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JANUARY 21, 2024

**3rd Sunday of
Ordinary Time**



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

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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for January 28, 2024

MON. 1:00PM 1/22/24

for February 4, 2024

MON. 1:00PM 1/2/24

A Message from Fr. Sunny

THIS LITTLE HOLY CHILD

Did you know that the country with the biggest devotion to the Infant Jesus of Prague is not the Czech Republic, where Prague is, and where the Infant Jesus is enshrined? In fact, the Infant Jesus of Prague is most widely honored and celebrated devotionally in the Philippines, 'thanks to Francis Magellan who gave the gift of the statue' to Rajah Humabon of the strong and mighty indigenous tribe in the Visayan Islands of the Philippines.

Today, in the month of January, people in several islands in the Philippines, Cebu to Iloilo to Capiz, celebrate the Feast of the Child Jesus, namely, the Sinulog, the Dinagyang and the Ati-atihan respectively. These celebrations involve the entire community, as it is also considered as the feast of the town. It is a holiday and children get to participate in many of the events, including parades and games. Schools participate in group street dances that all give honor to the Infant Jesus. People prepare food in their homes for the visitors who will arrive from other towns and villages. During these celebrations, there is a great deal of unity between the church community and the local government. I have seen many of these celebrations by watching updates in news and social media. But for the first time this year, I am attending the Sinulog Festival in Cebu City, and I cannot wait.

What is so endearing about the statue of Holy Little Child Jesus is that despite his tiny stature, this little child is dressed in full regalia as a king. The stark contrast between the innocence of the child and the expected power and majesty associated with the kingly office makes for a stupefying view. It reminds us of the exhortation of Jesus in Matthew 10:11 that as a disciple, one must be meek like a dove but cunning like a snake. That is because while we have to remain humble before the Lord, we are also required to master the art of spiritual warfare, to discern properly what is of God, to have wisdom and prudence to navigate the complexities that life brings.

My dear parishioners of Mary Queen of Heaven, I will pray for you during my pilgrimage, that the spiritual gifts that you need to grow in love with Jesus more and more each day may be upon you all. May the Infant Jesus be your ruler and friend. Amen.

Viva Pit Senor Santo Nino!
Fr. Sunny Castillo

CALENDAR

1/20/24 SATURDAY
Name Tag Weekend

8:30am Mass
9:00 am Reconciliation
10:00 am Reconciliation
Retreat
4:30 pm Mass

**1/21/24 SUNDAY, 3RD
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
Name Tag Weekend

8:30 am Mass
8:30 am Name Tag Weekend
9:00am Family Faith 6-8
9:30am OCIA
9:30am Preschool Open
House
10:30 am Mass
10:30 am Children's
Liturgy of
the Word
11:30am Fellowship
12:00pm Baptisms

1/22/24 MONDAY

8:30 am Communion
Service

1/23/24 TUESDAY

8:30 am Mass
9:00 am YOGA
6:30 pm CCW Meeting
7:00 pm Choir Practice

1/24/24 WEDNESDAY

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

1/25/24 THURSDAY

8:30 am Mass

1/26/24 FRIDAY

8:30 am Mass

1/27/24 SATURDAY

8:30am Mass
9:00 am Reconciliation
10:00 am Reconciliation
Retreat
4:30 pm Mass

**1/28/24 SUNDAY, 4TH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

8:30 am Mass
9:30 am OCIA
10:30 am Mass
10:30 am Children's
Liturgy of
the Word

PARISH NEWS

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

This Week - Sunday, January 21st, CHRP will be hosting Fellowship immediately following the 10:30 am Mass in Barrett Hall.

Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) Women's Weekend - Feb 24-25, 2024

Do you ever feel alone or disconnected? Do you want to connect with women who love each other and have different backgrounds but all have one thing in common – which is the love of Jesus? Know that “You are Not Alone.” Come to a Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) weekend retreat designed to bring parish members together in Christ and emphasizes continued growth in Christian life. During the weekend you will find love and laughter, great food and friendship and a renewed sense of belonging. The women's weekend will be held on February 24-25, 2024. Registration forms can also be found on our website, along with a Q&A document:

<https://www.mqhelmhurst.org> -click the tab for calendar and events.

For more information contact: Karen Sutkus, Spiritual Director, at 630-935-1153 or kustkus1@comcast.net or Siobhan Nolan, Lay Director, at sbhno-lan@yahoo.com, 630-263-4396.

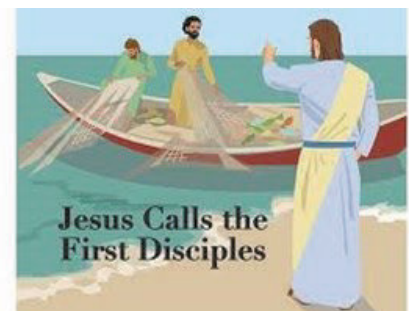
FAITH FORMATION NEWS

FROM MARY GLAUDELL, DIRECTOR

This week our readings continue with God calling us. Jesus continues to build the Kingdom of God, telling Andrew and Peter: “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”. Jesus also calls James and his brother John. We too are children of God, baptized as brothers and sisters in Christ. Our Faith Formation children continue to their journey as disciples of Jesus especially our 2nd and 8th graders as they prepare for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Confirmation.

Faith Formation Reminders:

- **Reconciliation Retreat:**
- **January 20th or 27th**
- **Confirmation Retreat:**
- **February 3rd**



For more please visit our Faith Formation web page: <http://mqhelmhurst.org>

Bishop Hicks' Column

January 2024

BENEFITS OF A PAPER CALENDAR IN THE DIGITAL AGE



IN AN ERA DOMINATED BY SMARTPHONES AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY, the traditional paper calendar may seem like an antiquated relic from a bygone era. In 2011, I officially switched from my five-year calendar/planner, which sat with heavy prominence on my desk, to a digital

calendar that automatically syncs with my phone. Admittedly, the digital calendar is much more convenient and efficient, and once I made the move, I had no regrets. Yet, I still miss some of the nuances of using a paper calendar.

One thing I miss about writing an event down is the ability to impress my friends or family by telling them that I'm going to write down our appointment "in ink" — a nod to the importance and value of our upcoming gathering. I also miss the act of flipping through the pages of a physical calendar, as it evokes so many memories and emotions. Esthetically, a paper calendar — especially those that hang on the wall — also provides a wide array of styles to display, like artwork, in our homes and offices.

I am delighted that the Diocese of Joliet has partnered with Catholic Extension to publish a 2024 Anniversary Calendar for our 75th Jubilee. Catholic Extension, since 1905, has been effectively building up and strengthening Catholic faith communities in the United States, especially those in economically disadvantaged or geographically isolated areas.

As we mark our 75th anniversary, this calendar beautifully expresses a narrative woven together as a tapestry of a vibrant Catholic Community. It superbly highlights key milestones with historical photographs and anecdotes that chronicle our extraordinary history and evolution. Each month unfolds with an invitation to revisit moments of significance: from the establishment of the diocese to the growth of parishes to the contributions of the clergy, religious, and laity.

This calendar also bridges different generations. It connects those who have witnessed the diocese's transformative journey with the younger Catholics who may be fascinated to learn about their roots. At the same time, it encapsulates the collective memory of our diocese, fostering a sense of community and shared heritage. Graphically, the calendar allows us to see that the diocese is much larger than only our own parish experience.

Moreover, the calendar serves as a practical guide offering information on liturgical seasons, feast days, and holy days, along with reminding us about special liturgies, ordinations, and events. It also gives us the opportunity to remember former bishops and sets aside a specific date to pray for each of our parishes. By seamlessly integrating the sacred and the secular, our calendar becomes a daily and monthly companion, enhancing our connection to our faith, heritage, and the sense of belonging to God and each other.

Our calendar further highlights the contributions of individuals, movements, and organizations that have shaped and continue to shape our diocese. Through profiles, stories, and brief history lessons, it celebrates all those heroes, both popular and unsung, whose dedication, faith, and service embody the spirit of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Joliet.

The calendar's inclusion of key events, Masses, service opportunities, and milestones for the upcoming year not only keeps us informed but also invites active participation. It hopefully will inspire and motivate us to come together and contribute our time, talents, and gifts to ensure that our diocese remains strong and alive for generations to come.

These calendars are so beautiful and informative, serving as a keepsake for years to come. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the businesses, companies, and service providers who sponsored the 2024 Anniversary Calendar at their local parishes.

If you were not able to procure a calendar for yourself, please scan the QR code or go to this link to view it electronically: bit.ly/3tE94m0



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Like so many of you, I will continue to use my digital calendar that syncs with my computer and smartphone. However, I also will proudly consult daily our paper calendar as a companion to navigating the folds of time in the digital age. By honoring the past, embracing the present, and hoping for the future, may we continue to pray for each other.

Happy New Year! And with every passing day and each monthly move to the next calendar page, may God bless you and yours.

PRESCHOOL NEWS
FROM GENET PINKERTON, DIRECTOR



Mary Queen of Heaven
PRESCHOOL

REGISTRATION BEGINS IN JANUARY
FOR OUR AMAZING SCHOOL!



Mary Queen of Heaven Preschool, in partnership with families and with the loving support of our parish community, offers a Child-centered early learning environment.

OUR PROGRAM

We provide an educational experience that honors differences and focuses on strengths and goodness. Children are encouraged to make choices, develop their talents, and understand the role God plays in the world around them. We strive to educate the whole child. Children will be free to play, explore, and imagine in the course of a child-oriented day. Our faith-centered, child-focused, family sensitive preschool, seeks to develop a loving relationship with God and all those around us with love, justice, peace, and service. **All are welcome.**

PROGRAM DETAILS

- * Serving children ages 2-6 yrs. old.
 - o 4's classroom for MWF or M-F 8:15-11:45
 - o 3's classroom for MWF or M-F 8:15-11:45
 - o 2's classroom for T/Th or M/W 8:15-10:15
 - o Afternoon Enrichment 11:45-2:45

2024 Open House Dates and Times

Tue. 1/9, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Thur. 1/11, 4:30pm-6:30pm

Sun. 1/21, 11:30am-1:30pm

REGISTRATION OPENS IN JANUARY!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE! www.mqhpreschool.org for more information

Visit our Facebook, come to an open house, or schedule a tour to learn more about us!

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Eat to support

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Monday, January 22nd
4:00 PM - 10:00 PM

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PARISH NEWS

The 2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun!

As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are humbly asking all parishioners to pledge their support for this important effort, as together we can make a profound difference.

This year’s CMAA theme is *For the Glory of God*. Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ’s Church are available to everyone. Together, we can help provide safe shelter for the homeless, feed the physical and social needs of those who are hungry, inspire those discerning a life of vocation, and aid in the education of our next generation of Catholics. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own, but together through the appeal we can do so much more.

Our parish’s goal for the 2024 CMAA is \$41,600, and 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us and used fruitfully within our own parish. Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year’s annual appeal.

If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

Please watch for upcoming announcements in upcoming bulletins about the CMAA .

**St Alexander Catholic Church
Blood Drive**

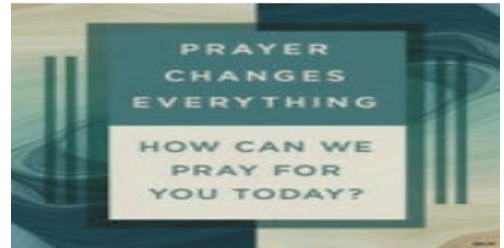
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Prayer
REQUESTS

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Maureen Gordon, James Cloney**
Requested by Kathleen Calderone

Deborah Blazer & Patricia Connolly
Requested by Dr. & Mrs. Blazer

Betty & Ray Wozniak
Requested by Judith Fuchsen

**Loretta & Mike Mazgaj, Betty, Joe & Mike Bednarz,
Jackie Perez, Teri, Madelynn & Frank Martino,
Mary Lou Campo, Mary Pestillo, Anthony Zomparelli,
Sr. Honorata, Sr. Thomas Leo, Mary Hagerty,
Gloria Agreadaro & Sally Carf**

Requested by Mr. & Mrs. John Bednarz

Cindy Jergan





Sunday, January 21, 2024

8:30am † Vivian Ressa
Russ Kubychuck & Lynn Kubychuck

10:30am † Stella Bavaso

Monday, January 22, 2024

8:30am Communion Service

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

8:30am Michael Kenny

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

8:30am Katie Peterson

Thursday, January 25, 2024

8:30am † Anthony Del Santo

Friday, January 26, 2024

8:30am All God's Children

Saturday, January 27, 2024

4:30pm † Pauline Ricci

Sunday, January 28, 2024

8:30am Russ Kubychuck & Lynn Kubychuck

10:30am † Kevin Colby Sterns Sr.

10:30am † Marie Vagosky

† indicates person is deceased

CMAA PLEDGE REPORT THROUGH 1-14-2024

GOAL	\$ 37,800
PLEGGED	\$ 66,134
PAID	\$ 65,772
BALANCE DUE	\$ 362

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.

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Monthly Sunday Giving Collection Analysis

(rounded to the nearest \$)

	<u>December</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Sunday Collection	\$ 33,701	\$ 145,109
Mail in	\$ 4,089	\$ 19,558
<u>WeShare</u>	<u>\$ 19,710</u>	<u>\$ 85,811</u>
Total Collections	\$ 57,500	\$ 250,477
Budget Total	\$ 35,883	\$ 184,095
Over (Under) Budget	\$ 21,617	\$ 66,382

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 27, 2024 & Sunday, January 28, 2024

	SATURDAY 4:30pm	SUNDAY 8:30am	SUNDAY 10:30am
LECTORS	Ellen Walker	Marie Grozik	Phil Reynetson
EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	L. Maniola-C S. Harrington T. Sabel	J. Weigel-C N. Sietsema	M. Reed-C M. Alcorn K. Carambot P. Delaney C. Gillie
	<i>C-indicates the captain</i>		

READINGS FOR THE WEEK of JANUARY 21, 2024

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

68: Jon 3:1-5 -10, / Ps 25:4-9 / 1 Cor 7:29-31 / Mk 1:14-20

Monday:

317: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 / Ps 89:20-22, 25-26 / Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Saint Vincent, Deacon, Martyr (USA);

Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin (USA)

318: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 / Ps 24:7-10 / Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

319: 2 Sm 7:4-17 / Ps 89:4-5, 27-30 / Mk 4:1-20

see 518: Eph 3:8-12, Jn 15:9-17

Thursday: The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

519: 1 Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22 / Ps 117:1-2 / Mk 16:15-18

Friday: Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

520: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 / Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10 / 321: Mk 4:26-34

see 520: Lk 10:1-9

Saturday: Saint Angela Merici, Virgin; BVM

322: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 / Ps 51:12-17 / Mk 4:35-41



WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT	Sunday	\$ 5,802.00
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023	Mail in	\$
	Electronic	\$ 6,724.50
<i>THANK-YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY</i>		
	TOTAL	\$ 12,526.50

WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT	Sunday	\$ 7,523.00
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023	Mail in	\$ 2,324.00
	Electronic	\$ 1,782.50
<i>THANK-YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY</i>		
	TOTAL	\$ 11,629.50

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