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**JANUARY 28, 2024**

**4th Sunday of  
Ordinary Time**



## 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee. - Mk 1:28

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### ***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**

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### BULLETIN DEADLINES

**for February 4, 2024**

**MON. 1:00PM 1/29/24**

**for February 11, 2024**

**MON. 1:00PM 2/5/24**

## A Message from Fr. Sunny

### NEVER STOP LEARNING

Never stop learning. That is one fundamental lesson I got from my grandfather. When we stop learning, it means that we are stagnating, and when we stagnate, we die.

My grandpa Marcelino was an avid reader. He read every day and played the crossword every day with such loyalty. He was always curious about new things, he would dismantle a transistor radio and assemble it all back together. He always wanted to know how things worked, including the computer and the video games when Mario and Mario Cart were famous. He was a sucker for intellectual stimulation. This was probably the reason why my grandpa had a very clear and sharp mind until the end of his life.

My dear friends and family at MQH, it is in the name of my grandpa that I invite you to learn about our faith, and to continue your search for God, albeit only in small concrete steps. There are many ways by which this could be done, including your participation in the OCIA as a form of Catholic Review. (We have several parishioners who are doing the program now!) Another way would be by picking up an encyclical by one of the popes. There is of course the Focolare Bible Sharing Group that happens very month here in our parish. We have a small but pretty good collection of books at the Greco Room, where you are welcome to sit and lounge when the room is available.

Being in the Philippines, I get to appreciate what it means to deepen my knowledge and experiential learning of the land of my birth. While I was born here, I have never really visited many of the islands of this archipelago. This year’s first pilgrimage to the Philippines with Fr. Mario and Fr. Dindo allowed us all to get to know the Philippines better. Having visited many churches in central Philippines along with participating in the Sinulog Festival of the Infant Jesus, I became more aware of the unique Catholicism that we have in this country. I got to learn the history of Christianity in this part of the world and have immersed myself in the culture of worship and devotion. The Filipinos in Cebu put up shrines upon shrines of the Infant Jesus in front of their homes and storefronts, including restaurants and big office buildings in the city. It is also amazing to see that there are at least two statues of the Infant Jesus for every household, and these statues are carried every year into the streets for dancing and praying. I come home to Elmhurst richer in my knowledge and appreciation of my faith and my roots.

I pray that by our passion for learning, we all get to deepen our knowledge of Jesus Christ as a person in His divinity. After all, since we will never be able to exhaust everything to know about the Divine, we might as well try to get as close to it as we can. God bless our church!

In the joy of the Lord,

Fr. Sunny Castillo

**CALENDAR**

**1/27/24 SATURDAY**

8:30 am 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

**1/29/24 MONDAY**

8:30 am Communion Service

**1/30/24 TUESDAY**

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

**1/31/24 WEDNESDAY**

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

**2/1/24 THURSDAY**

8:30 am Mass  
 6:30 pm Liturgy Committee

**2/2/24 FRIDAY**

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

**2/3/24 SATURDAY**

6:30 am This Man is You in Barrett Hall  
 8:30 am Mass  
 9:00 am Reconciliation  
 1:00 pm RE Confirmation  
 Retreat  
 4:30 pm Mass

**2/4/24 SUNDAY, 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:30 am Mass  
 9:00 am Family Faith K-5  
 9:30 am OCIA  
 10:30 am Mass  
 10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word  
 12:00 pm Baptisms  
 3:00 pm El Shaddai Charismatic Speaker  
 7:00 pm

**PARISH NEWS**

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

**"You are not Alone"**

The CRHP experience gave me a deeper understanding of my faith and the truth of being part of the Body of Christ right here in our parish. CRHP left me with an overwhelming sense of peace and clarity. This peace and clarity has stayed with me and guides me through my daily activities. It also created a joyful connection with spiritual, caring women and has enriched my life and allowed my faith roots in the MQH parish community to grow and strengthen." *Past Participant*

Come connect with other women who know and love Jesus. The team has been lovingly preparing for this special weekend for the past 12 months. Make yourself a priority.

The next Women's CRHP Weekend is February 24-25, 2024. For more information contact Karen Sutkus, Spiritual Director, at 630-935-1153 or kustkus1@comcast.net or Siobhan Nolan, Lay Director, at sbhnolan@yahoo.com, 630-263-4396

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

FROM MARY GLAUDELL, DIRECTOR

*Portillo's  
 for Mardi Gras*

**Portillo's  
 for GOOD**  
 FUNDRAISERS



**SAVE THE DATE - February 13<sup>th</sup> 5 – 8 pm**

**Mary Queen of Faith Formation**

**155 S. Route 83**

**Elmhurst, IL 60126**

**Other Important Dates**

February 3<sup>rd</sup>:

Confirmation Retreat

February 10<sup>th</sup>:

First Reconciliation

February 21<sup>st</sup>:

NO CLASS

Catechist Evening of Formation

**Catholic Relief Services**

**Rice Bowls**

Faith Formation will again sponsor the Catholic Relief Rice Bowl Project to help fight world hunger. Rice Bowls will be available next weekend and throughout Lent.



### PRESCHOOL NEWS

FROM GENET PINKERTON, DIRECTOR



Snow Much fun inside and outside. Our kids really know how to have a good time as they roll, shovel, and run in the snow covered playground or in their classrooms.



All are welcome.

Register for the 2024-25 school year!



#### PROGRAM DETAILS

Serving children ages 2-5 yrs. old.

2's classroom for T/Th or M/W	<b>8:15-10:15</b>
3's classroom for MWF or M-F	<b>8:15-11:45</b>
4's classroom for MWF or M-F	<b>8:15-11:45</b>
Full day option for 3's and 4's	<b>8:15-2:45</b>



**VISIT OUR WEBSITE!** [www.mqhpreschool.org](http://www.mqhpreschool.org)

\*Testimonials \*Registration \*Program descriptions

**Visit us on Facebook and schedule a tour to learn more about us!**

## PARISH NEWS



Such a wonderful celebration of Baptism on 1/21/24 for the Filarski Family for their beautiful Child of God.



### 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

Sponsored by the  
Knights of Columbus,  
Father John Barrett Council  
#8365  
300 S. Cornell, Villa Park, IL  
60181  
Tuesday, February 6, 2024

For an appointment call  
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at [foersteralvin@att.net](mailto:foersteralvin@att.net)



Scan to schedule  
an appointment

**Part-Time Music Director** – Divine Savior Parish, Downers Grove, IL  
Divine Savior Parish in Downers Grove is seeking to hire a part-time Music Director who is a talented, self-starter and an energetic person who will plan, coordinate, and execute the music for the liturgical celebrations of the parish. Qualifications needed include: proficient in piano, organ, and vocals; Evidence of a strong background and knowledge of liturgical music and liturgy in the Roman Catholic Tradition; Bachelor of Arts in Music, Music Performance, Music Education, or relevant experience; Experience in rehearsing vocalists and instrumentalists; Strong planning and organizational skills; Strong communication skills for written communications and verbal interactions with volunteers, guest musicians and all parishioners; Ability to take initiative and be a self-starter. The hours include weekends and some evenings. A flexible schedule is permitted. Since this is a ministerial position, must be a practicing Roman Catholic in good standing, and must know, profess and act consistently in accordance with the doctrinal and moral teachings of the Catholic Church, and with the mission, philosophy, objectives, and policies of the Diocese of Joliet. To view a full job description, visit: The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois. To apply for this amazing opportunity, please send a cover letter and resume to Luis Gonzalez, Business Manager, at [luis@divinesavior.net](mailto:luis@divinesavior.net).



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## January 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our diocese will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For more than 50 years, this collection has given Catholics in the United States an opportunity to share faith in unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout Latin America and the Caribbean Islands.

The work of evangelization is carried out by Christians who meet people where they are—not only in a geographical sense but also in the context of culture. Though the Gospel is unchanging, we have many ways to make it relevant to people of all cultural, ethnic, and linguistic backgrounds.

The countries of South America have diverse populations from Indigenous, African, European, and Asian ancestries, all with different cultural experiences. By welcoming and understanding people from so many backgrounds, the Church grows and continues its mission of making disciples of all peoples. In Brazil, the Brazilian Bishops' Conference organized visits and meetings to engage Afro-Brazilian Catholic leaders in discussing a variety of themes, including social pastoral ministry and the vision of Pope Francis. In Peru, missionaries working in the Peruvian Amazon bring the Gospel to the Ashaninka and Matsigenka communities of about 60,000 people.



Such encounters and engagement with the peoples of South America are made possible when Catholics in our diocese are generous to the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your participation in the collection truly becomes a way to share your faith and support evangelization efforts among all peoples.

Our diocese takes up this collection on the weekend of January 28. Please be generous toward this collection. Consider giving at Mass or through your parish's online giving platform. The [#IGiveCatholicTogether](https://uscgb.givecatholictogether.org/organizations/uscgb-church-in-latin-america) website (<https://uscgb.givecatholictogether.org/organizations/uscgb-church-in-latin-america>) also accepts online funds for the collection. Your support truly makes a difference. Thank you and God bless you.

For more information on the Church in Latin America and the many projects funded by the collection, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

Paz y bien,

**Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks**  
Bishop of Joliet



**Sunday, January 28, 2024**

8:30am Russ Kubycheck & Lynn Kubycheck  
 10:30am † Kevin Colby Sterns Sr.  
 10:30am † Marie Vagosky

**Monday, January 29, 2024**

8:30am Communion Service

**Tuesday, January 30, 2024**

8:30am First Responders

**Wednesday, January 31, 2024**

8:30am † John Imbra

**Thursday, February 1, 2024**

8:30am All God's Children

**Friday, February 2, 2024**

8:30am All of Our Nation's Military

**Saturday, February 3, 2024**

4:30pm Homeless & Hungry

**Sunday, February 4, 2024**

8:30am † Jim Gallagher  
 10:30am † Irene Wardach

† indicates person is deceased

*Prayer*  
**REQUESTS**

**Jim Calderone, Bob & Pasty O'Donnell,  
 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 & Michelle Shufelt**

**SECOND COLLECTION - 1/28/24**

**Collection for the Church of Latin America—USCCB**  
 THANK-YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Saturday, February 3, 2024 & Sunday, February 4, 2024

	SATURDAY 4:30pm	SUNDAY 8:30am	SUNDAY 10:30am
<b>LECTORS</b>	K. Passarelli	M. Pretlow	R. Styka
<b>EUCARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	B. Lawlor-C E. Ruizol K. Vicary	J. Eichorst-C M. Mooney	P. Twardowski-C G. Pozen D. Styka R. Styka W. Woolard
	<i>C-indicates the captain</i>		

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK of JANUARY 28, 2024**

**Sunday: 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

71: Dt 18:15-20 / Ps 95: 1-2, 6-9 / 1 Cor 7:32-35/ Mk 1:21-28

**Monday:**

323: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/ Ps 3:2-7/ Mk 5:1-20

**Tuesday:**

324: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3 / Ps 86:1-6 / Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday: Saint John Bosco, Priest**

325:2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/ Ps 32:1-2, 5-7 / Mk 6:1-6  
 see 523: Phil 4:4-9 Mt 18:1-5

**Thursday:**

326: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 / Ps 1 Chr 29:10-11b, 11d-12d /  
 Mk 6:7-13

**Friday: The Presentation of the Lord**

524: Mal 3:1-4 / Ps 24:7-10 / Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

**Saturday: Saint Blaise, Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop; BVM**

328: 1Kngs 3:4-13 / Ps 119:9-14 / Mk 6:30-34

 **DONATIONS**

WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT	Sunday	\$ 5,902.00
<b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024</b>	Mail in	\$
	Electronic	\$ 6,432.50

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**TOTAL \$ 12,334.50**

**CMAA PLEDGE REPORT THROUGH 1-21-2024**

GOAL	\$ 37,800
PLEDGED	\$ 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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