



## **About Us**

### Holy Family Catholic Community

2515 Palatine Rd. Inverness, IL 60067 847-359-0042 (ph) 847-359-0639 (fax) holyfamilyparish.org Fr. Terry Keehan Pastor Fr. Richard Jakubik Associate Pastor Dennis Brown Permanent Deacon 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 7:00 p.m. First Friday of the month 9:00 a.m. (with Anointing of the Sick)

5:00 p.m. Saturday 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.

Varies; watch bulletin Holy Days 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): Mondays 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

(Deanery Rep) Chad Archer 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

Holy Family Academy Staff Laura Clark 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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https://www.pinterest.com/holyfamilyCCI/

## Fr. Terry Keehan

Let's get ready for the Adventure of Holy Week. I have crafted and presented a retreat to parishes and priests in the Midwest based on the great drama that will unfold for us during the coming week, arguably the most significant of the entire year. Holy Week can lead us through a great spiritual adventure if we open ourselves up to it.

I point out in the retreat that most folks come to Palm Sunday seeking a palm branch to display in their home for the coming year. This is a very reverent custom and I highly encourage you to take a palm this year and display it in a prominent place in your home as a reminder of this Lenten season calling us to return to goodness, dignity and humanity. May it remind us of the challenging, radical journey of the heart that we have been on together as a community of faith.

However, most folks, certainly not all, take a break so to speak during Holy Week from Palm Sunday until Holy Thursday when the Triduum (Sacred Three) liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter take place.

During my retreat I try to lead people through significant reflections on the many additional dramatic, spiritual events that are a part of the ENTIRE week, not just those three.

Many people simply avoid the Easter Vigil because it is too long. Please consider (or reconsider) participating in the Easter Vigil that is THE most beautiful liturgy of the entire year. During the Vigil we tell much of our Judeo-Christian story through scripture passages that highlight just some of the significant events of our identity and connection with God through the gift of our Jewish brothers and sisters that ground our Christian story. We also welcome adults into full communion with the Church, from darkness to light, with fire and water and music and all that accompanies this beautiful liturgy. I encourage you join us!

Please take some time on Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday and Holy Wednesday to reflect and enter into the Triduum and all of the drama that accompanies it. Just as Jesus entered into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, enter into Holy Week with Him. Prepare yourself for some spiritual drama.

Consider the powerful events that will unfold this week that are captured by the following words:

Palm Sunday
Procession
Triumphal Entry

Hosanna

Expectation
Preparation
Holy Thursday

More preparation

Spiritual Meal - Passover and Last Supper giving us Christ's lasting presence

Instituting - looking into the future by starting the Eucharist while looking back at its roots in the Passover which they were gathered to celebrate

Service - Footwashing

Betrayal Agony

### Good Friday

Trial

Suffering which included, interrogation, torture, humiliation, scourging, exhaustion, stripping,

suffocating

Death, Burial, Darkness

### **Holy Saturday**

Waiting Vigil

Story- several scriptures

Light

Welcoming - Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist

### **Easter**

Joy

Resurrection - New Life

### **New Chapel Seating**

Part of the founding vision of Holy Family included flexible worship space. I hope you have appreciated the various and changing positions of the Altar, Ambo and other sacred furniture in our Church.

The same holds true for our chapel and after eight years of reflection and conversation, we have changed the seating in the Chapel to antiphonal style. In other words, the assembly faces each other in equal parts seating on the east and west sides. This design is not permanent but my hope is that, among other things, it will encourage the assembly to see Christ more in each other, to surround the word (Ambo) and ritual (Altar) more, to draw more attention to the gifts of bread and wine that encourage us to offer our real presence to our God who gives us the gift of Christ's real presence.

I appreciate that certain changes in environment may challenge familiar habits. Please give the new environment in the Chapel a chance to enhance your worship in a new and different way. Thank you.

## 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.



## EASTER DECORATING – Help Needed!

The Art & Environment Ministry will be decorating the church for Easter on **Saturday**, **April 20th**, beginning at 9:30am – and they would love your help! They need "worker bees" to place flowers, hang fabrics, and bring Easter brightness to our worship space. Any amount of time you can give will be greatly appreciated!

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.

### **Easter Flower & Environment Memorials**



As we journey through this Lenten season towards Easter, please consider honoring your loved ones with a memorial donation to our Liturgical Arts Flower and Environment fund. We will list all memorials in a bulletin during the Easter season. Envelopes may be found on the counters in the narthex or in the parish office. Thank you!

### CREATIVE SEWING MINISTRY

We meet monthly to create the baptism bibs and stoles given to each of Holy Family's newly baptized children. Members also knit and crochet items such as prayer shawls and chemotherapy hats to bring comfort and healing to others. We work as a team to complete each item, sharing our talents and creating friendships along the way.

Meetings are on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 1:00-4:00pm.

Our next gathering is on April 23.

Come join us! To learn more about the Creative Sewing Ministry, contact Cely Andal at ctandal@comcast.net

## **Triduum Schedule**

### Holy Thursday, April 18

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

### Good Friday, April 19

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, April 20

10:00am - Blessing of Easter Baskets, Gym

11:00am - Easter Egg Hunt

8:00pm - Easter Vigil

(No 5:00 pm Mass)

### Easter Sunday, April 21

**6:30am** Sunrise Mass

8:00am Mass

**10:00am** Three separate Masses in Church.

Multitorium & Social Center

Noon Mass (No 4:00 pm Mass)

## Liturgical Arts

### **Mass Intentions**

### Monday, April 15

9:00AM Lorraine Doroba (Friend)
9:00AM Lena McNamara
(Dennis & Eileen McNamara)

### Tuesday, April 16

9:00AM Dr. Daniel Nwankwo (Family) 9:00AM Edward A. Cox (Nancy Bidwill)

### Wednesday, April 17

9:00AM Christine Krizin (Family) 9:00AM John Radabaugh (HFCA) 9:00AM Nancy Burkhardt

### Thursday, April 18 - Holy Thursday

7:30PM Phillip Luciani (Family)

Friday, April 19 - Good Friday No Masses

### Saturday, April 20 - Holy Saturday

8:00PM Mary & Stanley Szerszen (Family)

### Sunday, April 21 - Easter Sunday

8:00AM Jean Sacco-Health (Barbara Balik Family) 8:00AM Joan Russell (Helen Dillon & Family) 8:00AM Jennie & Florence Tumbarello (Family)

10:00AM Christy Joseph (Mother) 10:00AM Aaron Joseph (Mother) 10:00AM Rosa Krisek (Friend)

Mass intentions are available by contacting the Parish Office



### Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them...

### + William Bryant

### + Helen Prasnikar

"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 Balik T.J. Cuny Nancy Fleming Sharyn Gilbert Jacqueline Ladas James Rock, Sr.

### Wedding Banns

Jennifer Spinoso & Daniel Wisniewski - III Judy Dincher & John Cavanagh - I

## 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, April 15

Isaiah 42:1-7 John 12:1-11

### Tuesday, April 16

Isaiah 49:1-6 John 13:21-33,36-38

### Wednesday, April 17

Isaiah 50:4-9a Matthew 26:14-25

### Thursday, April 18

Exodus 12:1-8,11-14 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-15

### Friday, April 19

Isaiah 52:13—53:12 Hebrews 4:14-16;5:7-9 John 18:1—19:42

### Saturday, April 20

Gn 1:1—2:2; Gn 22:1-18; Ex 15:1-2,2-4,5-6,17-18; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3,4,5-6; Bar 3:9-15,32—4:4; Ez 36:16-17a18-28; Is 12:2-3,4bcd,5-6; Rom 6:3-11; Lk 24:1-12

### Sunday, April 21

Acts 10:34a,36-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-18

## 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.

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	ATTENDANCE	COLLECTIONS		
Mar 10	1,967	\$	29,833	*
Mar 17	2,282	\$	19,236	
Mar 24	1,540	\$	42,284	*
Mar 31	2,134	\$	21,133	
Total	7,923	\$	112,486	_
Year to Date Sunday Collections		\$	1,539,996	
Year to Date Catch-up Collections		\$	86,651	_
Total of Sunday and Catch-up Collections		\$	1,626,647	=
Year to Date Budget Sunday Collections		\$	1,581,736	=
Easter Collections		\$	9,410	_
Easter Budget		\$	170,000	

<sup>\*</sup> Inludes electronic giving

We thank you and appreciate your Sunday contributions! It is the Sunday and Holiday contributions that support the daily activities, programs and maintenance of our beautiful facilities. We sustain our mission because of your contributions.

## **Help Wanted**

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

### **General Maintenance**

Part-time - evenings & weekends
Basic janitorial work, room set-ups, sweeping,
vacuuming, mopping, able to lift at least 50 lbs.

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

## **Pastoral Care**

## **Pastoral Care** Urgent Request!!! Men and Women needed to offer a few hours monthly on one of our Compassionate Teams...

All ministry hours will be custom linked to your availability... Training provided; no experience necessary.

- 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 parishioners who request Communion.
- Minister of Care Nursing homes: provides Communion service and brings Communion to residents.

Join us with your compassionate heart and offer support to others. Call Mimi Ferlita for more information at 847-907-3425 or mferlita@holyfamilyparish.org.

## Director 847-907-3477

Fr. Rich Jakubik

rjakubik@ holyfamilyparish.org

### The Pastoral Care Community...

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



### Rising from Divorce

We are a peer support group for those experiencing or affected by Divorce, Separation or a Challenging Relationship.

Come join us on **Monday**, **April 15** from 7:00 - 9:00 PM in Breakout 1 meeting room. The current series is titled Surviving Divorce: Hope & Healing for the Family. The April 15 topic is *Finding Strength and Help*.

Walk-ins welcome.

For more information contact Kathy Kvitek at kathykv2@gmail.com

### Al-Anon

Meetings are for friends and families of alcoholics who will find support and understanding. Come join us each Saturday morning 9:30-11:30am Lower Level #3. For more information please call Cathie at 855-383-2224.

### 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 April 18 (first and third Thursday of each month) at 7:00pm in Lower Level room 083. For more information, please call Pat Bongiorno at 847-985-4624 or Bob Boho at 847-438-2884.

### LOSS (Survivors of Suicide) Support Group

You are welcome to join us on April 17 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.

### **Vicariate 1 Archdiocese of Chicago Bereavement Ministry Training**

Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 8:30-2:30 at St. Colette Parish, Rolling Meadows. Contact Mimi Ferlita to register 847-907-3425 or mferlita@holyfamilyparish.org. Bring your own brown-bag lunch; beverages provided.

### **Mental Health Support**

A support group for families and friends of people with mental health issues. Next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 1 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.

### **US Too Prostate Cancer Support Group**

For men and couples who are dealing with prostate cancer, join us on April 23 for support, resources and information (every 4th Tuesday of the month) from 5:30 -7:00 pm

## **Adult Faith**

### 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.

### **The Litany of Humility**

### Rafael Cardinal Merry del Val (1865-1930)

Oh, Jesus meek and humble of heart, Hear us.

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From the desire of being esteemed, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being loved, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being extolled, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being honored, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being praised, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being preferred to others, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being consulted, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the desire of being approved, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being humiliated, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being despised, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of suffering rebukes, *Deliver me, Jesus*.

From the fear of being calumniated, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being forgotten, Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being ridiculed, *Deliver me*, *Jesus*.

From the fear of being wronged,  $\ensuremath{\textit{Deliver me, Jesus}}.$ 

From the fear of being suspected, Deliver me, Jesus.

That others may be loved more than I,

Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be esteemed more than I,

Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That, in the opinion of the world, others may increase and I may decrease,

Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be chosen and I set aside

Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be praised and I unnoticed,

Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be preferred to me in everything,

Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may become holier than I, provided that I may become as holy as I should,

Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.



## **Adult Faith**





# The Spiritual Journey: Reflections on the Wizard of Oz

Presented by

Friar Johnpaul Cafiero, OFM

Saturday, May 18, 2019

10:00 am - 4:30 pm

Cost: \$20 (Pre-registration required—includes lunch)



Friar Johnpaul will lead us in reflections on the classic spiritual journey by examining the characters in the world's beloved tale: The Wizard of Oz. See how Dorothy's journey can give us insight into the steps and curves of the true spiritual journey home. What message do the wicked witches, flying monkeys, and Toto, too, have to unfold for us? Come along, click your heels and enjoy this fun and faith enriching journey down the Yellow Brick Road of life.

Pre-registration is required as there is limited seating for this event.

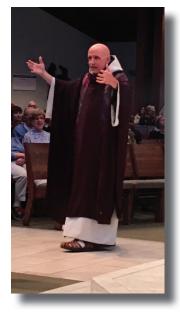
To register, contact Jeannie Parry at 847-907-3448 or jparry@holyfamilyparish.org

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## **Adult Faith**



## **Parish Mission**

Our Parish Mission with Fr. Ed Shea, "Lord, Make Me a Channel of Your Peace," was attended by over 600 people each night and Fr. Ed's words were an inspiration as we challenged ourselves to a radical journey of our hearts this Lenten season. He shared "The Litany of Humility" (included in this Bulletin) with us and provided us with a tool to turn

our thinking around on forgiveness...pray that those you are angry with are blessed with what you want the most for yourself.

This is a real challenge, but a powerful example of true reconciliation. The link to the audio recording of this Parish Mission is available on our website.







## **RCIA**

Have you felt a Holy Spirit nudge to come to the water of baptism or to complete your sacraments? We invite you to attend the **Easter Vigil** next week-

end, SATURDAY, April 20 at 8:00pm to witness the powerful sacraments of initiation as they are received by adults. There

will be six adult baptisms and twelve adults will receive the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

Please join us and allow this experience to help you discern if God is calling you to the RCIA experience.

If you would like more information, contact Wendy Posey at wendyposey@sbcglobal.net or Mary Whiteside at 847-907-3450.



## Family & Teen Faith

Peg Hanrahan Director 847-907-3431 phanrahan@ holyfamilyparish.org

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

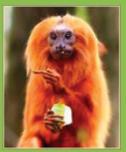


At Roar, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life.

## Space is filling fast

Get your little ones registered before its too late! For more information or to sign-up go to





## Have you registered for Faith class for 2019-20?



### **REMEMBER PARENTS**

- 1. Students must re-register each year
  - Not all students attend Faith classes every year. We cannot hold spaces for students who may or may not show.
- 2. The number of classes we offer depends on the number of catechists available
- 3. Enrollment is capped
  - Adam's Apple, Ignite and Flame at 12; Grades 1-6 classes are capped at 15. There are <u>no exceptions</u>
- 4. Class placement is done on a <u>first come first serve basis</u>
  If you register late there may or may not be a space in the class you request at the time you request.
- 5. Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation are twoyear programs.
  - To make 1<sup>st</sup> Communion in grade 2 students need to have completed grade one or wait till grade 3. To be confirmed in grade 10 students need to have completed grade 9.
- 6. All previous tuition must be paid in full prior to registering.
  - If this is not possible you must speak first to Dr. Peg to make alternative arrangements.

## Family & Teen Faith

## Comprehensive, intentional and systematic: The Purpose of Religious Education and Faith Formation



The aim of catechesis is to make "...each person's faith living, explicit and active..." (National Catechetical Directory [NCD] # 14). Catechesis, like all educational endeavors, is developmental and occurs over time. The catechesis offered through the Family & Teen Faith (FTF) programs and Holy Family Catholic Academy (HFCA) is known as initiatory catechesis. This type of catechesis is basic and essential formation, which

- cultivates the roots of faith, which for Christians is characterized by a personal relationship with Christ;
- nurtures a distinctively Christian spiritual life, as opposed to an eclectic and/or general sense of the spiritual;
- prepares the person to be nourished at the table of the Eucharist and
- incorporates the individual in the ordinary life of the Christian community that knows, lives, celebrates and bears witness to the faith.

Initiatory catechesis "... includes more than instruction: it is an apprenticeship of the entire Christian life (NCD # 204). It is meant to be comprehensive, intentional and consistent. It is celebrated in the reception of all three sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

### What does God want for us?

- An authentic, life-giving relationship with Him that is personal and unique, characterized by love, trust and faithfulness.
- An authentic, life-giving relationship with each other that is characterized by a trust born out of compassion.

### What do we want from God?

A sense of deep connection with something

larger than ourselves;

- A sense of purpose and meaning and
- A sense of belonging to something that is bigger than ourselves.

Christian faith is about relationships. When the Scriptures tell us we are made in the image and likeness of God, they



reveal to us a central truth about human nature — we are hard wired to connect. We were made to love and be loved. We understand that God, Father, Son and Spirit, share a sacred communion that is not just loving, but the source of love itself. This single, indivisible union of three persons in one is life-giving (creates), radically healing (redeeming) and holy (sanctifying). We are called to experience this powerful presence, this source of life and love and all the energy that flows from it. We, like all of creation, were formed by this life and love, invited to participate in this life and love and called to share this life and love with all.

### Developing relationships takes time and effort.

Becoming like Christ is a life-long pursuit. It does not happen haphazardly or half-heartedly. This is why our apprenticeship as Christians must be marked by intentionality and consistency. A deeply personal, intimate relationship is not an on again off again reality, it takes total commitment. This is why catechesis must be comprehensive. Such a commitment is not possible without support, which is why "catechesis is the responsibility of the whole Catholic community and occurs most fruitfully within the community" (NCD # 32).

Love is not convenient; it is abiding. Love is not self serving; it is sacrificial. To love is a purposeful act. Christian faith is rooted in love. Faith comes as a result of God's love, is nurtured and sustained by love and is recognized by the fruits of love.

## **Adventure Awaits**

## Teen Faith's Wilderness Leadership Programs

"Now, with all the confidence and experience I've gained through this program,
I jump into leadership roles every chance I can."

Jake









## Join us for a life-changing adventure

Two options to choose from

Sailing Lake Michigan June 21-23
Rocky Mountains Backpacking July 22-28

see www.chicagovoyageurs.org/holyfamily for details



## Holy Family Academy

Kate O'Brien Principal

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## Holy Family Catholic Academy....

offers an innovative curriculum that focuses on cultivating critical thinking, problem solving and teamwork.

Apply now for 2-yr.-old preschool through grade 8 2019-2020

Visit our website at hfcacademy.org

Our Parish School prepares students to be:

"Thinkers, leaders, grounded in faith."

To learn more about classes in 2-yr.old preschool through Grade 8 or schedule a tour please contact:

Deb Atkins 847-907-3461 datkins@holyfamilyparish.org

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## Washington DC Trip

Learning at HFCA goes beyond textbooks and beyond the classroom. Our teachers enhance our internationally recognized curriculum with field trips that expand learning and open new areas of interest for our students.

Each year, our 8th grade class embarks on a 4-day trip to Washington, DC, and this year we welcomed as chaperone the biggest US President history buff we know—Fr. Terry!





### Kitchen is Closed Event

Please give the family cook a night off and join us for our upcoming Kitchen is Closed event on Wednesday, April 17 at:

### Mod Pizza

20505 N. Rand Rd. Suite 520 Kildeer, IL

847-307-4030

A portion of your purchase will be donated to HFCA. Thank you for your support!



## **Human Concerns**

# Interfaith Mental Health Coalition Presents: SUICIDE AWARENESS AND INTERVENTION TRAINING Monday, May 6, 2019 7-8:30pm Common Ground

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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.

Suicide is a difficult topic for all of us. Our goal is to equip you to feel more confident in responding to those who are struggling with wanting to live, or those who have lost a loved one to suicide.

### Goals of Training:

- · General awareness about suicide
- · Learn warning signs of suicidal thinking and behavior
- · Learn three basic intervention skills that can help avert the tragedy of suicide

Facilitator, Mandy Burbank, LCSW, will facilitate the 80-minute training. You will go home with a resource booklet to assist you if and when you need to employ QPR. To RSVP contact Sue Geegan at sgeegan@holyfamilyparish.org or 847-907-3443. There is no charge for this training, however, a free will offering will be taken to support agencies providing prevention services.



### We're Havin' a Salad in a Jar Party Thursday, May 9, 2019 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm Holy Family Common Ground

Limited Seating – Register NOW!

The OWLS are honored to have inspirational speaker, Mollie (McCoy) Burleson, return to Holy Family to present our May event. Mollie is also a soccer mom, home school mom, and musician who lives with her husband, Thomas, and 2 sons. Music was a significant part of her life from a very young age and, after college, she accepted a full-time position here at Holy Family as Music Director for 9 years. Seven years ago she discovered the power of whole food nutrition on the human body. Her energetic and enthusiastic style, through events such as this, allows her to share her heart and inspire healthy living wherever she goes!

Organic or conventional? Eating healthy can seem like a daunting task, but it doesn't have to be! Come and hear how each color of fruits and vegetables affects different parts of the body. Let's hear about fun ways to incorporate healthier options into our lifestyle. She will guide us step-by-step as we build "salads in a jar" to create the healthiest "fast food" you've ever seen!

A fee of \$12 will include this presentation, a 16 oz. dishwasher cleaned mason jar, and the prepared veggies needed to make your own personal "salad in a jar" to take home and enjoy. Hospitality will also be served.

You must be registered to attend. Registration forms are located on the narthex shelves. Please complete the form and return to the front office no later than Sunday, May 5. Due to the preparation for this event, we cannot accept late registrations or walk-ins. Questions: Please email Eileen at dwstjs@aol.com or Barb at owlsnest2018@aol.com.

## **Human Concerns**

## 2019 Lenten Social Justice Project

## **Kino Border Initiative and Holy Family Fund**

Humanize the immigration issue; recognize its complexity; accompany people on their journey.

This Lenten season, Holy Family is walking a path alongside individuals and families striving to live a life that is productive, strengthens the family unit, and maintains inherent dignity - all within an environment that is safe and nurturing. Our intent is to humanize the immigration issue and to recognize its complexity, while emphasizing accompaniment of people on their journey.

Respecting the human dignity of every individual is the first and foremost Catholic social teaching. Throughout Lent, this project will address six of the seven main Catholic social teachings. These teachings include:



Bishop Kicanas distributes Communion through a border fence in Nogales, AZ in 2014

Respecting Human Dignity; Call to Family, Community, and Participation; Rights and Responsibilities; Option for the Poor and Vulnerable; The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers; and living in Solidarity with our brothers and sisters everywhere.

Our goal is to raise a total of \$25,000 for the two programs – the **Kino Border Initiative** and the **Holy Family Fund**. Both programs are supported by Catholic Extension Society.

Kino Border Initiative (KBI) promotes U.S./Mexico border and immigration policies that affirm the dignity of the human person and a spirit of bi-national solidarity through direct assistance and education. Every year, thousands of migrant men, women and children are deported to Nogales, Sonora, Mexico or arrive in the city fleeing from Central America. They often arrive with only the clothes on their backs and a small plastic bag that contains their belongings. They often do not know where to turn to receive a meal, find shelter and to make a phone call. They also arrive emotionally and psychologically devastated, due to separation from their family members or the inability to work legally in the United States.

The Kino Border Initiative is responding to the critical humanitarian needs of migrants in many ways:

### Aid Center for Migrants (CAM – Initials in Spanish)

The CAM provides two meals a day to migrant men, women and children deported to Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. The CAM also distributes clothing and personal care items, as well as providing orientation for social service assistance. It also offers some first aid assistance.

### **Nazareth House**

Nazareth House is a shelter for migrant women and children, to respond to their vulnerability in the streets of Nogales, Sonora. It is a safe space where women and children can bathe, eat, sleep, call their families and reflect on their experience. They receive opportunities for prayer and pastoral support as well.

### **Presentations, Talks and Workshops**

Offers presentations on the reality along the US-Mexico border and how the KBI and other faith groups are responding to the humanitarian crisis.

### Retreat Day/Day of Reflection

Offers a day-long retreat to reflect on the issues surrounding immigration.

### Kino Teens

Is a network of high school youth groups providing students the opportunity for direct service to deported migrants, for participation in educational activities offered to interested groups and organizations and for advocacy visits to local legislative offices.

### Research

Migration is a complex phenomenon and for this reason, the Kino Border Initiative recognizes the importance of providing a space in which scholars and students can do research on migration and help find solutions to pressing policy issues. Past researchers have investigated topics such as service learning, nursing care for women migrants and the effects of security policies on the U.S./Mexico border.

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## **Human Concerns**

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### **Advocacy**

The KBI's advocacy efforts are rooted in Catholic teaching and are a response to the human realities that we encounter at the border. We partner with other organizations to advocate in the US and Mexico for policies that advance humane, just and workable migration in the region. KBI's advocacy is supported by a survey in its Aid Center for Migrants to obtain basic information about the people served and to document abuses committed against them as well as ongoing, in-depth documentation of migrants' experiences in Mexico and the U.S.

The **Holy Family Fund** is a program provided by Catholic Extension in partnership with local Catholic Charities offices. It provides emergency funds and services to a family after one or more of the undocumented income earning adults in the home are detained or deported by the US government. The families contribute to the fund on a monthly basis (\$20 for an individual, \$30 for a couple). The participant becomes eligible by enrolling through an agency such as Catholic Charities and paying their monthly fee to the Holy Family Fund. After the needs of the family are assessed, the family may receive benefits up to \$5000 per enrolled participant to help pay for rent or house payments, utilities, health care, etc. to maintain stability for the family.

### What does our faith ask of us over Lent?

Basically, our faith asks us to engage in Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

**Prayer** - Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we pray, we go on a journey, one that hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by the encounter with him.

**Fasting** – Fasting is more than giving up a certain food or drink. It is an opportunity to provide an emptiness which allows more space for God to enter our lives and transform us.

**Alms-giving** - Through prayer and fasting, we grow in solidarity with others living in despair or without basic, adequate resources and turn our attention away from ourselves and to the suffering of our brothers and sisters, no matter where they live. Alms-giving is additional generosity beyond your support of Holy Family's regular operation of our mission and the quality programs offered.

This Lent, Holy Family asks you to spend time with our Lenten Social Justice Project as a way to engage in prayer, fasting and alms-giving. We pray this experience brings you to a closer relationship with God and with all God's children living in solidarity on this tiny planet called Earth.

When you are prepared to give alms, there are Lenten SJ Project envelopes in the narthex. Please make your check payable to Holy Family with a notation: Lent SJ Project or go to www.holyfamilyparish.org to make an electronic donation. If you need more information or have questions, contact Sue Geegan, the Director of Human Concerns, at sgeegan@holyfamilyparish.org or 847-907-3443.

### HOLY FAMILY'S SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE For St. Vincent de Paul Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5



Holy Family will hold its annual Spring Clothing Drive for St Vincent DePaul on Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5. We are suggesting that you bring your donations of spring and summer clothing to the truck located in the parking lot before or after mass (except the Sunday 4pm mass). There will be volunteers there to take your donations and put them directly on the truck. Tax receipts will be available. PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH PRIOR TO SATURDAY, MAY 4. WE HAVE NO STORAGE SPACE AVAILABLE.

Please contact Mary-Frances at mfconway94@comcast.net if you would like to help or have questions.

## 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

### Misíon 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

Staffed by Little Sisters of the Poor, provides assistance as they minister to the elderly economically disadvantaged in Palatine. www.littlesistersofthepoorpalatine. org 847-358-5700

### St. Mary's Services

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### Viator House of Hospitality

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### Chicago Voyagers

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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 10:00amnoon. 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

## Of Special Note

## THE PASCHAL SEASON 40 / 3/50

ALL THE DAYS, from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost, are our Paschal (Passover) Season. The 40 days of Lent and the 50 days of Eastertime surround the Triduum, the Great Three Days from Holy Thursday evening through Easter Sunday evening. This entire season has a unity centered in the Easter Vigil. It is visibly expressed in our Lenten RETURN and continued celebration of baptismal death and resurrection in Christ during Eastertime. To put it another way, TOGETHER we make A RADICAL JOURNEY OF THE HEART during Lent so that we might come to NEW LIFE during Easter and, in turn, go forth at Pentecost with the power of the Spirit to transform the world.

## Triduum: Come to the Table, Come to the Cross, Come to the Fire and Water!

**The Great Three Days**, the Easter Triduum, is the center of the year for Christians. Everyone in the community is invited to plan ahead so that the whole time, from Thursday night until Easter Vigil, is as free as possible from distractions. We are asked to fast during Good Friday and to continue fasting, if possible, through Holy Saturday, so that we come hungry and full of excitement to the Easter Vigil. We make Good Friday and Holy Saturday free for prayer, reflection, preparation and silence. The Church is getting ready.

Whether you are young or old, please set these days aside for **RETURN** and renewal. All of us should know that our presence for the **three-day** liturgy is not just by invitation. **We are all needed here** on these, our greatest days.

On these **three days**, we gather several times. Together we hear some of the Church's most beautiful prayers and scriptures, and we make some of our finest music. Please look closely at the following schedule and make plans to take part in these **Great Three Days**. Above all, come on Saturday night for the Vigil.

### Day 1

The first day of the Triduum, from Holy Thursday sunset to Good Friday sunset, is like the sixth day of creation when God formed us from clay and breath. In dying, the Lord Jesus fell asleep, like Adam, that we might be formed from his own body, like Eve, a new creation.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at 7:30 PM on Holy Thursday, April 18. The church bells and the sounding of the shofar will call the community to physically and spiritually prepare ourselves, and enter into the sacred Triduum. After listening to the scriptures, we wash each other's feet in tender humility, imitating Jesus who gave us this image of what we, the Church, the Body of Christ, is supposed to look like, feel like, act like. We then celebrate the Eucharist, a sharing in the Body and Blood of Christ that is best expressed in the way we serve and minister to one another. This evening liturgy has no dismissal, no ending. We are now in the quiet, the peace, and the glory of the Triduum. We follow the Blessed Sacrament in silent procession and keep watch with Christ, as in the Garden of Gethsemane, until Midnight.

### Day 2

The second day of the Triduum, beginning Good Friday sunset, is the Sabbath. In the daylight hours preceding sunset, and afterwards, we will have several opportunities to gather in the quiet and experience a dramatic presentation of the **Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Noon, 3:00 PM, and 7:30 PM on April 19)**. We pray for the needs of the world. The holy cross is held up in our midst and we come forward to do reverence with a kiss, a bow, or a genuflection. No Mass is celebrated. In burial the Lord Jesus rested, and we rest with him, through the night and into the next day. This day is an image of the timelessness before time began. In

death the Lord Jesus entered the "formless void," the utter nothingness before creation. On this day we continue our fasting with the anxiety of separated lovers. We keep watch, learning the lessons of restfulness, silence and darkness. We reserve this day, unique in all the year, to do nothing at all except to glory in the cross of Christ.

### Day 3

This third day of the Triduum begins Holy Saturday sunset. Hungry and thirsty now, and full of excitement, the Church gathers in the darkness and lights a new fire and a great candle that will make this night bright. We listen to some of our most powerful scriptures: stories of creation, Abraham and Isaac, Moses and Miriam and the crossing of the sea, poems of promise and rejoicing, the gospel of the resurrection. Once again we raise our voices in joyful praise as we sing the Alleluia for the first time since Lent began. We pray for all our saints to stand with us as we go to the font, filled once again with the waters of new life. There the elect are baptized and all of us renew our baptismal promises. These are the moments when death and life meet, when we reject evil and recall who we are as Children of God. All of this we do **TOGETHER**, in the communion we call Church. We go to the table and celebrate the Easter Eucharistic Feast. Easter day begins and we are ready for Fifty Days of rejoicing. CHRIST IS RISEN; WE RETURN TO NEW LIFE, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

Our Easter Vigil Mass begins at 8:00 PM on April 20. This is the greatest feast of the year...don't miss it!

If you cannot attend the Vigil, our celebration of resurrection continues on Easter Sunday, April 21. Masses are at 6:30AM, 8:00AM, 10:00 AM and Noon in the Church, as well as 10:00AM in the Multitorium and Social Center.

## Of Special Note

## CELEBRATING HOLY WEEK AND THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM AT HOME

Holy Week begins today: when the sun sets on Holy Thursday, Lent ends and the Triduum, our Great Three Days, begins. Weather permitting, try to spend some time outdoors as a family this week. Go for walks...observe the evidence of spring and new growth like tulips and daffodils just beginning to bloom. Cut some lilac or forsythia branches, put them in water and watch them leaf out right before your eyes. Look closely at the buds of trees. Choose one tree and go out to observe its new life each day. If you live near a steam of water, listen to it rushing with new life. Look for the "resurrection" of creeping and flying creatures. Listen to the sounds of birds returning from warmer climates. Smell the clean freshness of the air and touch the earth that is warming. Become aware of the new life around you and the new life budding within you because of a Lent well-lived. We, like nature, are undergoing the struggle that is spring. We are returning to the Lord who calls us to "come forth" to new life. Talk about this as a family.

On holidays, some people enjoy putting away ordinary things and using only holiday things. Routines get interrupted. When it comes to Good Friday and Holy Saturday, the tradition of the paschal fast asks us to do something similar. Ordinary things can be put away or turned off. Leave the mail and paper unread for these two days. Turn off the television, radio, computer and iPod for a time. Spend time together as a family preparing for the celebration of Easter.

The best family preparation activity that I can recommend to you, however, is not at home. It is to celebrate the liturgies of the Triduum with your parish family here at Holy Family. They are so rich and full of meaning that the liturgies themselves are sufficient for a family Triduum experience. Someone once said, however, that "liturgy begins at home." So, while I encourage you to go with your family to all the liturgies of the Triduum, I also invite you to begin at home by spending some time each day explaining to your children what is being commemorated on each of these special days. If you need some help with that, please refer to the other bulletin article entitled "The Paschal Season."

The Easter Vigil is the high point of our liturgical year, but it can be a long service for pre-school age children. With preparation, however, it can be a wonderful learning and worship experience for families of school-age children since it is such a dramatic and symbolically rich service. To be able to appreciate it, children should first of all be familiar with the story of creation, the story of the Israelites' gaining freedom from slavery, and the story of our own liberation from sin to salvation through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. They should be helped to understand that the lighting of the great Easter fire is a symbol of Christ, the Light of the World, who triumphed over the darkness of evil. The lit Easter (Paschal) Candle is the lasting symbol in our church of Christ risen. It stands throughout the Easter season until Pentecost as a reminder to us of the risen Lord's presence; it is lit for all baptisms and funerals throughout the year as a reminder that the Light of Christ can never be extinguished. The baptism of the adult elect at the Vigil will be more meaningful if children have been told the story of their own baptism. And, remember bring home some Easter holy water. If, however, you just don't feel that you and your family will be able to last through these two-plus hours of celebration, please consider coming for just part of it. Whenever you or your children are too tired to stay longer, please feel free to leave and return on Sunday for a complete celebration of the Easter Eucharist. Or, let them fall asleep in the pew. My youngest daughter didn't stay awake for an entire Easter Vigil until she was old enough to be a server!

Sixteen hundred years ago, St. Augustine described the kindling of lights on Easter Eve; "How many congregations throughout the world gather to keep this vigil! And not one is left in the dark. When the sun sets, the earth comes ablaze with a light of its own – the light of resurrection! If you are asked why Easter Eve is so important, say that Christ comes in person to shine from our lamps."

This year, how can you make Easter a feast of light at home? Candles in windows? Paper bag luminaries along the walk? Strings of clear bulbs around the front door? This year, be creative! Be the first on your block to discover the joys of Easter lights. But remember; don't turn them on until after the sun sets on Easter Eve!



To make an Easter candle for your home, decorate a white pillar candle with a cross made from five chunks of incense or clove set crosswise in the candle. Using paint, or even melted colored wax, draw an alpha and an omega (the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet) as well as the numerals 2-0-1-8 around the incense-cross in the pattern shown below. This will serve as a reminder that Christ is the beginning and the end of time and this resurrection consecrates the year. The candle is lit for the first time on Easter Eve. The candle is then lit every night in Eastertime – the 50 days from Easter to Pentecost.

On Easter Sunday, pull out all of the stops! This is the Sunday of Sundays. Christ is Risen! We Return to New Life! Celebrate! Fill the house with flowers, set the table with your best dishes, light your Easter candle, bless yourselves with Easter holy water, and enjoy a festive meal. Afterwards have an Easter egg hunt. An egg hunt is a search for life. Like the holy women in the garden on the day of Resurrection, we discover that life has conquered death.

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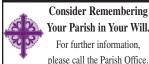
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# Kino Border Initiative and Holy Family Fund

# Humanize the immigration issue; recognize its complexity; accompany people on their journey.

Kino Border Initiative (KBI) promotes U.S./Mexico border and immigration policies that affirm the dignity of the human person and a spirit of bi-national solidarity through direct assistance and education. Every year, thousands of migrant men, women and children are deported to Nogales, Sonora, Mexico or arrive in the city fleeing from Central America. They often arrive with only the clothes on their backs and a small plastic bag that contains their belongings. They often do not know where to turn to receive a meal, find shelter and to make a phone call. They also arrive emotionally and psychologically devastated, due to separation from their family members or the inability to work legally in the United States.

The Holy Family Fund is a program provided by Catholic Extension in partner-ship with local Catholic Charities offices. It provides emergency funds and services to a family after one or more of the undocumented income earning adults in the home are detained or deported by the US government. The families contribute to the fund on a monthly basis (\$20 for an individual, \$30 for a couple). The participant becomes eligible by enrolling through an agency such as Catholic Charities and paying their monthly fee to the Holy Family Fund. After the needs of the family are assessed, the family may receive benefits up to \$5000 per enrolled participant to help pay for rent or house payments, utilities, health care, etc. to maintain stability for the family.

Our goal is to raise a total of \$25,000 for the two programs – the Kino Border Initiative and the Holy Family Fund. Both programs are supported by Catholic Extension Society. When you are prepared to give alms, there are Lenten SJ Project envelopes in the narthex. Alms-giving is additional generosity beyond your support of Holy Family's regular operation of our mission and the quality programs offered. Please make your check payable to Holy Family with a notation: Lent SJ Project or go to www.holyfamilyparish.org to make an electronic donation.

If you need more information or have questions, contact Sue Geegan, the Director of Human Concerns, at sgeegan@holyfamilyparish.org or 847-907-3443.