



# MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN

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**DECEMBER 8,  
2024  
SECOND SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT**

*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

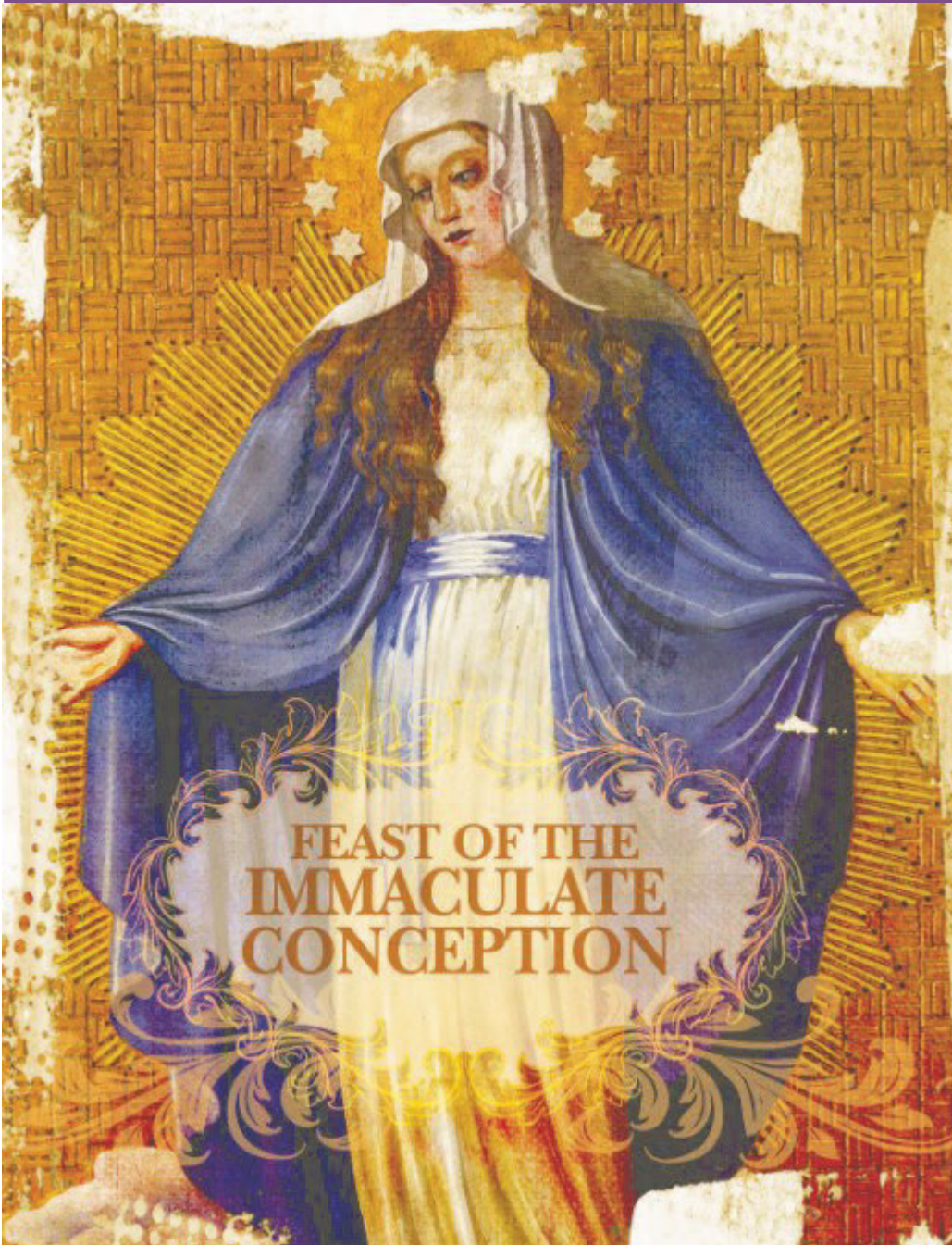
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### Monday to Thursday

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

### Friday

9:00 am to 12:00 pm



## CONTACTS

### CLERGY

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## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER SŁAWEK



Praise be Jesus Christ...  
Now and Forever.

John preaches repentance and  
baptizes in the region of the Jordan.

This week and next, our Gospel  
readings invite us to consider John the  
Baptist and his relationship to Jesus.  
John the Baptist appears in the  
tradition of the great prophets,  
preaching repentance and reform to  
the people of Israel. To affirm this, St.  
Luke quotes at length from the prophet

Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins,  
preparing the way for God's salvation.

The three Synoptic Gospels — St. Mark, St. Matthew, and St. Luke —  
attest to the importance of the baptism of John in preparing for Jesus.  
Only the Gospel of Luke, however, extends the connection between  
these two men to their birth. The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel  
contain the Infancy Narrative, which tells about the births of John the  
Baptist and Jesus. These stories set the stage for the beginning of  
Jesus' public ministry in chapter 3.

The evangelist St. Luke is the author of the Gospel that bears his name,  
and he also wrote the Acts of the Apostles as a continuation of the story  
of Jesus and the Church. In these two works, St. Luke's sense of time  
and history emerges. He identifies three epochs of salvation history: the  
time before Christ, the time of Christ, and the time of the Church and the  
Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel reading, as elsewhere, John the Baptist is  
presented as the figure who bridges the time before Christ and prepares  
the way for Christ's own ministry.

In today's Gospel we also note St. Luke's attention to political and  
historical detail. St. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and  
situated in world events. Therefore, St. Luke lists the political and  
religious leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert.  
Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social  
history.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent  
season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are  
called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's  
message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be  
prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as  
John did.

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Sławek



**CALENDAR**

**12/7/24 SATURDAY**  
 8:30am Mass  
 9:00am Reconciliation  
 4:30pm Mass  
 5:30pm CCW Senior Christmas Party in Barrett Hall

**12/8/24 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
 8:00am Faith Formation  
 8:30am Mass  
 9:00am OCIA Room 13  
 10:30am Mass & Children's Liturgy of the Word Ages: 3-8  
 11:30am Focolare in Barrett Hall until 6:00pm

**12/9/24 MONDAY**  
 8:30am Communion Service  
 8:30am Mom and Tot Play Group  
 9:15am Road to Bethlehem Practice  
 6:30pm Preschool Board Meeting  
 6:30pm Mundelein Seminary in Room 1  
 7:00pm Prayer Group in Room 13

**12/10/24 TUESDAY**  
 8:30am Mass  
 9:00am Yoga Room 1  
 9:15am Road to Bethlehem Practice

**12/11/24 WEDNESDAY**  
 8:30am Mass  
 9:00am Coffee and  
 9:15am Road to Bethlehem Practice  
 3:00pm Faith Formation

**12/12/24 THURSDAY**  
 8:30am Mass  
 9:15am Road to Bethlehem Practice  
 7:00pm Baptism Prep

**12/13/24 FRIDAY**  
 8:30am Mass  
 9:15am Road to Bethlehem Practice  
 1:00pm El Shaddai 14th Anniversary Bolingbrook Chapter

**12/14/24 SATURDAY**  
 8:30am Mass  
 9:00am Reconciliation  
 9:30am Joyful Again Steering Comm. Mtg.  
 4:30pm Mass  
 6:00pm Indian Catholic Community

**12/15/24 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
 8:30am Mass  
 9:00am OCIA Room 13



**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

**MARY GLAUDELL, DIRECTOR**



*“A voice of one crying out in the desert: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” (Luke 3:4)*

Advent is a season of preparation. Let us prepare for our Lord by helping others with our annual toy drive for Marillac House.

Marillac House of Chicago is need of new, unwrapped toys for their families this Christmas. **Please send your donation for Marillac House with your child to class or drop it off in the designated bin in Mary’s Gathering Space by December 11<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you in advance for your generosity as we show our love for one another and for Christ.

**Reminder: Faith Formation Reconciliation is Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**PARISH NEWS**

**Christmas Food Drive**



*Need:* Dish soap, laundry soap, shampoo, body wash, paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, canned soup and vegetables, peanut butter and jelly, tuna, stew, rice, a variety of non-perishable items, and \$25.00 Gift cards to grocery stores. **Pick a candy cane from the tree with items you would like to donate. Bring your items back to church or school before noon on Mon. Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> and food sorting at 7pm.**

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

*Do you sense that something’s missing from your life? Do you feel that if you weren’t so busy you would be happier, more fulfilled, healthier, and maybe even a better person? Gift yourself a gift.*

Prayerfully consider coming to take a break from the craziness of life and connect with other women from the parish. This weekend has changed lives and brings you closer to Jesus and each other.

For more information contact Karen Sutkus, Spiritual Director, at 630-935-1153 or [kustkus1@comcast.net](mailto:kustkus1@comcast.net) or Joan Bajda, Lay Director at 630-660-1747 or [jlajda@gmail.com](mailto:jlajda@gmail.com). Registration forms will be available soon.

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

GENÉT PINKERTON, DIRECTOR

We began the season of giving by helping with the parish Thanksgiving Food Drive. The children enjoyed helping collect the items and bring them to the collection bin. We had our Feast days right before Thanksgiving break. We read stories, played games, danced to the Turkey Hop, created crafts, and had a big meal together.



**We  
are  
helpful!!**



**We are  
happy!!!**



**are  
blessed!!**







### PROGRAM DETAILS

Serving children ages 2-5 yrs. old.  
 2's classroom for T/Th or M/W 8:15-10:15  
 3's classroom for MWF or M-F 8:15-11:45  
 4's classroom for MWF or M-F 8:15-11:45  
 Enrichment option for 3's and 4's 11:45-2:45

### **What makes us amazing and different?**

#### **2's Program:**

- 2 or 4 mornings available.
- We help your kids become bathroom independent.

Registration for Fall 2025-26  
 begins Jan. 2025

#### **3's Program:**

- We meet the learning benchmarks while maintaining a play-based environment.

#### **4's Program:**

- We facilitate a bus pick-up to Madison Early Learning Center for our students.

#### **Afternoon Program:**

- Follows a daily themed curriculum for the children to continue playing and learning.

#### **All Programs:**

- Open-ended curriculum to meet children at all levels of development.
- Safe and secure learning environment.
- Large playground and an indoor recess space.
- Balanced program of play, academics, arts, and religion.
- Specific activities designed to develop physical and social skills.
- All are welcome at Mary Queen of Heaven.

#### **Open House Dates:**

Sunday Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> 11:30am-3:30pm

Tuesday Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> 4:30 - 6:30pm

To learn more about our parish community, visit [www.mqhelmhurst.org](http://www.mqhelmhurst.org)



*"Free to play, explore,  
and imagine."*

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# Readings of the Week GLPH

## FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 8, 2024

**Sunday:** Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

**Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

**Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

**Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

**Friday:** Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mk 11:16-19

**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**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 **SSGT Ethan Zielinski, Camp Pendleton, CA**

*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.*

## JOLIET DIOCESE SIMBANG GABI 2024 SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Please refer to the bulletin insert for a detailed schedule.

### 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 Karp  
Grocke Family  
Nasca Family  
Clyde Todd  
Daniel White  
Brigid White  
Patrick White

#### UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

**Tuesday, December 10**  
St. Alexis Parish, Bensenville

**Friday, December 12**  
St. Mary Parish, Beaverville



#### December 1

Brother Augustine Mallak OSB  
Brother Gregory Perron OSB  
Brother Richard Poro OSB

#### December 2

Deacon Mark Ranieri  
Deacon Rodney Sindac  
Deacon David Stanton

#### December 3

Sister Geraldine Podobnik OSF  
Sister Lois Prebil OSF  
Sister Margaret (Peggy) Quinn OSF

#### December 4

Bishop Daniel Conlon

#### December 5

Sister Janet Rieden OSF  
Sister Marianne Saieg OSF  
Sister Sandra Salois OSF

#### December 6

##### Deacon Candidates

Micheal Raiz  
Juan Reyes  
Sean Tierney  
Robert Visser

#### December 7

Father Krzysztof Janicki SCh.  
Father Bogdan Molenda SCh.

#### December 8

Sister Rita Schmitz OSF  
Sister Clarita Schumacher OSF

#### December 9

Deacon William Thomas  
Deacon Arturo Tiongson  
Deacon Matthew Tretina  
Deacon Robert True

#### December 10

Father Steven Borello

#### December 11

Sister Margaret Rose Sczesniak OSF  
Sister Mary Frances Seeley OSF

#### December 12

Father Zygmunt Ostrowski SCh.

#### December 13

Father Tomasz Sielicki SCh.  
Father Miroslaw Stephen SCh.

#### December 14

Sister Faith Szambelanczyk OSF  
Sister Louise Marie Skoch OSF



**Sunday, December 8, 2024**

8:30am For the Parishioners of MQH  
Mary Agnes Hesselburth  
10:30am † Ronald H. Stefani Sr.

**Monday, December 9, 2024**

8:30am Communion Service

**Tuesday, December 10, 2024**

8:30am † Joseph M. Cassella

**Wednesday, December 11, 2024**

8:30am Mary Engerson

**Thursday, December 12, 2024**

8:30am Caroline Ebbole

**Friday, December 13, 2024**

8:30am † Carol Novak

**Saturday, December 14, 2024**

8:30am Mary Agnes Hesselburth  
† Jesus Villanueva  
4:30pm † Marcelina Bitancor  
† Apolinario Abad  
† Marcela Abad  
† Nemesia Ruizol  
† Corazon Saloman

**Sunday, December 15, 2024**

8:30am For the Parishioners of MQH  
Joe Wichgers  
10:30am Gerlando Tamburello

† indicates person is deceased

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Saturday, December 14 & Sunday, December 15

**LECTORS**

<u>SATURDAY</u> 4:30pm	<u>SUNDAY</u> 8:30am	<u>SUNDAY</u> 10:30am
Beth Dunn	Patti Taylor	Tim Kowalski

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

<u>SATURDAY</u> 4:30pm	<u>SUNDAY</u> 8:30am	<u>SUNDAY</u> 10:30am
Deacon Tim	A. Weigel-C	D. Reed-C
K. Vicary-C	M. Mooney	C. Anasco
B. Lawlor	W. Woollard	P. Delaney
		L. Frank
		S. Styka
		R. Styka

*C-indicates the captain*

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT**  
**Week of November 17, 2024**

Sunday	\$ 4,673.77
Mail in	\$ 575.00
Electronic	\$ 2,260.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,508.77</b>

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT**  
**Week of November 24, 2024**

Sunday	\$ 4,013.00
Mail in	\$ 495.00
Electronic	\$ 1,415.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,923.00</b>

Mary Queen of Heaven  
Monthly Sunday Giving Collection Analysis  
*(rounded to nearest \$)*

	November	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 20,857	\$ 113,641
Mail in	\$ 1,410	\$ 14,695
WeShare	\$ 11,805	\$ 63,555
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$ 34,072</b>	<b>\$191,891</b>
Budget Total	\$ 44,000	\$ 178,000
Over(Under) Budget:	\$ (9,928)	\$ 13,891



**For Bulletin Requests:** mqhbuletin@maryqueen.org  
**For the 12/29 bulletin the deadline is Monday, 12/11**



**Sponsor a Needy Individual or Family for Christmas**

Catholic Charities is offering you the opportunity to help their clients at Christmas this year. The Gift of Christmas is an annual program that fulfills wish lists for individuals and families served by Catholic Charities.

Read stories about clients and choose who you would like to help this Christmas. Or, if you prefer, you can direct your donation to an individual or family who hasn't been chosen yet.

Donating is simple: visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org and click on "donate." Or, call 815-724-1140 to make your donation over the phone. To send a check, please note "Gift of Christmas" in the memo and send checks to:

Catholic Charities 16555 Weber Rd. Crest Hill, IL 60403

If you have any questions, please call 815-724-1140 or email [msnow@cc-doj.org](mailto:msnow@cc-doj.org). Thank you, and God bless you! Merry Christmas!

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

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