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Submit advertisements, jokes, stories, or poems to
the parish secretary.

✦ Faith and Humor ☺

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If a bottle of poison reaches its expiration
date, is it more poisonous, or is it
no longer poisonous?

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Over 100 years ago everyone owned a horse
and only the rich had cars. Today everyone
has cars and only the rich own horses.

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I know they say that money talks, but
all mine says is, "Goodbye."

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I put my scale in the bathroom corner
and that's where the little liar will stay
until it apologizes.

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Imagine, if you will, a world where every
tweet and meme must be fact checked
but not a ballot.

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My doctor asked if anyone in my family
suffered from mental illness. I said, "No, we all
seem to enjoy it.

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Geology rocks, but geography's where it's at.

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A Catechism teacher was discussing the Ten
Commandments with five- and six-year-olds. After
explaining the commandment to "Honor thy Father
and thy Mother, she asked, "Is there a
Commandment that teaches us how to treat our
brothers and sister? Without missing a beat one
little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, "Thou
shall not kill."

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Our Hope

Mary Immaculate Queen of the Universe

SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS
SUNDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE

- ✦ 1st Sunday of month: High Mass - 9:00 am
- ✦ 2nd Sunday of month: Low Mass - 9:00 am
Blessing of articles & of expectant mothers
- ✦ 3rd Sunday of month: High Mass - 9:00 am
Benediction
- ✦ 4th Sunday of month: Low Mass - 9:00 a.m.
Blessing of articles & of expectant mothers
- ✦ 5th Sunday of month: Low Mass

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- ✦ Saturday MIQ 7:30-7:50 am & SJS 4:00-4:30 pm
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- ✦ 2nd & 4th Sunday after 9:00 am Mass

SUNDAY DEVOTIONS and BENEDICTION

- ✦ 6:30 am & 8:30 am The Rosary and Devotions
- ✦ Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 3rd Sunday

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PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS**

- ✦ Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. @ SJS
- FIRST FRIDAY**
- ✦ 11:00 a.m. Mass and Benediction of the
Blessed Sacrament

FIRST SATURDAY

- ✦ 7:00 a.m. First Saturday Rosary, Meditations,
Benediction and Reposition followed by Mass

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PASTOR'S LETTER

January 28, 2024
Septuagesima Sunday

My dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus and Mary. Early in this New Year it would be good for us to look back over the past 12 months and give thanks to God for all His blessings. Since this time last year there have been 15 baptisms, 2 marriages, 12 First Communions, and 11 have received the sacrament of Confirmation here at Mary Immaculate Queen parish.

God has also blessed us with a school for our children and a seminary. We have 3 priests, 3 religious brothers (of whom two are clerics) and 4 religious sisters. There are 32 students in our parish school and 13 in our minor seminary. We have 365 parishioners.

Of course, we have daily Mass, processions and devotions, and parish social events. I only mention these statistics to remind all of us how much God has blessed us. Let us always strive to become more worthy of God's loving care for us. I am particularly grateful for the help of our assistant priests (Father Gabriel M. Lavery and Fr. M. Aloysius Hartman), our clerics (Frater Alphonsus Maria and Frater Martin Marie), our lay brother (Brother Thomas Marie), our minor seminarians (who help with the liturgy and the upkeep of the property), our wonderful Sisters who teach the children and in other ways promote the works of our parish (Sr. Mary Genevieve, Sr. Mary Imelda, Sr. Marie Josephine and Sr. Mary Veronica), and, of course, our many dedicated lay people who help in so many ways (teachers, secretary, choir directors, organists, etc. etc.) You all are greatly appreciated. May God reward you for all that you do for our parish!

But in addition to these joyful details, mention must be made of the fact that we have lost

three of our parishioners over the past 6 weeks, whom God has called to eternity. Let us all continue to pray for the repose of their souls: Elizabeth Gladden (12/12/2023), Patricia Schneider (1/4/2024), and John Freddi (1/18/2024). While we are saddened at this loss, we are also comforted by the knowledge that they died well-prepared for eternity. Their passing is a sober reminder for all of us to prepare for that moment, for we know not when God will call each of us.

As is the case with every parish, our parishioners form a spiritual family. Our greatest treasure, after the Mass and sacraments, is found in our fellow parishioners. How often have you not been edified or encouraged by your fellow Catholics? This privilege of membership in a spiritual family is something that must not be taken for granted, which brings up a good question: Do you know your fellow parishioners? Why not go out of your way to greet someone you do not know, to establish contact and extend your friendship? Let us all cultivate a close spiritual union with one another, in the Hearts of Jesus and Mary!

Now I want to turn your attention to our plans for this year. New classrooms have been constructed in the gym to house our school. In the spring the Sisters will move into these new classrooms, and the old lower school building will be torn down and replaced by a new convent for our Sisters. This will not only allow them to be close to the school (and therefore no longer required to make a sometimes treacherous walk down the icy road to their classrooms in the winter) but will also allow more housing for our major seminary. God-willing there will be new seminarians coming here to the City of Mary this summer, to continue their training for the priesthood. To house them, we will use the upper floor at the east end of the seminary building, which the Sisters have occupied for the past 25 or more years.

Needless to say, the construction of a suitable convent will require money, and we have been saving funds for that purpose. We currently have

\$125,301.34 available in our checking and savings accounts, but more will be needed. Once the architectural drawings for the new convent are completed and we have a better idea of the cost to construct it, I will appeal to your generosity to help us complete this worthy project. Of course, there will also be other minor tasks in our continued effort to update and maintain our facilities.

Along with this quarterly newsletter there is enclosed the cleaning schedule for this year, as well as a letter of acknowledgment of cumulative donations we have received from you in 2023. (Of course, this pertains to those who tithe by check or use tithing envelopes. If you support the church through cash donations, we are unable to provide a statement for you, unless these are enclosed in a donations envelope with your name on it.) While on the subject, let us recall that in the Old Testament the Chosen People were required to give 10% of their income to God. (From this fact is derived the word "tithe", which means one-tenth.) Although the Catholic Church does not now command a strict tithe, she does have a law to the effect that each parishioner is obliged to contribute his/her fair share toward the financial needs of the parish, as well as other Catholic works. Those who faithfully contribute a tenth of their earnings are to be commended. Let us also remember that God is generous toward those who are generous with Him.

Finally, turning our attention to the Liturgy, we will soon have the annual blessing of candles, followed just 12 days later by Ash Wednesday and the blessed season of Lent. May we all profit from the beauty of the liturgy and strive to enter into the spirit of our holy Mother the Church during the various seasons. I pray that we will all have a good Lent and thus earn the graces to rise eternally with Christ in the life to come.

May God continue to bless you and your families. Let us also remember to pray for one another.

In Jesus and Mary,
Fr. M. Benedict Hughes, CMRI
Pastor

PARISH NEWS FOR 2023

Baptisms

Lucas Geckle, Hannah Garnham, Agnes Perlin, Maximian Pulliam, Clare Harris, Theodore Strain, Elliana Jones, Matthew Garnham, Samuel Duggan, Olivia Brazill, Lucia Winrod, Angelina Haggard, Lucy Odom, Sophia Johnson, Xavier Pulliam

First Holy Communions

Kaitlyn Bane, Arneith Beck, Jackson Brazil, Joseph Camster, Grace Daffer, Cyprian Epkey, Matthew Garnham, Lydia Geckle, Thomas Mendieta, Jude Strain, Lana Richardson, Adelaide Schindler

Confirmations

Arneith Beck, Austin Brazill, Brenda Caine, John Caine, Angelina Epkey, Patrick Harris, Matthew Vincent, Michaela Vincent, Stephen Waggoner, Matthew Garnham

Marriages

Joseph Vincent & Arneith Beck
Elija Duggan & Catherine Waggoner

SPIRITUAL CORNER

RACCOLTA

The following Ejaculations and Invocations receive an indulgence of 300 days.

#72 Jesus, my God, I love Thee above all things.

#74 O my Jesus, Thou Who art very Love, enkindle in my heart that divine fire which consumes the Saints and transforms them into Thee.

#75 Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, light of the world, I adore Thee; for Thee I live, for Thee I die. Amen.

#77 O Jesus, life eternal in the bosom of the Father, life of souls made in Thine own likeness, in the name of Thy love reveal Thy Heart and make It known!

#78 O Jesus, the friend of little children, bless the little children of the whole world.

#80 Blessed be Jesus Christ and His most pure Mother!

#81 Jesus, for love of Thee, with Thee and for Thee.