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33RD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 19, 2023

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

Pre-school Information

Phone: 630-833-9500

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33rd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME



"'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.'"

- Mt 25:20b-21



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A Message from Fr. Sunny**A PEOPLE OF CELEBRATION**

In the Philippines, celebration is a way of life. People are always looking for reasons to get-together and celebrate, eat together, sing, take tons of pictures, wear your best clothes, put on a great smile and be ready to mingle with your favorite people. This is why the Philippines is called "The Fiesta Islands". Every island has its own celebration, featuring its own products and its own dishes and patron saints, its own regional flavors and sounds. There is so much pride given to celebrating well. But here at Mary Queen, we too, are a people of celebration.

Today, NOVEMBER 19, we celebrate Ed Novak's 50th anniversary as a liturgical musician. It is a special milestone, for sure. Being a liturgical musician is itself a calling, a specific path to serve the church, and it requires specific talents and skills, but also a proper understanding of what takes place during Mass. It requires a collaborative leadership and an ability to breathe the Holy Spirit in the songs and music pieces that are used in liturgy. Ed Novak has served as liturgical musician in various parishes in the Chicagoland area, and here at Mary Queen, since Fr. Tony Taschetta was the pastor. This weekend, we celebrate him and give thanks to God for his ministry. We pray that God continues to guide him to use his gifts for the glory of His Name.

On Tuesday, NOVEMBER 21, I will be celebrating my 51st birthday. As years roll by, I feel more and more how life is like being on a rollercoaster ride. While it is full of exciting turns, loops, twists and drops, it is also happening fast, and in the story of my life, I am at a place where I am seeing the bigger picture more than ever before. I feel more resigned to the way life unfolds, and I feel free to let go the things that I have no control over. As a priest, I have become keenly aware of human reality, both its blessings and challenges, making me both more grateful and more aware of how much I need God. I ask for your prayers, my dear parishioners, that my life may be a blessing to others.

On Thursday, NOVEMBER 23, we will all celebrate Thanksgiving Day with our families and community. It is one of the most meaningful civic holidays in this country, and I find that it needs to be celebrated more than ever before, as our culture is plagued by an attitude of entitlement. I pray that this Thanksgiving Season, the heart of America will return to the One-to-Whom-All-Thanksgiving-is-Due.

On Saturday, NOVEMBER 25, we begin a special novena to St Francis Xavier, which also marks the beginning of our diocesan celebration of the 75th Jubilee of the establishment of the Diocese of Joliet. It is a very momentous occasion for our local church to celebrate that we are "founded in faith, called to witness and sent forth to serve." As we enter into the jubilee year with this novena, let us pray that the Joliet Diocese will continue the work of saving souls and bringing the Gospel of Jesus.

There are many reasons to celebrate, and indeed, we are a church that celebrates. Let us sing our praises to God and fill our hearts with the joy of knowing that we are beloved by God. Celebrate, dear Church, come on!

With joy in the Lord,

Fr. Sunny Castillo

BULLETIN DEADLINES**for November 26, 2023****MON. 4:00PM 11/20/23**

EARLY DUE DATE DUE TO HOLIDAY-

for December 3, 2023**TUES. 4:00PM 11/28/23**

CALENDAR

11/19 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Catholic Campaign for Human Development

- 8:30am Mass
- 9:30am OCIA
- 10:30am Mass
- 10:30am Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 10:30 Ed Nowak Reception
- 3:00pm El Shaddal Charismatic

11/20

- 8:30 Communion Service

11/21

- 8:30am Mass
- 9:00am YOGA
- 6:30pm CRHP
- 7:00pm Choir Practice

11/22

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

11/23 THANKSGIVING DAY

- 8:30am Mass

11/24

- 8:30 am Mass
- 11:00am Baptisms in Church

11/25

- 8:30am Mass
- 9:00am Reconciliation
- 4:30pm Mass
- 4:30pm Giving Tree

11/26 KING OF THE UNIVERSE

- 8:30am Mass
- 8:30am Giving Tree
- 10:30am Mass
- 10:30am Children's Liturgy of the Word

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS
FROM MARY GLAUDEL, DIRECTOR**



We began November with our annual Saint Project. From Kindergarten to 8th graders, all participants in our program learned about and presented information on a saint. Each student selected a saint with a focus on saints with a special connection to the Eucharist or a patron saint of children, students, or learning. They all learned how their saint loved God and what it means to be holy.



PARISH NEWS



Our Christmas Giving Tree will be decorated with ornaments for the 15 Needy Families we have adopted beginning the weekend of November 25th & 26th. Please take an ornament, purchase the item listed, wrap the package with Christmas paper and place the ornament on the top of the box or gift bag. The deadline for returning the gifts for the 15 families, The Elmhurst Extended Care Nursing Home and The Grove Nursing Home is the weekend of **December 9th & 10th**. Sharing our blessings with others has been unique to Mary Queen of Heaven Parish for over 40 years and our parishioners generosity is beyond! If you have any questions regarding the ornament you choose, please feel free to contact **Sheila at 630-833-6657**.

SENIOR CITIZEN CHRISTMAS DINNER

All Seniors of our parish are cordially invited to attend the CCW Senior Citizen Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 2, 2023 immediately following the 4:30pm Mass. Please fill in the form in the bulletin and place it in the box in the rear of the Church or return it to the Parish Office so that we know how many Seniors to prepare for. Hope you will join us for this delightful dinner and entertainment. If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Reiter at 630-833-6657 or Debbie Styka at 630-941-7224.



MQH SENIOR CHRISTMAS DINNER-NEED PEOPLE TO DONATE FOOD OR TIME SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023

Call Debbie Styka 630-941-7224 or email her at debbiestyka@yahoo.com to volunteer to bring food or to help. Another great option is to go to SignUpGenius & see what items of food are needed-you can use this link below or go to SignUpGenius.com & search for Senior Christmas Dinner sponsored by CCW, Preschool, Religious Education:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4BAAAB29A4FE3-senior#/>

Food to be dropped off between 4:00-5:00pm to Barrett Hall. Please have hot food hot & cold food cold. Disposable tins are great or mark any dishes with your name with masking tape that you'll be collecting after the dinner at your convenience. Please note the name of the recipe you are making when you sign up. Each dish should serve 8-10 adults. Dishes needed can be Ham, Meatballs, Chicken Casserole, Green Lettuce Salad, Cole Slaw, Jello Salad, Pasta Salad, Rice Casserole, Baked Pasta, a sweet potato, zucchini, carrot, asparagus or green bean dish, corn or potato casserole or mashed potatoes.

VOLUNTEER HELP IS NEEDED FOR set up, serving drinks, welcoming from 4:30-6:30pm or welcoming, serving, drinks and clean-up from 5:30-7:30pm or clean-up from 7:00-8:30pm.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE FORMATION OF OUR FUTURE SHEPHERDS.

Last weekend, our parish took up a second collection for the I Will Give You Shepherds campaign. Our contributions will be invested in a new endowed fund, the Diocese of Joliet Seminarian Education Endowment Trust, which is restricted for the purpose of educating seminarians. If you already made a gift to the second collection, please know how much our seminarians appreciate your generosity. If you have yet to complete and return the envelope you received at Mass last weekend, you may still do so. If you need a second collection envelope, there are still available.

You can also learn more about this campaign or make a gift online at: <https://www.givecentral.org/Seminarian-Education-Endowment-Trust>



ST MICHAEL PARISH IS SEEKING A PARISH PART-TIME RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The RE Administrative Assistant will be detailed oriented, self-motivated, organized, & will commit to the utmost confidentiality. Responsibilities include but are not limited to greeting people, answering phones, & performing general office work.

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PRESCHOOL NEWS

FROM GENET PINKERTON, DIRECTOR

MQH Preschool

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HOLIDAY (RE)SHOPPE

COME SHOP WITH US!

Check off that holiday gift list at our first annual MQH Preschool HOLIDAY (RE)SHOPPE! Shop hundreds of donated, gently used children's toys and books for a fraction of the price.

MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH
NOVEMBER 28-29, 2023

<p>HOLIDAY SHOPPE HOURS:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Tuesday, November 28 3-9pm</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Wednesday, November 29 8am-12pm</p>	<p>Looking for a place to donate your outgrown children's clothes and toys? Please consider donating to MQH Preschool! Donations accepted year round. For more information, please contact Sarah Eilbracht at sceilbracht@gmail.com.</p>
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PARISH NEWS

MQH Coat Exchange!

Keep warm this winter!



We're hosting a parish wide "Coat Exchange".

- Bring in your clean and in-good-condition winter gear for a second life!
- *We're accepting coats, boots, hats, gloves, scarves, etc. Please clean it first.*

- Drop it off on the racks and bins in Mary's Gathering space, or the preschool hallway.
 - Look for some new to you winter gear to keep you cozy this winter!
 - We're collecting all child and adult sizes.
 - All leftover gear will be donated.
- [The Exchange runs until 11/30/23](#)

Bishop Hicks' Column

November 2023

LAUNCHING OUR 75TH JUBILEE



A "JUBILEE" IS A SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY, marking a certain time period. For example, a twenty-fifth anniversary is universally recognized as a silver jubilee, whereas the fiftieth is known as the golden jubilee. This month, we are officially launching the 75th Anniversary of the Diocese of

Joliet, or the celebration of our diamond jubilee.

As they say, "diamonds are forever." This celebration gives us the opportunity to honor our past, commemorate our present, and look forward to the future with hope. Our year-long celebration will officially begin in December 2023 and end in December 2024. However, we have a few things happening in November that I would like to share with you and encourage your participation.

On Monday, November 6, 2023, we launched the first episode of a 14-part podcast series produced specifically for our 75th anniversary. In our pilot episode, Fr. Tom Paul, the chair of the Jubilee planning committee, and I talked about different ways that you can participate in our anniversary celebration. If you are a podcast aficionado, just listen on your favorite app by searching "Faith Into Action." Or you may try watching it on the diocesan YouTube channel. Either way, the links can always be found in the 75th Anniversary section of our website, diojoliet.org/75th, which can be read in English, Spanish, and Polish.

As we celebrate with great faith, hope, and love, I want to make sure we have many opportunities to pray together. A nine-day novena will begin on November 25, the Saturday after Thanksgiving. This Novena of Grace is based on the writings of the patron saint of our diocese, St. Francis Xavier. For daily prayers and devotions, visit the website or see your Sunday bulletin.

The novena concludes on December 3, 2023. On that same day we will host an event at the Blanchette Catholic Center at 1 p.m., where I will bless a new statue of St. Francis Xavier. He will beautifully welcome employees and visitors at the main entrance to our diocesan offices to remind us of our missionary call to share our faith with all people.

Then, for an entire year we will celebrate in ways that highlight my vision of catechesis, evangelization, and faith into action:

1. We will promote **catechesis** through faith formation to help the next generations *know about* Jesus and the Church. Through novenas, prayer cards, and lesson plans, we will grow the knowledge of our faith for all ages. We are blessed that our celebration is occurring in harmony with the three-year National Eucharistic Revival, which reminds us how the Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives.
2. We will also continue to **evangelize**, which is needed to truly know Jesus and *love* Him. True evangelization is realized when we believe in our minds, hearts, and souls that Jesus is real: He loves us, and we love Him. Through liturgies, prayers, media posts, podcasts, printed calendars, and commemorative books, we will actively **share** our faith and love of Jesus, who gives us eternal life through His life, suffering, death, and resurrection.
3. With catechesis and evangelization as our foundation, we will continue to put our **faith into action**. As Catholics, we *serve* the poor, the needy, and the marginalized. We speak for the unborn, the stranger, the abandoned, and those who are in most need of our care. As part of the 75th anniversary, I encourage all parishes to establish a day of service in the fall of 2024, responding to the various needs of each distinct community.

Jesus gave us such an incredible gift in the Church, and as baptized Christians, we are called to pass our faith on to the next generations. No one wants to belong to a Church that is merely surviving. Instead, we should have a burning desire to be a thriving Church that truly reflects God's light and God's love.

I encourage you to participate in some aspect of our 75th Jubilee during this next year. There is truly something for everyone, and I want each of you to know that YOU are a vital part of our celebration. So, together, rooted in Christ, let's live out the theme of our 75th anniversary: founded in faith, called to witness, and sent forth to serve!



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





Sunday, November 19, 2023

8:30am + Pasquale Cataldi

10:30am + Philip Greco

Parishioners of Mary Queen

Monday, November 20, 2023

8:30am Communion Service

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

8:30am Fr. Santos Castillo

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

8:30am + Johnny Kenny

Thursday, November 23, 2023

8:30am Priests and Seminarians

Friday, November 24, 2023

8:30am Kevin Sterns

Saturday, November 25, 2023

8:30am Parishioners of Mary Queen

4:30pm + Sean Kahovec

Sunday, November 26, 2023

8:30am Priests and Seminarians

10:30am + Zoe Zurkowski



Tina Cappilupo

Alexandra Barcal

CMAA PLEDGE REPORT THROUGH 11-12-2023

GOAL	\$ 37,800
PLEDGED	\$ 63,449
PAID	\$ 61,200
BALANCE DUE	\$ 2248

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 additional funds received will be returned to the parish for our use.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 25th & Sunday, November 26th

	SATURDAY 4:30pm	SUNDAY 8:30am	SUNDAY 10:30am
LECTORS	Kay Passarelli	Marie Grozik	Phil Reynerston
EUCARISTIC MINISTER	L. Maniola (C.) B. Lawlor T. Sabel	J. Dezur J. Eichorst	M. Alcorn K. Carambot G. Pinkerton D. Reed M. Reed

READINGS FOR THE WEEK of November 19, 2023

Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/ Ps 128:1-5/ 1 Thes 5:1-6/ Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday:

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/ Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/ Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Mc 6:18-31/ Ps 3:2-7/ Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Saint Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/ Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15/ Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Thanksgiving Day, Saint Clement I, Pope, Martyr; Saint Columban Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest, Martyr

1 Mc 2:15-29/ Ps 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15/ Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/ (Ps) 1 CHR:10-12/ 19:45-48

Saturday: Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin, Martyr

1 Mc 6:1-13/ Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19/ Lk 20:27-40

PARISH SUPPORT

WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT	Sunday	\$ 4897.00
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023	Mail in	\$ 450.00
	Electronic	\$ 2807.50

Please note these are corrected values. **TOTAL \$ 8154.50**

WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT	Sunday	\$ 5953.00
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023	Mail in	\$ 365.00
	Electronic	\$ 5907.50



TOTAL \$ 12,225.50

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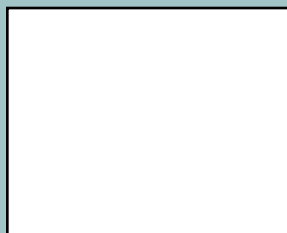
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