



# MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN

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**FEBRUARY 11, 2024**

**6th Sunday of  
Ordinary Time**



## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. - Mk 1:44-45b

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### Ash Wednesday Services

8:30 am Mass      12 pm Prayer Service      7 pm Mass

All with the Distribution of Ashes

### **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 12:00pm

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## A Message from Fr. Sunny

### LET’S GET LENT-READY

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday! Let’s get ready for Lent, my dear church!

We can begin discerning how to make our Lenten season fruitful and meaningful by mapping out a plan of action. You see the spiritual life is very much about intentionality, of strategic action. Perhaps the following guide questions can help us all better prepare for this holy season:

- 1. What would you give up this lent?** Work on a real sacrifice, not just a convenient one. Think about what you give up in terms of your spiritual life and don’t mix it with other agenda like weight loss or saving money. It is important to know the spiritual value of what you are giving up, and to be single-minded about that reason.
- 2. What prayer forms would you commit yourself to praying during lent?** There are many prayer forms, and sometimes, having too much in the plan may be discouraging or unrealistic. I suggest that we choose three prayer forms, at most. Choose three of the many, not including mass. Is it the rosary, the stations of the cross and daily scripture readings? It can also be a meditational resource, perhaps a Lenten book of reflections, including the one we offer in church or something you might find online or in a Catholic app on your phone. The resources are abundant.
- 3. Who are the people you would invite to go to mass with?** The Lenten season is also a great time to reconnect with friends and family, by inviting them to pray with you at mass. It is one of the most effective ways to enrich one’s relationship. Already, we know what happens when a family prays together, but it is also true with friends. Would the Lenten season be such a meaningful time if you are able to bring one person in your life closer to Jesus?
- 4. Which spiritual struggle would you focus to resolve during this time?** There are many aspects of our spiritual battles, and some of them may be collectively overwhelming to even begin to work on. The Lord understands our spiritual struggles and patterns of sin. Perhaps, this time, offer to the Lord one struggle. Just one to start with. After all, a journey of a million miles begins with just one step. Take the first step by choosing to work on one point of struggle. Keep it simple. Is it a bad habit of the mind? Is it a tendency to lose control of one’s tongue? Is it a lack of discipline with food or shopping? Is it an unhealthy sexual habit? Whatever this one step might be, look at it closely and make a clear plan to resolve it with the help of God during this season. Small steps in the spiritual life do great wonders in the soul!
- 5. How will you exercise charity during this season?** The “giving up” aspect of the Lenten discipline is balanced by the more pro-active call to charity, to do something good for others in the name of the sacrifice of Jesus. We tend to think of charity in monetary terms but that is just one of the many ways by which charity is expressed. Other ways of charity is the sharing of one’s time and talent. In many cases, it is easy to dole out money to charitable causes, but the immediate opportunity might be right there by your nose. It can be spending more time in conversation with your family. It can be helping someone by using your special skills or talents. It can be using your time to reach out to people who need encouragement. The possibilities are endless.

May these questions help in preparing us for Lent. As we position ourselves to the holy season, it is my prayer that our intentionality may be coupled with God’s fervor and auspiciousness. God bless our church. God bless you!

With devotion and love,

Fr. Sunny Castillo

### BULLETIN DEADLINES

**for February 18, 2024**

**MON. 1:00PM 2/12/24**

**for February 25, 2024**

**SUN. 8:00PM 2/18/24**

**CALENDAR**

- 2/10/24 SATURDAY**  
 6:30 am That Man is You in Barrett Hall  
 8:30 am Mass  
 9:00 am Reconciliation  
 10:00 am Joyful Again-RM #1  
 11:00 am 1st Reconciliation  
 4:30 pm Mass  
 6:00 pm Indian Catholic Community
- 2/11/24 SUNDAY, 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 8:30 am Mass  
 9:00 am Family Faith 6-8  
 9:30 am OCIA  
 10:30 am Mass  
 10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 2/12/24 MONDAY- Lincoln's Birthday**  
 8:30 am Communion Service  
 6:30 pm Prayer Group
- 2/13/24 TUESDAY**  
 8:30 am Mass  
 9:00 am YOGA  
 7:00 pm Eastern DuPage Deanery in Barrett Hall  
 7:00 pm Choir Practice
- 2/14/24 WEDNESDAY - Valentine's Day & ASH WEDNESDAY**  
 8:30 am Mass  
 9:00 am Coffee  
 12:00 pm Prayer Service  
 3:00 pm Religious Ed Classes  
 7:00 pm Mass
- 2/15/24 THURSDAY**  
 8:15 am Preschool Coffee and Convos  
 8:30 am Mass  
 7:00 pm Parish Pastoral Council
- 2/16/24 FRIDAY**  
 8:30 am Mass  
 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
- 2/17/24 SATURDAY**  
 6:30 am That Man is You in Barrett Hall  
 8:30 am Mass  
 9:00 am Reconciliation  
 4:30 pm Mass  
 5:30 pm Focolare
- 2/18/24 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
 8:30 am Mass  
 9:30 am OCIA  
 10:30 am Mass  
 10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word  
 11:30 am Fellowship  
 3:00 pm EL Shaddai Charismatic

**PARISH NEWS**



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**VACATION BIBLE**  
**"CAMP"**

**When: June 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Time: 9 to 11:30 am**  
**Who: children ages 3 - 10**

*"Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you." (Psalm 56:3)*

**Registration Opens March 1<sup>st</sup>**

**FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 18TH**

Immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass on February 18th, the Mary Queen of Heaven Parish Council will be hosting Fellowship in Barrett Hall. All parishioners, families and friends are cordially invited for delicious goodies provided by the board members, and orange juice, coffee, tea and water. We are looking forward to having you join us and enjoying breakfast and conversations with our parishioners.



A wonderful celebration of  
 Baptism on 2/4/24 for the  
 Cahill Family for their beautiful  
 Child of God

**Pledge your gift to the CMAA**

This is commitment weekend for the 2024 Catholic Ministries Catholic Appeal (CMAA). The appeal is a beautiful way we can put our faith into action by supporting the mission and important ministries of the Diocese of Joliet.

This year's CMAA theme is *For the Glory of God. Caring for our brothers and sisters in need is a magnificent way to celebrate His glory. Through our annual appeal, our parish joins with other parishes in the diocese to enrich the lives of those most vulnerable among us, grow our children in deep faith, and strengthen vocations. We could not foster these and the many other ministries the CMAA supports on our own. This is a diocese-wide effort.*

Seventy percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us, a wonderful re-gifting of sorts, that affords us the opportunity to invest in the needs of our own parish.

Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support our annual appeal and help our parish reach its \$41,600. To make a gift, complete and return one of the pledge envelopes in church today. Thank you in advance for your support!

## Diocese of Joliet



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### February 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Throughout his pontificate, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has often spoken of the need for Christians to evangelize others through accompaniment. Through listening patiently, building trust, and being mindful of others' dignity, we can help one another encounter Christ's merciful love, especially those who suffer from emotional wounds, loneliness, and doubt. For Central and Eastern Europeans living in countries that experienced 70 years of communist oppression, the Church especially needs to accompany people to an encounter with Christ that is patient, understanding, and filled with hope instead of fear, anger, and anxiety.

In Slovakia, the Alexis Counseling Center has accompanied nearly 2,500 women and their loved ones with devotion. Since 2010, the center has provided counseling to women experiencing the anxieties of an unplanned pregnancy or the grief of pregnancy loss, as well as to their partners, family members, and friends. In addition to promoting psychological healing, the center also helps vulnerable women who have experienced miscarriages and abortions to find housing, material and financial assistance, and support groups.



In Albania, lay people are preparing for lay ministries as catechists and extraordinary ministers of Communion through a three-year study program that provides in-depth knowledge of the Gospel, the Church, and sacraments, liturgy, and spirituality. This formation program equips participants to be active, faith-filled agents of evangelization and accompaniment to those who desire to know Christ and the Church.

Ministries of accompaniment such as these are made possible with grant monies raised through the Ash Wednesday Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. When you participate in the collection, you help the Church in Slovakia, Albania, Ukraine and more than 24 other countries accompany people who still experience the hardships and wounds caused by communism. Your support for and promotion of the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe is crucial to the success of ministries that affirm the dignity of children, youth, and other vulnerable people and show them the love and mercy of Jesus.

For more information about the collection and who it supports, visit [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee). Thank you for your help to restore the Church and build the future in Central and Eastern Europe.

Paz y bien,

**Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks**  
Bishop of Joliet

# PRESCHOOL NEWS

FROM GENET PINKERTON, DIRECTOR

To celebrate Catholic Schools week, our preschool families came to Mass on January 28<sup>th</sup>. After Mass we had a Valentine making service event. Many families came to create Valentine cards for people living in Senior Homes and for Veterans. Along with the RE classes, over 200 valentines were crafted to give away. We pray that the cards will bring smiles to many faces; to spread the love that St. Valentine teaches us to do.



Valentines for Senior Citizens have been delivered to Beacon Hill Health Center in Lombard and Park Place in Elmhurst .

Valentines have been delivered to Vets at Hines Veterans Hospital in Hines Il and Jessie Brown Hospital in Chicago.



FAITH FORMATION NEWS

FROM MARY GLAUDELL, DIRECTOR



Tuesday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> 5-8pm

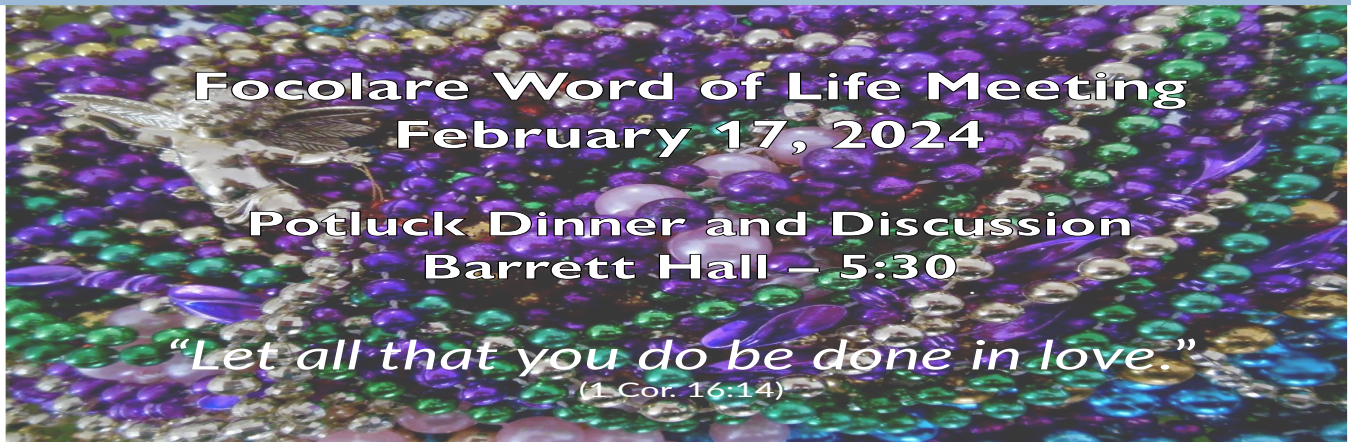
Faith Formation Fundraiser

Before you begin your Lent fasting, enjoy a meal from Portillo's and support our Faith Formation program. See flyer in the back of church or download from <https://www.mqhelmhurst.org/>



Once again, we are sponsoring the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Program. Thanks to the generosity of MQH families, last year we collected nearly \$800 to fight hunger worldwide. CRS Rice Bowls are available in the back of the church. Donations should be turned in by April 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for your support.

PARISH NEWS



Prayer REQUESTS

Cindy Jergan

Michelle Shufelt

Russ & Lynn Kubycheck

Requested by MQH Parishioners

Kathleen Anselmo

Nicolas Freer

Rachel Thompson

Requested Sheila Reiter

VOCATION PRAYER CALENDAR

2/11 - Dcns. William Ciston, Raymond Clark, Anthony Clishem, Gregory Clodi, Christopher Cochran

2/12 - Sr. Patricia Francis, Sr. Linette Howard, Sr. Mary Carr OP

2/13 - Linda Andrejek, Patricia Haney, Frances Radencic, CONSVIRN

2/14 - Sr. Dorothy Glaister, Sr. Loretta Glanz, Sr. Marilyn Llanes OP

2/15 - Fr. Santiago Corono

2/16 - Fr. Mark Cote

2/17 - Sr. Maryann Dosen, Sr. Mary Terese Giblin, Sr. M. Paula Nasenbeny SSFCR



**Sunday, February 11, 2024**

8:30 am Alida Iozzi  
 10:30 am † Gerlando Tamburello

**Monday, February 12, 2024**

8:30 am Communion Service

**Tuesday, February 13, 2024**

8:30 am Anthony Del Santo

**Wednesday, February 14, 2024**

8:30 am † Catherine Zable  
 7:00 pm The Parishioners of MQH

**Thursday, February 15, 2024**

8:30 am † Mary Collis

**Friday, February 16, 2024**


8:30 am † Virginia Carievato

**Saturday, February 17, 2024**

8:30 am † Deacon Tom Nolan  
 4:30 pm † Fred Cafasso

**Sunday, February 18, 2024**

8:30 am Matteo Del Cotto  
 10:30 am † Maria Dario Zanichelli



**Coming soon...and  
 You ARE Invited !!**  
 Enjoy "Cod for God" every  
 "Fryday Knight" of Lent 2024

**(Beginning Friday, February 16, 2024)**  
 \*\*\* Serving 5 - 8 PM \*\*\*

Delicious seafood from **Supreme Lobster!**

- North Atlantic Cod (Fried or baked!)
- Jumbo Beer Battered Fried Shrimp
- Zesty Fish Tacos
- Seafood Chowder
- Kids meals!

Fr. McDonald Council  
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<b>MINISTRY SCHEDULE</b>			
Saturday, February 17, 2024 & Sunday, February 18, 2024			
	<b>SATURDAY</b> 4:30pm	<b>SUNDAY</b> 8:30am	<b>SUNDAY</b> 10:30am
<b>LECTORS</b>	Novars	M. Grozik	M. Reed
<b>EUCARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	T. Sabel-C S. Harrington B. Lawlor	A. Weigel-C A. Locascio	G. Pinkerton-C J. Naples P. Naples G. Nieves M. Nieves
	<i>C-indicates the captain</i>		

<b>READINGS FOR THE WEEK of FEBRUARY 11, 2024</b>
<p><b>Sunday: 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>                      77: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 / Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 / 1 Cor 10:31—11:1 / Mk 1:40-45</p> <p><b>Monday:</b>                      335: Jas 1:1-11 / Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76 / Mk 8:11-13</p> <p><b>Tuesday:</b>                      336: Jas 1:12-18 / Ps 94: 12-15, 18-19 / Mk 8:14-21</p> <p><b>Wednesday: Ash Wednesday</b>                      219: J1 2:12-18 / Ps 51:3-6a, 12-14, 17 / 2 Cor 5:20—6:2 / Mt 6:1-6, 16-18</p> <p><b>Thursday: Thursday after Ash Wednesday</b>                      220: Dt 30:15-20 / Ps 1:1-4, 6 / Lk 9:22-25</p> <p><b>Friday: Friday after Ash Wednesday</b>                      221: Is 58:1-9a / Ps 51:1-3-6a, 18-19 / Mt 9:14-15</p> <p><b>Saturday: Saturday after Ask Wednesday;                      The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</b>                      222: Is 58:9b-14 / Ps 86:1-6 / Lk 5:27-32</p>

		
<b>WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>\$ 4,794.00</b>
<b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024</b>	<b>Mail in</b>	<b>\$ 625.00</b>
	<b>Electronic</b>	<b>\$ 2,277.50</b>
<b>THANK-YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY</b>		<b>TOTAL \$ 7,696.50</b>

**Ash Wednesday Collection**  
 for the Church in Central/Eastern Europe - USCCB  
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