



HOLY FAMILY
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
inviting all to new life in Christ



Merry Christmas! Be Loved.

About Us

Holy Family

Catholic Community

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Fr. Terry Keehan

Pastor

Fr. Richard Jakubik

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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 Varies; watch bulletin

Assisted Listening Devices available in the Liturgical Arts 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. Paul Sims, CR
Fr. Denis Carneiro	Fr. Bill Zavaski

Pastoral Council

e-mail: council@holyfamilyparish.org

Mike Myers	Chair
Chad Archer	(Deanery Rep)
Fr. Terry Keehan	Pastor (Staff)
Bill Leece	Adult Faith
Pete Barber	At Large (Pastor)
Luis Gutierrez	At Large (Pastor)
Barb Knuth	At Large (Council)
Andrew Konopka	At Large (Council)
Rick Zanardo	Family Faith
Laura Clark	Holy Family Academy Staff
Mike Pazur	Academy Parents Rep
Greg Flanagan	Knights of Columbus
Sue Geegan	Staff
Joan Sloan	Teen Faith (Adult Rep)
Anthony Piasecki	Teen Faith (Teen Rep)
Kasia Meler	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:

Tim French	Elia Ponce-Tokarz
Randy Olech	Jim Vande Logt
Ron Sobon	Chet Zara - Chair

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Fr. Terry Keehan

Be surprised! We all like a good surprise, one that gives us unexpected positive energy and deeper appreciation for those who surprise us. Perhaps you've had a surprise birthday party or anniversary party. Perhaps a relative or friend has surprised you with an unexpected visit. Really good surprises from life and the combination of life's events can vault us in new directions and open us up to the basic goodness of people and life. We can derive such joy in even the smallest surprise. Such things can remind us that unexpected news and events are sometimes beyond our control. Some surprises can be negative or tragic, but let's reflect on those some other time.

Our urging Advent statement this week, to **Be Surprised**, complements the previous three from the Advent scriptures – **Be Alert, Be Filled and Be Satisfied**.

The message from Micah in our first reading contains a great surprise. He foretells that from a surprisingly small place shall come greatness. From tiny Bethlehem shall come a woman who will give birth to Israel's ruler, also called a shepherd...and peace.

This message will help us to be surprised by the coming of God into human life in a most unexpected way, an innocent newborn child. Yes, God can be a baby!

In preparation for this miracle, let us be attentive to the womanly story of Mary's visit to her older, pregnant cousin Elizabeth. Mary travels in haste. Many surprises in life are surrounded by haste and unplanned travel or details. Her visit to Elizabeth is a surprise. Elizabeth did not expect her younger cousin to come to her home.

The visit elicits blessedness which calls for a proclamation. Elizabeth cries out and announces three sources of blessedness associated with this surprise visit.

The first is a blessedness that distinguishes Mary from other women: "Blessed are you among women," Elizabeth proclaims. *Can you be surprised with what distinguishes you from any other human being who has ever been born? Can you revel in the uniqueness with which God has created you? Can you be surprised by Elizabeth saying directly to you, "Blessed are you among all people?"*

The second source of blessedness is the fruit of Mary's womb. Her offspring will bear fruit in the faith part of our one world in a way that no one ever has. *Can you see and find blessedness in the fruit that you have brought into the world? What unique and fruitful contributions have you made in life? To your friends*

and family? To the world?

Thirdly, Elizabeth is a bearer of blessedness by affirming Mary's trust. She affirms that Mary is blessed because she trusted that the angel's words to her were authentic, unbelievably important and what humanity would need for the rest of time.

An extension of this third form of blessedness that Elizabeth announces to us is that these words from the angel would be fulfilled. Fulfillment is important to us Christians, and particularly to us Catholic Christians. We believe that Jesus Christ has fulfilled every Old Testament prophecy and that he is the "new and eternal covenant." These words are prayed at each and every Mass and, on a regular basis, remind us of the blessedness of the covenant that God has made with all of us. Then, we as Catholics, can hold and receive that covenant as we briefly hold and drink from – thus receiving – that same covenant that God made with all of humanity years ago and then fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

This is a real and concrete ritual for each and every one of us to fulfill the dream that God has for us. It reminds us that God's fulfillment takes some work on our part, as well to develop what God has given us, which many times comes to us in surprising ways.

Find blessedness in the **SURPRISE** this week as Advent turns to Christmas. Look for the blessedness in your life and once again come to the Eucharist with gratitude that the source of that blessedness is God through Jesus Christ, and that blessedness can be realized as the community gathers to celebrate that blessedness.

Please invite your loved ones and friends to join us for Mass this Christmas and beyond. Please consider putting into action the fact that YOU are the Body of Christ, and YOU are the church by ministering as a Greeter, Eucharistic Minister, Usher, Proclaimer, Table and Light server or other Liturgical Minister for a Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Please put into action the welcoming spirit of Holy Family by being a Greeter for the thousands of visitors that will come to celebrate Christmas with us. Be THE BODY OF CHRIST and serve at one of the most important times of the year.

On Sunday, January 27 at 4:00pm, a 15 year dream of mine will become a reality as we host the first (of many to come) Mass of Rock! A Rock N' Roll Mass. Gene Garcia shares my vision for this, and our choir and musicians are talented enough to make Rock N' Roll music that celebrates our faith. More details to follow. Spread the word!

Liturgical Arts

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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.

All children coming to the Christmas
Eve 1:30 Family Mass in the church
are invited to come dressed as their
favorite nativity scene character:
angels, shepherds, sheep and other
animals (with the exception of Mary
and Joseph).



Christmas Decorating – Help Needed!



Do you have an hour or two to lend a hand? On Sunday, December 23rd, the Art & Environment Ministry will be decorating the church for Christmas immediately after the 11:00 Mass. The Social Center will be decorated on Christmas Eve beginning at 9:00am.

These are both big jobs and we'd love your help! Adults and kids are all welcome -- wouldn't this be a great family tradition?

Contact Vicki Peters in the Liturgy office at 847.907.3441 or email vpeters@holyfamilyparish.org.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

1:30pm

Main Church, Multitorium, and Social Center

4:00pm

Main Church and Multitorium

8:00pm

10:30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

10:00am

Flower & Environment Memorial

The Christmas season is a time of memories, especially of our loved ones born into eternal life. As we prepare to order flowers for the Christmas liturgies and decorations for the environment, consider making a donation in memory of a deceased loved one. We will list all donations in a bulletin during the Christmas season. Envelopes may be found on the counters in the narthex or in the parish office. Thank you.



Liturgical Arts

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 24

Church 1:30pm:

Angela Piatkowski (Piatkowski Family)
Wayne & Claudette Johnson (Family)
Michael McKeon (Nancy McKeon)

Social Center 1:30pm:

Matarazzo Family (Nedza Family)

Church 4:00PM:

Mary & Stanley Szerszen (Family)
Irene & Tony Capalbo (Family)
Joan Brown (John & Jackie Matecki)

Multitorium 4:00pm

Sue Dunham (Pastoral Care & HF Community)

Tuesday, December 25 (10:00am)

John & Josephine Balik (Barbara Balik Family)
Louis & Josephine Patano (Barbara Balik Family)
Louis & Mary Sacco (Barbara Balik Family)

Wednesday, December 26

No Masses - Building Closed

Thursday, December 27

9:00AM Sesko Family
9:00AM Kathie Jurkowski (Elaine Biggs)
9:00AM Helen Clark (LaMorte Family)

Friday, December 28

9:00AM Carol Fagan (Patsy Rini)
9:00AM Residents of Poplar Creek (Ministers of Care)

Saturday, December 29

5:00PM Manuel P.A. Claudio (Family)
5:00PM Agnes & Constanty Obrachta (Family)
5:00PM James Kelley (Haben Family)
5:00PM Rita Dinielli (Nora & Dick Walther)

Sunday, December 30

7:30AM Richard Alfredson (Seaman Family)
7:30AM Arline Kalisiak (Albig Family)
7:30AM Alec Bunag (Stephanie Aquino)

9:00AM John Campana (Family)
9:00AM Gertrude & Barney Flanagan
(Donna & Frank LaBanca)
9:00AM Rose Honzel (Dawn Dinardo)

11:00AM Charlotte & Louis Strohmeier (Family)
11:00AM Rita Kuehl (The Bradys)
11:00AM Tom Sidor (The Bradys)
11:00AM Elizabeth Balachowski
(Tuesday SCC group)

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them...

+ Joan Brown
+ Charles J. Kamba
+ Chris Kvitek

"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...

Barbara D'Aversa
Jayne Doughty
Danubio Letellier
Christie Moore
Margaret Thornton
Pat Wilkie

Wedding Banns

Molly Calhoun & Benjamin Hodges - III
Alexandra Albanese & Erick Bennett III - II

We Pray for Family Members in Service of Our Country

Lt. Colonel David J. Benjamin III (*Army*), Capt. Sean P. Benjamin (*Army*)
Lt. Anne Louise Graft (*Air Force*), Lt. Michael J. Graft III (*Air Force*)
Captain Peter Keiser (*Army*), Ensign Patrick J. Kennelly (*Navy*)
2nd Lt. Madeline Lopez (*Army*), Major Brian Malloy (*Army*)
Lt. Colonel Jade Patrick Miller (*Army*), Lt. Joshua Michael Peck (*Army*)
SPC James Purvin (*Army*), PFC Jacob Riedl (*Army*)
Pvt. Theodore Rogers (*Army*), Airman Zachary L. Schirmer (*Navy*)
Maj. Elizabeth Greenstein Simmons (*Army*), Maj. Joshua Simmons (*Army*)
Capt. Nick Lewis-Walls (*Army*)

Weekly Readings

Monday, December 24

Isaiah 62:1-5
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25
Matthew 1:1-25

Tuesday, December 25

Isaiah 52:7-10
Titus 3:4-7
John 1:1-18

Wednesday, December 26

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
Matthew 10:17-22

Thursday, December 27

1 John 1:1-4
John 20:1a, 2-8

Friday, December 28

1 John 1:1-4—2:2
Matthew 2:13-18

Saturday, December 29

1 John 2:3-11
Luke 2:22-35

Sunday, December 30

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28
1 John 3:1-2, 21-24
Luke 2:41-52

Parish Support & Services

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

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The Parish Support & Services Community...

oversees the parish
business and
infrastructure activities
to ensure they operate
efficiently.

	ATTENDANCE	COLLECTIONS
Nov 11	2,088	\$ 35,439 *
Nov 25	1,973	\$ 90,656 **
Dec 2	2,210	\$ 48,946 *
Dec 9	2,286	\$ 48,789 *
Total	8,557	\$ 223,830
Year to Date Sunday Collections		\$ 914,151
Year to Date Budget Sunday Collections		\$ 937,632

* includes electronic giving

** includes 11/18 and 11/25 collections

Thanks to all who responded to our call to help bridge our \$70,000 budget gap. As of December 10th we have received \$70,177 in donations. Your generosity allows us to keep our facility, services and programs available to all in need.

Electronic giving, which provides us with a consistent level of income, helps us reduce or eliminate budget gaps. Please consider donating electronically to Holy Family as a part of your personal on-going giving plans.

Building Closed

**Holy Family will be closed on
Wednesday, December 26.**

There will be no 9:00am or 7:00pm Masses.

**Thank you for
allowing us
this day off!**



Pastoral Care

Begin 2019 by helping Pastoral Care in Compassion Ministries Volunteering is an ongoing Gift of Love.

All ministry hours can be custom linked to your availability...
Training provided, no experience necessary.

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The Pastoral Care
Community...
provides, through
our ministries,
compassionate
pastoral care with
support and guidance
for those who suffer in
mind, body and spirit.

- **Bereavement Team:** we guide families who want to plan a Funeral Mass or Memorial Mass for a loved one.
- **Funeral Ministry Team:** Set up for Funeral Mass or Service in the church or chapel.
- **Funeral Luncheon Team:** provides food set up and table hospitality upon luncheon requests.
- **Minister of Care to Hospital:** Visits St Alexius patients bringing Communion
- **Minister of Care to Homebound:** visits homebound clients who request Communion.
- **Minister of Care Nursing homes:** provides Communion service and brings Communion to residents.

Training is provided for all ministries. To qualify you must have a compassionate heart and enjoy doing for others. Call Mimi Ferlita for more information 847-907-3425 or mferlita@holyfamilyparish.org.



Rising from Divorce - Monday, January 7, 2019 from 7:00-9:00pm

We will view Dr. Henry Cloud's DVD "Unnecessary Endings" followed by group discussion focusing on "Sometimes We're Way Too Quick to Give up Hope."

- What is the anatomy of hope? What difference has to happen in order for me to feel hope?
- The Physics of Change. New sources of Energy that lead to a Proven Change Process.
- Additional Structure, Wisdom, Skills and Motivation. Show movement to Forgive, to New Ways!

Walk-ins welcomed: for more information contact Kathy Kvittek at kathykv2@gmail.com

To Be Joyful Again Ministry

"To Be Joyful Again" is a non denominational support group for widows, widowers, or anyone else who has lost a significant other. Please join us on the first and third Thursday, of each month at 7:00pm. **Save-the-date for Feb 10, 2019** - Game afternoon from 12:00pm to 4:00pm in the Common Ground room. For more information, please call Pat Bongiorno at 847-985-4624 or Bob Boho at 847-438-2884.

Mental Health Support

A support group for families and friends of people with mental health issues. Next meeting will be on **January 3 from 7-8:30pm** at Holy Family (meets 1st Wednesday of each month). Ministry leaders, Dan and Trudy Mickey can be reached at 847-991-6255 for more information.

All Pastoral Care Ministers Gathering Save-the-Date

**February 4, 2019
6:30pm -8:30pm**

*All Pastoral Care Ministry Meeting
with Fr. Rich Jakubik*

LOSS (Survivors of Suicide) Support Group

You are welcome to join us on **Jan. 16, 2019 at 7:00pm** to be with others who share your loss. This gathering is facilitated by Catholic Charities on the 3rd Wednesday of each month and hosted by Holy Family. For more information, please call Emily at 312-655-7283.

Upcoming 2018-2019 Adult Faith programs -

Mark your calendar!!!

Registration will begin soon!

Mary Whiteside

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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.

- **Parish Mission – FR. ED SHEA** returns to Holy Family! Fr. Ed will preach at all the masses on Saturday, March 23 and Sunday, March 24. The Parish Mission nights will be Sunday, March 24, 4:00-5:30 – no 4:00 Mass that day), Monday, March 25, 7:00-8:30 pm, and Tuesday, March 26, 7:00-8:30 pm.

- **The Spiritual Journey: Reflections on the Wizard of Oz** with Friar Johnpaul Cafiero on Saturday, May 18 – 10:00 am-4:30 pm (Registration will begin in 2019).

Bible Journey

**“Is There Nothing New Under the Sun?:
Biblical Interpretation in the Post
Vatican II Church”**

**Presented by Pauline Viviano, Ph.D.
Wednesdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30, 2019**

9:45-11:45am

(includes one hour of small group discussion and one hour of lecture)

Cost: \$35

To register, contact Jeannie Parry at jparry@holyfamilyparish.org



Bible Study – JESUS (Journey to Explore, Study to Understand Scripture)

Our Thursday night Bible Study resumes...Join leader Jan Wood for a study of Paul's letters, starting with Philippians. We will then move on to Epistles, Colossians/Ephesians. Bring your Bible to Breakout Room 1 and come, even if you can only make it to one night. All are welcome to join at any time! There is always an extra chair.

Dates for Bible Study – January 10, 17, 24, 31

For any questions or to be added to the mailing list
for this Bible Study group,

contact Jan Wood at jan@wood5.com.

Technology and Faith Coming Together

Where do you go when you need to look up a Bible verse? How about the Stations of the Cross? Do you search for your weekly Bulletin, a book or a website to find the readings for each week? There is an app available for all of these things that will give you all things Catholic right on your smart phone!

Check out “Laudate” –
a free Catholic app!



Terry Nelson-Johnson, D.Min., was the leader of Holy Family's outstanding Parish Mission in March, 2016. He taught at Loyola Academy for 18 years and is the Founder and Executive Director of Soul-Play, LLC, an experiential, theological, educational enterprise serving congregations, families, schools and adult retreats. Terry is currently serving at Old St. Pat's in Chicago as Resident Theologian and Animator of Faith. He is married and the father of two children. To learn more about his work, visit his website at www.soulplayonline.com



Laura Field is a spiritual director at Old St. Patrick's Church and lay leader of the Beloved Retreat. She has embraced Ignatian Spirituality and is the author of "Called to Joy, Always!" a retreat steeped in the truth of the Divine Invitation to joy. "I believe Spiritual Companionship...is a gift we 'think' we give ourselves only to eventually discover it is our deep response to God's insistent love. Spiritual Direction provides time for deep conversation about 'God Moments' and focused attention on hearing, seeing and feeling God's grace more often and more explicitly."



Beloved Retreat With Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson and Ms. Laura Field

February 15-17, 2019

(6:00 pm Friday-3:00 pm Sunday)

University of St. Mary of the Lake
Mundelein, IL

Cost: \$175 (includes private room/restroom and meals)



Were you baptized or ARE you baptized?

With the leadership of Terry Nelson-Johnson, Laura Field and the Holy Family Beloved Team, we will be offering a Beloved Retreat to provide food for our hungry souls. We invite you to a weekend of new beginnings. Whether you are a young adult or have more life experience, male or female, single or married, religious or skeptic, hurt or healing, laid back or caffeinated, this is for you. This retreat model was founded in 1999 at Old St. Pat's Church in Chicago where they have grown to three full retreats per year. Beloved is a safe, inclusive environment in the quiet pastoral setting of University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein. Come and laugh, pray, walk, talk, listen and rest with us... We welcome you to come away from the stress of life for a couple of days and let God lead you to new life.

Contact Mary Whiteside at 847-907-3450 or mwhiteside@holyfamilyparish.org to have registration materials sent to you. Registrations are accepted in the order they are received and must include fully completed form and payment. A wait list will be created once the retreat is full.

Did you get what you wanted from life, even so?

I did.

And what did you want?

To call myself Beloved,

To feel myself Beloved,

on earth.

- Raymond Carver

RCIA/Footsteps

We have been introducing you to our 11 candidates and catechumens in RCIA/Footsteps, a few at a time. Please welcome them when you see them, and keep them in your prayers as they journey toward their full initiation in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.



Kevin Price

My name is Kevin Price. I am from Arlington Heights. I joined RCIA to fully join the church with my wife, Josephine, and be a joint example of faith to our son, Alexander.



Stacy Geng

My family is non-Christian. They are Chinese. We live in Hoffman Estates. They help me take care of my baby, Eliana, who was born in 2015. She is 3 now. Before Holy Family, I went to New Life Covenant Church. I joined RCIA to improve my faith and my anxiety. I have been healing from depression. I was shy when I first came to Holy Family last year. RCIA helped me to meet new people.



Teresa Jordan

I live in Palatine with my husband, Nick, and our kids, Ellie (8) and Will (6). We have been members of Holy Family for several years and our kids are in FAITH programs. My husband and I are both Catholic and were married in the Catholic Church, but my religious education stopped before Confirmation. It was important for me to take this step in completing this sacrament.

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The Family & Teen
Faith Community...
offers faith formation
and catechesis
to preschool through
elementary school aged
children and
high school teens
and their families.



**To all our Catechists, Peer Ministers,
Hall Monitors & Parent Volunteers,**

**Wishing You
a very very
Merry Christmas**

Thank you for partnering with us to
serve the children and teens of our
parish. You are each a great gift to
us and one of the many blessings
here at Holy Family.

The Family & Teen Faith Staff



Keeping Christmastide

No one day could ever adequately
celebrate the magnificence of the
Incarnation.

**Magnificence needs room to stretch.
Mystery is meant to continuously
unfold, deep into deep, rising
within consciousness, enfolding
one into the majesty of Divine
Love.**

**Feed your faith. Click on the
title below and take time to
reflect.**

Christmastide

Save the Date!
Join Fr. Terry & Dr. Peg
for our **NEW Family**



Saturday, January 19, 2019
Drinks & hors d'oeuvres
immediately after the 5 pm Mass
in the Rectory.

New to Holy Family

Wondering how you and your family might get more involved in the parish?

Thinking your little ones might be ready for religious education but you're not sure?

Have a disabled child you'd like to receive First Communion or Confirmation?

Give me a call at **847-907-3431** or phanrahan@holyfamilyparish.org and let's chat about how we can be of service to you and your family

Dr. Peg Hanrahan
Dir. of Family & Teen Faith

"The Centurion's Tale" **Passion Play 2019**

The annual Teen Faith Passion Play is a part of our Easter Triduum liturgy here at Holy Family. Teens re-tell the story of the passion and death of Jesus through story, song and dance. Our Teen Faith community breathes new life, each Good Friday, into the ancient practice of presenting the great biblical stories through religious drama. This event is widely anticipated by the Holy Family community each year as a highlight of the Holy Week observance.

The Passion and death of Christ is a complex narrative. Each year, through an original script, Holy Family's Passion Play attempts to highlight the various characters and perspectives offered to us by the gospel writers. This year's play, "**The Centurion's Tale**" emphasizes the lesser known disciples, Philip, Nathaniel (also known as Bartholomew), and Miriam, the wife of Cleopas, sister to Mary Mother of God, among others. The lens through which the story is told is a Roman centurion, immortalized in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, who proclaims at the crucifixion, "*Truly this man was the Son of God!*"

ALL Holy Family Teens (*IGNITE on up*), and their friends, are invited to be part of this year's Passion Play experience. **Auditions will take place on Sunday, January 6, 2019**, after the 11:00 am Mass. All teens who audition will be given a part in the Passion Play. Auditions are used to decide which parts are best suited to each player. Behind the scenes spots are also available to teens as well, especially on the technical side of the production.

For additional information contact our director @ LynnDaugerdas@gmail.com





The Feast of the Holy Family

As Catholics we choose to celebrate *family life* during the Christmas season, intentionally raising it up as sacred, as blessing. For our part, as members of the **Holy Family Catholic Community** let us embrace a feast that names us as family, as holy, as Church. Let us center our attention on the places of ease and happiness woven within the fabric of our life together as a community of faith and hope. Let us lift our voices in psalm-prayer **“Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.”** May we celebrate these sacred days in ways that disclose to us our brokenness, and our experiences of innocents slaughtered. Let no one forget the scandals of love we have both perpetrated and endured. Let us promise here and now to be mindful of God’s enfolding presence, making it possible to love again with tenderness.

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY IS OUR FEAST DAY. It is good for us to gather as a parish family and give thanks for the many blessings that are ours. It is only right and just, that on this our **Feast Day**, we renew our efforts and make our family/parish *holy*, safe in every way - **a refuge** from the corrosive influences of exclusion and alienation - **a shelter** from violence and hostility, **an oasis** of peace and comfort in a troubled Church. Let us offer each other and all those who come to us during this Christmas season, **the gift of solidarity**. May our ability to feel their longing for safety and belonging make us a people who diligently work to strip away whatever makes us less than who we are – A HOLY PEOPLE – **chosen to be a home for the Christ-child.**



The **splendor of “God with us”** shines bright, illuminating the commonplace of stables, revealing the holiness of ordinary living, encouraging us to develop a ***spirituality of appreciation***. Savor Christ’s coming; take delight in the wondrous gift of salvation unfolding in the joys and challenges of family life. Let us come together on this **our Feast Day** and

Be assured that God listens, hears and replies to our heartfelt desires coming nearer, nearer, and nearer still, descending into the depth of our minds and hearts, taking up residence within all of humankind.

Be inspired by angelic choirs acclaiming in glorious tones the generosity of God and the hospitality of humanity, made known in Mary and Joseph and their newborn child.



Let us breathe as one, the fragrances of gifts that come our way in these enlightened days of Christmastide. **Let us together** stand before the crib, now crowded with all that is human. As one family may we draw near and take our place among shepherds and kings. Let us trust in the balm of peace and good will this community, our spiritual home. Offers and invite others into our midst to share what sustains us. Let us together hear in God’s Word the joyful proclamation - **I AM here, you are saved**, set free, liberated from all that oppresses the spirit. May we share these holy days with each other and remember day in and day out during Christmastide those moments when we have found love gently swaddling wounds that still ache, binding up the anguish and sorrows of life, bringing comfort, enfolding us in love’s power to heal.

Check out these resources for nurturing your own ‘holy family’

1. [Best Practices in Family Faith Formation - Faith Formation Learning ...](#) – good stuff, a deep dive
2. [Family Spirituality: So What? Who Cares? & What's In It For You ...](#) – not as deep, very practical
3. [Tips for raising committed Catholic children | US Catholic.org](#) – good accessible SHORT article

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Solidarity

We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers and sisters keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. Pope Paul VI taught that if you want peace, work for justice. The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict.

At another level, the roots of the contradiction between the solemn affirmation of human rights and their tragic denial in practice lies in a notion of freedom which exalts the isolated individual in an absolute way, and gives no place to solidarity, to openness to others and service of them. It is precisely in this sense that Cain's answer to the Lord's question: "Where is Abel your brother?" can be interpreted: "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" (Gen 4:9). Yes, every man is his "brother's keeper", because God entrusts us to one another. *The Gospel of Life (Evangelium Vitae. . .)*, #19

For more information visit – www.usccb.org

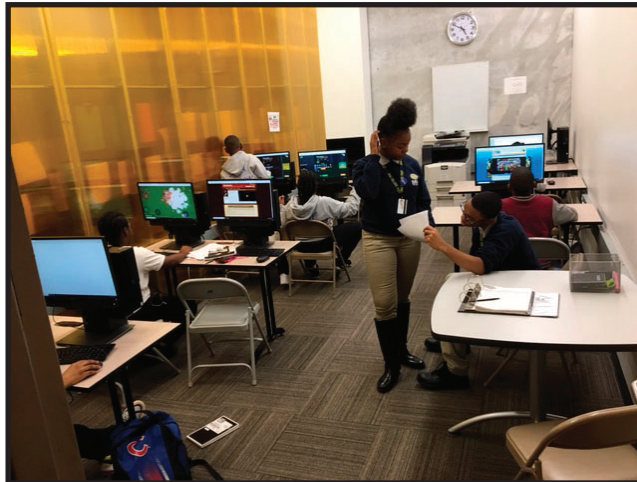
HOLY FAMILY PADS SITE for the Homeless

Holy Family's PADS site, a Sunday evening shelter for people facing homelessness, is in its *eighteenth 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. We are especially in need of female shift workers Sundays from 11pm-3am and Mondays from 3am-7am. Training is provided. Contact Sue with any questions at 847-907-3443 or sgeegan@holyfamilyparish.org

Visit www.carecalendar.org using **calendar ID 134413 and password 9236** to sign up for food donations. Food can be dropped off hours, even days earlier, and volunteers will prepare your dish 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.

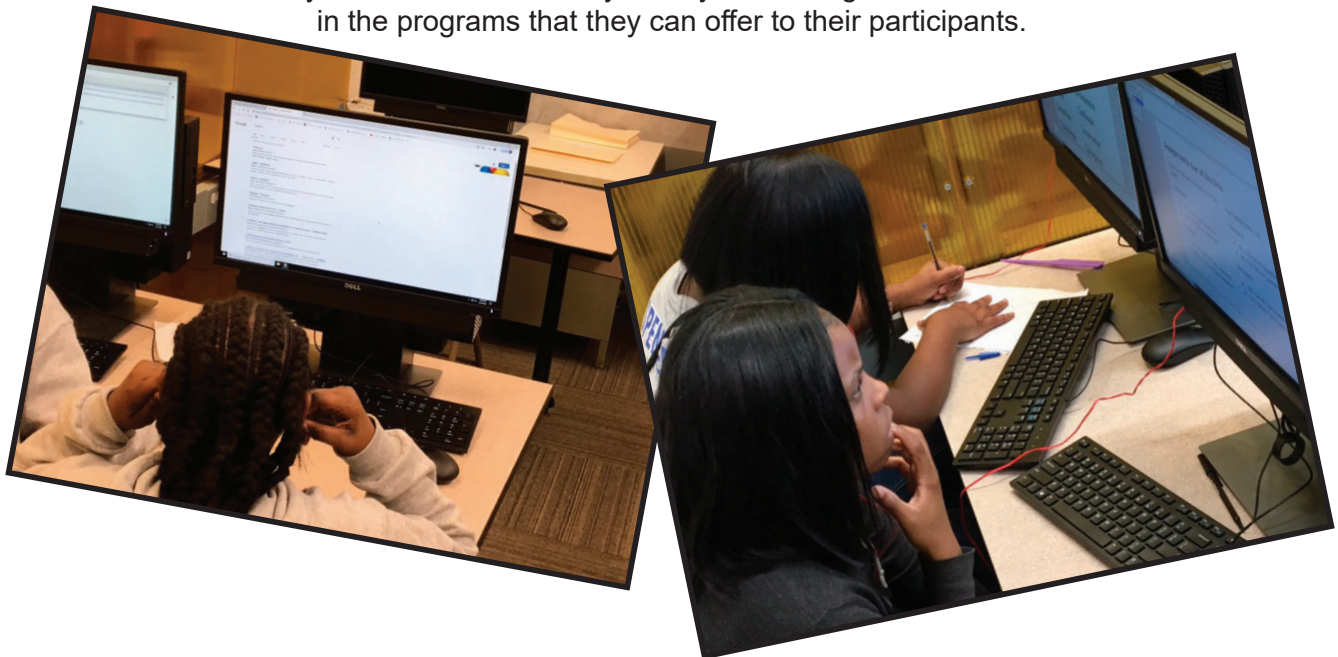
ADVENT PRAYER

God, we pray as we wait in joyful anticipation for the birth of your son, Jesus,
That we may give hope to those around us in need;
May we have strength to provide for the spiritually poor;
May we have certitude to bring justice to the weak;
May we have humility to share our resources with the less fortunate;
We pray this in great anticipation of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ, AMEN.



Peace Corner Upgrades Computer Lab

Holy Family Catholic Community embraced two programs over Lent last year, Catholic Charities Peace Corner Youth Center in the Austin Neighborhood and St. Sabina's Strong Futures Program in the Auburn-Gresham Neighborhood of Chicago. The Peace Corner recently upgraded their computer lab to better provide resources to the students that come to the Peace Corner as a safe environment to socialize, play sports and get help with homework and learn additional computer skills. Ralph Harris, the Director, will also be offering computer classes to the students' parents as well. Because of our generosity last Lent, the Peace Corner has brightened up the facility replacing old, outdated furniture, and now has replaced outdated computers with new equipment. They continue to thank Holy Family for making such a difference in the programs that they can offer to their participants.



Human Concerns



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Upcoming 2019 Events:

Tuesday, February 5 - 4-6pm

European Travel for Seniors

Monday, March 4 - 1-3pm

Spring Cleaning for Home & Soul

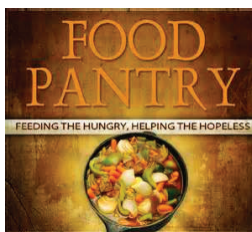
Thursday, April 11 - 4-6pm

Gardening Tips

Mark your calendar. More details coming soon.

HIV/AIDS Awareness Month

Every 9-1/2 minutes someone in the United States is infected with HIV. It is estimated that 25% of the persons living with the virus DO NOT KNOW that they are infected. There is no cure and no vaccine to prevent it. For more information about testing sites call the National HIV/AIDS hotline at 1.800.232.4636 or through the Catholic Charities HIV/AIDS liaison to the Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.948.6500 or www.catholiccharities.net. Throughout the year, please pray for those infected with and affected by HIV/AIDS and their families and loved ones.



FOOD PANTRY REPORT November, 2018

Eight families, including 28 individuals, were served 660 meals. Thanks to our parishioners and St. Theresa parishioners who continuously bring food to the shopping cart each week. Approximately 79 bags of food were collected! We are truly blessed to have such generous and thoughtful donors. All of our food pantry clients are so appreciative of the foods and other products you donate for their use. Thanks, also, to our pantry stewards who serve our clients with compassion and dignity. Please be mindful that we provide our clients with food products that are still within its freshness date and not expired. Check the date before making a donation, especially if it was not a recent store purchase. See the food pantry door for items in short supply.

PADS Set Up Volunteers Needed Sunday, Jan. 6 and 13 Teens and Adults 5:15 PM - 6:30 PM

If you are IN HIGH SCHOOL OR AN ADULT who would like to help SET UP the Holy Family's Sunday evening PADS site, this is your opportunity! Our PADS site needs a few volunteers to help set up the gym with pads, toiletries and linens so when our guests arrive, they are able to select a pad for the evening and get settled for their stay overnight. There is no interaction with our guests, so no prior training is necessary. Training will be provided on the spot. You must be able to handle physical work, some lifting and moving of carts and bins, tables, pads and chairs.

If you are able to help us out, please contact Sue at susanmccoppin2003@yahoo.com. THANK YOU!

Fireside Chat Values to Action: The Four Principles of Values-Based Leadership

Thursday, January 17th 6:30-8:00pm

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Fireside Chat with Harry Kraemer, Kellogg School of Management Professor, former CEO of Baxter and best-selling author. Harry offers current and aspiring leaders a framework to adopt the four principles of values-based leadership to make their organizations beacons of enduring value in the world. \$5 donation accepted at the door. Books for purchase and signing will be available after the presentation. All book proceeds benefit One Acre fund.

Register online at

www.stannebarrington.org/human-concerns/

Holy Family Partnerships & Support Groups

Partnerships

Catholic Charities

Provides food, clothing, shelter, counseling and other services to those in need, bringing hope to the hopeless. Mike Waters, NW Regional Director, Des Plaines
mwaters@catholiccharities.net
847-376-2100

Habitat for Humanity Spring of Life Partnership

Nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry. Provides interest free loans to families who qualify for affordable housing - Larry Buettner
Larrybuettner@comcast.net
www.springoflifehabitat.org

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
847-963-9163

Misión San Juan Diego

Holy Family partners with this local Hispanic parish encouraging intercultural exchange.
<http://www.misionsanjuandiego.org>

St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly

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www.littlesistersofthepoorpalatine.org
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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: 855-383-2224

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
mickeydan@comcast.net

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
630-697-1655

To Be Joyful Again

"To Be Joyful Again, a non denominational support group for widows, widowers, or anyone else who has lost a significant other, meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month at 7PM at Holy Family. All are welcome. Please contact Pat Bongiorno at 847-985-4624 or Bob Boho at 847-438-2884 for more information."

US TOO International (prostate cancer support)

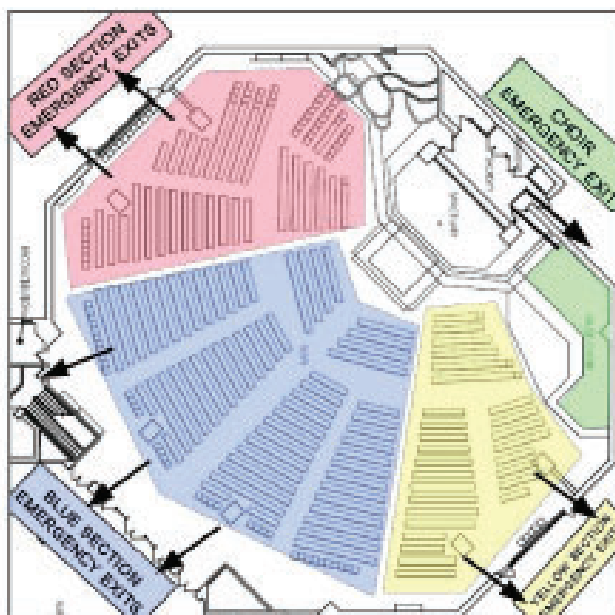
For men and couples who are dealing with prostate cancer. Information, resources and support are available at the monthly meetings which are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 5:30-7:00pm and 6:30-9:00pm.
Cliff Whall - 630-718-1304

In Case of Emergency

We value your safety. Please take a moment to review this card.

IN CASE OF AN EVACUATION

Look at the emergency evacuation map to the right and locate the exits. These are the suggested exits per the Palatine Rural Fire District. Be aware of all the exits in the church, not just the one closest to you.



IN CASE OF SEVERE WEATHER

Please stay calm and follow the ushers to our areas of safety. Able-bodied persons will be directed to the basement area around the school cafeteria. Persons requiring assistance will be guided to the narthex basement.

IF YOU NEED HELP

Medical emergencies happen during Mass. If you need help, please notify an usher.

*In all emergencies, please do what you can to **stay calm**.
Notify an usher if you are capable and willing to assist others.*

REUNIFICATION AREAS

In case of a building evacuation, Family Faith and HFCA children & parents will be reunited outside in the parking lot adjacent to Palatine Rd.

In case of severe weather, Family Faith classes will dismiss from the basement cafeteria after the danger has passed.

IF YOU WITNESS A PERSON IN DISTRESS

Please keep the person comfortable in the pew and ask others to vacate the adjacent rows to allow access for First Responders (Paramedics). Stay with the person until the First Responders arrive.

Please leave this card in the church pew. Thank you!

Listen for God's Call at our Winter Programs

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path." (Psalm 119:105)

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Men & Women's Day of Reflection
Friday, January 11, 2019 | 9 am - 2:30 pm
Molly Henry, Facilitator

*What's Next? Discerning Your
Decisions in the Ignatian Tradition*

Men & Women's Day of Reflection
Monday, February 4, 2019 | 9 am - 3 pm
Fr. Michael Sparough, SJ, Facilitator



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Discover Your Strengths to Grow Spiritually & Serve God

Molly Henry, Facilitator

9 am - 2:30 pm on Friday, January 11, 2019, \$50

*An online assessment prior to the retreat will help you discover your greatest talents. During the retreat, you will participate in powerful learning tasks based on the **Living Your Strengths: Catholic Edition** book designed to help you grow in appreciation of your God-given talents, build them into strengths, and intentionally use them every day.*

Discerning Your Decisions in the Ignatian Tradition

A Day of Reflection for Men & Women
Fr. Michael Sparough, SJ, Facilitator

9 am - 3 pm on Monday, February 4, 2019, \$50

*Join us for a retreat drawing on insights from Fr. Michael's best-selling book, **What's Your Decision?** Fr. Michael will present an "Ignatian toolkit" for discernment and decision-making, leading a series of prayer exercises designed to help us listen to God in the deeper parts of our being.*

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