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THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
 and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

El niño iba creciendo y fortaleciéndose, se llenaba de sabiduría
 y la gracia de Dios estaba con él. - Lc 2,40

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Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

JANUARY 1

MASS TIMES:

9:00 AM - MARY OUR QUEEN
 10:30 AM - ST. JOHN VIANNEY

Lord God, You blessed Elizabeth Seton with gifts of grace; as wife and mother, educator and foundress, so that she might spend her life in service to your people. Through her example and prayers, may we learn to express our love for you in love for our fellow men and women. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Feast Day January 4

MASS TIMES AT MARY OUR QUEEN

DAILY MASS

6:20am Tuesday - Friday, 8:15am Monday - Saturday

COMMUNION SERVICE

6:20am Monday

SUNDAY OBLIGATION

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday & Thursday 5:30-6:00pm, Saturday 4:00-5:00pm

MASS TIMES AT ST. JOHN VIANNEY

DAILY MASS

9:00am Tuesday - Friday

COMMUNION SERVICE

9:00am Monday

SUNDAY OBLIGATION

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 10:30am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30-5:00pm, and by appointment.

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FOR BOTH PARISHES

Monday - Thursday 8am-4pm

Friday 8am-12:00pm

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A LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon we will be welcoming in the New Year. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of Fr Reiser and Fr Tom to wish all of you a Blessed New Year. May 2024 be a faith filled year for each of you. This year there is a lot to be grateful for. St John Vianney celebrates its 50th year since its founding. We are grateful for all who made it possible especially Fr Paul Schwaab and all our

Founding Members of St John Vianney.

We continue with the celebration of our Christmas season this weekend with the celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family. We recognize the gift of the Holy Family in our lives who not only sacrificed so much to bring the baby Jesus into our world but also serve as an ideal for Christian Families.

As previous bulletins were prepared ahead of time, I was not able to convey the tragic news of the loss of Fr Stephen Gutsell. Fr Stephen was stabbed to death early in the morning of December 10 in his residence. We buried Fr Stephen Gutsell on Monday December 18. I invite you to keep Fr Gutsell and his family in your prayers as well as the community of St John the Baptist Church in Fort Calhoun where he resided. Please also keep the priests in the Archdiocese in your prayers as we continue to grieve the loss of our brother priest.

As this bulletin letter was written before Christmas, there are not many updates to mention in this column.

Once again, thank you to all our volunteers who spent countless hours making our Churches beautiful for the Christmas season. Thank you also to all who made our liturgies a Blessed occasion. It is indeed a Blessed time to share with you the spirit of Christmas lived as we focus on the birth of Jesus in the manger.

Please note that the offices will be closed for the Christmas season till the 1st of the New Year. If there is any Sacramental emergency, call Mary Our Queen Church at 402 333 8662 and press the extension number 8 and you will be directed to a priest. If no one answers, kindly leave a message and a priest will get back to you as soon as he is able to.

As we make our way to the end of the year, if you are planning to make a charitable donation for tax purposes, we invite you to please consider a generous gift to our Parish Capital Campaigns or building funds at both Mary Our Queen and St John Vianney. There is also a Christmas wish list that can be found at Mary Our Queen's Parish website. Your generous gift would not only help us with the upkeep of our Parish Facilities but will also help us look towards the future where we continue to create new opportunities for our Parishes to be a place where our faith is lived and shared.

God's Blessings,

Fr Marc

MARY OUR QUEEN SCHOOL



"Where Faith and Knowledge Meet"
Serving Preschool - 8th Grade

MOQ School Mission: To form students of faith to pursue academic excellence and live in Christian service.

Welcome to Mary Our Queen Catholic School. For nearly 60 years, we have partnered with parents to provide students an academically rigorous curriculum and strong spiritual foundation rooted in our Catholic faith. Our motto, "Where Faith and Knowledge Meet," encompasses our mission to provide our students opportunities to grow in intellect, faith and service to become faith-filled leaders of tomorrow.

Want to learn more about MOQ School?

Visit us @ moqschool.org Mustang Memo Located on moqschool.org
Facebook facebook.com/moqschool/ Instagram @[maryourqueenschool](https://www.instagram.com/maryourqueenschool)

Interested in Enrolling at MOQ School or scheduling a tour?

Visit us at moqschool.org or call 402.333.8663

On behalf of the MOQ Staff, I wish you the peace and JOY of this holy season and a very blessed Christmas. We look forward to students returning to class on **Thursday, January 4, 2024**. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

God bless,

Maureen Hoy, Principal



We are ready to welcome our newest Mustangs!

Save the Date, Kindergarten Roundup will be held **Friday, February 9, 2024**

Register for Roundup today by visiting moqschool.org or scan the QR code below. Please call the school at 402-333-8663 with any questions.

CHOOSE FROM TWO SESSIONS ON FEBRUARY 9, 2024:

9:30 TO 11:00AM OR 1:30-3:00PM

We can't wait to meet you!



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

As we close out the calendar year, we would be grateful for your gifts and pledges to this campaign. Our goal of \$2.5 million as a 3-year fund will provide support for future improvements throughout the parish and school. We will also be able to address our need to replenish our weekly offertory giving and create an endowment fund for Mary Our Queen Catholic School, increasing the opportunity for Catholic education and supporting those called to serve in our school.

Here's how you can help:

- Make a pledge to the **Sharing Our Gifts & Building Our Future** campaign:
 - Visit <https://moqchurch.org/give/> and pledge online.
 - Scan the QR code to make a pledge.
 - Send your pledge card to the parish office.
- Spread the word! Share this campaign with friends, family, and members of our MOQ community who may be willing to support our cause.



Thank you for your generosity.

RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Please contact either Parish Office.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Both Parishes: Contact Renee Spicka at the MOQ parish office at least six months in advance.

BAPTISM CLASSES

Mary Our Queen: Classes are currently online. Contact Kolleen Hoffman at the MOQ parish office to register.

St. John Vianney: Contact Mary Johnson at the SJV parish office to register.

RCIA

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, contact Ann Hagenau at 402-578-9346 or email rcia@moqchurch.org

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Jesus is waiting for YOU! Join us for Exposition:

Mary Our Queen: every Monday after the 8:15am Mass until 5:45pm.

St. John Vianney: First Friday Benediction at SJV at 6pm

PERPETUAL ADORATION

The time of paying a visit to Jesus is wholly the time of love—a love we will resume practicing in Paradise, since love alone "does not come to an end", said St. Catherine of Genoa. Many hours for perpetual adoration are open, especially on Saturdays and Sundays at Mary Our Queen. Contact Mary Adam, 531.375.0733.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CALENDAR CLUB



Once again, this year, Mary Our Queen's faithful Knights of Columbus are offering us the opportunity to help support the mission of Council 11700 in providing charitable services, promoting Catholic education, and actively promoting Roman Catholicism. With the purchase of a calendar, you immediately become eligible for daily drawings and bonus drawings all year long! For just \$50 you have the chance to give a gift that keeps giving, offer personal support to a truly active ministry and have fun watching winners listed each week in the bulletin. Look for your favorite knight after Mass and/or contact the Parish Office for more assistance.

Email the Grand Knight with questions: grandknight@moqknights.com.

MARY OUR QUEEN PARISH NEWS

STEWARDSHIP



Scan the QR Code to donate online! Donations accepted for all collections including regular weekend tithing, special collections, and Holy Days.

Sunday Giving, week of December 3

Sunday Offering	\$	38,464.50
Online Giving	\$	20,152.08
Total	\$	58,616.58
Weekly Budget	\$	35,257.48
Fiscal Year to Date		
Actual	\$	656,352.13
Fiscal Year to Date		
Budget	\$	810,922.04
Difference		-19.06%

Upcoming Collections

January 7: **Seminary.** This collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Omaha.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 1, 2024

- 6:20 AM Communion Service
- 8:15 AM † Jacqueline Knust Wendel

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

- 6:20 AM † Deceased Members of the O'Meara and Jaworski Families
- 8:15 AM † Isabel Garcia

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

- 6:20 AM
- 8:15 AM † Darlene Miller

Thursday, January 4, 2024

- 6:20 AM † Ernie Hobza
- 8:15 AM † Mary Battaglia
- 9:30 AM Personal Intention

Friday, January 5, 2024

- 6:20 AM
- 8:15 AM † Merrill & Marie Stolz

Saturday, January 6, 2024

- 8:15 AM
- 5:30 PM † Kenneth Gard

Sunday, January 7, 2024

- 7:00 AM † Bob Martin
- 9:00 AM † Bud Johnson
- 11:00 AM † Ernie Hobza

TNTs

We continue to play cards every Friday at 12:30pm in the Queen of Peace Room (formerly Future Sacristy). **Note the change of location!** Please consider joining us for a fun afternoon! We would also like to invite anyone interested from St. John Vianney; we would love to meet you! We continue to collect warm coats of all sizes for those in need in North and South Omaha. Please consider this as you are cleaning out closets, place in the bin in the narthex. Thank you!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

The next Catholic Daughters meeting will be on January 15, 2024. We will pray the rosary at 6:15pm, social time at 6:30pm and meeting at 7:00pm We invite all Catholic women over 18 years of age to join the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Even if you are not able to attend our meetings, we are looking for new members to help with our projects and also for prayer partners. For more information about Catholic Daughters see National: <https://www.catholicdaughters.org> or State: <https://www.nebraskacda.org>. Contact Regent Sherry Wittrock at 402-850-4764 for more information.



HOOKS AND NEEDLES MINISTRY

Our January meeting will be on Monday, January 8TH at 1:00pm in the Trinity Rooms.

If you have any extra or unused yarn or fabric from your "Christmas projects", or just cleaning out, we could use more in the new year! I have heard PROJECT LINUS could use more baby blankets and we continue to work on other needs all year long.

New members are always welcome to join us. Please call Barb Flowers at 402-333-0537 and leave a message, or email hooks-needles-ministry@moqchurch.org.



Christmas Wish List

As you pray about your end of year giving, we ask you to remember Mary Our Queen on your list! You can view the wish list and make a donation on our website, at moqchurch.org/give. Thank you for your generosity!

MARQUEE 2024

SAVE THE DATE—FEBRUARY 10! | MOQCHURCH.ORG/MARQUEE

WINE REQUEST: Lucky Horseshoes is getting an upgrade this year - selling pulls at our Wine Wall! We invite you to be a supporter. We will accept all wine donations (please value of \$20 or above) by pick up, drop off or for cash donation Venmo @tamarae-kock (put subject as Wine Wall). All donations are due by Jan 19th, 2024. Contact: Courtney Wolf (402-651-3868 jandcwoolf@cox.net) and Tami Kock (402-680-1381 tehuss@cox.net)

BASKETS NEEDED: We are in need of additional baskets this year. Please bring any baskets to the drop box in the narthex. All donations are very much appreciated!

2024 NEON TICKET

PURCHASING A TICKET GIVES YOU ONE CHANCE AT WINNING \$3,000 CASH OR TUITION FOR ONE STUDENT FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN
FEBRUARY 10, 2024
TICKET PRICE: \$100
ONLY 130 SOLD
NON-REFUNDABLE
TAX ID: 47-0490634

MARY OUR QUEEN PARISH NEWS

MOQ Prints for Sale!

MOQ Ladies Guild is excited to share that Omaha artist Kathi Geringer has created a commission for MOQ and the prints are now for sale! Kathi Geringer is well known for the rich detail in her work celebrating Omaha homes, schools, churches and landmarks.



Profits from the sales of this commission will support various parish and community engagement projects and initiatives of the Ladies Guild. Prices and purchase link can be found at moqchurch.org/moqprint

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

JACOB CORTRIGHT, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: jcortright@moqschool.org

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Please keep our Confirmation Candidates in your prayers this new year. They will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Cecilia's Cathedral on February 7th.

Regular religious education classes will resume on January 10th.

OREMUS YOUTH GROUP

JAKE CORTRIGHT, YOUTH MINISTER | jcortright@moqschool.org

An updated schedule is available on the website: moqchurch.org/youth

All graduating 8th graders through graduating 12th graders are invited to this summer's Steubenville Youth Conference! Mary Our Queen will be attending the conference July 5-7, 2024. The cost for a student is \$300, but there are service opportunities to help offset that cost. More information can be found by looking on our website, moqchurch.org/youth, or by contacting Jake Cortright directly: jcortright@moqschool.org.

Thank you for giving to Mary Our Queen.

2023 End of Year Giving Reminder: All contributions must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2023 to be included in the 2023 annual statements.



Give now by scanning this QR code using your phone's camera.



Envelopes may be mailed to the parish office, postmarked by December 31st.



Drop Off your contributions. There is an exterior mailbox for afterhours donations.



Sign up for hassle-free automated withdrawal on our website.



moqchurch.org/give | 3535 S. 119th. Street, Omaha, NE 68144

Weekly Schedule

Monday, January 1, 2024

- 9:00 AM Mass (Church)
- 7:00 PM Men's Club Monthly Meeting (Cafeteria)
- 7:00 PM Legion of Mary (Queen of Peace (formerly Future Sacristy))

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

- 6:20 AM Mass (Church)
- 8:15 AM Mass (Church)
- 3:15 PM Robotics (Cafeteria)
- 5:30 PM Confessions (Family Room)
- 6:30 PM Cub Scout Den Meeting (Cafeteria)
- 7:30 PM Contemporary Music Rehearsal (Church)

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

- 6:20 AM Mass (Church)
- 8:15 AM Mass (Church)
- 6:00 PM Religious Education
- 6:45 PM Spiritual Reading Study Group (Upper Room)
- 8:00 PM Magis 3 (Family Room)

Thursday, January 4, 2024

- 6:20 AM Mass (Church)
- 8:15 AM Mass (Church)
- 9:00 AM Catholic Daughters Steering Committee (Upper Room)
- 9:30 AM All School Mass (Church)
- 10:00 AM Joyful Mysteries (Queen of Peace (formerly Future Sacristy))
- 12:30 PM Ladies Bridge (Queen of Peace (formerly Future Sacristy))
- 5:30 PM Confessions (Family Room)
- 6:30 PM His Global Love (Queen of Peace (formerly Future Sacristy))
- 6:30 PM Cub Scout Den Meeting (Cafeteria)

Friday, January 5, 2024

- 6:20 AM Mass (Church)
- 8:15 AM Mass (Church)
- 12:30 PM TNT Cards (Queen of Peace (formerly Future Sacristy))

Saturday, January 6, 2024

- 7:00 AM Robotics (Cafeteria)
- 8:15 AM Mass (Church)
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study (Upper Room)
- 4:00 PM Confessions (Family Room)
- 5:30 PM Mass (Church)

Sunday, January 7, 2024

- 7:00 AM Mass (Church)
- 7:30 AM RCIA (Trinity Rooms)
- 9:00 AM RCIA (Upper Room)
- 9:00 AM Mass (Church)
- 11:00 AM Mass (Church)

ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH NEWS



Scan the QR Code to donate online! Donations accepted for all collections including regular weekend tithing, special collections, and Holy Days.

Sunday Giving, week of December 3

Sunday Offering	\$	13,904.45
Weekly Budget	\$	13,692.31
Fiscal Year to Date Actual	\$	310,896.69
Fiscal Year to Date Budget	\$	314,923.13
Difference		-1.28%

Upcoming Collections

January 7: **Seminary.** This collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Omaha.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 1

10:30am † Bob Jones

Tuesday, January 2

9:00am In Thanksgiving

Wednesday, January 3

9:00am † Jamie Reichart

Thursday, January 4

9:00am † Jeff Podany

Friday, January 5

9:00am † Mary Bonnett

10:00am † Dorothy Distefano at Good Samaritan

Saturday, January 6

5:30pm † Marilyn Thielenhaus

† Dorothy Povondra

Sunday, January 7

7:30am For the living parishioners

10:30am † Judy Addison Shields

† Myrtle Addison

CHRIST IN GLORY WITH ALL THE SAINTS

An Art and Development Program celebrating the 50th Anniversary of St. John Vianney Parish

Contributing to the **Christ In Glory With All The Saints** campaign is not just about the funds we raise, but the unity and love we demonstrate. It is a powerful affirmation of our commitment to the parish, to our faith, and to each other, setting a strong foundation for the next 50 years and beyond. By giving, you are helping to provide the resources necessary to continue offering vital spiritual guidance, community outreach programs, maintaining the sacred spaces where we gather in worship, and ensuring the financial stability for future generations and growth. Your gift, no matter the size, makes a tangible difference. As we move towards our 50th anniversary, it is an investment in our spiritual home and in the future of the faith we hold dear. Let's join hands, invest in our future, and continue the legacy of love and faith that has been faithfully passed down to us. *There are extra pledge cards and information on the table in the Narthex. Please complete your pledge card and turn it into the office.*



ST. JOHN VIANNEY JUBILEE

St. John Vianney Parish will turn 50 years old in 2024. We have activities throughout the upcoming year to celebrate this milestone anniversary.

Thoughts from Fr. Paul Schwaab, compiled by Martha Bruckner

“Mary the Mother was true to her vocation from the acceptance of the Incarnation even unto the acceptance of her Son’s death at Calvary. She only used her influence as Mother once that we can tell – and that was to hasten the moment when He would prove His Godhood – for His mother, for no other reason; certainly, it was not just to alleviate the embarrassment of friends who ran out of wine. No, just for his Mother. She was always giving her all. At the Cross – that bitter moment of failure/success – she was the greatest of mothers. In abandoning her own Son, she received us poor sinning creatures as her own – and like a mother, she took us all – a motley lot – to be her own.”

(St. Ludger, Creighton, Feast of the Holy Family, January, 1955)

SJV JUBILEE 50th JUBILEE PRAYER

God, our Almighty Father, to you be given all honor and glory. May you continue to bless our parish under the patronage of St. John Vianney. We ask for his continued intercession as we celebrate this 50th year jubilee. Just as St. John Vianney taught God’s love and forgiveness in Word and Sacrament may our parish honor his witness and presence as we continue to live as a faith family in **Community** to **Proclaim** your Word, to **Worship** you in Spirit, and to provide **Service** to others. We ask this all in the name of Jesus Christ, alive in glory with all the saints. Amen. ***St. John Vianney, pray for us.***

COAT DRIVE



As the cold Nebraska weather settles upon us, please consider donating your clean, used winter coat. Our parish will be accepting winter coats in our donation bins under the glass display case in the Narthex throughout the season. They will be distributed to various agencies in Omaha that help the needy. Thank you for your continued support of our ministry!

ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH NEWS

12TH ANNUAL SJV WINTER RUB BBQ CONTEST AND DINNER

SJV CASINO NIGHT - BBQ Competition

Event starts Friday with wings Friday, January 26, 6pm-10pm. Admission includes: People's Choice Wings, Game Chips, Drinks and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Games: Blackjack, Roulette, Craps and Raffle Prize Packages. Presale tickets: \$50.00 per person, tickets at the door: \$60.00

BBQ Dinner

Saturday, January 27, 11am-7pm

Beef Brisket Meal \$18 | Pulled Pork Sandwich Meal \$15

Served with Jack Stack style beans, coleslaw, cornbread, and a beverage.

Kids Meal \$5. Includes Hot Dog, Chips, and a beverage.

SILENT AUCTION – PRIZES – RAFFLES – ENTERTAINMENT

Proceeds benefit SJV Community Outreach to help the needy in our community



Tuesday, January 2, 2024

9:00 AM Mass (Church)
1:00 PM Pinochle (Ars Room)
7:00 PM Vigil Service - Don Kramer (Church)
7:15 PM AA (Ars Room)

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

All day NO RE, TLM
9:00 AM Mass (Church)
10:00 AM Adult Bible Study (Ars Room)
10:30 AM Funeral Mass - Don Kramer (Church)

Thursday, January 4, 2024

9:00 AM Mass (Church)
10:00 AM Al-Anon (Youth Room)

Friday, January 5, 2024

9:00 AM Mass (Church)
10:00 AM Mass (Good Samaritan)
6:00 PM Benediction (Church)

Saturday, January 6, 2024

7:30 AM Men of Faith (Ars Room)
4:30 PM Confessions
5:30 PM Mass (Church)

Sunday, January 7, 2024

7:30 AM Mass (Church)
10:30 AM Mass (Church)

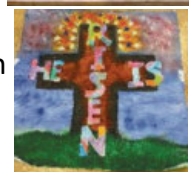
SAVE THE DATE

Knights of Columbus Holiday Party will be January 20th, 2024. Watch for your invitation via email the first of the year, as well as in the bulletin.

QUILT UPDATE



Please continue to turn in your completed quilt squares to the tote found on the shelf outside the parish office through December and into January. Be sure your name is included in the bag that contains your square. You can use your own 10" x 10" square.



BLOOD DRIVE

Give blood. Help save lives.



A Red Cross Blood Drive will be **Saturday, January 13th from 7:00 am to 12:30pm at St. John Vianney.** Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org and enter: StJohnVianneyOMA to schedule an appointment or contact John at jaculotta@yahoo.com or (402) 321-5966.

Give Something That Means Something

2023-2024 Religious Education

PLEASE NOTE!

There will be no classes during the week of December 24th—January 3rd. This includes Children's Liturgy of the Word, Sunday School, Religious Education, and High School Teen Life Ministry.

SJV YOUNG ADULTS

We will resume in 2024 - Watch for updates on a start date! SJV Young Adult group meets every other Tuesday night at 6:15pm. Snacks provided! Everyone 21-35 years of age is welcome to join! Contact Leia Vranes at lvrane@johnvianney.org or Daniel Horak at djhorak2@cox.net for information on event, dates, & locations. Follow us on Facebook for updates!

PANTRY NEEDS

As we enter into the holiday season, we are looking for your assistance in a new way to keep our pantry stocked. Each week, we will list a single item in the bulletin that is running low in our inventory. This is intended to help streamline the process in many ways including:

- Eliminate donations of expired foods & minimize food expiring on our shelves.
- Avoid excessive donations of items that we have fully stocked
- Minimize the donations that are transferred to other pantries as they are not beneficial here due to size, packaging or need

THIS WEEK'S NEEDED ITEM: TOILET PAPER!

Over the next week, please consider picking up and donating Toilet Paper—4 packs or 6 packs only, no larger sizes please.

PRAYER CHAIN

MARY OUR QUEEN: To add a name to our prayer chain, please contact Connie Garza (402-333-2168) or Sheila Gehrman, (402-333-9595).

ST. JOHN VIANNEY: Call Mary Johnson at the Parish Office at 402-895-0808 or email mjohnson@johnvianney.org.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

MARY OUR QUEEN: To add a name to the weekly prayers of the faithful for the recently deceased or the sick, please contact the Parish Office at 402-333-8662.

ST. JOHN VIANNEY: Please contact Mary Johnson at the Parish Office at 402-895-0808 .

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF A VISITATION BY A PRIEST BECAUSE OF ILLNESS, PLEASE CALL EITHER PARISH OFFICE.

**WE PRAY FOR OUR JOINT PARISH FAMILY.
FOR THE SICK.**

FOR THE DECEASED. ETERNAL REST GRANT UPON THEM, O LORD, AND MAY PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

Linda Allen, Don Kramer

Communication Deadlines:

Combined Bulletin Monday at Noon
communications@moqchurch.org

MOQ Pulpit Pleas Thursday at Noon
SJV Sanctuary Screens Monday at Noon



SPIRITUAL GROWTH

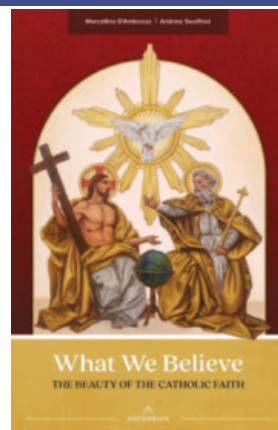
DISCOVER THE AMAZING RICHES OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Are you a Catholic who needs a refresher course or struggling with specific questions about Catholicism? What is the Catholic Church all about? What does it mean to be Catholic? What do Catholics actually believe?

The Catholic Church is extraordinary. Founded by Christ Himself, the Catholic Church is where we encounter God in His Word, His sacraments, and His saints. The Church faithfully proclaims the fullness of faith, leaving no truth out. It proclaims the fullness of life, leaving no person out. It calls all to repent and to believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the source of all life and salvation.

Maybe you've been Catholic your entire life. Maybe you're just beginning to explore the Catholic Faith. Wherever you may be in your journey, you will be profoundly moved by the beauty and the richness of the Catholic Church.

Join us for this 10-week video series **What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith** from Ascension Press beginning on Wednesday, January 10, 2024. We will be meeting from 7 to 8:30 PM in the Upper Room. Invite a friend, a fallen away Catholic or someone who has shown an interest in the Catholic Church. Please contact Craig or Ann Hagenau at hagenau@cox.net with any questions.



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- Identify what brings joy into our lives and what steals our joy.
- Learn concrete ways to counteract these thieves of our joy.
- Develop a deeper relationship with Our Lady through the Rosary and with the Holy Spirit to find the wellspring of JOY.

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DEACON'S CORNER

Today's Host: Deacon Bob Hamilton

This column features a weekly article from the Deacons of both parishes.

When listening to today's reading from the Gospel of Luke, we heard how Mary and Joseph also had to obey God. As the parents of Jesus, they were not exempted from their spiritual obligations to the Jewish law. As you present your children to be baptized, Mary and Joseph also presented Jesus at the Temple to the Lord, offering the necessary sacrifice that was required by law.

As we heard today, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. He was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel. Through the Holy Spirit, it had been revealed to Simeon that he would not die until such time as he had seen the Messiah. Guided to the Temple by the Holy Spirit, Simeon finally experienced God's promise when he saw Mary and Joseph with baby Jesus. Holding Jesus in his hands, he praised God.

In the Temple lived an 84-year-old widow by the name of Anna. Anna spent her days fasting and praying. At the moment when Mary and Joseph were finished with Simeon, Anna came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

If we are to open our hearts, our eyes and our ears, the Holy Spirit will guide us regarding the need of our spiritual children. The Holy Spirit moves daily in our lives, sometimes even speaking through our children for our own spiritual benefit.

We should all strive to be holy children of God who live in holy families. As Mary and Joseph, Abram and Sarah, all placed their faith in the Lord God, we should also place our faith in the Lord God. For it is He who is the provider of all good things.

Next Week: Deacon Steve Floersch



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THE HOLY FAMILY**

I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is the baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too.

- Father John Muir, ©LPi

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION
DECEMBER 31, 2023
THE HOLY FAMILY

"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive." - COLOSSIANS 3:13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF
DECEMBER 31ST

- Monday: Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
 - Tuesday: Sts. Basil & Gregory, Bishops & Doctors of the Church
 - Wednesday: Most Holy Name of Jesus
 - Thursday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
 - Friday: St. John Neumann, Bishop
 - Saturday: St. André Bessette, Religious
 - Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord
- All you holy men and women, pray for us!***

WORSHIP



FIRST FRIDAYS DEVOTIONS The Legion of Mary invites you to join us before the 6:20am and 8:15am Masses on the First Friday of each month for a special prayer of reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus to observe First Friday devotions. In order to fulfill this devotion completely, you will also need to attend Holy Mass, receive Holy Communion and go to Confession (within 8 days) on the first Friday of the month for 9 consecutive months. Please consider this beautiful devotion which our Lord asked St. Margaret Mary Alacoque to promote.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS We also invite you to join First Saturday devotions with the rosary before the 8:15am Mass beginning at 7:45am as an act of reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Our Lady of Fatima promises all the graces necessary for salvation if a Catholic finishes the five First Saturdays devotion. Receiving Holy Communion in reparation for sins, confession (within 8 days) and 15 minutes meditation on the rosary for 5 consecutive first Saturdays are required to fulfill this devotion. Sponsored and led by Legion of Mary members.

START THE NEW YEAR OFF RIGHT! PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US.

MOQ Come before the 8:15 Mass (Monday through Saturday) to pray the rosary at Mary Our Queen. We also pray the rosary before the 5:30pm Mass on Saturday and the 9:00am Mass on Sunday.

SJV Stay after the 9:00am daily Communion Service/Mass and pray the rosary in the Adoration Chapel at St. John Vianney.



FIRST FRIDAY BENEDICTION (SJV)

We invite you to join us on Friday, January 5th and any of the first Fridays of the month, for Benediction at 6:00pm.

HOME ENTHRONEMENT

As per the World Apostolate of Fatima, "Enthronement of our homes to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary is an excellent means of sanctifying, protecting, enhancing and preserving marriage and family life. This devotion was prompted by the Sacred Heart of Jesus Himself...Enthroned homes become domestic churches in which Jesus and Mary are participants in the everyday lives of all members of our families." For more information or to schedule it, please contact Lois Coyne at 402-697-0533 or Lori Hamilton at 402-699-5027. Fr. Rob Scheibhofer assisted by two Legion of Mary members will enthrone your home.

IN THE COMMUNITY



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER As we celebrate Holy Family Sunday, let us remember that God's love for us is reflected in the love for each other in our family. Why not celebrate and encourage that love by giving your spouse

the gift of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on February 9-11, 2024 in Lincoln, NE. For questions, or to find out more about a Virtual Encounter Weekend, feel free to contact: Brenda & Gary Granger: 720-213-8833. Space is limited, so reserve your weekend early. For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, please visit www.wwme.org.

IXIM: SPIRIT OF SOLIDARITY Since 2004, parishioners from the Archdiocese have gone to our sister diocese in Huehuetenango, Guatemala to work alongside our sisters and brothers in Christ. Our 19th trip will be June 13 – June 23, 2024. Learn more about our mission trip at an information meeting: **Tuesday, January 9 at 7:00pm on Zoom**. Contact Charlie to reserve a spot: cpetro@archomaha.org or 531-218-6354.



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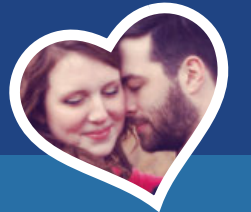
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