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**DECEMBER 29,
2024
FEAST OF THE
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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.

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 OUR PASTOR

Praise be Jesus Christ... Now and Forever.

As we celebrate the feast day of the Holy Family, it brings to mind the families of today. There is so much peer pressure on families. According to worldly standards, the parents must have very successful jobs, the children must be scholars and great athletes, and the family should be able to financially grant every wish. This creates a lot of unnecessary stress, which can create problems in the marriage and lead to separation and divorce.

There are always problems in marriages. They usually start out very small and are usually dealt with by either ignoring them or hoping everything is going to turn out fine. It usually is not considered to bring those problems and the things done each day to God. We try to do so many things on our own. Eventually we recognize without God, we cannot do anything. Just as modern families have problems, so did the Holy Family, and they started right away! We can see that St. Joseph was a quiet and righteous man who was more concerned about Mary than the apparent infidelity resulting in her pregnancy. He thought of her rather than the injustice against him. He didn't want the Virgin Mary stoned, which another man would feel his just due. Stoning to death was the punishment for adultery. St. Joseph was always willing to accept and follow the will of God.

The Blessed Virgin Mary trusted and lived in the divine will of God. Although she was a young pregnant girl who could have been put to death, she didn't think of herself. Rather, she ran to take care of her cousin Elizabeth, who had conceived St. John the Baptist in her old age.

St. Joseph and Blessed Mary faced life-threatening obstacles in their marriage, but with the help and guidance of God, they overcame not having a place to stay for the birth of the Messiah, the exile into Egypt, losing Jesus at the temple, and so many other things of which we are not aware.

So, when marriage and family life get complicated and difficult, let us look to the Holy Family as our inspiration and example of how to get through some really tough times. Through their intercession, let us bring all of our troubles to God, knowing with God we can do all things, but without Him we can do nothing.

To begin this new year in thanksgiving, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Art & Environment Committee for their beautiful job of decorating our church for Christmas. The church looked beautiful and added to the celebration as we joyously welcomed the birth of our Lord.

Of course, the music also played a part in our celebration. A big thank you to all the musicians and the cantors who sang at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. Thank you to all the lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers and all those who played a role in helping us enter more fully into the miracle of the birth of Our Savior.

Last but not least, a big thank you to all who attended our Christmas liturgies and encouraged their families and friends to join them and participate in the Holy Mass. I am sure each person was touched in a special way.

May you all have a very blessed and happy New Year. May it be filled with an increase of faith, hope and love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Slawek

CALENDAR

12/28/24 SATURDAY
 8:30am Mass
 9:00am Reconciliation
 4:30pm Mass

12/29/24 SUNDAY - FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
 8:30am Mass
 10:30am Mass

12/30/24 MONDAY
 8:30am Communion Service

12/31/24 TUESDAY
 4:30pm Vigil Mass

1/1/25 WEDNESDAY SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (Holy Day of Obligation)
 9:00am Mass



1/2/25 THURSDAY
 8:30am Mass

1/3/25 FRIDAY
 8:30am Mass
 After 8:30am Mass Eucharistic Adoration

1/4/25 SATURDAY
 8:30am Mass
 9:00am Reconciliation
 4:30pm Mass

1/5/25 SUNDAY - EPIPHANY
 8:00am Family Faith Resumes
 8:30am Mass
 9:00am OCIA
 10:30am Mass
 3:00pm El Shaddai Charismatic in Barrett Hall



The parish office will reopen on 1/6/25.

MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CRHP NEWS

Women – Give Yourself a Gift! Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) Women’s Weekend, February 22-23, 2025

Do you ever feel alone or disconnected? Have you just been going through the motions without really connecting to the Spirit of God that lives within you? Come to a Women’s CRHP Weekend, February 22-23, 2025. If you feel a tug on your heart to renew a relationship with Jesus, or even discover a new relationship, prayerfully consider registering for a weekend. Find out why you’ve been called. God has a personal message for you. The theme of the weekend is “The Spirit Within.” Give Jesus 30 hours of your time and your life will never be the same.

For more information contact:
 Karen Sutkus, Spiritual Director, at 630-935-1153 or kustkus1@comcast.net or
 Joan Bajda, Lay Director at 630-660-1747 or ilbajda@gmail.com.

Registration weekend is January 18-19, 2025.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration



Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him... (Saint Teresa of Calcutta). You can spend time in His presence in silent adoration on our next day of Eucharistic Adoration:

This First Friday, January 3rd

It begins after 8:30 Mass, and will close with **Benediction at 7:00 p.m.** Jesus invited all to come in prayerful adoration ~ **any** time during the day, **as well as for Benediction.** We welcome you to sign up on the chart in back of church to “adopt” an hour. A note of gratitude for all who have “adopted” an hour over the past few months, and for your faithfulness to First Friday adoration during the day. Questions?

Contact **Kay Diggins at 630-530-7214**, or **Rose Wilkes at 630-833-7238.**

FAITH FORMATION NEWS
MARY GLAUDELL, DIRECTOR



Today we celebrate the Holy Family – Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. On January 1st, we open the new year with the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Through these feast days we celebrate family with the Blessed Mary as Christ’s mother and St. Joseph as examples for all of us of the holy love of family. So, during this Christmas season, let’s take time to celebrate the gift of our own family and give thanks for each other.

Blessings to all our Mary Queen of Heaven families in faith.

“Put on, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.”
Colossians 3:12

Reminder: NO Classes January 1st
Family Faith resumes January 5th
Wednesday classes resume on January 8th

Serra Club of Dupage **ST. PETRONILLE 56th ANNUAL RETREAT**

JANUARY 3 - 5, 2025

“IN GOD ALONE IS MY SOUL AT REST”

WHERE: Carmelite Spiritual Center, Darien, IL

RETREAT LEADER: Fr. Jim Marchionda, O.P. is the former Prior Provincial for the Province of St. Albert the Great in Chicago, IL. Fr. Jim is a composer and musician and has composed over 100 sacred musical pieces and is a dynamic speaker. You can hear Fr. Jim preach on [A Word of Hope](#).

THE THEME: There is no doubt these are some of the toughest times of most of our lifetimes. Our country seems divided, wars rage and our church, meant to be a living sign of unity in Jesus Christ, struggles with strong divisions. Some of the questions we may ask ourselves include:

Where do we find peace and comfort for our hearts and souls, how do we find hope through these challenges, and how do we make a positive difference?

Fr. Jim will not answer these questions for us, however, as is our custom, he will lead us in prayer, contemplation, song and discussion so we can share, teach and inspire one another, discover new ideas, and hopefully, leave the retreat feeling spiritually refreshed, renewed, hopeful and with our souls at rest in God.

DONATION:
\$275 PER PERSON - SINGLE OCCUPANCY
\$225 PER PERSON - DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
Includes 2 nights, 5 meals, use of the Conference Room and Chapel



HOW TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE:
Please send your **non-refundable** check for \$25 per person, \$50 per couple, made out to **Carmelite Spiritual Center** to:

Camille Smith
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PLEASE MAKE CHECK OUT TO: CARMELITE SPIRITUAL CENTER

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Everyone! This is a chance to continue to grow in our faith, stay connected and celebrate the start of a New Year! Please feel free to share this flier and information wit

PRESCHOOL NEWS - GENÉT PINKERTON, DIRECTOR

Our "Road to Bethlehem", a children's version of the Christmas story, was so wonderful! The children performed beautifully and had a lot of fun as they learned about Jesus, his family, the angels, stars, wisemen, and shepherds. We began Advent with many lessons about giving to others and doing acts of kindness. Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem for the birth of our Savior Jesus was reinforced through songs, dances, games, crafts, and more including a birthday party for Jesus.



Jesus
is the
reason
for the
Season



Merry
Christmas



Open House Dates:

Sunday Jan. 12 - 11:30am-3:30pm

Tuesday Jan. 14 - 4:30pm-6:30pm

Readings of the Week CLM

FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 29, 2024

Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/
Lk 2:41-52
Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18
Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28
Friday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42



January 1

Bishop Dennis Spies

January 2

Brother Kenneth Arnold
Brother John Blease
Brother Thomas Dupre
Brother Chris Englert FSC

January 3

Deacon Eric Alvarez
Deacon Fred Ban
Deacon James Batis
Deacon Stephen Boffa

January 4

Sister Maria Alejandra Pardo
Rodriguez HMD

Prayer REQUESTS

Rolando Padillo
Herminia Cagalpin
Erlinda T. Sarvida
Olympia G. Sarvida
Antero Sarvida
Peter & Martha Wabol
Jean & Hank Schousen
Eugene M. Godawa Sr.
Rose Brogen
Karl Schmidt
Dent Joyce
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Moore

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas
Moore
Mollie Ferrari
Philip Ferrari
John Ferrari
William Kulpacka
James Inandiro
Nick DePaul
Wally Bassi
Pete Loutous
Carl & Marie
Kandlbinder

M. E. Wilson
Alex & Lillian Karpv
Grocke Family
Nasca Family
Clyde Todd
Daniel White
Brigid White
Patrick White
Aileen White
Al Fuchsen
Betty Wozniak
Ray Wozniak
Edna Wozniak
Rose Bier
Rose Brogan
Maria Lirio Ubungen

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

To view complete job descriptions of open positions within the Diocese and contact information, please visit:

[The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois.](http://www.romandiooceseofjoliet.org)

WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT Week of December 8 2024

Sunday	\$ 4,863.00
Mail in	\$ 995.00
Electronic	\$ 1,850.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,708.00

DONATIONS



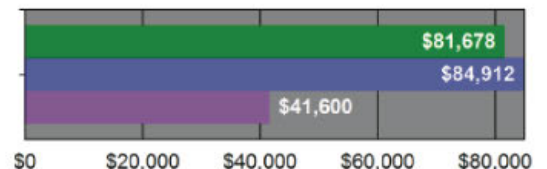
CMAA Report By Parish

2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal through 12/15/2024

Parish # 157
Parish Name Mary Queen of Heaven Parish - Elmhurst

	2024	2023	Inc/Dec	2023 (Final)
Goal	\$41,600	\$37,800	\$3,800	\$37,800
Amount Pledged	\$84,912	\$65,015	\$19,897	\$66,134
Amount Paid	\$81,678	\$63,856	\$17,822	\$65,772
Balance Due	\$3,234	\$1,159	\$2,075	\$362
Donor Count	213	180	33	183
2024 Rebate	\$28,055			

■ Amount Paid
■ Amount Pledged
■ 2024 Goal





Saturday, December 28, 2024

8:30am Ann McNamara
4:30pm † Michael Durdil

Sunday, December 29, 2024

8:30am For the Parishioners of MQH
† Elida Vargas
† Devin Newcombe
† Angelita Gonzalez
† Priscilla Garcia and Baby Joaquin
† Bridget Garry
† Giovanni Mancera
Ignacio Campos
10:30am † Kathleen Anselmo

Monday, December 30, 2024

8:30am Communion Service

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

4:30pm † Kathleen Reiter

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

9:00am SOLEMINITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, January 2, 2025

8:30am † James Morby

Friday, January 3, 2025

8:30am Roberto Campos

Saturday, January 4, 2025

8:30am Mary Agnes Hesselburth
4:30pm † Alyaretta & Chester Arcisz

Sunday, January 5, 2025

8:30am † Anthony Del Santo
For the Parishioners of MQH
† Ignacio & Angelica Campos
† Anne Ruanne
10:30am † John Dimonte

† indicates person is deceased

BLOOD DONOR



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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LECTORS

Tuesday, December 31, 2024 NEW YEAR'S EVE - 4:30pm	Wednesday January 1, 2025 NEW YEAR'S DAY - 9:00am
Mary Ann Reed	Marie Grozik

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Bob Dunn	Aileen Weigel
Larry Frank	Joe Weigel

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
Saturday, January 4 & Sunday, January 5

LECTORS

SATURDAY 4:30pm	SUNDAY 8:30am	SUNDAY 10:30am
Scott Griffin	Marie Grozik	Pat Naples

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY 4:30pm	SUNDAY 8:30am	SUNDAY 10:30am
Deacon Tim	Deacon Alex	Deacon Alex
B. Lawlor-C	M. Grozik-C	D. Reed-C
T. Stockman	J. DeZeur	P. Delaney
		J. Naples
		P. Naples
		G. Pozen

C-indicates the captain

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 by calling 630-279-5700 if you would like to add a name to our ongoing prayer list for our active duty loved ones.

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

Sunday, Jan. 5, 8a.m. – 2p.m.

537 S. York Rd. Elmhurst, IL. 60126

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Walk-ins Welcome

Appointments Recommended

Prepare: Eat well, hydrate, and bring ID



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