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Mary Our Queen
Catholic Church & School



Mary Our Queen Parish

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Most Reverend G. T. Bergan
Reverend Francis P. Kenny
Founding Pastor



Mary Our Queen Parish

**3405 S. 118th St., Omaha, NE 68144
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My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our Parish is a place where faith is shared and faith is grown. In this Parish Directory, you will find opportunities not only to belong to our Parish Community, but to worship, grow and serve through our Parish. I am grateful for all the wonderful groups and organizations who continue to build up our Parish Community through their various ministries. This in turn helps us make Missionary Disciples of Jesus.

Also included in this Directory is the contact information of all the registered members of our Parish.

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God Bless,

Fr. Marc Lim, Pastor

Mary Our Queen Catholic Church

Church Address

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www.moqchurch.org

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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass
Monday-Friday, 6:20am, 8:15am
Saturday, 8:15am

Weekend Obligation

Saturday, 5:30pm
Sunday, 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am,
5:00pm

Holy Day of Obligation

Eve of Holy Day, 5:30pm
Holy Day, 6:20am, 8:15am,
12:10pm, 5:30pm

CONFESSIONS

Monday-Friday, 5:30-6:00pm
Saturday, 4:00-5:20pm
Eve of Holy Day, 5:00-5:20pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-4:00pm
Friday, 9:00am-12:00pm

FACEBOOK:

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The Mary Our Queen Mission: Making Missionary Disciples of Jesus

We make missionary disciples of Jesus by forming a family of faith through community, worship, evangelization, and service.

We are a community where you BELONG.

We are a welcoming environment where people are known and loved, called by name, and supported in their call to holiness. We offer ministries that focus on hospitality, fellowship, and spiritual growth.

We WORSHIP Jesus.

Worship is giving praise and thanksgiving to God through prayer, celebrating the Eucharist, and receiving the sacraments. We offer a spirit-filled environment that encourages people to worship, to praise, and to grow in their godliness.

We evangelize so all may GROW in their personal relationship with Jesus.

To evangelize is to know God personally through ongoing formation and to bring others into an encounter with Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. We offer programs to encourage you to grow and build a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

We SERVE others as Jesus did.

Service is answering Jesus' call to help others, especially those most in need. We offer a variety of opportunities to serve the Mary Our Queen community and beyond.

We GIVE.

Your financial contributions are needed to support this culture of discipleship.

*We invite and encourage every parishioner to be actively involved in
our community of worship, growth and service.*

Our Parish Prayer

Heavenly Father, As members of the Mary Our Queen family, we praise and thank you for our Catholic Faith. With the help of Your grace, may we worship you attentively, follow Your Son courageously and love You in others generously. Through the intercession of Mary, our Queen and Mother, empower us with the Holy Spirit to strengthen the unity of the Church by our words and actions. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, Come! Come down upon us now, as you came down upon the apostles. Fill the hearts of your faithful gathered here. Kindle in us the fire of your love. Shower upon us the seven gifts of your grace. Send forth your glory upon your church. Renew our faith, remove our doubts and fears. Strengthen us, that we may defend all that is holy. Heal our wounds and purify our hearts. Dwell in us, as you prepare a dwelling for the Father and the Son. Call us to be your disciples and to live a life of prayer, love and service. Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

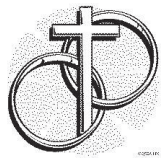
How do I...

Arrange a Baptism

Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements. We will assist you in setting the date for your baptism, obtaining letters of good standing for your godparents, and registering your child into the parish. Baptisms are held on the second and third Sundays of the month at 12:00pm. All new parents or parents who have not had a child baptized within the last five years are required to attend a Baptism preparation class. Baptism classes are held the first Sunday of the month at 2:00 pm in the Upper Room.



Get Married at Mary Our Queen



To begin the process of preparation and scheduling your wedding, please contact Renée Spicka at the Parish Office. She will assist in scheduling the wedding as well as setting up your initial marriage preparation meeting with the Pastor. Please note that all weddings must be scheduled at least 6 months in advance. To be married at Mary Our Queen, we require that at least one member of the engaged couple (or their parents) be a registered parishioner for one year or longer before preparation for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony may begin.

Receive the Sacraments of First Communion and/or Confirmation

Please contact Jeff Forman in the Parish Office. These sacraments require adequate knowledge and preparation.

Arrange a Pastoral Visit for someone who is ill

If you or a family member is hospitalized or sick at home and wish to be visited by a priest, please call the Parish Office. If it is an emergency, follow the prompts on the automated system to reach a priest after hours.

Put a name on the Prayer Chain/Prayers of the Faithful



If you or a family member would like to be placed on our parish prayer chain or would like to be remembered in our Prayers of the Faithful petitions during our Sunday liturgies please contact the Parish Office.

Arrange a Funeral

Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements prior to submitting any details to a newspaper.

Join the Parish

Registration forms are available at the Parish Office, in the kiosk in the Kenny Center, and at moqchurch.org.



Sign up for Online Giving

Mary Our Queen has made Online Giving available for our weekly offerings, as well as other parish collections. Donating is simple, safe, and secure. You'll be able to give to any of our collections and view complete financial records at any time. Set up a one-time or recurring donation by following these three easy steps:



1. Click on "Give" at moqchurch.org.
2. Select the collection you wish to donate to and make a donation.
3. Enter your payment information.

Become a Catholic or Return to the Church

We welcome any adult interested in becoming a Catholic or returning to the Church to contact Ann Hagenau 402-331-5119 or hagenau@cox.net for information regarding the process.

Register my child at Mary Our Queen School

Please contact the School Office at 402-333-8663. You may also visit moqschool.org for more information.

Register my child in Religious Education

Please contact Kolleen Hoffman at the Parish Office. Registration forms are also available at moqchurch.org.

Change my Contact Information

You may update your parish record online by logging into My Own Church (accessed via moqchurch.org or at omaha.parishsoftfamilysuite.com). Contact the Parish Office for assistance.



Communicate News to Parishioners

Please send requests for bulletin announcements, pulpit pleas, social media posts and all other requests for communications to communications@moqchurch.org. Note that the bulletin deadline is every Monday at 12:00 noon and the pulpit plea deadline is every Thursday at noon.

Reserve space for a church sponsored group or event

You may request to reserve space at moqchurch.org, click Calendar, click Reserve a Room, and fill out the form. You may also call the Parish Office for assistance.



Rent a Parish Room for an event

Contact Lynda Conley at 402-578-8112 or conleylynda3@gmail.com and she will facilitate scheduling the event, collecting fees, and ensuring insurance standards are met.



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Contact: Maureen Hoy, Principal mhoy@moqschool.org

School Website: moqschool.org

Utilizing a comprehensive and challenging curriculum, professional educators strive to provide students with experiences that bring to life what it means to know the love of Christ, pursue academic excellence and share their God given gifts with the world. Recognizing each student as a child of God, teachers provide individual attention accessing many educational and technological opportunities. In partnership with parents, the Mary Our Queen School community inspires creative thinking, models and practices written, verbal and digital communication skills, constructs a moral framework for service to others, and fosters the development of a life-long learner who has the self-awareness and self-confidence to bring the message of the Gospel to the world.

School Facts:

- Founded in 1965
- Nebraska State and AdvancED Accredited
- Approximately 500 students; 300 families
- Small class sizes (average 17:1)
- Standardized test scores significantly above state scores in all areas
- Yearly average of 25% of students receiving Catholic high school scholarships
- Resource support
- Extracurricular activities

School Administration

Principal

Assistant Principal

Admin Assistant

Secretary

Communications

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Mrs. Maureen Hoy

Mrs. Tara Petersen

Mrs. Barb Lundgren

Mrs. Julie Watsabaugh

Mrs. Cindy Tooher

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Please visit our website www.moqschool.org or call us (402) 333-8663 to schedule a tour.



Mary Our Queen School

Mary Our Queen School Board

The Mary Our Queen School Board is an advisory group to the pastor and principal on matters involving religious training, education, and administration at Mary Our Queen School. They serve to ensure a school environment that proclaims the message of faith, fosters community, encourages worship and prayer, and establishes the relationship of educational programs with our community and our church.

Officers:

Megan Timmerman
Matt Huss
Joette Deitering
Kaylea Dunn
Katie Sommer
Becky Ehrman
Colleen Gibilisco
Justin Krist
Bob Soukup

Ex Officio Members:

Fr. Marc Lim
Fr. Matthew Capadano
Mrs. Maureen Hoy
Ms. Peggy Croy

CONTACT: Megan Timmerman, 402-981-1026, megan.timmerman@unmc.edu

Mary Our Queen Home & School Association

Mary Our Queen has an active and involved Home and School Association that supports the school, students, faculty and staff at Mary Our Queen. The association strives to help MOQ feel like your child's home away from home. If you have children in MOQ, YOU are a member of the Home and School Association. Our Annual Mustang March provides funding for all our programs and activities throughout the school year.

What we do is made possible by our great volunteers!

Such as:

- Raise much needed funds vital to our school
- Help coordinate and distribute school information
- Support our faculty
- Promote healthy activity for our students & families
- Provide fun, safe activities and special events
- Foster fellowship among MOQ families
- Improve communication and collaboration in our school community

President:	Jennifer Russell, 402-714-3036, russell418@gmail.com
Vice President:	Denise Salzbrenner, dksalzbrenner39@gmail.com
Secretary:	Cassie Benak, cassie.benak@gmail.com
Treasurer:	Anna Revers, arevers7@gmail.com
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Room Parents:	Jenni Bragg
Welcome Committee:	Mary Mickels and Libby Haus
Faculty Appreciation:	Holly Colling
Uniform Exchange:	Maggie Persing
Fitness & Field Day:	Dawn Mielke
Grocery Receipts:	Sandy Geist
Box Tops:	Margaret Kramer
Dine Out Nights:	Lindsey Utiger
Trunk or Treat:	Kelli Granandos and Kari McCall
SCRIP:	Lisa Leighton

Questions? Contact Jennifer Russell, 402-714-3036, russell418@gmail.com



Mary Our Queen Parish

Mary Our Queen Parish Council

The Parish Council is a consultative body of parishioners to the Pastor providing vision and direction for our parish. An election is held each year to fill any vacancies that may exist on the Council. To be eligible to serve on the Council, the candidate must be a member of the Catholic Church and an adult (18 years or older) envelope holder at Mary Our Queen Parish for at least one year. It is an honor and privilege to serve on the Council. Members serve for a 3 year term.

Council Members

Term

Fr. Marc Lim	
Fr. Matthew Capadano	
Scott Prai, President	June 2016-2019
Sheila Sully, Vice President	June 2017-2020
David Gregg, Secretary	June 2017-2020
Dan Fairfield	June 2017-2020
Chris Feuerbach	June 2018-2021
Eugene Wessling	June 2018-2021
Mike Hesser	June 2018-2021
Emily Olson	June 2019-2022
Tim Smith	June 2019-2022
Luke Ranck, Trustee	
Kay Daubendiek, Trustee	

Mary Our Queen Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is an advisory group to the Pastor on matters of Parish finances. They track the financial condition of the parish and coordinate the annual parish budget process so the parish can carry out its mission.

Finance Committee Members

Fr. Marc Lim
Fr. Matthew Capadano
Joe Spargo, Director of Finance
Scott Mullholland
James Timmerman
Lynn Muse
Paul West
Luke Ranck, Trustee
Kay Daubendiek, Trustee

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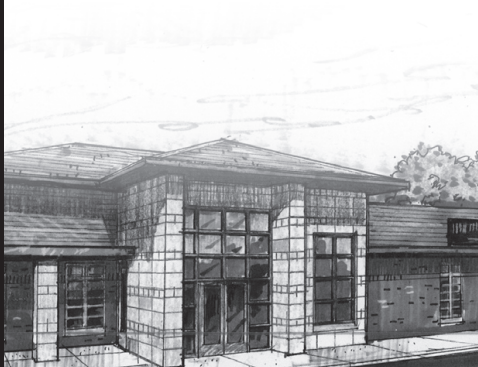
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Opportunities To Belong, Worship, Grow & Serve

Belong

Parish Organizations

Catholic Daughters



Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives to embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and dignity for all mankind. Service opportunities in the following: 1) Support Aging Religious, 2) Support Seminarians,

3) Mission Activities, 4) Right to Life, 5) Assistance to the unfortunate, 6) Civic Programs, 7) Issues affecting Church, 8) Morality in Media, 9) Aid to flood and disaster victims and many others. Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas (JDCA) is the CDA's youth program for girls age 6 through 18.

CONTACT:

Barb Keuchel, 402-321-0734, barb.keuchel@gmail.com

Mary Joslin, 402-880-3836, marymjoslin@yahoo.com (Junior Catholic Daughters)

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization engaged in charity (local and global in scope), Life Insurance, and faith-based institutional investing. Founded by Father Michael J. McGivney in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1882, it was named in honor of the mariner Christopher Columbus. Originally serving as a mutual benefit society to low-income immigrant Catholics, it developed into a fraternal benefit society dedicated to providing charitable services, promoting Catholic education and Catholic public policy positions, and actively defending Roman Catholicism in various nations. Council 11700 has been here at Mary Our Queen since 1995 and is approaching member strength of 400 Knights. Members must be a male practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church and at least 18-year of age. Visit the council website at moqknights.org. The Squires is the Knights of Columbus program for 6th to 8th grade boys.

CONTACT:

Vince Vigneri (Grand Knight), 402-880-8462, vvigneri@cox.net

Chad Roza (Squires), 402-306-9711, squires@moqchurch.org

Ladies Guild

The Mary Our Queen Ladies Guild welcomes all women from our parish to become involved in various spiritual, social

and charitable projects. It is a fantastic opportunity to meet other women and offers the flexibility to be involved on many different levels. Several of our members belong to small groups of women with

similar interests, called Circles, but there are numerous activities aimed towards those who want to participate in a more flexible fashion. The amount of commitment is completely up to you. Some of the opportunities to get involved with include shopping for Christmas families, preparing baskets for the Marquee fundraiser, working a fish fry, or simply joining our email based programs to provide desserts or volunteers for funeral luncheons. The Ladies Guild is a great way to meet people at Mary Our Queen while helping others in our parish.

CONTACT:

Co-Presidents Sarah Barta and Betsy Austin,

moqladiesguild@gmail.com

Men's Club



The MOQ Men's Club is an organization open to all registered men (18 years of age and older) of the parish. The Mission of the MOQ Men's Club is "To unite the men of Mary Our Queen through faith, fellowship, and service and provide on-going support for parish needs

and improvements." The Men's Club meets at 7:00pm on the first Monday of each month in the MOQ cafeteria. There are no dues but there is a \$5 charge at our monthly meetings to help defray the cost of the meeting dinner.

CONTACT:

Andrew Rainbolt (President), 402- 216-3963

moqmensclub@gmail.com

Parish Life

Bridge Club

This group meets at Mary Our Queen twice monthly to play bridge on Thursday afternoons.

CONTACT:

Mary Ellen Pospishil, 402-397-4080

Fall Festival

The Annual Fall Festival is held annually on the second Sunday of September and brings the MOQ community together for games, food, drink, rides, entertainment and fellowship.

CONTACT:

Dave & Angie Mills, 402-670-5764, moqfestival@gmail.com

Golden Years

Sponsored by the Ladies Guild, Golden Years is held on the 2nd Thursday of the Month at 12:00 noon. Lunch is served, provided by the Circles and Catholic Daughters, and they play Bingo after lunch. Cost is \$3.00, and reservations are to be made only for the month of December.

CONTACT:

Lucy Marasco, 402-891-1767, heynana@cox.net

MARQUEE

Mary Our Queen Achieving Religious Quality and Unsurpassed Elementary Education - is our parish's largest annual fundraiser. It is a dinner, dance, and auction (silent and live). It is also a wonderful chance to celebrate our MOQ community with old and new friends. The proceeds of the event are used to assist in meeting the operating needs of the Parish, to support Parish and educational programs, fund technology needs, and help pay for maintenance and building improvements. Many volunteers are needed for this annual event. Event Date: February 22, 2020

CONTACT:

moqmarquee@gmail.com

TNTs (55+)

This group provides an opportunity for members of Mary Our Queen Parish, ages 55 and over, to experience and expand on new and continuing friendships and other support through social, religious, and community activities. Comprised of singles and couples, both working and retired, they are socially active people forming a community.

CONTACT:

Mike Dougherty, 402-689-2826, Guinness1124@yahoo.com

Scouting Activities

Boy Scouts

It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to prepare young men to make ethical choices over their lifetime and achieve their full potential while developing a strong moral character, self-confidence, good citizenship, and personal fitness through fun activities. The values we strive to instill are based on those found in Scout Oath and Law. We provide service to others and encourage service-centered values in young men.

CONTACT:

Tim Burns, 402-330-9472, moqcoachburns@gmail.com

John Novotny, 402-216-6374, john_novotny@yahoo.com

Cub Scouts

Cub Scouts is for boys in the first to fifth grade. It's for their families too. The program focuses on family and neighborhood involvement through learning activities and fun. Encouraging the Cub Scout members to incorporate the values learned through the program into their daily lives.

CONTACT:

Kevin Chytil, 402-502-9940, kchytil@cox.net

Joel Knofczynski, 402-896-8779, jhknoff@gmail.com

Girl Scouts/Brownies/Daisies

The mission of Girl Scouts is to inspire girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism and service, that they may become happy and resourceful citizens. The motivating force in Girl Scouting is a spiritual one. Girl scouting is open to all who accept the Girl Scout promise and law. We are always looking for leaders, co-leaders, cookie parents or adults to teach small groups new skills i.e. crafts, first aid, etc.

CONTACT:

Missy Lindauer, 402-740-6086, mmlindauer@cox.net

Athletics

Athletic Committee

The Athletic Committee creates and promotes an interest in all phases of athletics among the members of Mary Our Queen. They aim to develop and foster an appreciation and desire for true sportsmanship and fair play. They also provide adult leadership/coaching that will place the child's health, safety and athletic development as their first priority. A variety of sports are available: Basketball, Football, Baseball, Volleyball, Soccer, Track and Field. Visit the website for more information or to reserve gym time: moqsports.com.

CONTACT:

Mike Militti, 402-630-4863, mike.militti@gmail.com

Soccer Club

The soccer club exists to educate parish youth in the fundamentals of athletic competition in the game of soccer, foster the sport of soccer by upholding the highest standards of the game, protects the interests of its members and their children and above all, provide an athletic program for youth, teaching good sportsmanship, a healthy competitive attitude and especially Christian values. Opportunities for involvement: For parents: board members, assist club in care of field, coaching either as head coach or assistant.

For students: assist in micro program, setting up fields, refereeing assisting coaches, field cleanup. Leagues: Micro Soccer (under 6), Youth Soccer (6-15yrs), and Adult Soccer. To reserve space on the athletic field, email scheduling@moqsoccer.com.

MICRO SOCCER CONTACT:

Dave Wood, woodythe14th@hotmail.com

YOUTH SOCCER CONTACTS:

Jenni Bragg (President), braggjennifer47@gmail.com

Kevin Rau (Boys Commissioner), 402-614-6015,

kevinginarau@cox.net

Joe Sledge (Girls Commissioner), 402-341-1150,

joeanddebbie2@gmail.com

Men's Golf League

We have 80 members, including some non-parishioners.

We have 10 teams with 8 players on team. You normally play every other week the members from previous years are always given first choice to be on teams for next year. If there are any openings left, we then look for new members.

CONTACT:

Chris Helms, moq.golf.league@gmail.com

Tom Marasco, 402-216-4499, tom@mediaomaha.com

Worship

31 Club

This is a program sponsored by the Serra Club. The Serra Club is an international group of Catholic men and women who devote their efforts to the promotion of Vocations to the Priesthood and Vowed Religious life. The 31 Club encourages members of the parish to join Catholic men and women worldwide to volunteer for one hour per month to pray for Vocations. Members can pray at home or at church. It is voluntary, but very necessary.

CONTACT:

Sam Marasco, 402-891-1767, smarasco@cox.net

Centering Prayer

Centering prayer is to learn to rest in God in silence. There are opportunities to share and discuss our spiritual journey with others as well as watch videos on Centering Prayer by Fr. Thomas Keating.

CONTACT:

Diane Kaiser, 402-330-9968, DianeKaiser@centurylink.net

Healing Prayer Ministry

Every Sunday afternoon a trained Healing Team is available (by appointment) in the Kenny Center. They pray with the "laying on of hands" for parishioners who come with all kinds of requests: physical pains, emotional ailments (e.g., depression), spiritual attacks, etc. All sessions are private and confidential.

CONTACT:

Kristi Rooney, 402-450-0495, k58redeemed@hotmail.com

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary has two degrees of membership – active and auxiliary members. Both are centered on consecration to our Blessed Mother. Our primary purpose is evangelization to bring others to Christ. Active members focus on doing corporal and spiritual works of mercy and evangelizing and participating in the life of the parish, such as visiting and taking Holy Communion to the sick and homebound, leading rosaries and novenas, Brown Scapular investiture, rosary candlelight procession, etc. Auxiliary members pray the rosary daily and recite the Legion of Mary prayers. The spirit of the Legion of Mary is that of Mary herself. Under the spiritual direction of Deacon Bob Hamilton, active members meet weekly, pray the rosary and Legion prayers, followed by meeting agenda.

CONTACT:

Linda Thomsen, 402-660-2213, legionofmary@moqchurch.org

Junior Legion of Mary

Under the spiritual direction of Deacon Bob Hamilton and Connie Garza, the Junior Legion of Mary is a weekly prayer group that is open to boys and girls who are in 2nd through 8th grade. The group meets every Wednesday after school during the school year. The group prays the rosary and learns more about Jesus' & Mary's love for each of us as well as performs acts of service.

CONTACT:

Angie Pensick, 402-203-9825, gela.pensick@gmail.com

Connie Garza, 402-333-2168

Perpetual Adoration

Participation in adoration offers a means of fostering devotion to our Lord in the reserved Eucharist. Those committed to the program are asked to offer prayers of worship and intercession at church in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Prayers are requested for the program, our parish family, and our community. The prayer vigil continues 24 hours each day. Interested individuals commit to one hour of prayer each week at church, or participate as a substitute.

CONTACT:

Mary Adam, 402-502-0871, cadam11612@cox.net

Prayer Chain

Our Purpose is to intercede in serious matters and emergencies, such as hospitalization, accidents, surgery, serious illness, death. Being an intercessor is more than being a petitioner. A petitioner prays, "Dear God, please heal John," scripture tells us an intercessor "stands in the gap" (EZ 22:30) meaning the intercessor takes the place of the person being prayed for since they are unable or incapacitated. We step in and pray for them.

CONTACT:

Connie Garza, 402-333-2168

Sheila Gehrman, 402-333-9595

Rosary for Peace

Several people pray a rosary every Wednesday at 6:15pm in the Family Room. We pray for the safety of our police, firefighters, first responders, military, here and abroad. We also share our worries, prayers and joys.

CONTACT:

Deacon Bob and Lori Hamilton, 402-739-7406,

deaconbob@moqchurch.org

Vocation Prayer Cross

The Prayer Cross is a small standing crucifix. A family will pick one up after their weekend Mass and take it home with them. Then each day as a family, pray for vocations. The following Saturday, they return the crucifix to the sacristy so it's ready for the next family. The crucifixes are carried in small wooden boxes. Prayers are encouraged for more priests, religious brothers and sisters, but also for consecrated virgins, married couples and deacons. We need strong marriages and families and strong vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

CONTACT:

Chris & Margaret Righter, 402-861-1777, mr4nu@hotmail.com

Vocations Ministry

The committee has a monthly Holy Hour to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, as well as, deacons, strong marriages and single. The Holy Hour has prayers, and reflection time. We meet about every other month following the Holy Hour.

CONTACT:

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Initiation and Education

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic - or who has been baptized Catholic but has not received First Communion and/or Confirmation, RCIA is designed for you to learn about the Catholic faith and to become Catholic if that is your desire. The program starts each year in September and continues until Easter. RCIA meets on Sundays from approximately 9:00am to noon.

CONTACT:

Ann Hagenau, 402-331-5119, hagenau@cox.net

Returning Catholics Program

If you or someone you know is Catholic and have been away from the practice of the Catholic faith for a time, Mary Our Queen invites you to return to active participation. The Returning Catholics program is an opportunity to meet individually and confidentially to provide you with information and/or address questions, issues or concerns that you may have with regard to resuming an active Catholic faith life.

CONTACT:

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Religious Education

The religious education program provides ongoing Catholic religious education for children aged 4 through Grade 8 who do not attend Catholic School. We provide instruction in the Catholic faith as well as help the students mature spiritually with the goal of forming lifelong disciples of Christ. To register for classes, visit moqchurch.org.

CONTACT:

Jeff Forman, 402-334.6944, jforman@moqchurch.org

Kolleen Hoffman, 402-333-8662, khoffman@moqchurch.org

Personal Relationship with Jesus

Alpha

Alpha is a series of sessions that explore the Christian faith in a fun and friendly atmosphere, where no question about life or God is seen as too simple or too hostile. At each session, people enjoy great food, a short video, and good conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone is welcome. There's no pressure, no follow up and no charge.

CONTACT:

Jodi Meyer, 402-669-0972, jandjmeyer@cox.net

Catholic Christian Outreach ("CCO")

CCO is an ongoing small group study series designed to equip the participants to proclaim the gospel and commission them to become missionary disciples. Unit themes include Discovery, Source, Growth, Obedience and Commission. For more information about the series you may visit <https://cco.ca/resources/faith-studies-series/>. Individuals are invited to join the existing group at any time.

CONTACT:

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Christians Encounter Christ ("CEC")

CEC is sponsored by the Archdiocese and is an opportunity for every Catholic or Christian who wishes to strengthen and ignite their faith. It is a combined effort of laity and clergy offering a personal encounter with Jesus over a two and a half day weekend experience beginning on Friday evening and ending on Sunday night. It is open to persons of all faiths. Participants are strengthened spiritually as you live and study with priests and with talks, discussion, prayer and song. Small group sessions continue at Mary Our Queen. For more information, visit cecomaha.org.

CONTACT:

Al and Christie Peters, 402-917-5357, alchrispeters@gmail.com

Freedom Through Christ ("FTC")

FTC focuses on three aspects of healing that Jesus addressed in the gospels: (1) repentance, (2) forgiveness and (3) liberation. FTC participants: look at the sins they need to repent of and confess; identify the people who have hurt them and accept that those people need to be forgiven; and recognize that evil spirits exist in their life and that they need to be delivered from the evil spirits.

CONTACT:

Craig and Ann Hagenau, 402-331-5119, hagenau@cox.net

Spiritual Growth

Gift of Living in the Divine Will

This class meets weekly on Thursday mornings from 9am-10:30am and studies the life and revelations to Louisa Piccarreta, a mystic and Servant of God. We have been praying for over 2000 years in the Our Father: "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done as earth as it is in Heaven." Jesus revealed to Piccarreta that the time has arrived for its fulfillment; that is, for the restoration of what was destroyed by Adam 6,000 years ago in the Fall of Man. This is the greatest grace since the Incarnation and Redemption and is the final triumph of the present time of Sanctification through the Holy Spirit. This last year, the class completed Frank Rega's "Life of the Mystic Louisa Piccarreta: Journeys in the Divine Will-the Early Years" covering Piccarreta's first twelve journals. The class will begin Rega's second volume on the Middle Years-Part A in the fall.

CONTACT:

Marjorie Uerling, 402-778-0226, muerling@ymail.com

Grace Within

Grace Within brings women of all ages and life experiences together to engage in a spiritual process that illuminates and affirms their sacred dignity. Any woman who desires to begin a course of self-discovery and spiritual growth, embrace her self-worth, and be empowered to share those gifts with her family, her community, and the greater world will benefit from participation in the Grace Within series. This series meets weekly for eight weeks, and focuses on small group participation utilizing personal journals and led by peers. Two sessions are held each year, typically starting in September and January. Join us to begin an amazing journey into self-discovery, and friendships that will last a lifetime.

CONTACT:

Katie Murphy or Michele Krajicek, at gracewithin@moqchurch.org

Magis

Magis groups meet monthly with a mission to support each other through prayer and the sharing of faith experiences in a small group setting. There are currently three groups of 12-15 men or women. The Latin word “magis,” meaning “seeking more,” reflects the ongoing gospel mission of deepening our relationships with God and with others. The groups are really about the joy of discipleship! In our journey together, we are being challenged to listen to one another’s story, and become more and more aware of how God is working to transform our life and those around us. Contact Pat, Matt or Carrie if you are interested in hearing more about the groups and possibly forming your own group.
CONTACT:

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Carrie Hoarty, 402-578-8121, carriehoarty@gmail.com

Spiritual Reading Book Club

Meets weekly on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 to 10:30. The book is read and discussed in class – no homework! New members are always welcome.

CONTACT:
Diane Kaiser, 402-330-9968, DianeKaiser@centurylink.net

Spiritual Reading Book Study

Meets weekly on Wednesday evenings at 7:15. Past readings include many of Fr. Michael Gaitley’s works. The group will start with Consoling the Heart of Jesus in the fall.

CONTACT:
Ann Hagenau, 402-331-5119, hagenau@cox.net

Teams of Our Lady

Teams of Our Lady provides a support group for married couples. Each team (5-7 couples) and a Spiritual Counselor, meets monthly to share a meal, scripture and faith sharing and discussion. Couples of all ages enrich their marriages and spirituality in this worldwide movement.

CONTACT:
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Various FORMED Programs

Join your fellow parishioners and register with FORMED, our parish internet portal to a wide variety of Catholic media content including videos, audio, and ebooks on Catholic faith formation, sacramental preparation, bible studies, movies, documentaries, apologetics, dramas, and much more. If you are interested in facilitating any of the study programs available on FORMED, please call Katie Murphy in the Parish Office. Parishioner facilitated programs in the past have included Catholicism, The Wild, and The Mass.

CONTACT:
Katie Murphy, 402-333-9002, kmurphy@moqchurch.org

Bible Study

Inspirational Bible Study

This bible study group meets weekly on Monday nights and explores how the study of scripture can inspire positive decision-making in our daily lives. The group has in the past done studies by Fr. Mitch Pacwa and Mike Ashcroft and will study The Lamb’s Supper by Scott Hahn in the fall.

CONTACT:
Margaret Righter, 402-861-1777, mr4nu@hotmail.com

Great Adventures Bible Study Programs by Jeff Cavins (offerings vary by year)

* *Matthew* is a 24 week study program that explores the life and mission of Jesus as recorded in the Gospel. *Matthew* demonstrates how the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament are fulfilled in Christ, who establishes a New Law and inaugurates the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. Set in the rich context of Jesus’ Jewish culture, this study will help participants understand who Jesus is and what his life and teachings mean for us today.

* Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible is an eight-part study provides the easiest way to understand the Bible by uncovering the story woven throughout Scripture, enabling participants to see “the big picture” of the Bible. The program presents the Bible in a manner so participants see how the Bible relates to everyday life, discover the remarkable connections between the Old and New Testaments, and see how the sacraments, the Church and the entire Catholic Faith is rooted in scripture.

* Wisdom is an 8 week study examining biblical wisdom as it relates to daily life. Drawing on the wisdom literature of the Bible—Proverbs, Wisdom, Sirach, and Ecclesiastes—

Wisdom will teach you how to actively seek out sound guidance and increase your sense of peace in navigating life. In everything from friendships to finances, from making decisions to attaining peace of mind, Scripture offers a vision for happiness and well-being. With this program, you will learn how to gather, gain, and grow in wisdom, and you will experience the joy it brings to your life.

CONTACT:
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Senior Women’s Bible Study

A group of women who has studied all the books in the Bible at least once. Study topics have or will include an examination of passages in the Bible on God’s love, the Holy Spirit as presented throughout the Bible, and a study on Divine Mercy.

CONTACT:
Marjorie Uerling, 402-778-0226, muerling@ymail.com

Youth Ministry

Mary Our Queen’s Youth Ministry is to, by, and for youth of the parish. It is co-curricular and hands on, for it allows the youth to live out what they learn about Jesus from class, their homes or the outside world. They can volunteer, make a retreat, help the poor on a mission trip, become a leader, attend a conference or camp, make new friends, and stay connected to the parish family beyond their high school walls. Young people also have the need to be understood, belong, open up; look at their faith in a new way and to be guided by mentors.

We invite each and every youth to go deeper in their relationship with Christ by becoming a disciple and participating in a small group. When a young person makes that free choice to be an active participant within the youth ministry of the parish they open up their lives to intentionality and the chance for truth, beauty and goodness in Jesus Christ. This is facilitated through authentic relationships, community building, sharing Jesus with others, doing service, developing leaders, caring for people in times of need and the prayer and worship with our Creator God.

CONTACT:
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Girls Small Group

This small group meets weekly and is open to all girls from 7th to 12th grade. We pray, socialize, volunteer, learn about the bible as well as build strength and support among young women.

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Serve

Liturgical Ministers

Lectors

Since the mid-1960s, Lectors have been entrusted with the crucial task of making the Word of God come alive by proclaiming it for the Christian assembly.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs)

Assist the clergy in the distribution of the Body and Blood at Communion time. Some EMHCs take Communion to the sick and shut-ins as well.

Participating in the Mass as a Lector or EMHC is a meaningful way to assist the parish and grow in your faith. In order to become a Lector or EMHC, you must attend: one training session (the session lasts about three hours and is offered on three separate dates in August); the Archdiocesan Mandation held in September; and parish-specific training held at Mary Our Queen. There may also be periodic parish training as new procedures are implemented. Contact Paul or Renée with any questions or to register for the training.

CONTACT:

Paul Kielian, 402-334-0196, pkielian@gmail.com

Altar Servers

The Altar Servers assist the priest/celebrant in saying the Mass. They have a very important role as they lead the congregation during the Mass. As youngsters, they are a symbol of the reverence and piety that is the Mass. Training is provided by Mary Our Queen following registration, held in the fall.

CONTACT:

Paul Kielian, 402-334-0196, pkielian@gmail.com

Adult Mass Servers

The Adult Mass servers are a group that primarily assists the priest by serving at funeral Masses. However, they may occasionally serve on certain other occasions if requested by one of the parish priests. All adult men and women are welcome and encouraged to join the ministry. No previous experience is required. Training is provided by one or more of the current servers.

CONTACT:

Chuck Hughes, 402-333-4075

Children's Liturgy of the Word

These volunteers assist with the Children's Liturgy offered to all children ages 4-9 at the 11:00 Mass. Children participate at will (no registration necessary) to hear the liturgy, teaching and prayers designed for children.

CONTACT:

Ann Bruner, 402-393-1910, annie.bruner@gmail.com

Sacristans

The sacristan ministry functions to assist the clergy in preparation for all Liturgical services by preparing the sanctuary area, setting out the vessels and necessary equipment, and coordinating personnel. Other responsibilities include cleaning and maintaining equipment and the sanctuary area. Sacristans are assigned for all liturgies including daily and weekend Masses, weddings, and funerals.

CONTACT:

Nancy Partusch, 402-339-7257, nlpbogie@cox.net

Ushers

The ushers, whose role is deeply rooted in scripture and tradition, provide for the physical needs of the priest and people at liturgical services. Specific duties include assisting with seating when necessary, taking up collections, passing out bulletins, and attending to any special needs during the services. Any man or woman, high school age and above, is welcome and encouraged to participate. We can always use more volunteers. If you are willing to help, please contact either the Mass captain at the Mass you normally attend, or the head usher. Mass Captains are: Saturday: Rich Keuchel, 5:30pm; Sunday: Ed Allis, 7:30am; Jim Kaminski, 9:00 am; Mike Graff, 11:00am; Chuck Weiland. 5:00pm. The head usher is Dick Liebentritt.

CONTACT:

Dick Liebentritt, 402-871-3611, rmlieb@cox.net

Liturgical Music Ministry

Mary Our Queen Music Ministry enriches the liturgical experience of the parish, allowing our community to experience sung prayer and meditation at weekly Mass and other liturgical celebrations. Additionally, we provide for the personal spiritual growth and the musical enrichment of each of our members through their participation in this ministry.

CONTACT:

Renée Spicka, 402-905-0021, rspicka@moqchurch.org
(unless otherwise indicated below)

Adult Choir

The adult choir is under the direction of Paulette Smith. They sing at the 9:00am Mass on Sunday mornings, as well as special liturgies throughout the year. Rehearsals are Mondays at 7:00pm in the church.

CONTACT:

Paulette Smith, psmithone@centurylink.net

ELEVEN

ELEVEN is the contemporary group, incorporating various instruments and vocals. They minister at the 11:00am Mass on Sunday mornings throughout the year. Rehearsals are held on Tuesday evenings in the church. Auditions are required for this ensemble.

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Mary Our Queen has several cantors and pianists that lead the music at our 5:30pm Saturday and 5:00pm Sunday Masses. These Masses feature more traditional music. There are no rehearsals for this ministry – musicians collaborate together before their scheduled Masses according to their own schedules.

Children and Youth Choirs

The ministry of our youth choirs is to provide music for parish Masses, sacraments, and Mary Our Queen school Masses. *All Mary Our Queen School, Public School, and Home School students who wish to participate are welcome.*

Special Event Choirs

Children's Christmas Choir: All children of the parish in grades 3 – 5 are welcome to sing in the Christmas Choir. This choir rehearses during the three weeks leading up to the Vigil of the Nativity, and sings at the 4:00pm Mass on Christmas Eve.

Special Services Choir: All singers, aged high school through adult, are welcome to join in the Special Services Choir. This choir sings at several special events throughout the year, including Marian Hymnfest, Christmas Midnight Mass, and Easter Triduum. Rehearsals are held prior to each event. You do not need to be a regular member of the Adult Choir to participate.

Ministries of Service

Communion to the Homebound

Holy Communion is brought to the homebound for short or long term. A priest will visit them monthly as well. This is a very rewarding ministry for EMHCs, even as a substitute. You must be Safe Environment certified to bring Communion to a homebound. If you would like receive Communion or volunteer to distribute communion, please call us.

CONTACT:

Deacon Bob and Lori Hamilton, 402-739-7406, deaconbob@moqchurch.org

Cooking for the Clergy

Do you love cooking? Do you have a favorite family recipe that you would like to make for Fr. Marc & Fr. Capadano? Are you a student interested in earning service hours? If so, we invite you to sign up to cook a meal on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. Meals can be dropped off at the Parish Office before 5:30pm on the day you select. Please contact Abi or sign up <http://bit.ly/MOQClergyMeals>. Dates are now available for 2019. Thank you for blessing our priests with your home cooked meals.

CONTACT:

Abi Berthold, 402-709-9439, meals@moqchurch.org

Funeral Lunches

Funeral Lunches are provided for all who are in Mary Our Queen Parish. The Ladies Guild is Sponsor for this Project. They provide the Lettuce Salad, fruit, desserts, drinks and all supplies for the Lunch. The family is responsible for any main dish that they would like. We do offer help in choosing where and what they would like to order their food. The Ark Angels provide desserts; our contact person is Kelly Seipold. Workers come from the Circles, Catholic Daughters and Helping Hands. Anyone interested in helping with desserts or serving, please contact us.

CONTACT:

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Hospital Ministry

The Hospital Ministry volunteers visit our Mary Our Queen parishioners in hospitals and extend cheerful and spiritual support. If you wish to have a priest visit or receive the Sacrament of Penance, let our hospital ministers know your request. Our ministers will provide the Sacrament of Eucharist if you desire. Families are encouraged to contact the parish office if you have a family member in the hospital who would like to be visited, and one of our hospital ministers will do so.

CONTACT:

Bev and Archie Carpenter, 402-397-6707

Ginny McGargill, 402-333-1117

Meal Ministry

The mission of the Meal Ministry is to bring dinners, basic yet nutritionally complete, to parishioners who have just been released from the hospital and those needed help with preparing meals. Those who are willing to cook for others, can prepare a complete meal and deliver it locally to parishioners in need. Mary Our Queen seeks new members to assist with providing meals occasionally to our parishioners in need. The commitment is flexible based on the volunteer's availability and the need of the parishioner. Register for the Meal Ministry by completing the form found here: <http://bit.ly/MOQMeals>

CONTACT:

Abi Berthold, 402.709.9439, meals@moqchurch.org.

Social Concern and Outreach

Bereavement Ministry

Mary Our Queen's Bereavement Ministry is comprised of fellow parishioners who have also, through death, suffered the loss of a loved one. We are here to offer hope during the grief journey, and to reach out during this difficult time. Care and support are offered through our prayers, presence at funerals, Memorial Crosses, the Annual Mass of Remembrance, Christmas Memory Tree and grief support materials and resources.

CONTACT:

Mary Ann Vail, Grief Support Coordinator, 402-333-6145, bereavement@moqchurch.org

Bethlehem House Support

Bethlehem House is a 12 bedroom home in Omaha that was founded to support life. It provides a home and support during and after pregnancy for women who are pregnant and in crisis. Women applying to live at the home come looking for help and loving support. They are alone, usually without family help or support. At Bethlehem house, the staff works to empower the residents with good parenting skills and help them to become self-sufficient and to overcome hardships.

CONTACT:

Mary Leighton, 402-689-0067, leightonmaryt@gmail.com

Craft Ministry

The Craft Ministry meets the first Monday of the month at 1pm. We welcome anyone who is interested in crocheting and knitting afghans, scarves or hats for the less fortunate and homeless in our community. We also use the donated fleece material for mittens. When our group runs out of donated yarn we do purchase what we need and not all members attend the monthly meetings. We offer to pick up handy work if the Angel cannot come to the meetings. Our members are called Angels because they use the donated yarn to create beautiful, warm items all year long and never take credit for their generosity. Early in the fall we load up a couple of cars and donate many handmade items and other items/ such as sheets, bedspreads, blankets and other items that can be used when apartments are opened to people starting over in life. Our ministry is such a heartwarming experience we hope you will join us.

CONTACT:

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Jo Ringle, 402-333-4103

Dorothy Day Ministry

Dorothy Day Ministry gives volunteers a chance to live the Gospel by feeding the hungry. Over the past five years, we have partnered with the downtown parish of Holy Family Catholic Church. On the last Wednesday of each month, we deliver food and clothing to assist their pantry and clothing center. Non-perishables can be dropped off anytime in the narthex box near the MOQ church entrance, or taken to 3414 S. 114th Ave the Sunday-Tuesday before delivery. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

CONTACT:

Gail Villotta, 402-334-1547, dorothydayministry@moqchurch.org

Grief Support Group

This is an ongoing, faith-based grief support group that meets monthly. The group is for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one or friend, be it recently or in the past. You are welcome to come in your time of need, or after attending any grief program or workshop and you want to continue to have a place to tell your story. Our primary goal is to provide a safe place, to listen and be listened to. Hour long, monthly meetings will incorporate prayer, scripture, discussion, and fellowship. Confidentiality is always respected. Meetings are held year-round on the second Monday of each month.

CONTACT:

Mary Ann Vail, Grief Support Coordinator, 402-333-6145, bereavement@moqchurch.org

Habitat for Humanity

Members of Mary Our Queen Parish work with a coalition of other church communities under the guidance of Omaha Habitat for Humanity, the Carpenters Crew Coalition, and Habitat International to annually build a single family home in the Omaha area. Use your building skills, provide food for the workers or join the clean-up crew. Commitment is between August and December of each year.

CONTACT:

Al and Christie Peters, 402-917-5357, alchrispeters@gmail.com

Human Needs Group

The Human Needs Group provides financial assistance to the less fortunate in our parish and community. This assistance is aimed at meeting their material needs (rent, utilities, food, clothing etc.). Our focus is to provide assistance to the less fortunate through referrals, shelters and parish ministry groups. All assistance is confidential to ensure that no one's pride is endangered.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

The ANNUAL GARAGE SALE is an all parish event with roughly 300 adults, teens and 7th and 8th graders volunteering during this week long project. Parish members donate items and we literally fill the gym and several classrooms with saleable items. Our 2017 sale raised over \$36,000. We shared those funds with Restored Hope, Heart Ministry, Siena-Francis, St. Joe's Door Ministry, Holy Family Door Ministry, Heartland Hope Mission and Prairie Lane LifeHouse. The Human Needs share is used to fund year around assistance. The Human Needs Group relies on the Garage Sale and individual donations for its funding.

The NEEDY FAMILY CHRISTMAS PROJECT helps families in need at Christmas. Parish groups and individuals sponsor families providing gifts for all the family members. In addition to families from our parish community, we get referrals from Restored Hope, St. Joe's Church, Heartland Hope, One World Community Center, Precious Memories Daycare, Siena-Francis and countless school counselors. Depending on the size of the family the amount spent on each family is on average \$200-\$300. Our 2015 project assisted 186 families consisting of 252 adults and 567 children. 16 truckloads consisting of 411 bags, 122 boxes, bikes, furniture and food were delivered.

CONTACT:

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Ministry of the Heart

The mission of the Ministry of the Heart is to provide compassion and love to the homeless of our community through the donation of new clothing items during the Advent season. A Giving Tree is set up in the Narthex the first week of Advent. Paper angels with needed items for the poor and homeless are placed on the tree. Parishioners take the angels and bring back the items in a paper sack and place it under the tree. A time is set up between Christmas and New Years to distribute the items.

CONTACT:

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Prolife Committee

Our committee serves to inform parishioners about all issues related to the sanctity of LIFE from CONCEPTION TO DEATH. This would include topics such as contraception, abortion, the death penalty, euthanasia and 'end of life issues'. Members attend such events as the Living Rosary, Life Chain, Prolife Conference, March for Life and peaceful witness and prayer outside Planned Parenthood and Bellevue Abortion Clinic. We also distribute materials and periodicals related to these topics from a Catholic perspective.

CONTACT:

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Refugee Resettlement Committee

The committee assists with refugee families in need through the provision of food, clothing, friendship and support. Past families have been from Syria and Rohingya.

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Siena/Francis Homeless Shelter

Mary Our Queen Volunteers help out the Siena Francis House on the fifth Thursday of any month that has five Thursdays. This may happen 4-5 times a year. The volunteers provide a cooked dish and bring it to one of three people who deliver the food for a meal that is served by MOQ volunteers that evening at the Siena Francis House. Eight people are needed to serve. There are over 80 wonderful volunteers making meatloaf, green bean casserole, or scalloped potatoes. Delivery is taken either the Wednesday evening before (5:00-8:00pm) or Thursday morning (until 11:45am). We are always looking for new people to join our group, either to cook or to serve. We know that not all can participate some months, so we count on our large group to provide enough food to feed the homeless of our city.

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Tanzania Sister Parish

Mary Our Queen has partnered with Ligera Parish in the Archdiocese of Songea in southern Tanzania. The overall purpose of this ministry is to provide friendship and solidarity with the parishioners at Ligera, while simultaneously sharing our gifts with each other. The goal is for Mary Our Queen parish to grow deeper in faith as we respond to the call of the Gospel to welcome the stranger and be one in Christ.

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Facility and Grounds

The Fr. Carl Salanitro Visitation Garden

The Visitation Garden provides members and friends of Mary Our Queen an opportunity to memorialize loved ones, celebrate a special date, anniversary or special event. It provides an opportunity to create family memorials. The cost of each brick is \$100.00. The fee covers the brick, engraving and placement in the garden. The bricks make wonderful gifts and memorials.

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Building and Maintenance Committee

The Building and Maintenance Committee is primarily responsible for planning and scheduling the repair or replacement of major parish plant facilities. Our goal is to anticipate large future expenditures so that we can plan for funding instead of being surprised by unexpected situations. The Committee also handles smaller projects to support the overall needs of the parish. We attempt to accomplish some of the projects with volunteer help from parishioners when possible. With that in mind, we would encourage parishioners with building and maintenance trades to let us know if you would be willing to help with specific projects. Trades that are especially helpful are plumbers, electricians, drywall work, carpenters, HVAC technicians, caulking, concrete finishers, painters, and mechanical technicians.

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Landscaping Committee

This committee maintains the beauty of our landscape here at Mary Our Queen. Currently we are continuing to update the many various landscaped beds on the grounds and parking lot. We plant and maintain the pots out front of the Church and around the Parish Offices as well as apply fresh mulch to the landscaped beds annually. Spring and Fall cleanup of all the perennials, annuals and mulched areas on the Parish property are also included in our duties performed. Volunteers are always welcome.

CONTACT:

We are currently looking for someone to head this committee. Please call the parish office for more information.

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