

The Blessed Virgin Mary: Given in memory of the Henry J. Gerst Family by Alice M. Gerst, this window shows the Blessed Virgin Mary standing on a cloud, symbolizing her Assumption into heaven. Her arms are at her side with her palms outstretched, symbolizing her submission to the will of God.

When the angel Gabriel told Mary she would give birth to a son, Mary answered, "'Behold, I am the hand-maid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word'" (Luke 1: 38). Mary is barefoot, suggesting her humil-ity. She wears a blue-green cloak over a dark red garment. For centuries Mary has usually been depicted wearing blue clothing, since she is the Queen of Heaven. It is fitting that Mary's window is right next to that of her son, Christ the Teacher.