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MARCH 31, 2024

EASTER SUNDAY

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.

CONTACTS

Parish Office Hours

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 Fr. Sunny

Happy Easter. Mary Queen of Heaven!

What a privilege to share this most glorious Easter Sunday with all of you! I feel grateful that we are together in faith and that we can celebrate the gift of new life in Jesus Christ!

EASTER IS CALCULATED IN A SPECIFIC WAY. Every year, the Sunday of Easter changes. And from determining when Easter Sunday will be observed, we then determine when the Lenten Season begins, that is, Ash Wednesday. In 325 AD the Council of Nicaea decreed that Easter should be observed on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox (March 21). Easter, therefore, can fall on any Sunday between March 22 and April 25.

KEEP A SEASON OF JOY. The Easter Season is a season of joy, a celebration of life that Jesus won for us. I call upon your creative minds to find ways to celebrate this season well. Find joy in the everyday graces that God showers you. Celebrate some little moments where you can recognize the goodness of God. They are everywhere and always available, but it takes a spiritual eye to recognize it. As Easter people, we need to ask daily: What blessings does God give me today? In every moment, we ask: Where is God here and now?

CELEBRATE OUR BELOVED DEAD. Because of Christ's resurrection, our dearly departed are safely home with the Lord, and the Suffering Church have hope to be released in God's mercy. And we who walk the militant journey have a chance to be united with our loved ones in the fullness of the Kingdom. I think of my grandfather, who was very special to my own childhood, and I give thanks to God for the gift of life that he has given to us all, one that only ends in a good ending, i.e., everlasting life, a happily ever after.

EASTER IS A SEASON. Some people who celebrate Easter think of it as a day. They go to church, celebrate with family, wear the Easter clothes, and maybe even eat the Easter meal. What we don't always think about is that Easter is a Season, and it lasts for fifty days, beginning from Easter Sunday and concludes in the celebration of Pentecost Sunday. It is good to celebrate all of Easter, because we are a Church of the Resurrection, Christians are Easter people.

REMEMBER: EVERY SUNDAY IS EASTER. As Christians, we now look to the first day of the week, Sunday, as the day of the Lord, because it is the day of the Resurrection. We celebrate mass every Sunday as the day of the Resurrection. How joyful indeed to be a Christian because Jesus is our victor. We are champions over sin and death, we are Sunday people, we are the Church of the Resurrection. Every Sunday, we gather for the victory feast, and receive the Eucharist of our triumphant Lord.

WORDS OF THANKS. I would like to thank our parishioners, volunteers, liturgical ministers, deacons, staff and everyone who made the Lenten and Holy Week liturgies very beautiful and special. May the Lord bless you a hundredfold for your devotion and generosity to our community. Without you, we would not be able to accomplish the goals we have set for the season. God bless you always. I WILL KEEP THESE BEAUTIFUL MEMORIES in my heart, wherever I may lead in my priestly story. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Happy Easter, my dear Mary Queen Parish family. God bless us always!

With the exuberant joy of Easter,
Fr. Sunny Castillo

BULLETIN DEADLINES

for April 7, 2024
MON. 1:00 PM 4/1/24
for April 14, 2024
MON. 1:00 PM 4/8/24

CALENDAR

**3/30/24 HOLY SATURDAY
EASTER VIGIL**

10:30am Easter Egg Hunt
11:00am Blessing
of the Baskets
7:30pm Easter Vigil Mass

**3/31/24 EASTER SUNDAY
MASSES**

8:30am, 10:30pm, 12:30pm

4/1/24 MONDAY

8:30am Communion Service
3:00pm Girl Scouts in Social Hall
7:00pm Prayer Group

4/2/24 TUESDAY

8:30am Mass
9:00am Yoga
3:15pm Girl Scouts in Social Hall
6:30pm CRHP
7:00pm Choir Practice
7:00pm EDD Deacons

4/3/24 WEDNESDAY

8:30am Mass
3:00pm Religious Ed Classes

4/4/24 THURSDAY

8:30am Mass
6:30pm Liturgy Committee

4/5/24 FRIDAY

8:30am Mass
9:00am Eucharistic Adoration
Holy Hour

4/6/24 SATURDAY

6:30am That Man is You
in Barrett Hall
8:30am Mass
9:00am Reconciliation
4:30pm Mass

4/7/24 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

8:30am Mass
9:00am Family Faith K-5
9:30am OCIA
10:30am Mass
10:30am Children's Liturgy
of the Word
12:00pm Baptisms
3:00pm El Shaddai Charismatic

PARISH NEWS



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 7, 2024

3:00 PM in CHURCH

**Join in the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday
with the program as follows:**

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

READING FROM AN EXCERPT OF SR. FAUSTINA'S DIARY

SHORT REFLECTION

PERSONAL MEDITATION AND PRAYERFUL SILENCE

BENEDICTION

VENERATION OF RELICS



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Scan the QR code or visit qrco.de/75thMerch to order by April 15. Orders will be shipped April 26.



The Beauty of Holiness

A testimony about marriage, family, and the sanctity of life

On the 20th anniversary of Saint Gianna Beretta Molla's canonization, Dr. Gianna Emanuela Molla shares the powerful and inspiring example of her most beloved Saint Mom and Holy Dad.



**May 24,
2024**

Holy Family Catholic Church in Shorewood, Ill.

Event includes veneration of St. Gianna Molla relics, Mass, talk by Dr. Gianna Emanuela Molla, and a dessert reception. For details, scan the QR code or visit diojoliel.org/w/the-beauty-of-holiness



Faith Into Action Podcasts

We've released six episodes of a 14-part series being produced for our 75th Anniversary. New episodes are released on YouTube and podcasts platforms the first Monday of each month. Find them anywhere you get your podcasts, and be sure to hit follow or subscribe so you never miss an episode!

EPISODE 5 Fr. Steven Borello, director of vocations, and Deacon Luis Ron, a seminarian, discuss vocations.
EPISODE 6 With a focus on the shrines in the diocese, Fathers Matt Lamoureux and Sunny Castillo share why these pilgrimages can be important spiritual experiences.



Faith Into Action
YouTube (video)



Faith Into Action
Podcast (audio)

Joliet Youth Day

This exciting, first-of-its-kind youth event will be held at Lewis University on June 1, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All rising 8th graders (current 7th graders) through rising freshmen in college (current high school seniors) are welcome to attend. Participants can sign up as part of a group from their home parish. If there is any teen who wants to attend but cannot find a group to join, their parent/guardian can call the diocese to help them find a group.



diojoliel.org/w/jyd2024
Registration deadline: **MAY 1**



- Engage with national keynote speakers
- Experience uplifting praise and worship
- Deepen their faith through Eucharistic adoration
- Find renewal in Reconciliation

2024 SERIES
THEOLOGY ON TAP

Young Adult Ministry


APRIL 17
Michael Gormley
"The Lay Evangelist"


JUNE 13
Reverends
Jeremy Leganski,
Alex Lorang, and
Jared Rutnicki
 Newly ordained priests of the diocese


OCTOBER 24
Most Reverend
Ronald Hicks
 Bishop of Joliet

For more information on our Young Adult Ministry (21-29), scan the QR code or visit catechesis.diojoliel.org/young-adult-ministry



National Eucharistic Revival



The diocesan website has been updated with the latest information regarding the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, which will pass through Chicagoland from June 26-July 1, 2024, and the National Eucharistic Congress, held in Indianapolis from July 17-21, 2024. Visit the website to register for the Congress or any of the summer events that will be held in the Archdiocese of Chicago:

diojoliel.org/national-eucharistic-revival

From podcasts and youth events to service and prayer cards, scan the QR code or visit diojoliel.org/75th for the full list of events and activities surrounding the 75th anniversary.



diojoliel.org/75th

COMMUNITY NEWS

St Alexander Catholic Church Blood Drive

Sponsored by the
Knights of Columbus,
Father John Barrett Council #8365
 300 S. Cornell, Villa Park, IL 60181
Tuesday, April 9, 2024
12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org. and use sponsor code: StAlexanderVP or contact Al Foerster at foersteralvin@att.net



PRESCHOOL NEWS

FROM GENET PINKERTON, DIRECTOR

MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRESCHOOL CHILDREN'S CLOTHING & TOY

RESALE

Saturday April 27th 8am—2 pm



Donations Needed

- ◇ Your donations of items that we can sell are greatly appreciated! Drop off items year round to the brown bins behind the preschool sign near the playground.

Volunteers Needed

- ◇ We also need help preparing for and running the sale. We have a sign up for the many hands it takes to have a successful sale.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084DAAA82AA3FF2-48240010childrens#/>

Proceeds and Unsold items

- ◇ All proceeds for the sale go directly to the school for new items. Unsold items go to a variety of charity organizations such as Soles For Kids, St Vincent DePaul store, and The Elmhurst Clothing Center.

- ◇ For more information :

Email us at mqhpreschoolresale@gmail.com

Visit our website at www.mqhpreschool.org



VACATION BIBLE "CAMP"

When: June 10th - 14th

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 is now open. See the link to sign-up at <https://www.mqhelmhurst.org/>

FAITH FORMATION NEWS
FROM MARY GLAUDELL, DIRECTOR

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.



Today as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, let us rejoice with family and friends. We are also nearing the end of our Faith Formation year. Please note these important upcoming dates:

Confirmation Prep II: Theology of the Body April 3rd 6:45pm
Confirmation: May 1st
First Communion: May 4th

Vacation Bible School: June 12th – 16th

Registration for 2024/2025 is now open! Forms are available on-line or contact the Faith Formation Office.

PARISH NEWS

VOCATION PRAYER CALENDAR

The vocation prayer list will begin again April 7th.



FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 31, 2024

EASTER SUNDAY RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

42: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2, 16-217, 22-23 Col 3:1-4 or Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9 or 41: Mk 16:1-7

MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER [1]

261: Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 Mt 28:8-15

TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER [1]

262: Acts 2:36-41 Ps 330;4-5, 18-20, 22 Jn 20:11-18

WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER [1]

263: Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105: 1-4, 6-9 Lk 24:13-35

THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER [1]

264: Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2a, 5-9 Lk 24:35-48

FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER [1]

265: Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a Jn 21:1-14

SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER [1]

266: Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16ab-21 Mk 16:9-15



Prayer REQUESTS

Please see the parish prayer requests in the bulletin insert on the Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday weekends.



Sunday, March 31, 2024

8:30am † Jim Quinn III
 10:30am John Martin
 12:30pm Rita Fehring
 For the Faithful MQH

Monday, April 1, 2024

8:30am Communion Service

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

8:30am † Antera Sarvida
 † Eulalio Tybal

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

8:30am Rita Fehring

Thursday, April 4, 2024

8:30am Jim Simpson

Friday, April 5, 2024

8:30am † Melissa Schowalter

Saturday, April 6, 2024

8:30am Jerome Niehus
 4:30pm For the Faithful MQH

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7, 2024

8:30am Russ & Lynn Kubycheck
 10:30am † Leo & Raimonda Gagliano

† indicates person is deceased

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 6, 2024 & Sunday, April 7, 2024

LECTORS

<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
<i>4:30pm</i>	<i>8:30am</i>	<i>10:30am</i>
Beth Dunn	Ken Sutkus	Marie McCall

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
<i>4:30pm</i>	<i>8:30am</i>	<i>10:30am</i>
Deacon Alex	M. Nolan-C	P. Twardowski-C
L. Maniola-C	K. Diggins	M. Alcorn
E. Ruizol		K. Carambot
		D. Styka
		R. Styka

C-indicates the captain



**WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT
 SUNDAY, March 17, 2024**

Sunday	\$ 5,488.00
Mail in	\$ 715.00
Electronic	\$ 2,677.50
TOTAL	\$ 8,880.50

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DINNER MEETING DETAILS

Monday, April 8, 2024
St. James the Apostle Catholic Church
 480 S Park Blvd, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
Evening Program

RSVP by April 5th to: D. Thurman d21thurman@gmail.com or 630-642-2618
 Please Denote any **Special Dietary Requirements** when RSPVing to D. Thurman above.

Speaker: Fr. Keith Wolfe, Pastor at St. James in Glen Ellyn, IL



Fr. Keith was born and raised in the suburbs of Chicago where he attended Northern Illinois University before entering the Saint John Vianney Seminary in the Twin Cities. He completed theological formation at Mundelein Seminary before ordination to the diaconate in 2015 and priesthood in 2016. He served as a parochial vicar at Immaculate Conception (Elmhurst), Saint John the Baptist (Winfield), and Saint Mary of Gostyn (Downers Grove). Fr. Keith was assigned as the seventh pastor of Saint James the Apostle (Glen Ellyn) in 2022. He also serves as a Catholic Chaplain in the United States

Navy Reserves, including a deployment to the Middle East to support a Special Operations Joint Task Force. In his limited spare time, he enjoys hiking and daydreaming about cars a priest can never afford.

- 6:00 pm - Rosary
- 6:20 pm - Mass - Celebrant Fr. Keith Wolfe
- 7:00 pm - Fellowship (In Social Hall)
- 7:20 pm - Dinner and Welcome
- 7:50 pm - Members updates from Officers & Announcements
- 8:00 pm - Guest speaker presentation followed by Q&A
- 9:00 pm - Closing prayer and Adjourn

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