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APRIL 7, 2024

DIVINE MERCY  
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.

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Monday to Thursday -  
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

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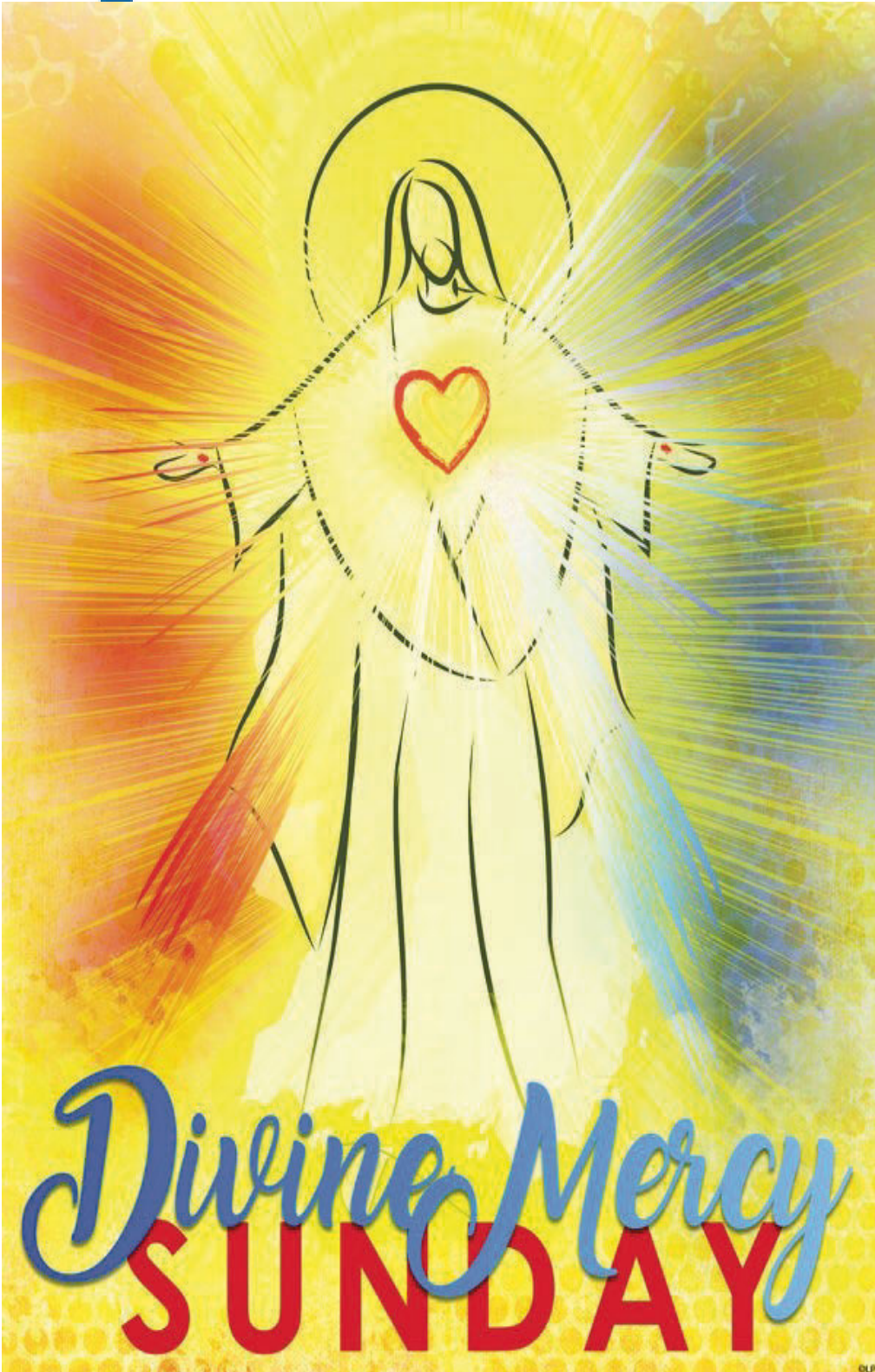
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**A Message from Fr. Sunny**

*For the Sake of His Sorrowful Passion!*

HAPPY DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY!

We follow up on the glorious festival of our Savior Jesus Christ, which was celebrated last weekend. We continue to be in the Easter Season, as we observe this weekend, the great feast of the Divine Mercy.

This is like a second wave of the Paschal Mystery being celebrated, as we mediate again on the mercy of God. Why not? God is never tired of giving us the second chance, and forgiveness and the grace to be better this time around. I will never tire of thanking God for the many second chances, and I will continue to take advantage of such generosity of lifegiving gifts. The love of God is overwhelming, it is disturbingly good how He can be so tirelessly loving and forgiving.

How do we observe Divine Mercy Sunday? This afternoon, at 3:00 PM, also known as the “hour of great mercy,” we will begin our hour-long devotion which includes the holy rosary, the reading of excerpts from Sr. Faustina’s diary, the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Eucharistic Benediction and Blessing with relics. Confessions will also be offered during this time. Most importantly, we can observe Divine Mercy Sunday by being kind and merciful to people around you, as always, in imitation of Christ, i.e., in imitation of Christ the Divine Mercy Himself.

A REVIEW OF OUR HOLY WEEK EXPERIENCE.

Since we are just a week into the Easter Season, it is probably appropriate to review our experiences of Holy Week. I am first most grateful for the celebration of the **Easter Vigil this year**. With Deacon Alex and Deacon Tim being together at the altar with me, everything seemed so much easier and lighter this year. There was no need for rehearsals or planning meetings. We all just seemed to know what to do, with the least instructions necessary. Also, the Easter Basket Blessing on Saturday morning was so much fun, and I was so happy to see many people attend and have their baskets blessed. It always makes me feel like a child, and the sharing of goods into my basket, which I shamelessly advertised, make my heart so joyful and loved. I loved the altar of repose at BARRETT HALL. The water elements really added to the ambience of solemnity in the hall. The sound of dripping water was a real treat to the ears. I love singing the songs of longing for God, or any of the chants pertaining to the new stations of the cross with John Paul II. I always love the intimacy of experience that the Seven Last Words of Jesus brings and the intimate silence in the Tenebrae Service. I loved the experience of the washing of the feet. I loved the Chrism Mass in our diocese.

Celebrate well, my dear MQH family! Let no one rain on Jesus’ parade. Let His Divine Mercy shine and prevail. Alleluia.

In Easter joy and jubilation,

Fr. Sunny Castillo

**BULLETIN DEADLINES**

for April 14, 2024

**MON. 1:00 PM 4/8/24**

for April 21, 2024

**MON. 1:00 PM 4/15/24**

**CALENDAR**

<b>4/6/24</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
6:30am	That Man is You in Barrett Hall
8:30am	Mass
9:00am	Reconciliation
4:30pm	Mass
<b>4/7/24</b>	<b>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</b>
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
3:00pm	Divine Mercy Celebration in Church
<b>4/8/24</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>
8:30am	Communion Service
3:00pm	Girl Scouts in Social Hall
6:30pm	Preschool Board Meeting
7:00pm	Prayer Group
<b>4/9/24</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>
8:30am	Mass
7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>4/10/24</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
8:30am	Mass
9:00am	Coffee
3:00pm	Religious Ed Classes
<b>4/11/24</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>
8:30am	Mass
7:00pm	Baptism Prep Class
<b>4/12/24</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
8:30am	Mass
<b>4/13/24</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
6:30am	That Man is You in Barrett Hall
8:30am	Mass
9:00am	Reconciliation
10:00am	Joyful Again in Room 1
3:00pm	1st Comm Retreat II
4:30pm	Mass
6:00pm	Indian Catholic Community
<b>4/14/24</b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b>
8:30am	Mass
9:00am	1st Comm Retreat II
9:00am	Family Faith 6-8
9:30am	OCIA
10:30am	Mass
10:30am	Children’s Liturgy of the Word

**PARISH NEWS**



**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

Words can hardly express the appreciation for our parish's generosity to our Easter Food Collection for the 15 Needy Families adopted by Mary Queen of Heaven Parish and Our St. Vincent DePaul Society. Each Family received three boxes of food including cleaning supplies and personal items and a gift card to purchase meat for Easter Dinner. In addition those families who have children ages 12 and under received an Easter Goodies Basket for each child. Children from age 12 through 16 received \$10 each to purchase what they wanted.

**FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY**

**Please join us for Fellowship Sunday in Barrett Hall on April 21st immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. The Lectors and Ushers are hosting and invite you, your families and friends to join one another for coffee, tea, juice and goodies. Hope to see you after Mass!**

**SUICIDE PREVENTION:**

**Listening For and Helping to Create Life Worth Living**

*Monday, April 22 @ 7:00 – 8:30 PM*  
Mary Queen of Heaven Parish Barrett Hall

Presenter: Bradley Burnett

Depressed, severely depressed, and suicidal people often are not inspired to create a quality future for themselves and have lost touch with the value of life. This presentation meets the struggling person in his or her shoes in the moment and leads them to be inspired not only live, but to love being alive. And it empowers the helper – e.g., family member, friend, teacher, neighbor, coworker, etc. – to help shift the struggling person’s context to that of choosing life and generating a life worth living.

Presented by Bradley Burnett, a trained suicide prevention counselor, you will first hear his personal story of his own son’s life and death – his triumphs, struggles, and ultimate death by his own hand. Brad will share the detail of his conversations with his son about whether and why his life was worth living, exposing both the skill set Brad had ... and, sadly, did not have ... at the time. You will then learn skills and gain hands-on experience on how to become an inspired and inspiring listener who puts the struggling person back in touch with what inspires him or her.

At the conclusion of this presentation, you should be able to:

- Identify the warning signs of suicidal behavior and ask the question of a struggling person which leads to their freedom and safety;
- Listen more effectively to the speaking (and lives) of others for what is possible for them;
- Glean from another’s speaking and actions what inspires and interests them; and
- Lead another to generate their own thoughts and actions to create for themselves a successful future.

All are welcome to this practical and much-needed presentation. For information, contact Joe Gornick at (630) 601-8343 or [gornickjoe@gmail.com](mailto:gornickjoe@gmail.com).

## PARISH NEWS

The rain stopped, the sun came out, and we had a perfect day for an egg hunt. Family and friends of all ages joined us in our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Holy Saturday.



**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 :

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Visit our website at [www.mqhpreschool.org](http://www.mqhpreschool.org)

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

*Joyful & Alive*  
conversations about religious life

with School Sisters of Notre Dame

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**How do you discover  
God's invitations in your life?  
Are you curious about religious life?**

Single women ages 18-45 are invited to bring questions about religious life to a casual, online conversation with School Sisters of Notre Dame

**Saturday, April 13, 2024**  
11:30 a.m. ET | 10:30 a.m. CT | 9:30 a.m. MT | 8:30 a.m. PT

Please register for the Zoom link by April 12 at  
[ssnd.org/events/4-13-24/](https://ssnd.org/events/4-13-24/).

**God's cause**  
is the "only concern of  
our hearts"



"Those who are free in God  
will always remain  
joyful and alive!"  
Blessed Theresa of Jesus  
Gerhardinger, SSND/foundress

# Jeremiah

FOR BOYS IN GRADES 7-10

# Day

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024  
MUDELEIN SEMINARY

The story of the prophet Jeremiah tells us that it is never too early to think about God's plan for us.

For boys (Grades 7-10) to enjoy a day to grow closer to God and visit a seminary. The activities include a tour of Mundelein Seminary, talks about how God calls us, recreation time and open gym, and Mass.

Highlight this QR code on your phone to sign up today!

Questions, or to have forms emailed to you, please send an email to [vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org).

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## FAITH FORMATION NEWS FROM MARY GLAUDELL, DIRECTOR

**“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”** (John 20:21)

Bring the peace of Jesus Christ to our children and help them grow in faith. Be a catechist or aide.

Registration for 2024/2025 is now open and we will need catechists, aides, and other volunteers. Please visit our web page for more information as well as registration and volunteer forms. <https://www.mqhelmhurst.org/> and click on the Faith Formation tab.



**COMING SOON:** Please keep all those preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation and Communion in your prayers as they near their special day.

**Confirmation May 1<sup>st</sup>**

**First Communion May 4<sup>th</sup>**

### JOB OPPORTUNITITES

**Parish Registrar -**

**St. Alexander Catholic Church, Villa Park**

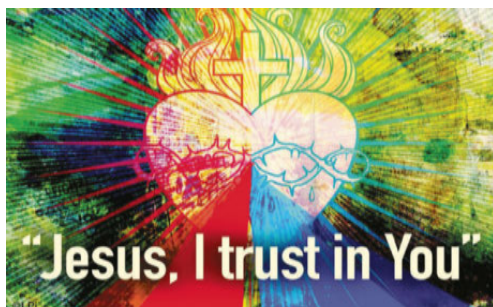
St. Alexander in Villa Park is seeking to hire a part-time Parish Registrar. To view a complete job description, visit: The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois. To apply for this outstanding position with St. Alexander Catholic Church, please send your resume and cover letter to [office@stalexanderparish.org](mailto:office@stalexanderparish.org)

**Director of Religious Education -**

**St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church, Addison**

The Director of Religious Education is responsible for guiding the faith formation of the young people of St. Philip the Apostle. To view a complete job description, visit:

[The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois](http://www.romancatholicdioceseofjoliet.org). If you are interested in the outstanding opportunity, please send a cover letter and resume to Steve DiBrito at [sdbrito@st-phil.org](mailto:sdbrito@st-phil.org)



## Readings of the Week ©LPI

### FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 7, 2024

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)**

44: Acts 4:32-35 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 1 Jn 5:1-6  
Jn 20:19-31

**Monday: THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

545: Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps 40:7-11 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38

**Tuesday: Easter Weekday [2]**

268: Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Jn 3:7b-15

**Wednesday: Easter Weekday [2]**

269: Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday: Saint Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr**

270: Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20 Jn 30:31-36 see  
550: Rv 12:10-12a Jn 17:11b-19

**Friday: Easter Weekday [2]**

271: Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday: Easter Weekday [2]; Saint Martin I, Pope, Martyr**

272: Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn 6:16-21



**Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7, 2024**

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

**Monday, April 8, 2024**

8:30am Communion Service

**Tuesday, April 9, 2024**

8:30am † Jose Macatangay

**Wednesday, April 10, 2024**

8:30am † Michael J. Cascella

**Thursday, April 11, 2024**

8:30am All of God's Children

**Friday, April 12, 2024**

8:30am † Karla Kenevan

**Saturday, April 13, 2024**

8:30am All of Our First Responders  
 4:30pm † Gloria Arellno

**Sunday, April 14, 2024**

8:30am For the Faithful MQH  
 10:30am † Gerlando Tamburello  
 † indicates person is deceased

*Prayer*  
**REQUESTS**

Russ & Lynn Kubycheck	Alex & Lillian Karp
Amber Rodriguez	Ed (Millard) Wilson
† Padre Valentino DeBlasio	Paul Kulczynski
George "Allen" Alcorn	Helen Kulczyncki
Celia Targa	Laurina Coccia
Eric Sanders	† Sam Furlin
Joseph Fassl	Marcela Mendez
Phyllis Greco	Nemesia Ruizol
Phil Greco	Santiago Mendez
Apolinario Abad	
Ray, Donovan, and Grocke Families	
The Deceased Members of the Mr. & Mrs. Calia Family	



**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**  
 Saturday, April 13, 2024 & Sunday, April 14, 2024

<b>LECTORS</b>		
<u>SATURDAY</u> 4:30pm	<u>SUNDAY</u> 8:30am	<u>SUNDAY</u> 10:30am
Dan Harrington	Chris Espinosa	Phil Reynerson

<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>		
<u>SATURDAY</u> 4:30pm	<u>SUNDAY</u> 8:30am	<u>SUNDAY</u> 10:30am
Deacon Tim	J. Weigel-C	D. Reed-C
K. Passarelli	M. Mooney	P. Delaney
K. Vicary-C		L. Frank
		J. Los
		P. Los

*C-indicates the captain*

**DONATIONS**

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT**  
**SUNDAY, March 24, 2024**

Sunday	\$ 5,737.00
Mail in	\$ 1,130.00
Electronic	\$ 1,712.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,579.50</b>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

**CMAA Pledge Report for Mary Queen of Heaven**  
 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 amount over goal will be returned to our parish for our needs. **PARISH GOAL: 41,600**

**Universal Prayers**  
*Monday, April 8 - All Single Persons in the Diocese*  
*Tuesday, April 9 - St. Mary Mission, Reddick*  
*Thursday, April 11 - St. Mary, Plano*  
*Friday, April 12 - St. Mary Immaculate, Plainfield*

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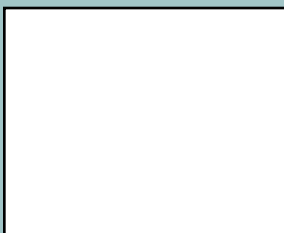
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