



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN

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JANUARY 5, 2025
THE EPIPHANY
OF THE LORD

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

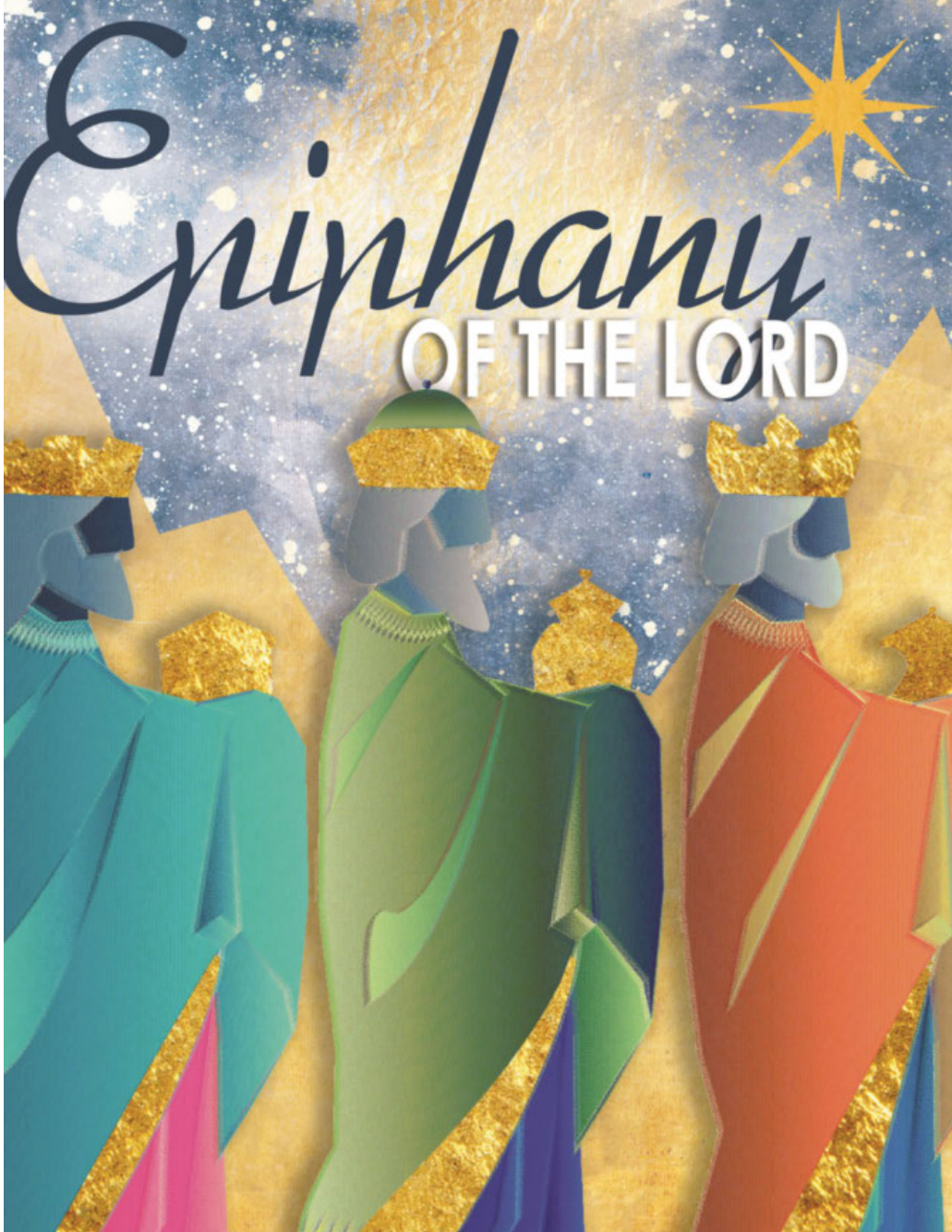
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Monday to Thursday

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Friday

9:00 am to 12:00 pm



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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER SLAWEK

Praise be Jesus Christ... Now and Forever.



Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. This feast day celebrates the three kings going to adore and intimately encounter God. They traveled to worship the newborn king of the entire universe. They humbly brought their gifts before God, whose total humility allowed Him to be born as a baby in a manger. We need to learn from the example of these wise men.

To know God, we must humble ourselves before Him. We need to know Him and a relationship with Him are the most ultimate gifts of our lives. In prayer, we should ask to truly know Him. Only through a relationship with God does our life make sense. He does this as we encounter Him by spending more and more time with Him.

A Catholic tradition on the feast of the Epiphany is to bless the front doors of homes with chalk. For the year 2025 it is written as 20+C+M+B+25. The four numbers designate the year and the annual renewal of God's blessing. The letters stand for the initials of the wise men: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. They also stand for "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" which means "May Christ bless the house." The four crosses represent Christ and the saintliness of the wise men. The inscription is made above the front door so all who enter and depart during the year receive God's blessing. Chalk is used to represent the human nature taken upon by God's eternal word. For the blessing, read the opening verses of St. John's Gospel, pray the Our Father, and write the inscription.

20+C+M+B+25

As we continue our journey into the new year, I wanted to thank you all for your generosity this Christmas season. I also want to personally say thank you for the beautiful Christmas wishes, cards and gifts from those who thought of me warmly this Christmas season. I appreciate you all.

We have so much to be grateful for. Thank you all again, and I wish you nothing but peace, joy, and good health in the New Year of 2025.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Slawek

CALENDAR

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| 1/4/25 8:30am 9:00am 4:30pm | SATURDAY Mass Reconciliation Mass |
| 1/5/25 8:00am 8:30am 9:00am 10:30am 3:00pm | SUNDAY - EPIPHANY Family Faith Resumes Mass OCIA Mass El Shaddai in Barrett Hall |
| 1/6/25 8:30am 8:30am 6:30pm 7:00pm | MONDAY Communion Service Mom and Tot Play Group Mundelein Seminary in Room 1 Prayer Group in Room 13 |
| 1/7/25 8:30pm 9:00am 6:30pm 7:00pm | TUESDAY Mass Yoga Room 1 CRHP Meeting Eastern DuPage Deanery in Barrett Hall |
| 1/8/25 8:30pm 9:00am 3:00pm 6:30pm 6:45pm | WEDNESDAY Mass Coffee and... Faith Formation CRHP Meeting Confirmation Interviews Begin |
| 1/9/25 8:30am 7:00pm | THURSDAY Mass Baptism Prep |
| 1/10/25 8:30am | FRIDAY Mass |
| 1/11/25 8:30am 9:00am 10:00am 4:30pm 6:00pm | SATURDAY Mass Reconciliation Reconciliation Retreat for Faith Formation Mass Indian Catholic Community |
| 1/12/25 8:00am 8:30am 9:00am 10:30am 11:30am-3:30pm | SUNDAY - EPIPHANY Family Faith Mass OCIA Mass MQH Preschool Open House |

MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CRHP NEWS

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

God speaks to us in many ways and through different methods. He sends his Holy Spirit, who lives within us to guide, to comfort, to give wisdom.

But have you ever taken the time to slow down and really listen to God speak?

Do you know His voice?

Come to a CRHP Women’s Weekend on February 22-23, 2025.

Come hear His voice through team members’ powerful witnesses, meeting other women and being in community with them.

Has the Holy Spirit nudged you?

Curious?

Register for the weekend. You won’t regret it.

For more information contact:

Karen Sutkus, Spiritual Director, at 630-935-1153 or kustkus1@comcast.net or

Joan Bajda, Lay Director at 630-660-1747 or jlajda@gmail.com.

Registration weekend is Jan 18-19, 2025.

SACRAMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

God Bless Peter James McDaid

Parents Erin (Ostojic) and Peter McDaid

Godparents Bridget Ostojic and Liam McDaid



FAITH FORMATION NEWS
MARY GLAUDELL, DIRECTOR

"They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." (Matthew 2:10-11)



A dictionary definition of "epiphany" is: "an appearance or manifestation especially of a divine being."

The Magi, also known as Kings or Wise Men, had an epiphany when they saw the star. They were overjoyed at seeing the infant and did him homage as one would before a King. Do we recognize Jesus as our King and Savior? How do you come before Jesus? What treasures do you bring?

Bring your treasures to Jesus, by taking time to celebrate His manifestation to the world and sharing the true treasure of love with others. Go to our web page for ways your Family can celebrate the Epiphany. Learn how the Epiphany is celebrated in different cultures. <http://mqhelnhurst.org/re/>

Speaking of treasures, on December 13th, Mary Queen of Heaven delivered a van load of treasures to Marillac House from our Toy Drive. In a week or two, I will share pictures from the Marillac House "Market" that we helped to make happen. Thank you to everyone for your generosity.



PRESCHOOL NEWS - GENÉT PINKERTON, DIRECTOR

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. 12th 11:30am-3:30pm

Tuesday Jan. 14th 4:30 - 6:30pm

442 N. West Ave
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To learn more about our parish community, visit www.mqhelmhurst.org



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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES To view a complete job descriptions of open positions within the Diocese and contact information, please visit: The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 5, 2025

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/
Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30



January 5

Father Ryan Adorjan
Father James Antiporek

January 6

Deacon Rodger Accardi
Father Daniel Aderholdt
Father Ciro Afeltra
Father Albert Agurkis
Father Mark Armamentos

January 7

Vocations Office Staff

January 8

Father Tomy Chellakandathil
Father Jose Kadukunnel CMI

January 9

Father Joseph Kappilumakkal
Mathai
Father Thomas Theneth CMI

January 10

Sister Camino Fernandez
Sister Mary Grace Kuppe
Sister Carmen Miravalles
Sister Mary Villar OSA

January 11

Father Vernon Arseneua
Father Lee Bacchi

Here are just a few photos from our staff holiday celebration along with very happy birthday wishes for Deacon Matt!





Saturday, January 4, 2025

8:30am Mary Agnes Hesselburth
 4:30pm † Alyaretta & Chester Arcisz

Sunday, January 5, 2025

8:30am † Anthony Del Santo
 For the Parishioners of MQH
 Ignacio and Angelica Campos
 † Anne Ruanne
 † Ross Digati
 10:30am † John Dimonte

Monday, January 6, 2025

8:30am Communion Service

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

8:30am † Maryann Mills

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

8:30am † Anton & Josephine Walz

Thursday, January 9, 2025

8:30am † Luciano Medrano

Friday, January 10, 2025

8:30am † Richard F. Kopp Sr.

Saturday, January 11, 2025

8:30am † Richard DeMondo
 4:30pm † David Grunwald

Sunday, January 12, 2025

8:30am † Kathleen Reiter
 For the Parishioners of MQH
 10:30am † Gerlando Tamburello

† indicates person is deceased

| MINISTRY SCHEDULE | | |
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| Saturday, January 11 & Sunday, January 12 | | |
| LECTORS | | |
| <u>SATURDAY</u> 4:30pm | <u>SUNDAY</u> 8:30am | <u>SUNDAY</u> 10:30am |
| Ellen Walker | Wilma Woollard | Pat Naples |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | | |
| <u>SATURDAY</u> 4:30pm | <u>SUNDAY</u> 8:30am | <u>SUNDAY</u> 10:30am |
| L. Maniola-C | Deacon Tim | Deacon Alex |
| B. Dunn | J. Weigel-C | K. Carambot-C |
| S. Harrington | W. Woollard | R. Baguilet |
| | | D. Justus |
| | | D. Styka |
| | | R. Styka |

C-indicates the captain

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| Al Fuchsen Betty Wozniak Ray Wozniak Edna Wozniak | | Rose Bier Rose Brogan Maria Lirio Ubungen |
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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 SGT Ethan Zielinski,
 Camp Pendleton, CA

U.S. Navy Kevin Caskey, Japan

Please contact the parish office at 630-279-5700 if you would like to add a name to our ongoing prayer list for our active duty loved ones.

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

Sunday, Jan. 5, 8a.m. – 2p.m.
 537 S. York Rd. Elmhurst, IL. 60126
 (Parking Rear of Building)
 Walk-ins Welcome
 Appointments Recommended
 Prepare: Eat well, hydrate, and bring ID

The 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun!

As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2025 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 *Open your heart to God's goodness*. 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. As a diocese working together, we can do so much more.

Our parish goal for the 2025 CMAA is \$45,800, and 70% 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!

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