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DECEMBER 17, 2023

3RD SUNDAY

OF ADVENT

Third Sunday of ADVENT

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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A Message from Fr. Sunny**JOY TO THE WORLD**

We light the rose-colored candle this weekend to mark the beginning of our preparation for the Festival of Christmas, pronouncing that the nearness of the birthday of the Child Jesus brings joy to the hearts of the faithful. Welcome to Gaudete Sunday!

Unlike what the secular world wants us to believe, JOY HAS VERY LITTLE TO DO ABOUT MONEY, IF ANY AT ALL. When I think of the things that bring joy to my heart, I think of things and situations that do not have a price tag. Consider these:

1. Watching my mother talk to her plants in her garden.
2. Playing chess with my grandnephew.
3. Writing an instant poem, or song.
4. Eating Philippine mangoes.
5. Giving kids high fives in church or playing Catch the Five with them after mass.
6. Seeing a beautiful sunset.
7. Fall watching with friends.
8. Being with parishioners in church.
9. Driving around to see homes decorated for Christmas.
10. Sipping a good soup on a cold day.

These are just some of my random lists of joy but notice how they could be the simplest and they happen in the most ordinary situations. I am always overwhelmed by the idea that Our God abundantly makes joy available to us. It is the kind of joy that is spiritual, therefore, it remains despite the ups and downs of life's journey. Even in the midst of pain, challenges and suffering, this spiritual joy remains, and one continues to experience the effervescence of one's spirit even in the simplest things of life.

As we light the rose candle this weekend here at Mary Queen of Heaven, I invite you to share with one another your long and short list of joys. I am sure there will be plenty. By sharing each other's joy, the level of joyfulness will multiply. Please know that my prayer for us all is that we become more and more a joyful community, reflecting to the world that joyfulness of Christ.

Blessed Gaudete Sunday to us all. God bless the joyful Church!

In the spirit of Advent,

Fr. Sunny Castillo

**BULLETIN DEADLINES****for December 24, 2023****TUES. 4:00PM 12/14/23****for December 31, 2023****TUES. 4:00PM 12/26/23**

CALENDAR

- 12/16 Saturday**
- 6:30 am This Man is You
- 8:30 am Mass
- 9:00 am Reconciliation
- 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
6 hours of Confession
- 4:30 pm Mass
- 12/17 3rd Sunday of Advent**
- 8:30 am Mass
- 9:30 am OCIA
- 10:30 am Mass
- 10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 12:00 pm Baptisms
- 4:00 pm Simbang Gabi
- 12/18 Monday**
- 8:30 am Communion Service
- 9:15 am PS RTB Practice
- 12/19 Tuesday**
- 8:30 am Mass
- 9:00 am Yoga
- 9:15 am PS RTB Practice
- 6:30pm CRHP
- 7:00 pm Choir Practice
- 12/20 Wednesday**
- 8:30 am Mass
- 9:15 am PS RTB Performance
- 3:00 pm Religious Ed Classes
- 12/21 Thursday**
- 8:30 am Mass
- 12/22 Friday**
- 8:30 am Mass
- 12/23 Saturday**
- 8:30 am Mass
- 9:00 am Reconciliation
- 4:30 pm Mass
- 12/24 Christmas Eve & 4th Sunday of Advent**
- 8:30 am Mass
- 10:30 am Mass
- 10:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 3:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass-
Children's Liturgy
- 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass
- 11:30pm Christmas Choir Music

PARISH NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO MAX ZAMBRESKY AND HIS FAMILY FOR MAKING HIS FIRST COMMUNION ON DECEMBER 10, 2023



PLEASE NOTE from Mary Queen of Heaven Parish Office

If any parishioner has not received their donation envelopes or wishes to stop receiving donation envelopes, please contact the parish office at 630-279-5700. Please leave your name and telephone number before January 1, 2024 so we can contact the envelope company regarding your requests.....THANK-YOU!



FAITH FORMATION NEWS
FROM MARY GLAUDELL, DIRECTOR

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.” (Thessalonians 5:16-18)

In this third week of Advent, we rejoice as Christmas draws near and we celebrate the birth of our savior Jesus. I want to thank all our families that have participated in our parish service and giving opportunities this Advent: The Giving Tree, the Food Drive, and the Marillac House Toy Drive. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Reminder: No Faith Formation from December 27th through January 3rd



PARISH NEWS

Dear Friends,

As we begin this season of Advent, we are invited by the Lord to prepare our hearts to receive Him more fully this Christmas. One of the gifts I'm asking from the Lord is an increase in vocations to the priesthood from our diocesan parishes. Please join me in asking Jesus to prepare the hearts of many young men to respond to the Father's call in their life. To help them on their journey, the Vocations Office is sponsoring a 1-day retreat (December 28th) for Men Seeking Holiness (18+).

To help you prepare for a great Advent, please listen to Father Steven on the Rooted in the Really Real podcast at rootedinthereallyreal.com. Episode 58.

Thank you and God bless you and your families this Advent season!

Sincerely,

Fr. Steven Borello



PRESCHOOL NEWS

FROM GENET PINKERTON, DIRECTOR



**REGISTRATION BEGINS IN JANUARY
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OUR MISSION

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 gifts of each child. Children are encouraged to make choices, develop their talents, and understand the role God plays in the world around them. Kids are free to play, explore, and imagine in our child-focused and family sensitive environment that develops caring relationships with all those around us with love, justice, peace, and service.

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PROGRAM DETAILS

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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

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Bishop Hicks' Column

December 2023

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL AND SYNODALITY, TOGETHER



ARE YOU A CUBS FAN? OR ARE YOU A WHITE SOX FAN? If you have any roots in Chicagoland, you instinctively understand that you must declare one or the other. It is common practice to choose one team — one is never a fan of both!

During these past two years, throughout our country and within the Catholic Church, that same principle seems to have been applied to the National Eucharistic Revival and the Synod on Synodality. As you know, the Eucharistic Revival is a three-year initiative of the Church to enkindle a living relationship with Jesus Christ in the holy Eucharist. The Synod on Synodality is an international, multiyear undertaking during which Catholics give feedback and deeply listen to each other — so, as a Church, we can all discern together where the Holy Spirit is leading us.

Curiously, many people seem to be taking sides; they are in favor of one, but not the other.

The week before Thanksgiving, I joined over 250 bishops in Baltimore for a week of meetings hosted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. We began the meetings with prayer, adoration, benediction, and Mass. The first address to the assembly was given by Cardinal Christophe Pierre, the Papal Nuncio. When it comes to the Eucharistic Revival and the Synod, he encouraged us to move away from an “either/or” approach, and to instead embrace and promote both. The special connections between the Eucharistic Revival and the Synod prevailed through our week of meetings.

At one point, Cardinal Pierre beautifully reflected on the road to Emmaus story from the Gospel of Luke (24: 13–35). Along their journey, the disciples debated their theological points of view while Jesus listened to them. “Listening, corresponds to the humble style of God,” said the cardinal, quoting Pope Francis. “God loves humanity: that is why he addresses his word to them, and why he ‘inclines his ear’ to listen to them.”

You see, *listening* is essential for a synodal Church because it is a dimension of love. Through this Emmaus moment, Jesus accompanies, listens, and discerns with His disciples. Then, their hearts were set on fire because they recognized His true presence in the Eucharist. After this Eucharistic encounter, they go

back to the other disciples and proclaim that Jesus is alive and — with missionary zeal — are committed to sharing the risen Christ with the world.

Cardinal Pierre concluded his presentation with these moving insights: “Our people need us to be adventurers for the Lord. They need us to be united with one another. They need to see how our diversity, harmonized, displays the beauty of the Church and of the Catholic faith. They need to be reminded that salvation comes not from one idea or another, but through a shared encounter with the living person of Jesus, who is love.”

Most of us can agree we are a stronger Church when we both listen *and* keep the Eucharist as our source and summit. Let’s look for ways to stay united with each other and with Christ.

From the onset, I announced that the Diocese of Joliet was going to participate in both the National Eucharistic Revival and the Synod on Synodality. Walking in numerous Eucharistic processions and attending many talks about the Eucharist, I am proud of how robustly our clergy and parishioners have promoted and embraced this Eucharistic Revival. I look forward to participating in our continued celebrations of the Eucharist in the Diocese of Joliet, and will joyfully attend the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis in July 2024. That event will launch us into the next phase of the revival by enthusiastically taking the Eucharistic Lord into the world and putting our faith into action as missionary disciples.

At the same time, I am also proud of how we have participated in the Synod on Synodality. For over six months, groups gathered throughout every deanery of our diocese to listen intently to each other. The themes from these listening sessions were gathered and compiled into a report sent to Rome. The first half of the synod concluded in the Vatican this October. With faithful hope, we await the next steps for the second half next October.

As a baseball fan, I am fiercely loyal to my team, while politely ignoring the other. Gratefully, that’s not what our Church does when it comes to the National Eucharistic Revival and the Synod on Synodality. Like you, I love Jesus so much — especially in the Eucharist — *and* at the same time — through Him, with Him, and in Him — I desire a *listening* Church that calls us to be on mission! With faith and trust in God, I look forward to walking on this all-connected journey with you ahead.

DIOCESE OF JOLIET





MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 17, 2023

8:30am † Hilario & Aurora Caldaron
 10:30am † Francis Schidt

Monday, December 18, 2023

8:30am Communion Service

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

8:30am Parishioners of Mary Queen of Heaven

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

8:30am Homeless & Hungry

Thursday, December 21, 2023

8:30am Priests and Seminarians

Friday, December 22, 2023

8:30am All God's Children

Saturday, December 23, 2023

8:30am Victor Poludniewski & Andrew Poludniewski
 4:30pm Parishioners of Mary Queen of Heaven

Sunday, December 24, 2023

8:30am Priests & Seminarians
 10:30am Carol Nasca † Indicates person is deceased
 3:00 pm Al Fuchen † is deceased
 5:00 pm † Gene & Georgiann Los

Prayer REQUESTS

Tina Cappilupo	Carl Kandlbender	Paul Cain
Alexandra Barcal	Marie Kandlbender	James Cloney
Patrick Mooney	Jim Calderone	Deborah Blazer
Anthony DiVito	Maureen Gordon	Mary Collis (D)
Anne Marie Carney	Patricia Connour	
Bob & Patsy O'Donnell		

CMAA PLEDGE REPORT THROUGH 12-10-2023

GOAL	\$ 37,800
PLEDGED	\$ 64,577
PAID	\$ 63,593
BALANCE DUE	\$ 984

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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 23, 2023 and Sunday, December 24, 2023

	SATURDAY 4:30pm	SUNDAY 8:30am	SUNDAY 10:30am
LECTORS	Kay Passarelli	Chris Espinosa	Mary Ann Reed
EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	B. Lawlor(C.) K. Passarelli T. Sabel	N. Sietsema J. Dezur	M. Alcorn C. Gillie D. Justus G. Pnkerton P. Twardowski
LECTORS FOR 12/24 Christmas Eve	3:30 pm — Marie McCall 6:00 pm — Mary Ann Reed		
LECTOR FOR 12/25 Christmas Day	12:00 pm — Randy Styka 10:30am — Phil Reynertson		

READINGS FOR THE WEEK of DECEMBER 17, 2023

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
 8: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/ (Ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-54/ 1 Thes 5:16-24/ Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday:
 194: Jer 23:5-8/ Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday:
 195: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/ Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday:
 196: Is 7:10-14/ Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Saint Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church
 197: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/ Lk 1:39-45

Friday:
 198: 1 Sm 1:24-28/ Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Saint John of Kanty, Priest
 199: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66

PARISH SUPPORT

WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT	Sunday	\$ 4,732.50
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023	Mail in	\$ 440.00
	Electronic	\$ 1,782.50
TOTAL		\$ 6,955.00

WEEKLY OFFERINGS REPORT	Sunday	\$ 5,283.00
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023	Mail in	\$ 0.00
	Electronic	\$ 2,322.50
TOTAL		\$ 7,605.50

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