



HOLY FAMILY
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
inviting all to new life in Christ

HOPE

Lent 2018

About Us

Holy Family

Catholic Community
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Fr. Terry Keehan

Pastor

Fr. Richard Jakubik

Associate Pastor

Fr. Medard Laz

Pastor Emeritus

Vision Statement

Holy Family Catholic Community invites all to new life in Christ. Our response to God's call is evident through full, conscious and active participation in our community.

Mission Statement

To engage all in the sacramental life through vibrant worship, life-long learning and passionate community.

Core Values

Animated by our faith in God to evangelize, we live the following core values:

- Integrity
- Excellence
- Unity
- Service
- Justice

Welcome to Holy Family

Holy Family Catholic community invites all to new life in Christ. Are you new to Holy Family? Are you considering becoming a registered parishioner? We welcome you to become engaged in carrying out our mission. New members are registered on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month (excluding holidays) immediately following the 9:00 A.M. Mass. Welcome Ministers will be available at the Welcome Desk to walk you through the short registration process. Saint Paul says, "We are the Body of Christ." We look forward to experiencing that reality with you. Fr. Terry Keehan, Pastor

Schedule

Masses

Weekdays:

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.

Monday & Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

First Friday of the month 9:00 a.m.

(with Anointing of the Sick)

First Saturday of the month 9:00 a.m.

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 7:30 a.m.; 9:00 a.m. (interpreted for the hearing impaired); 11:00 a.m.; 4:00 p.m.

Kid Church - 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 10:15 in the chapel.

Holy Days 7:00a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Assisted Listening Devices available in the Liturgical Life Office for use at Masses.

Eucharistic Adoration

Everyday 6:00 a.m. to Midnight

Reconciliation (Available upon request)

Communal Reconciliation with individual absolution

First Saturday of the month at 4:00 p.m. in chapel)

Individual Reconciliation (in Reconciliation Room)

Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m.-6:45 p.m.

Anointing of the Sick

Please know that recent hospital privacy laws have significantly limited our knowledge of parishioners who are hospitalized. If you have a loved one who is ill, please contact contact Mimi Ferlita in our Pastoral Care office at 847-907-3425 to request the Anointing of the Sick. The ideal time for anointing is when family is present and not necessarily in the final hours of life. Monthly Anointing of the Sick takes place on the First Friday of the month at 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Sacramental / Formation Ministers

Fr. Charles Bolser

Fr. George Kane

Friar Johnpaul Cafiero

Fr. Bill Zavaski

Fr. Denis Carneiro

Deacon Dennis Brown, Pastoral Associate

Pastoral Council

e-mail: council@holyfamilyparish.org

Chad Archer	Chair (Deanery Rep)
Jack Shedd	At Large (Pastor)
Fr. Terry Keehan	Pastor (Staff)
Bill Leece	Adult Faith
Luis Gutierrez	At Large (Pastor)
Barb Knuth	At Large (Council)
Andrew Konopka	At Large (Council)
Rick Zanardo	Family Faith
Cattie Tenzillo	Holy Family Academy Staff
Karina Chavez	Academy Parents Rep
Joe Ferlita	Knights of Columbus
Mike Myers	Human Concerns
Bernie Schaeffer	Staff
Pauline Carlson	Teen Faith (Adult Rep)
Anthony Piasecki	Teen Faith (Teen Rep)
Alexandra Posey	Teen Faith (Teen Rep)
Bob Keller	Liturgical Life

Council meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend and listen to the items on the published agenda. If you or your group have an item for discussion, it needs to be submitted in writing to the council chair one week prior to the scheduled meeting.

Finance Council

The Finance Council of Holy Family meets quarterly and its current members are:

Ken Aman - Chair

Jim Vande Logt

Randy Olech

Chet Zara

Ron Sobon

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Fr. Terry Keehan

Are you willing to be an instrument of Hope for the world? That was the question asked of you as you received ashes a few Wednesdays ago here at Holy Family to mark the beginning of the Lenten journey. How are you doing with your commitment to fulfill that promise? I encourage all of us to give extra prayerful reflection on our response to that commitment!

Additional questions for reflection include:

- How have the traditional disciplines of Lent – additional prayer, intentionality or fasting, and charity or sharing resources with those in need – helped you to be an instrument of Hope?
- How have the following words that we have processed in to church and displayed near the ambo been barriers to Hope for you?

Despair Doubt Anger

Two more will follow:

Judgment Fear

This weekend we welcome Cardinal Blase Cupich to Holy Family as the celebrant for the 9:00am Mass on Sunday. We thank him for starting the Violence Prevention Initiative, and we are proud to be the first and only (so far) parish to join him in this important endeavor. We also thank Fr. Mike Pflieger for his presence and informative presentation last Thursday evening on the “Strong Futures” program at St. Sabina and the related issues of violence. We share a vision with both of these strong leaders and continue to seek more information on our role in Violence Prevention going forward.

The Cardinal has gathered members of Catholic Charities, St. Sabina Church on the South Side of Chicago, Mercy Home for Boys and Girls and the City of Chicago in supporting programs that address some of the root causes of violence, not only in some areas of Chicago, but also here in our community.

Sue Geegan, our Director of Human Concerns, Ro Geisler, our Parish Manager and I started with some research, but members of our worship community and others have carried out the message concerning the needs of two initiatives, specifically the “Strong Futures” program at St. Sabina on Chicago’s south side in the Auburn-Gresham neighborhood and “The Peace Corner” on the west side of the city in the Austin neighborhood. Both of these programs help young men by creating opportunities for them to address gang affiliation, drugs, guns and other weapons and unemployment, just to name a few, as factors contributing to violent behavior. Thank you for both considering and supporting them with your generosity so far.

Anti-Violence is our intent but our method or approach is to create Peaceful Pathways, which, again is not solely focused on violence in the city of Chicago, but forms of it right here in our area, even in our own homes and amidst our families. We will use the word “Hope” as a guide throughout the Lenten season. We want to hold up Hope in the midst of experiences and emotions such as, but not limited to, the ones listed previously. Many of you have commented that the word Hope displayed on the walls that flank the sanctuary with the associated words darkness, humanity and violence, along with the pictures of the two programs that we are supporting displayed in the back of church, have assisted you in your spiritual journey

In addition, I hope that you are noticing the growing display in the narthex which not only shares information, but makes a creative urban statement about the challenges of being an instrument of hope.

HOWEVER, as we move toward Easter I would like to encourage you to reflect on the struggles that you have experienced in being an instrument of Hope. Perhaps some of the presentations, words, prayers or images have not only touched you, but REALLY touched you. I would like to plant a seed through the words that you are reading now with an invitation for you to consider sharing how any of the messages here at Holy Family this Lent have helped you to identify barriers, impulses, unhealthy patterns, sins, mistakes, addictions and more in your life. Specifically, would you consider sharing your triumphs or other experiences of HOPE that you have experienced in the midst of those struggles? In short, would you be willing to share how you have traveled through the Paschal Mystery of suffering and death to new life with others and be a part of the Easter message of Hope Alive here in our midst? More details will follow.

Let us continue to pray for and support our Candidates and Catechumen who are on a journey towards full communion with us here at Holy Family and the Church throughout the world:

Anthony Suubi (Elect/Catechumen)
Andrea Ruetten
Amanda Cummings
Timothy Esposito
Penelope Ffitch-Heyes
Randall Gurvitz

They are on retreat along with members of the Footsteps (RCIA) Team this weekend.

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The Liturgical Arts
Community...
creates a vibrant prayer
and worship experience
so that all may
participate in a fully
conscious and active
way in the liturgy. This
includes different
forms of prayer and
worship experiences,
for all attending Holy
Family.

Be Ready for Palm Sunday - Learn the Art of Palm Weaving!

The Art & Environment Ministry is pleased to offer this basic palm weaving class. Start with the Traditional Cross and then move on to the Artichoke. One class only! Sunday, March 18th, after the 11:00 am Mass. Meet in the Narthex. Class size limited to 20, so register early.

Contact Mary Rubino at 847-885-1154 or email maryrubino@flash.net.

On the day of the class, please bring scissors (not your best pair) and a stapler. Free will offering.



Easter Flower Memorial Donations



During this holy season remember your departed loved ones with flowers.

Easter Flower Memorial Donation envelopes are available in the Narthex. Please take a moment to complete the envelope and return it to the front office or the offering plate at Mass no later than Palm Sunday weekend.

Names will be published in the bulletin during the Easter season.

Questions? Contact Judy Petrie at jpetrie@holyfamilyparish.org.

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Watch our weekly LBSCC reflection @ <https://www.youtube.com/user/HFInverness/videos>. Click on reflections for Sunday Readings 3-18-18 and listen to Fr. Terry Keehan reflect on the readings.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

1. In what ways has your covenant with the Lord changed or evolved over the years?
2. The second reading tells us that Jesus learned obedience from what He suffered. How has hardship or suffering changed your relationship with God?
3. In our Gospel, Jesus says: "Whoever serves me, the Father will honor." What challenge does this present for us moving forward?
4. "Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out." Who is the ruler who will be driven out, and what does this mean for God's people?
5. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. During Lent, what transformations have taken place in your faith life? Do you feel more prepared this year for the holiest days that lie ahead?



Lenten Reconciliation Schedule

**Tuesday, March 13 at 7:00pm –
All Parish Service**

**Tuesday, March 20, 7:00-8:30pm –
Individual**

**Tuesday, March 27, 7:00-8:30pm –
Individual**

*Additionally, we take this opportunity to
remind you of our regularly scheduled
reconciliation times:*

- First Saturday of each month, 4:00pm –
Communal Service with individual absolution
in the Chapel
- Every Wednesday, 6:00-6:45pm – Individual –
in the Reconciliation Room



Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday, March 29

7:30pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Eucharistic Adoration until Midnight

Good Friday, March 30

Passion Play by Holy Family Teens followed by Veneration of the Cross

12:00pm - Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

3:00pm - Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ with Word & Communion Service

7:30pm Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Holy Saturday, March 31

10:00am - Blessing of Easter Baskets, Gym

11:30am - Easter Egg Hunt

8:00pm - Easter Vigil (*no 5:00pm Mass*)

Easter Sunday, April 1

6:30am - Sunrise Mass in Church

8:00am - Mass in Church

10:00am - Three Masses in Church, Multitorium & Social Center

Noon - Mass in Church (*No 4:00pm Mass*)

Liturgical Arts

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 12

9:00AM Residents of Poplar Creek (Ministers of Care)
9:00AM Pietrina Rabbeni (Daughter)
7:00PM Tony Capalbo (Nedza Family)

Tuesday, March 13

9:00AM Larry Michalski (Family)

Wednesday, March 14

9:00AM Marie McNeely (Son)
9:00AM Robert Ahnen (Sesko Family)
9:00AM Ann Geisheker (HFCA)
7:00PM Gebhart Family (Parry Family)

Thursday, March 15

9:00AM Tony Capalbo (HFCA Faculty)
9:00AM Carol Olson (Metty Favia)

Friday, March 16

9:00AM Dr. Daniel Nwankwo (Family)
9:00AM Bridget Gallagher (Main Family)

Saturday, March 17

5:00PM Pat O'Brien (Mary & Frank Rubino)
5:00PM Marie Aylward (Plum Grove Dental)
5:00PM Beatrice & Frank Tiano
(Mike & Kathy Alagna)
5:00PM Natalia Adamczyk (Family)

Sunday, March 18

7:30AM Kathleen Walsh (Family)
7:30AM Loretta Scaletta Mix (Granddaughter)
9:00AM Catherine Dahl (Family)
9:00AM Nikki Aniol (Teresa & Charlie Zade)
9:00AM Nancy Burke (Nedza Family)
11:00AM Frank & Rose Waltenspiel (Family)
11:00AM Shary Blinzler (Family)
11:00AM Hwanhee Yi (Family)

Mass intentions are available
by contacting the Parish Office



Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them...

* Mary Ellen Chwedyk * Elizabeth North
* Nancy Marturano * Alice Rafferty
* Jesse Mix * Geraldine Seaman
* Fred Neal * Dennis Siebold
* James Nemeth * Bernard Strittmatter

"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.": John 11: 25

In a Special Way We Remember Those Who Are Ill...

Anthony Filippini Salvatore Pizzuto
Dana Hanssler Michael Speros
Ruth Jensen Charlotte Strohmeier
Jonathan Kirkwood Vincent Tunzi
Tom Maag Jack Vainisi
Susan Murray Kathleen Walsh
Olivia Palumbo Lorrie Zurek

We Pray for Family Members in Service of Our Country

Lt. Colonel David J. Benjamin III - *US Army*
Capt. Sean P. Benjamin - *US Army*
Lt. Anne Louise Graft - *US Air Force*
First Lieutenant Peter Keiser – *US Army*
Ensign Patrick J. Kennelly - *US Navy*
Major Brian Malloy - *US Army*
Lt. Colonel Jade Patrick Miller - *US Army*
Lt. Commander Christine Plecki - *US Navy*
Pvt. Theodore Rogers - *US Army*
Airman Zachary L. Schirmer – *US Navy*
Capt. Nick Lewis-Walls - *US Army*

Weekly Readings

Monday, March 12

Isaiah 65: 17-21
John 4: 43-54

Tuesday, March 13

Ezekial 47: 1-9, 12
John 5: 1-16

Wednesday, March 14

Isaiah 49: 8-15
John 5: 17-30

Thursday, March 15

Exodus 32: 7-14
John 5: 31-47

Friday, March 16

Wisdom 2: 1a, 12-22
John 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 17

Jeremiah 11: 18-20
John 7: 40-53

Sunday, March 18

Jeremiah 31: 31-34
Hebrews 5: 7-9
John 12: 20-33

Parish Support & Services

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

		<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>COLLECTIONS</u>
Ro Geisler	Feb 11	1,691	\$ 51,765 *
Parish Manager	Feb 18	1,903	\$ 21,658
847-907-3424	Feb 25	2,010	\$ 71,925 *
rgeisler	Mar 4	2,129	\$ 51,172 *
@holyfamilyparish.org	Total	7,733	<u>\$ 196,520</u>
The Parish Support & Services	Last year	8,398	
Community...	Year to Date Sunday Collections		<u>\$ 1,437,934</u>
oversees the parish	Year to Date Budget		<u>\$ 1,387,419</u>
business and			
infrastructure activities			
to ensure they operate			
efficiently.			

* Includes online giving



Consider increasing your weekly donation by the cost of one cup per week.

Recording Secretary

Our Pastoral Council is looking for a volunteer Minutes Secretary or Court Reporter to take minutes at the monthly meetings. The Council meets on the third Tuesday of the month from 7:00 – 8:30pm.

If you are interested, please e-mail Ro Geisler at rgeisler@holyfamilyparish.org. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated!

Help Wanted

Holy Family Catholic Community has a staff opening in the Maintenance Department for an individual with experience in

General Maintenance – Part-time

Contact Ray Lacek,
Building Engineer at
847-907-3437

Attention: Electronic Donors -

Please remember to advise of any change in your credit card status. We are happy to assist you in updating records or you can also access ACS. Your assistance will avoid any potential confusion or interruption in your donations.

RCIA

Mary Whiteside
Director
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The Adult Faith
Community...
supports the mission
of lifelong learning by
providing educational,
spiritual, and
formational activities
for the parish and the
community.



Our Elect with their Sponsors

Our Candidates and our Catechumen (now our “Elect”) attended the Rite of Election at Holy Name Cathedral on Sunday, February 18 along with hundreds of others who are making the commitment to become fully initiated Catholics. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as we journey through Lent together, looking forward to the Easter Vigil.

Bible Journey – Spring Session

“God as Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier in the Bible”

Presented by Dr. Pauline Viviano

March 14, 21, April 4, 11, and 18, 2018

9:45 am-11:45 am (includes one hour of small group discussion and one hour of lecture)

Cost: \$35

To register, contact Mary Whiteside at 847-907-3450 or mwhiteside@holymfamilyparish.org



“The Four Commandments of Contentment”

Presented by Fr. Ed Shea, OFM

Thursday, April 26, 2018

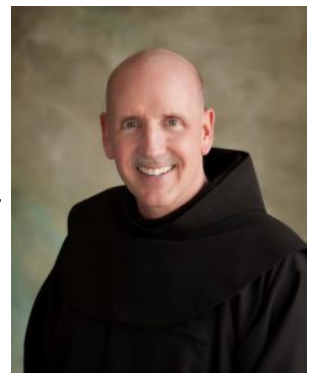
7:00-8:30 pm

Suggested donation: \$10

If you’ve ever contemplated what would make you happier in life, this is the program for you. Fr. Ed will give us insight into the key four principles that will help us maintain a sense of joy in life. In his spirited and joyful manner, he will lead us to the keys to happiness.



To register, contact Mary Whiteside at 847-907-3450 or mwhiteside@holymfamilyparish.org



Holy Week
2018

Fr. Terry will lead us in a mini retreat on the spiritual adventure of Holy Week.

Using music, film, art, storytelling and more, this retreat is designed to be a prayerful resource to accompany your journey through the most sacred time of the entire church year.



“Navigating the Adventure of Holy Week”

A day retreat led by Fr. Terry Keehan

Saturday, March 24, 2018

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Cost: \$10 for box lunch

To register contact Mary Whiteside at 847-907-3450 or

mwhiteside@holyfamilyparish.org

Please register by March 19



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Join us for the entire adventure this year...

Sunday, March 25—Palm Sunday

Thursday, March 29—Holy Thursday

Friday, March 30—Good Friday (Passion Play)

Saturday, March 31—Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 1—Easter

See Bulletin for Mass times

“Forgiving Ourselves”

Presented by Fr. Britto Berchmans

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

7:00-8:30 pm

Cost: Suggested donation of \$10



After blessing us with a wonderful Parish Mission last year, Fr. Britto is back! This time he will share his wisdom on the challenging issues of forgiveness and the spiritual path to freedom. Give yourself a treat and join us for this inspiring night with Fr. Britto!

To register, contact Mary Whiteside at 847-907-3450 or mwhiteside@holyfamilyparish.org

The Christ of the Miracle Stories



Presented by
Wendy Cotter, CSJ, Ph.D.

Tuesdays,

May 15, 22, and 29, 2018

7:00-9:00 pm

Cost: Suggested donation of \$10 per evening

To register, contact
Mary Whiteside at 847-907-3450 or
mwhiteside@holyfamilyparish.org

Annulment Support

If you would like to speak to someone who has experienced an annulment or have someone walk the journey with you as you complete the annulment process, we hope you will consider contacting our Annulment Ministry leaders.

For more information, contact

Jan at jromanowski51@gmail.com or 847-504-6924 or
Rosemary at rtspinner@gmail.com or 847-991-7833

Holy Family Bereavement Ministers, Funeral Ministers, Ministers of Care

You are invited to attend

39th Care for the Care-Giver Conference

Saturday, March 24, 2018

Amita Health Alexian Brothers Medical Center, Elk Grove Village
Brother Philip Kennedy Conference Center

Fr. Rich Jakubik

Director

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holyfamilyparish.org

May peace and gift of the Risen Life be our gift to those
with whom we minister and share our presence.

The Pastoral Care
Community...

provides, through

our ministries,

compassionate

pastoral care with

support and guidance

for those who suffer in

mind, body and spirit.

8:00 am: Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:35 am: Presentation by Friar Johnpaul Cafiero, OFM

11:45am: Lunch

Cost: Complimentary: Holy Family Ministers of Care & Bereavement/Funeral
Ministers

Space and seats are limited please register by March 13, 2018

Mimi Ferlita 847-907-3425 or mferlita@holyfamilyparish.org

Grief to New Life

We are looking for a team of people who have experienced loss of health, loss of a loved one, child, parent or other, to join us as we meet with others in solidarity and discovery of new life.

If you have experience grief and worked through the journey of loss, please call our Pastoral Care office to register to gather with others who have walked that same path.

Our gathering's intention is that of support with discovery, realizing newness and healing through the grace of the Holy Spirit.

To register call or go online:

Pastoral Care

Mimi Ferlita OFS

847-907-3425

mferlita@holyfamilyparish.org

The Heart in Spiritual Direction

Q: What is Spiritual Direction?

A: It is a companionship of two or more people in trust, seeking awareness of God's will, through the Holy Spirit.

Q: What is a Spiritual Director?

A: A person who has accomplished study and certification through an approved program to listen and recognize God's voice. They have also personally experienced transformation through this spiritual journey with the Holy Spirit.

Q: How do they do this?

A: This person develops the art and skill to listen without a set of prescribed ideas, principles or intent, but instead hear and see God's working and presence in the life of another.

Q: Who is a candidate to enter Spiritual Direction?

A: One who seeks to stay authentic in their journey with the Holy Spirit and draws closer to God through their past and present life experiences.

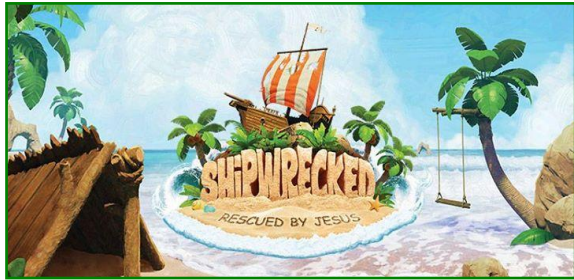
Q: How long do I journey with the Spiritual Director?

A: Unique to each person, but practically as many one hour sessions as it takes to experience or feel refreshed in your spiritual journey and direction in your life.

Q: How do I know if Spiritual Direction is for me?

A: You are invited to "try it out".

We have a trained and certified Spiritual Director through the Institute of Spiritual Direction of Chicago, Loyola of New Orleans, Archdiocese of Chicago certified Lay Leadership programs and Secular Franciscan Order profession here at Holy Family. Call 847-907-3425.



We're about to leave the harbor additional crew members needed!

We are in the process of forming our Spirit Camp (VBS) leadership team and thought you might be a perfect addition to the gang!

A quick overview... Last year we hosted 300+

campers aged 3-entering 4th grade. We had over 110 adult and teen volunteers and a fully staffed nursery - our biggest camp ever!!!

What are first steps?

1. **Set the date for camp** **DONE**

This year camp will run Monday June 18-Friday June 22, 9-12:30.

2. **Choose a theme** **DONE**

Our theme this year is **Shipwrecked – Rescued By Jesus**. Want a preview? Go to <https://www.group.com/category/ministry-resources/childrens-ministry/vbs/shipwrecked.do>

3. **Purchase a camp kit from a publisher** **DONE**

The kit comes with scripts, music, games, crafts, snack and activity suggestions. Some we use, some we don't; some we expand on.

4. **We break the camp down into 10 areas** **DONE**

Drama, Curriculum, Music, Games, Imagination Station, Crafts, Snack, Outreach, Toddlers & Decorations. Each day of camp has a theme, a bible verse and a bible point that is subtly incorporated throughout all the rotations. Each area is responsible for coming up with a project or activity for the campers to do each day.

5. **Recruit leadership team and volunteers** **ON THE WAY TO BEING DONE – WILL BE DONE WHEN YOU SIGN-UP!!!!**

Our goal is to have 2-3 leaders in each of the areas. Many of our leaders are returning this year, some in the same role as last year and some are trying something new. **They are a fun bunch, folks you would like to be stranded on a desert island with for a week!** Each of these areas also have volunteers specific to that area to help execute during the week of camp. Each camp group also has 1-2 leaders and helpers to assist in the execution when their campers are there. In short, there are lots of people working together to make each of the areas a success.

Aren't you impressed by how much we already gotten done? Now...

We need your amazing talent to bring us safely back to port. If you are interested contact Laura Ferlita, lferlita@holyfamilyparish.org. Do it now. You've already missed the first meeting which means your one glass of wine behind the rest of us! We'd hate you to miss any more Spirit Camp fun.

HOLY FAMILY TEENS SPEAK OUT

Do you ever wonder how teens view the impact Teen Faith programs have on their lives?

The third in our Lenten series are two reflections on being **Peer Ministers**. Peer Ministry is a peer mentoring program we have at Holy Family. This year fifty-three (53) high school juniors and seniors served in this role. Having peers pass on their faith is not only inspiring it is effective.

The first reflection comes from **Raphael Genova**, a senior at Fremd, who serves as a Peer in our IGNITE program, the second from **Lindsey Fenton**, a junior at Fremd, who serves as a peer in a 4th grade class and in a FLAME II group when needed.

Why I Am a Peer Minister and What I've Learned from the Experience by Raphael Genova

I got involved in Peer Ministry because I was inspired by my own peer ministers, Maddy Lopez during my time as an Ignite student and CJ Hoy during my time as a Flame student. I wanted to be able to share my own faith experiences along with my experiences of Maddy and CJ with a class of my own in hopes of inspiring them to become peer ministers as well.

During Ignite, Maddy had shown me the things I could do here at Holy Family after I got confirmed. She talked about how fun it was being a peer minister, going on Kairos and becoming a Kairos leader. She told me that I should be a part of all of those things.

During Flame, CJ talked about his own faith experiences at school and how he has had his faith tested more than once. He talked to me on a personal level about my own faith journey and where I was at with my relationship with God. He helped me understand that there's no right or wrong way to pray and whatever or wherever you are with God is only between you and Him.

Once I got confirmed, I immediately applied to be a peer minister, I signed up for Kairos once it opened and I later applied to become Kairos leader. Now I can finally say, "I'm an Ignite peer minister at Holy Family. I went on K22 and was a part of G5. I was a G3 leader and co-rector for K24."

If there's one thing I've learned from being a peer minister is that it is almost impossible for me to

recreate the exact same impact Maddy and CJ had had on me. This was an important lesson for me to learn because I realized not everyone is like me nor is everyone at the same spot I was when I was an Ignite student. I've noticed that every one of Ignite kids is at a different spot in their relationship with God and that's okay, which is what CJ taught me. Most of them don't know what they want to do after confirmation and that's okay too which was what Maddy taught me. I just hope I can be the person they can come up to and talk to about anything



Why I Am a Peer Minister and What I've Learned from the Experience by Lindsey Fenton

Last year, I finished up the preparation process for Confirmation at Holy Family. In one of the last classes, we were asked what we wanted to do at the church the following year. We had many options, some of which were Kairos, Faith on Fire, and a mission trip. Another option that seemed really interesting to me was becoming a Peer Minister.

Being a peer minister involves teaching and assisting in different aged classes. When I grow up, ***I want to be a teacher, so this seemed like it would be a way to gain experience in teaching.*** Additionally, ***I am very passionate about my faith and church, so being given the opportunity to share that passion with the students in each class was a bonus.*** Currently, I am a peer minister in a fourth-grade faith class. I also serve as a peer minister for a sophomore Flame 2 class sometimes.

Both of these classes ***have offered me different experiences and opportunities to make an impact and learn in a variety of ways.*** In the fourth grade class, I've learned a lot more about the history of being Catholic and the different adversities that Catholics have faced over time. In the sophomore class, I've learned a lot more about finding God in your everyday life and building your personal relationship with him. This experience has been invaluable for me and has afforded me the opportunity to learn and grow with God, impact other kids trying to grow in their faith, and prepare myself for the life I want to lead as an adult.

Family & Teen Faith

HOLY FAMILY ON MISSION – SUMMER 2018

“Faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead” (James 2:17).

If we are to be known as Christ’s disciples we must become servants to all. The plight of the poor must stir us to action on their behalf. At the heart of the catechetical process at Holy Family lies a heartfelt commitment to put faith into action. Called to **Renew Church**, summer has been, and will be again, a time of abundance for our parish community, with unique opportunities to put our faith into action and proclaim in full voice **‘We’re all in this together!’**

Catholic Heart Workcamp

is a week long summer mission trip for teens (those going into 8th grade thru those just graduated from high school are welcome).

2018 Mission Trip

Twin Cities, Minnesota

Sunday, July 22 – Saturday, July 28, 2018*

Estimated Cost: \$500 per person

(our goal is bring this cost down substantially by our fund-raising efforts)

This summer’s mission is to revitalize communities and beautify homes for the elderly, disabled and those who cannot afford needed repairs in the Twin Cities area.

The **Catholic Heart** experience empowers participants to live as disciples of Christ through serving others and foster the spiritual growth of each participant through the sacraments, Catholic faith sharing, prayer, and of course that all important element of Christian community and fellowship.

For more information and/or to sign-up go to <https://holyfamilyparish.org/catholic-heart-workcamp>

Spaces are limited so register ASAP. Remember last year had a waiting list and not everyone who wanted to go was able to so if you want to go **ACT NOW to save your spot.**

Fund-raising begins soon, which is another reason to sign-up SOON. You’ll want to get as many fund-raising hours in as possible in order to earn the maximum numbers of dollars toward you discount.

We are still in need of adult chaperones. We’re looking for folks 21 and up. If you can help let Owen know ASAP, owalsh@holyfamilyparish.org



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HFCA Prepares and Celebrates Future Women in STEM Careers

As the first middle school in the State of Illinois to earn AdvancED STEM Certification, HFCA was measured against eleven rigorous criteria during the certification process. One of these criterion included the school's efforts to recognize and support underrepresented students in STEM. One such identified group has been middle school girls.

For decades, researchers have struggled to explain the reasons middle school girls lose interest in math and science. National Science Board (<https://nsf.gov/statistics/2018>) states women represent only 15% of engineers and 26% of computer and mathematical scientists.

We are particularly excited to celebrate our all-girl 8th grade team who won second place in Carmel High School's Middle School Math Competition which draws from 19 public and Catholic schools.

The HFCA team members are all considering STEM careers, and they attribute the interactive, hands-on teaching style at HFCA with piquing their curiosity and interest. HFCA exposes students to a wide range of engineering and design concepts through a rotation of 12 STEM modules over the course of middle school. States Sarah Graham, “My favorite unit was the Introduction to Electrical Engineering. I learned so much more because we were never limited to just studying a subject from a textbook.”

Natalie, Sarah, Rachel and Ashlee will be attending Fremd High School next year and all have been accepted into Fremd's STEM-focused Project Lead the Way Program, a nationwide, prestigious, hands-on engineering program offered to select incoming freshman.

We are so proud of our students! We are honored to be the first middle school program in the state to earn STEM Certification, but the true measure of our program is seeing our students recognized by top area high schools for their hard work and STEM knowledge.



HFCA 8th grade math team: l-r: Ashlee Sterling, Natalie McHone, Sarah Graham, Rachel Salani and Lily Burger

HOLY FAMILY PADS SITE OPEN FOR 17th SEASON

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The Human Concerns Community... offers assistance with life's basic needs, spiritual and emotional support as well as additional resources with partners in our community while promoting mercy and justice by putting our faith into action.

Holy Family PADS site, a Sunday evening shelter for people facing homelessness, is in its *seventeenth* season. It takes many volunteers to set up, provide and serve meals, work shifts, clean up as well as offer an atmosphere of comfort and safety. Here are two ways YOU can serve the homeless in our community.

1) Sign-ups for food and shift positions will take place after mass in the narthex **THIS Sunday, March 11**. If you have not completed orientation, go to www.journeystheroadhome.org and click on Volunteer Opportunities to find the 2017-2018 orientation schedule. Online sign-ups are available to all volunteers who have completed orientation.

2) Provide food for dinner, lunch or breakfast. Visit www.carecalendar.org using our own **calendar ID and password** listed below and feel free to sign up for food donations through the end of the season. Food can be dropped off hours, even days earlier, and prepared just prior to our guests arriving. Please feel free to pass this information along to anyone else you know that might want to donate items for our weekly PADS site. The calendar ID is 134413 and the security code is 9236.

For more information, please contact Sue Geegan at sgeegan@holymfamilyparish.org. We always need more 2nd shift volunteers and food donors, so please consider volunteering even if it's just once per month.

Domestic Violence Awareness

In our cities, country and world, we see the effects of violence, both physical and mental, and the damage done, some irreparable, that attempts to defeat the human spirit and disregard the dignity of people of all ages, ethnicities and colors. Engagement and open dialogue are the key to respecting all of humanity, even our enemies. Respecting the life and dignity of the Human Person is needed now, more than ever.

What Does The Catholic Church Say About Domestic Violence?

The U.S. Catholic Bishops state: "Violence against women (and men), inside or outside the home is never justified and it is a sin and often a crime. No one is expected to stay in an abusive marriage."

Holy Family Domestic Violence Resources Ministry Mission

To provide a network of resources to individuals of the Holy Family Catholic Community in order to raise awareness about the problems of domestic violence and to be strength and hope to women, men and children who suffer from any form of domestic, physical or emotional violence by providing available resources so their journey toward healing may begin. Visit <https://holymfamilyparish.org/domestic-violence-resources/> for more information

PRAY THE ROSARY next weekend,
March 17 & 18 after all Masses in the chapel with
the Knights of Columbus and Marian Ministry.
The focus will be on worker's rights.

Human Concerns

2018 Lenten Social Justice Project “Peaceful Pathways”

This Lenten season, walk with us along “Peaceful Pathways”, our social justice project. We’re joining Cardinal Cupich’s violence prevention initiative (endorsed by Pope Francis) targeting vulnerable, at risk youth in Chicago’s most troubled neighborhoods. Although “Violence Prevention” describes our intent, “Peaceful Pathways” describes our approach. Our contributions will support two highly successful local programs: Strong Futures on the south side of Chicago (www.saintsabinapeacemakers.org/strong-futures), and The Peace Corner Youth Center (www.thepeacecorner.org) on the west side.

Through providing a safe physical space, academic help, job counseling, physical activities and a strong support network, both programs work by peacefully rescuing, training and shielding high-risk youth. They arm young people with the fortitude, skills and support needed to avoid the pitfalls of drugs, gangs, and violence. Strong Futures and The Peace Corner Youth Center both have impressive histories and proven results. This Lenten season, we want to help them do even more. Our goal is to raise a minimum of \$25,000. The total amount raised will be split evenly between these two programs.

Won't you walk the “Peaceful Pathways” with us, too?
Contact Sue at sgeegan@holyfamilyparish.org for more information.

“Non-violence requires a double faith: faith in God, and also faith in man” - Mahatma Gandhi

If you are interested in an update of our previous Lenten Projects,
go to <https://holyfamilyparish.org/lenten-social-justice-project-main/> for more information.

Newest Habitat Homeowners Await New Home



The Des Plaines project has passed the half way mark toward completion in June. The soon-to-be homeowners are anxious for moving in this spring. Daisy moved to the United States from Uganda in

2009. She is excited to be partnering with Habitat to build her own home. For Daisy and her family, owning a home represents a stable place to raise her family.

This is the first Habitat project in the city of Des Plaines. Work will be completed by the Spring of Life Partnership, of which Holy Family is a member. Painters and landscape volunteers are needed on Saturdays for the next few months. High schoolers, age 16+, are welcome.

If you are interested in volunteering, contact Larry Buettner at Larrybuettner@comcast.net. Additional information is available at our website: www.springoflifehabitat.org.



FINAL LENTEN FISH FRY FOR SEASON Friday, March 16 6-7:30pm

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will hold a Lenten Fish Fry dinner to benefit the Human Concerns programs, served in the social center from 6:00-7:30pm. Menu includes fried fish, baked fish, pizza, macaroni and cheese, fries, applesauce, coleslaw, dessert, and beverage. **Please note a change in pricing. \$10 adults; \$8 seniors 65 and over; \$5 children 4-12 years; 3 and under FREE.**

Holy Family Partnerships & Support Groups

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Journeys the Road Home

At Journeys, we work to provide intervention and support to address the root cause of homelessness, and lead people back to a stable environment. Shelter through the PADS program October through April; job support, case management, food pantry, clothing room, Pathway Housing Readiness Program are a few offerings.
www.journeystheroadhome.org
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Misión San Juan Diego

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WINGS (Giving Flight to Hopes and Dreams)

The mission of WINGS is to provide a continuum of integrated services in an effort to end domestic violence and homelessness one family at a time.
www.wingsprogram.com
847-519-7820

Support Groups

Al-Anon

Helps friends and families of alcoholics find support and understanding. Saturday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30am in room Lower Level 3. Childcare available.
Cathie: 847-255-3653

AMITA Health Behavioral Medicine

One-on-one counseling. Meets on various days and times. Contact them directly at 855-383-2224.

Job Support

A vibrant networking group designed to support those who are searching for a new position or career. We encourage all attendees to share talents, advice and contacts. The group meets Saturday mornings from 7:30 to 9:30 am in Common Ground. For each meeting bring 25 copies of a resume or handbill.

Gary Sakata 847-381-0218
Frank Sevilla 847-567-0969,
Jerry Aurigemma 224-484-8709

LOSS (Survivors of Suicide)

Facilitated by staff of Catholic Charities on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Holy Family at 7:00pm.
Contact: Jessica H. 312-655-7283

Mental Health Support

A support group for families and friends of people with mental health issues. Meets the first Wednesday of every month from 7-8:30pm.
Dan & Trudy Mickey- 847-991-6255
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One In Love (LGBT)

Educate, Advocate, Ally and Serve the LGBT community by exploring issues surrounding sexuality, gender, and our faith in a safe, loving environment. Meets the second Saturday every month from 10:00am-noon. Chris Evon 847-271-6030 or chris.evon@yahoo.com

Rising from Divorce

A support group for individuals facing separation, divorce or annulment. This open and ongoing support group who will help you heal and cope. Faith sharing, speakers and social activities are offered throughout the year. Meets on Monday twice a month from 7:00-9:00pm.
Kathy Kvitek: kathykv2@gmail.com
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To Be Joyful Again

Supporting and assisting people whose spouses have died. We meet on the first and third Thursdays of every month at 7:00pm, and also provide other opportunities for connection. Contact:
Elaine at 847-705-9886
Bob Boho at 847-438-2884

US TOO International (prostate cancer support)

For men and couples who are dealing with prostate cancer. Information, resources and support are available at the monthly meetings which are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 5:30-7:00pm and 6:30-9:00pm.
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2018 Lenten Social Justice Project “Peaceful Pathways”

This Lenten season, walk with us along “Peaceful Pathways”, our social justice project. We’re joining Cardinal Cupich’s violence prevention initiative (endorsed by Pope Francis) targeting vulnerable, at-risk youth in Chicago’s most troubled neighborhoods. Although “Violence Prevention” describes our intent, “Peaceful Pathways” describes our approach. Our contributions will support two highly successful local programs: Strong Futures on the south side of Chicago and The Peace Corner Youth Center on the west side.

Strong Futures first began in June, 2016 as a pilot by the City of Chicago and Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS) in partnership with St. Sabina Church. Strong Futures addresses the needs of disconnected youth and young adults, between the ages of 18-28, who are justice-involved and/or have other barriers to stability, by connecting them with full-time employment. Strong Futures provides intensive coaching, comprehensive wrap-around services, and support that will enable them to stabilize economically, retain employment, and develop into productive, responsible contributors in society.

Visit www.saintsabinapeacemakers.org/strong-futures for more information.

The Peace Corner Youth Center is located in the Austin neighborhood on Chicago’s Westside. Originally established to provide the neighborhood youth a safe haven from gang violence and drug dealing, The Peace Corner has grown into a community center that provides employment services, GED class referrals, basic skill development, recreational programming, legal counseling, mentoring, tutoring, and hope for all that are willing to take a step in a positive direction.

Visit www.thepeacecorner.org for more information.

Strong Futures and **The Peace Corner Youth Center** both have impressive histories and proven results. They arm young people with the fortitude, skills and support needed to avoid the pitfalls of drugs, gangs, and violence. This Lenten season, we want to help them do even more. Our goal is to raise a minimum of \$25,000. The total amount raised will be split evenly between both programs.

Following Lent, during the Easter season, more specific details will be shared regarding opportunities to get involved at the Peace Corner, Strong Futures and other programs that are making strides in breaking the cycle of poverty and despair.

Won’t you walk the “Peaceful Pathways” with us, too?

Contact Sue at sgeegan@holyfamilyparish.org for more information.

“Non-violence requires a double faith: faith in God, and also faith in man.”

- Mahatma Gandhi