

# QUEEN OF MARTYRS CHURCH

Evergreen Park, Illinois

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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 2, 2022



*They opened their treasures  
and offered him gifts of  
gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

*Matthew 2:11*

# Fr. Marty's Musings

We call an eye-opening revelation an epiphany. The Epiphany of the Lord manifests God's love to the world. We celebrate God's revelation of Christ's birth in Bethlehem and witnessed by Magi from the East. This year, we celebrate Epiphany on January 2—the original date is January 6.

The Magi could have arrived at Bethlehem months after Jesus' birth. Matthew writes that they came to a house. Their number and names are not mentioned, but they brought gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The Good News of Christ's birth is for all the races and nations.

An Epiphany tradition marks the front door lintel with blessed chalk. We ask God to bless all who enter our homes this year with cheer and health. From at least the seventh century, the letters stand for the traditional names of the Magi: Caspar (or Gaspar), Melchior, and Balthasar. They also represent "Christus mansionem benedicat" or "May Christ bless this house."

The crosses symbolize the meeting of Christ and the Magi. January is named after the Roman god Janus, doorkeeper of myth and patron of beginnings and endings. Epiphany adds a Christian dimension to January. The inscription made with chalk from the earth recalls the human nature of the Son of God. We offer envelopes with blessed chalk to use in the ritual printed to the right.



Wise people brought Jesus gifts, although he offers us a greater gift. Let us respond by sharing our gifts. We will receive the Renew My Church announcement on January 25. Please keep our grouping in your prayers.

I invite you to share your gifts with Queen of Martyrs through 2022. Let us contribute to the Gospel mission in our parish and recommit to be active and bold in living our faith together as the Body of Christ.

*Fr. Marty Marren*

## Epiphany Lintel Marking



- L:** Peace be to this home and to all who we welcome here.
- R:** A reading from Proverbs (*Proverbs 24:3-4*):  
By wisdom is a house built, by understanding is it made firm; And by knowledge are its rooms filled with every precious and pleasing possession.
- L:** Let us pray:  
Gracious God, as a star once guided magi to the infant Jesus, so enable us to be your light in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- A:** Amen.

*Inscribe the lintel with the inscription:*

*20 + C + M + B + 22*

- R:** A reading from Isaiah (*Isaiah 32:17-18*):  
Justice will bring about peace;  
right will produce calm and security.  
My people will live in peaceful country,  
in secure dwellings and quiet resting places.  
*Participants may join hands in prayer.*
- L:** Let us pray:  
O Blessed Trinity — God our Father, Jesus his beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit—hear the intercessions of the blessed Magi and of all the saints on our behalf. We call on you to dedicate our home to you. Make it a dwelling place of mercy and peace. Reveal to all who pass through the doorways of our home your presence within their hearts. Bless their coming in, and their going out. Watch over them, wherever they may journey. Amen.
- A:** Our Father...
- L:** May the Lord watch over all who pass through this door.  
May he bless this home and all it shelters. In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- A:** Amen.



### Stewardship

Sharing your talents, time and treasure.

#### Queen of Martyrs Sunday Comparison—December 19, 2021

|                                 | Last Week | Year-To-Date |
|---------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Amount Needed .....             | \$7,500   | \$187,500    |
| Amount Collected .....          | \$5,644   | \$174,811    |
| Surplus (Deficit) .....         | \$(1,856) | \$(12,689)   |
| Number of Weekly Envelopes..... |           | 103          |

**Please consider increasing your weekly contribution to decrease our deficit. Your sacrifice is appreciated.**

\*Due to an early bulletin deadline, the collection for **December 26th** could not be included in this week's bulletin. It will be published in an upcoming bulletin.

#### 50/50 Raffle Results for 12/20/21

On Monday, December 20th, Envelope No. 946 was drawn. There was **NO** winner. The total amount of the prize pot was \$14,380.00.

To be eligible for the raffle, you must use two separate envelopes for the current week. In your regular weekly envelope, your contribution **must** be at least \$5.00; and you **must** use the corresponding week's 50/50 envelope with a \$5.00 contribution in that envelope. **To be included in the weekly 50/50 drawing, envelopes must be in the rectory office by 8:30 A.M. on the Monday morning immediately after the weekend.**

**Good luck next week!**

## Blessing of Clocks & Calendars

Lord, you who live outside of time,  
and reside in the imperishable moment,  
we ask your blessing this New Year's Day (Eve)  
upon your gift to us of time.

Bless our clocks and watches,  
you who kindly direct us  
to observe the passing of minutes and hours.  
May they make us aware of the miracle  
of each second of life we experience.

May these our ticking servants  
help us not to miss that which is important,  
while you keep us from machine-like routine.

May we ever be free from being clock watchers  
and instead become time lovers.

Bless our calendars,  
these ordered lists of days, weeks and months,  
of holidays, holy days, fasts and feasts —  
all our special days of remembering.

May these servants, our calendars, once reserved  
for the royal few, for magi and pyramid priests,  
now grace our homes and our lives.

May they remind us of birthdays and other gift-days,  
as they teach us the secret that all life  
is meant for celebration and contemplation.

Bless, Lord, this new year,  
each of its 365 days and nights.

Bless us with new moons and full moons.  
Bless us with happy seasons and a long life.  
Grant to us, Lord, the new year's gift of a year of love.  
Amen+

*Edward Hays*



## A Prayer for Renew My Church

Lord Jesus, you speak to us today,  
as you spoke to holy men and women  
who have gone before us.  
In every age and in our own time,  
you call to us and say: Renew My Church.

Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us,  
and so enable us  
to hear you clearly  
to listen to each other attentively  
to imagine our future boldly  
to discern your direction wisely  
to persevere in your holy will courageously  
to stay together in charity  
to surrender our own plans readily  
to embrace the greater good  
to hand on your gifts to future generations.

May we remain in the holy company of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles,  
and all the saints.

May their example and presence  
inspire us with patient confidence  
in the work of your grace.

We ask this of you who live and reign  
with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
forever and ever. Amen

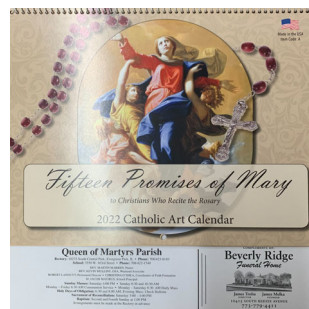


## Queen of Martyrs Parish Outreach

Sandwich Schedule for Adult Members at  
9:00 a.m. in the Convent on the following  
**Wednesdays:**

2022  
**January 5 & 19**  
**February 2 & 16**

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. It may also be referred to as the Feast of Three Kings (which is technically always celebrated on January 6th in many countries). Upon looking up the definition of epiphany, I found various meanings. It is like an “aha moment” to some, or a period of enlightenment. We should be thinking of the significance of Jesus’ birth and how his destiny will be fulfilled. We should also consider what we can do to become more Christlike this year and fulfill our own destinies. What will your “aha moment” be this year?



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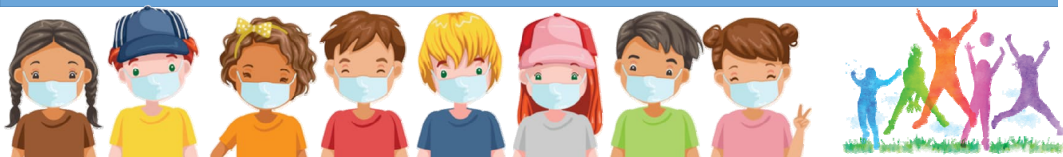
## Baptismal Preparation

Baptismal Preparation Classes are offered on  
the first Wednesday of each month at  
7:00 p.m. in the Church. You must call the Rectory at  
708-423-8110 to register for the class by the Monday  
prior.

**Our next class is Wednesday, January 5, 2022**

# FAITH FORMATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM & YOUTH MINISTRY



*Volleyball begins  
January 13th at OLW.  
Games at 7:30pm for  
HS teens.  
Register with Tina!!*



Contact Tina O'Shea at:  
QMFaithformation@gmail.com or  
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## +CALENDAR+

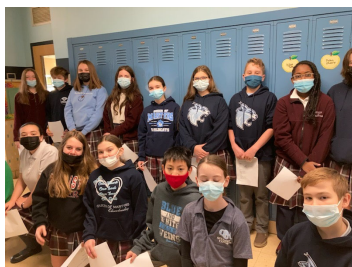
*Faith Formation Classes resume  
1/8, 1/22, 1/29*

Retreat Formation Continues

Random Fun Wednesdays

***MASKS REQUIRED!!***

### Queen of Martyrs Students Compete in a Door Decorating Contest



The Q of M Student Council hosted a fun and competitive contest to see who could create the best door using a Christmas movie or a Christmas story as its theme. The game was on as teachers and students worked together using creative ideas that helped their classroom doors come to life! Some of the Christmas themes used included "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," "Home Alone," "The Polar Express," "Elf," "A Charlie Brown Christmas," and "White Christmas."

The contest was judged by Q of M teachers and staff as well as our Student Council and our National Junior Honor Society. Pictured are the winning doors from the contest: 4-Year Old Full Day Preschool with the theme of "A Charlie Brown Christmas," 2nd Grade with the theme of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," and 8th Grade with the theme of "White Christmas." The winners received an extra gym class and a free "Dress Down" day. The contest was a lot of fun and we were so proud of all the creativity found within our wonderful school!





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required!

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Parish Library News...

Have you heard of formative reading? In regard to our spiritual life, this is reading which leads to meditation, then to prayer, and then to contemplation if God so desires to lead us to this gift. Our Queen of Martyrs Library contains many good spiritual books. You are invited to browse and borrow a book from the library. Begin reading, and let God guide you along. Stop reading when an idea or word catches hold in your mind. Rest there and meditate on it. Ask yourself what God may be saying to you. Try to do this for 10-15 minutes a day. Experience how it changes your life.

The Queen of Martyrs Library is located in the Cry Room of the Church. All are welcome. God wants you to know Him better.



While They Serve...

We pray for our Parishioners and the Relatives of Parishioners who are serving in the Military and protecting us...

*Martin Beemsterboer; Matthew Beemsterboer; Ted Bos, LT David Jackson Jr.; Major Daniel R. Johnson; Colton Kielbasa; Lance Corporal Patrick J Kinnerk; SPC Sean Martin, Sgt. First Class Wayne Mutnansky; Lt. John Mutnansky; Captain Chris O'Neil; Sergeant Clifford Oskvarek; NFO Matthew Sebok; Colonel Ellen Shannon-Ball; Kevin Smith; Capt. Martin J. Springer and Sgt. Steven Surdynski*

If you would like us to pray for a Parishioner or a Relative of a Parishioner serving in the Military, please email the rectory at [jmissey@queenofmartyrschurch.com](mailto:jmissey@queenofmartyrschurch.com) or call at 708-423-8110.

\*\*\*If your relative is NO LONGER serving, please call the Rectory office so we can remove them from our list.\*\*\*

—Thank you

Thursday Prayers for Priests

*The Holy Eucharist is totally dependent on the priesthood—no priesthood, no Eucharist Sacrifice; no Holy Communion, no Eucharistic Adoration.*

**Because the priesthood was instituted at the first Mass, which was offered on Holy Thursday, Thursdays have been designated as “Pray for Priests Day”.**

**A Holy Hour in the Presence of the Most Blessed Sacrament is now offered for all priests each Thursday morning, immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass, in Queen of Martyrs Church.**

You may join us in group prayer for all priests, or sit for a time in silent Adoration and private prayer. All are welcome.

COME AND ADORE  
Pray for Priests



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Tuesday—2:30—6:30 p.m.  
Wednesdays and Weekends CLOSED  
Thursday—2:30—6:30 p.m.  
Friday—2:30—6:30 p.m.

Benediction will be held on the first Monday of each month.



**Notice:** Bulletin articles must be received in the Rectory office by **Noon on Mondays**. Please drop them off or e-mail them to [jmissey@queenofmartyrschurch.com](mailto:jmissey@queenofmartyrschurch.com). Thank you!

Liturgy Schedule

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| <b>MONDAY</b>      | Jan. 3, 2022— <i>Holy Name of Jesus</i>      |
| 6:30 AM—           | Communion Service                            |
| 8:30 AM—           | Joanne Nemeth<br>Sharon Reilly               |
| <b>TUESDAY</b> —   | Jan. 4, 2022— <i>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</i> |
| 6:30 AM—           | Communion Service                            |
| 8:30 AM—           | Eugene & Marie Nolan                         |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> — | Jan. 5, 2022— <i>St. John Neumann</i>        |
| 6:30 AM—           | Communion Service                            |
| 8:30 AM—           | Parishioners of Queen of Martyrs             |
| <b>THURSDAY</b> —  | Jan. 6, 2022— <i>St. Andre Bessette</i>      |
| 6:30 AM—           | Communion Service                            |
| 8:30 AM—           | Julia M. Downs                               |
| <b>FRIDAY</b> —    | Jan. 7, 2022— <i>St. Raymond of Penafort</i> |
| 8:30 AM—           | Matthew & Teresa Fiske                       |
| <b>SATURDAY</b> —  | Jan. 8, 2022                                 |
| 8:30 AM—           | Parishioners of Queen of Martyrs             |
| 4:00 PM—           | Stanley Mazalin                              |
| <b>SUNDAY</b> —    | Jan. 9, 2022— <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>     |
| 8:30 AM —          | William Blake                                |
| 10:30 AM—          | Bernard & Roseann O'Reilly<br>Julie Downs    |

**Please Pray for Our Sick Relatives and Friends**

Prayer is a powerful prescription for whatever ails you. Please remember our sick in your prayers:

|                  |                        |                  |
|------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Crispin Bofinger | Patrick Ferguson       | Jacqueline Olsen |
| Whitney Davis    | Bobby Kiehne           | Tim Scolan       |
| Johnny Esposito  | Helen Esposito Melloni | Debbie Synowiec  |

May They Rest in Peace

Daniel Kaner  
Carol O'Malley  
William Blake

**Remember Queen of Martyrs**

Queen of Martyrs is grateful for your gifts throughout the year. While most gifts come by check, credit card through GiveCentral, or the collection basket, you may also give through your IRA or via appreciated securities/stock. Your IRA administrator or broker could assist you. Please contact Fr. Marty Marren, (708) 423-8110, or the Office of Planned Giving, [plannedgiving@archchicago.org](mailto:plannedgiving@archchicago.org), or (312) 534-7848.

## Schedule for the weekend of January 8—9, 2022

| Mass                  | Celebrant        |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| Saturday<br>4:00 p.m. | Fr. Marty Marren |
| Sunday<br>8:30 a.m.   | Fr. Marty Marren |
| Sunday<br>10:30 a.m.  | Fr. Marty Marren |

\* Subject to change



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# QUEEN OF MARTYRS CHURCH - PARISH INFORMATION

## RECTORY

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## Registration of New Parishioners / Moving:

Please register at the Rectory at your earliest opportunity.

If you are a parishioner and are moving, please notify the Rectory of your departure or of a new address in the parish.

## COORDINATOR OF FAITH FORMATION

Tina O'Shea  
 Religious Education Program—[QMfaithformation@gmail.com](mailto:QMfaithformation@gmail.com)  
 Youth Ministry—[QMartyrsYM@gmail.com](mailto:QMartyrsYM@gmail.com)

## SCHOOL

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## EXTENDED CARE PROGRAM

Carolyn McDonough, Coordinator — 708-423-8120

## SCHEDULE OF MASSES:

Anticipated Mass on Saturday: ..... 4:00 P.M.  
 Sunday: ..... 8:30 A.M., 10:30 A.M.  
 Holy Day: Masses ..... 6:30 A.M., 8:30 A.M.  
 Evening Mass ..... Check the bulletin  
 Weekdays: Eucharistic Service Mon.—Fri. .... 6:30 A.M.  
 Morning Mass Mon.— Sat. .... 8:30 A.M.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:45 P.M.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Baptisms are celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Please call the office for registration.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Pre-marriage instructions required. Arrangements must be made by the engaged couple, in person, at the Rectory six months prior to the wedding.

## OUTREACH (Formerly St. Vincent de Paul Society):

For membership info or assistance call the Rectory. Confidentiality assured.

## MINISTRY OF CARE

Jane Dunne, Coordinator — 708-499-9808

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

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