speaker & Membership Drive  
 Indian Catholic Community  
 6:00pm

**3/9/25 SUNDAY 1st Sunday of Lent**  
 8:30am Mass  
 KOC Speaker & Membership Drive  
 RE First Communion Retreat II  
 9:00am Mass  
 10:30am KOC Speaker & Membership Drive



**3/10/25 MONDAY**  
 8:30am Communion Service  
 6:30pm Mundelein Seminary in Room 1  
 7:00pm Prayer Group in Room 13

**3/11/25 TUESDAY**  
 8:30am Mass

**3/12/25 WEDNESDAY**  
 8:30am Mass  
 9:00am Coffee and  
 3:00pm RE Faith Formation

**3/13/25 THURSDAY**  
 8:30am Mass  
 7:00pm Council of Catholic Women in Barrett Hall  
 7:00pm Baptism Prep in Room 13

**3/14/25 FRIDAY**  
 8:30am Mass  
 1:00pm Stations of the Cross in Church  
 7:00pm Stations of the Cross in Church

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

**3/16/25 SUNDAY 2nd Sunday of Lent**  
 8:30am Mass  
 9:00am OCIA in Room 13  
 10:30am Mass  
 11:30am Fellowship Sunday in Barrett Hall  
 3:00pm El Shaddai Charismatic in Barrett Hall

## SAVE THE DATE - FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY



Next Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, the Parish Council and the Council of Catholic Women will be hosting Fellowship in Barrett Hall immediately following the 10:30am Mass. Everyone is invited to attend!

## HYMNAL DONATIONS

To donate one of the new blue hymnals in memory/honor of a special person, call or stop in the office. Needed information will be collected from you, including your phone number. When we have names and donations, stickers to be placed into the hymnals will be printed in the office. You can drop off your \$20 donation at the office, or place it in a separate envelope for the Sunday collection.

MQH OUTREACH & SOCIAL ACTION  
NEXT GIVING WEEKEND OPPORTUNITY IN APRIL

Our Mary Queen of Heaven Giving Weekend occurs on the weekend of the First Sunday each month. We will support Evergreen Women's Shelter on April 5th and 6th. Evergreen provides shelter, guidance and support to women suffering with addiction.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



## EASTERN DUPAGE LENT OFFERING

Ascension of our Lord Parish in Oakbrook Terrace is offering a 5 week Lenten Bible Study entitled "LENT: A Season of Transformation and The Passion and Resurrection of Christ". The study will include Scripture reading, questions for thought and discussion followed by a lecture each week providing historical background and information on the assigned readings. The program begins March 19th and runs through April 16th from 1pm - 3pm. The facilitator for the program is Ascension Parishioner and Catechist, Elizabeth Edens, whom is a retired Director of Religious Education and has 28 years of experience teaching Scripture Studies. Registration is required and there is a fee of \$10.00. Call Ascension Parish Office to register @ 630-629-5810.



## Upcoming Mom &amp; Tot Play Group Event

Next monthly craft date is March 17th - Saint Patrick's themed craft

Hope to see you there! ;)

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FAITH FORMATION NEWS - MARY GLAUDELL, DIRECTOR



PRAY



FAST



GIVE

**PRAY:** The habit of prayer is a gift you can give your children that will last them a lifetime. Having a dedicated space in your home for prayer is an ongoing reminder to family members that God is always calling us to grow in our relationship with him.

**FAST:** *"It is written: 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.'" (Matthew 4:4)* Fasting is not about depriving ourselves of food but fasting from those things that distract us and prevent us from fully loving God and loving our neighbor as ourselves.

**GIVE:** We are called to set aside our own needs and focus on the needs of others. One way to give is to support the Catholic Relief Rice Bowl Project to help fight world hunger. For more information, please see the flyer enclosed with the Rice Bowl or go to [www.csricebowl.org](http://www.csricebowl.org). CRS Rice Bowl donations should be turned in by April 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support.



For ideas on how to journey as a family click on the Faith Formation tab at: <https://www.mqhelmhurst.org/>

PARISH NEWS—NEWLY BAPTIZED

Mary Queen of Heaven welcomed on March 2, 2025



**Nicolo Colella**  
Son of Tommaso and Janet (Schwartz) Colella



**Skylar Gruber**  
Daughter of Justin and Ashley (Kydes) Gruber

MARCH 1ST & 2ND GIVING WEEKEND RESULTS

Thank you for donating food and cleaning supplies to the Catholic Charities' St. Joseph's Place last weekend. You assisted Catholic Charities in their support of three (3) homeless families and the transition to self-support.



Twenty-four (24) boxes and bags of cleaning supplies and food were collected!



PRESCHOOL NEWS - GENÉT PINKERTON, DIRECTOR

**Volunteers are amazing!!!**

**We love to have them help with our day. Whether they help us with chores like mulch turning on the playground, serving snacks at our special events, prepping for art projects, reading us stories, or playing games with us in the classroom, each one is valued and appreciated for their time and talents.**



# Readings Week of the ELPI

## THE WEEK OF MARCH 9, 2025

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2,10-11,12-13,14-15/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13  
 Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46  
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17,18-19/Mt 6:7-15  
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4,12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32  
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12  
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26  
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

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

### Pledging Your Gift To The CMAA!

If you have already pledged your support to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we sincerely thank you! Let's join together to meet our parish's goal of \$45,800. Each and every gift, regardless of size, truly makes a difference.

If you still plan on making your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how best you can **Open your heart to God's goodness** in support of those in need throughout our diocese. Pledge envelopes are still available in the church, or you can use the envelope you received in the mail from the diocese. We also welcome online gifts at [jolietdioceseappeal.org](http://jolietdioceseappeal.org)

Remember, if we raise more than our goal, the diocese will return 70% of the amount over our goal to us to reinvest in our own parish. This is an incredible opportunity and blessing!

Thank You for your support!



### March 10

Dcn. Daniel Danahey  
 Dcn. Daniel Defino  
 Dcn. Steven DeSitter

### March 11

Fr. Gerald Watt CR  
 Fr. Marion Wroblewski CR

### March 12

Fr. James Dvorscak

### March 13

Sr. Cindy Langlois  
 Sr. Frances McCarron  
 Sr. Barbara Nelson IBVM

### March 14

Sr. Julie Stapleton  
 Sr. Mary Lou Wicislo IBVM

### March 15

Fr. Stephen Eickhoff  
 Fr. Herbert Essig

### March 16

Dcn. Michael Doyle  
 Dcn. Robert Duncan  
 Dcn. William Dunn

God's call  
 changes plans and  
 directions of many  
 lives.  
 - Bishop Larry Duffy



Pray for Pope Francis's Health  
 Heavenly Father, we ask that you grant your healing touch upon his body, your peace upon his mind and your comfort for his spirit.

Amen.

### Mary Queen of Heaven Monthly Sunday Giving Collection Analysis

(rounded to nearest \$)

	February	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 22,117	\$ 181,814
Mail in	\$ 3,680	\$ 28,610
WeShare	\$ 11,452	\$ 110,947
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$ 37,249</b>	<b>\$ 321,371</b>
Budget Total	\$ 40,000	\$ 313,000
Over(Under) Budget:	\$ (2,751)	\$ 8,371

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT Week of February 23, 2025

Sunday \$ 5,588.00  
 Mail in \$ 200.00  
 Electronic \$ 2,065.00  
**TOTAL \$ 7,853.00**

**Thank You for  
 Your Generosity!**



To view complete job descriptions of open positions within the Diocese of Joliet, please visit:

<https://www.diojoliet.org/offices/careers>



**Saturday, March 8, 2025**

8:30am † Geneva Jones  
 4:30pm † Michael Durdil

**Sunday, March 9, 2025**

8:30am † Greg Lentini  
 † Jack Nelson  
 † Jean and Greg Nelson  
 Parishioners of MQH  
 10:30am † James Morby

**Monday, March 10, 2025**

8:30am Communion Service

**Tuesday, March 11, 2025**

8:30am † Antero Sarvida  
 † Eulalio Tu-Bal

**Wednesday, March 12, 2025**

8:30am Families in Crisis

**Thursday, March 13, 2025**

8:30am World Peace

**Friday, March 14, 2025**

8:30am † Raffaele DiBalsamo

**Saturday, March 15, 2025**

8:30am Holy Father Pope Francis  
 4:30pm † David Grunwald

**Sunday, March 16, 2025**

8:30am † Jim Sobucki  
 † Franciszek Prokop  
 † Gregory Lentini  
 Parishioners of MQH  
 10:30am † John DiMonte

† 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'll come back again! Please visit our office or website for information on how to register. There is no C-H-U-R-C-H without **U!**  
*1 Corinthians 12:11-27*

MINISTRY SCHEDULE		
Saturday, March 15th & Sunday, March 16th		
LECTORS		
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30pm	<b>SUNDAY</b> 8:30am	<b>SUNDAY</b> 10:30am
D. Harrington	K. Sutkus	P. Naples
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS		
<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30pm	<b>SUNDAY</b> 8:30am	<b>SUNDAY</b> 10:30am
L. Maniola - C	Deacon Alex	Deacon Tim
T. Sabel	J. Eichorst - C	P. Twardowski—C
K. Vicary	J. Dezur	C. Anasco
		P. Delaney
		D. Styka
		R. Styka

*C-indicates the captain*

Maria Ubunger  
 Belinda Sobucki  
 Hunter Zielinski



David  
 Lynn Suwanski

**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 Knights of Columbus legendary fish fry is back!**

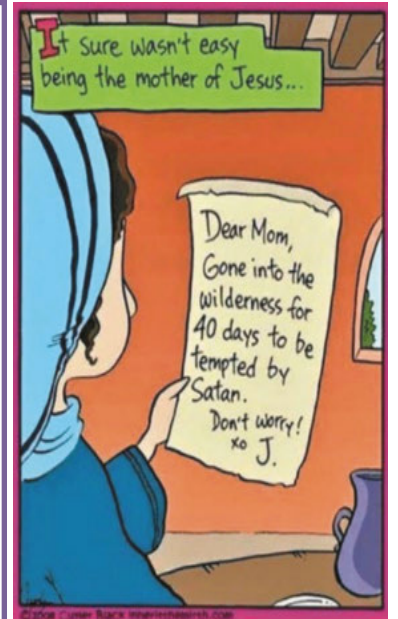
Come & enjoy fried or baked cod, clam chowder or shrimp tacos. There is also a Kids Menu.

**When:** Friday's from March 7th — April 4th

**Where:** Renaissance Room  
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Net proceeds of this event benefit the KOC Wheelchair Mission.





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