



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

inviting all to new life in Christ

*“Let us celebrate
with a feast,*

**because
this son
of mine
was dead,
and has
come to
life again;
he was lost,
and has been
found.”**

Luke 15:23–24

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About Us

Holy Family

Catholic Community

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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 part of our holy family in carrying out our mission. Registration forms are available in the parish office or contact Sue Geegan at sgeegan@holyfamilyparish.org

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)

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):

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.

Visiting Presiders

Fr. Charles Bolser
Friar Johnpaul Cafiero
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)
Vince Perrone	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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Have we shown up, or are we lost and missing?

The parable of **The Prodigal Son** from the gospel of Luke is a wonderful illustration of how Jesus turns a spirituality of **climbing, achieving, and perfection** upside down. The younger brother who had done it **wrong** was now being **humbled, forgiven, transformed, and rewarded**. The older brother was proud, done everything right, felt superior, entitled, but remained unopen to God's blessing. This is Jesus' **Great Revelational Theme**. Jesus was aware that sometimes the only things strong enough to break open our hearts were things like **pain, mistakes, unjust suffering, tragedy, failure, and the general absurdity** of life. I wish it were not so, but it clearly is.

In **Henri Nouwen's famous book, *The Return of the Prodigal Son***, the author asks the reader to examine each character in the story. According to Nouwen, we are, at various points in our lives, the father, the prodigal, and the elder son. I think that's right. I would also postulate that of the two sons, the prodigal ends up being spiritually healthier at the end of the story, while the elder son remains spiritually broken. **Fr. Richard Rohr**, a Roman Catholic priest, writer, and lecturer, states that one of the key lessons about **The Prodigal Son** is recognizing how we handle the imperfection that is everywhere, especially our own. That is why I believe the prodigal son was more spiritually healthy at the end of the parable and the elder son was not. The prodigal had finally come to terms with his own imperfections. The elder son, not so much. For Jesus, the primary concern is one of presence. **Have we shown up or are we lost and missing?** For Jesus, the defining characteristic of sin is not misbehavior but being lost.

The parable of **The Prodigal Son** is not about being or doing wrong, it is about being **lost**. It is not about **culpability, blame, or finding fault**. Jesus' concern is for the one that is **lost, missing, and absent**. Jesus doesn't blame or judge. For Jesus, it is about **recovering and reclaiming the lost**. Jesus knew that we as human beings can be good, hard working, successful in our career, yet still feel lost, **without a true sense of direction or meaning**. We can be holding it all together and still be lost in the depths of grief or despair. We can be a good spouse, doing all the right things, giving all the right appearances, and still be lost. We can have a good reputation and be lost in questions of our own identity and purpose. We can be so busy and productive that we are lost to the wonder, beauty, and mystery of life. We can say and do all the right things and be lost in a secret life that is self-destructive and hurts others.

By Jesus' telling this parable, he reveals God's character, God's grace, God's very way of being. That grace and character are revealed in Jesus' **searching, finding, and rejoicing**, three manifestations of God's one grace. Depending on the circumstances of our lives, we experience grace as **searching, finding, and rejoicing**. Ultimately, it means we each matter. We are uniquely desired by and important to God. This fellow who welcomes sinners and eats with them is constantly searching for us, finding us, and rejoicing over our presence. Jesus offers us something that no one else can or will. Life will lead us to the edge of our own resources, to an experience or situation that *we may not be able to fix, control, or understand*. But that is precisely where faith begins.

Let us pray for God's guidance whenever we may feel lost, missing, or absent: *Lord, you are great and awesome, and we fight for our sons, our daughters, our spouses and our families. Give safety to our children, save them and ease them day by day.... You are our LORD, our Savior, our Redeemer, and the Mighty One of Jacob. We proclaim our children as a heritage and a treasure from You.*

According to Your promise we are asking You to pour Your Holy Spirit and Your blessings on our children. Create in them a love for Your Word. Lord, thank you for choosing our children before the foundation of the world and calling them in their youth. Our children are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, and a holy nation. They are Your own special people. Father, confirm Your word and hallow Your name in the lives of all our children for Your greater glory and honor. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

1. Accepting love, forgiveness, and healing is often much harder than giving love and forgiveness. If this is true for you, what keeps you from accepting love, forgiveness and healing?

2. In your own spiritual struggle, where have you looked for God? What is the importance of prayer in your spiritual life?

3. Can you think of something for which you have not yet forgiven yourself? How does our failure to accept God's absolute forgiveness limit our understanding of God?

4. Given all the darkness in our world there is much temptation to be cynical. When are you inclined toward cynicism? How do you respond to people who are perpetually cynical?

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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.



The Blessing of the Pets

Saturday, October 5 at 10:00am

Pets bless us with unconditional love and joy every day. On the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, people of faith around the world host events where animals receive a special blessing. **Bring your pet(s) to the Courtyard of Holy Family Parish on Saturday, October 5th, at 10:00-11:00am for the annual Pet Blessing.**

Why a pet blessing? It's an opportunity to celebrate God's compassion and concern for all creatures...It's an occasion to meet neighbors and enjoy easy conversation about a common interest – pets we love.

Any pet that is safe to bring is welcome. Please get the word out and invite friends, family, and neighbors to bring their pets along as well.

Preparing for Next Week...

Watch our weekly SCC reflection @ <https://www.youtube.com/user/HFINverness/videos>.
Click on reflections for Sunday Readings for 9-22-19 and listen
to Fr. Richard Rohr reflect on the readings.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. Despite the wealth of our nation, we still have too many people who are poor or homeless. Why does our society continue to tolerate this?
2. Many of us remember when businesses and services were closed on Sunday. How would life look differently today if we truly honored the Sabbath?
3. Paul urges prayers and thanksgiving for all in high positions. Is this part of your prayer life? If not, should it be?
4. In our Gospel, the "master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly." Has there been a time when you saw "good follow bad" in a person or situation?

SOCIAL JUSTICE QUESTION

Last week's and now this week's Gospel seem to make a statement about the proper use of wealth. The United States is one of the richest countries in the world, however, we still have millions of people living at or below the poverty level. What does this tell us about current policies?

Liturgical Arts

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 16

9:00AM Dr. Daniel Nwankwo (Family)
7:00PM Michael Zade (Mom & Dad)

Tuesday, September 17

9:00AM Holy Family Faith Community

Wednesday, September 18

9:00AM Kocina Families (Family Friend)
9:00AM Neil O'Brien (Family)

Thursday, September 19

9:00AM Holy Family Faith Community

Friday, September 20

9:00AM Jim Gwozdz (Family)
9:00AM William Baxa (Family)
9:00AM Philippe Paragas (Family)
9:00AM Brian Thornton (Family)

Saturday, September 21

5:00PM Bridie Gallagher (Main Family)
5:00PM Carolyn Grosch (Glenn Grosch)
5:00PM Craig Wisniewski (Hachmann Family)
5:00PM Jeffrey Laboda (Mary Kirby)

Sunday, September 22

7:30AM Edward Rydberg (Family)

9:00AM Edward Thor (Family)
9:00AM Dan Kobeski (Family)
9:00AM Thomas Smith (Family)
9:00AM Craig Bolanos, Sr. (Family)

11:00AM Walter Kleinfeldt (Pat Kleinfeldt)
11:00AM Michael Sarpelli (Pastoral Care)
11:00AM Anthony Gagliano (Pastoral Care)

4:00PM Gregory Wall (Azzarello Family)
4:00PM Kocina Families (Family Friend)

Mass intentions are available
by contacting the Parish Office



Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them...

+ Patricia Cannon

+ Lawrence Golden

+ Jeffrey Laboda

"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...

Larry & Barb Antos

Laura Mich, Donnally Olsen

Olivia Palumbo, Michaeline Rosenthal

Mary Swegle, Wally Zurek

Wedding Banns

Julie Mae Katipunan & Jonathon Reich - II

Donalyn Laya & Christopher Medearis - 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, September 16

1 Timothy 2:1-8
Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday, September 17

1 Timothy 3:1-13
Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday, September 18

1 Timothy 3:14-16
Luke 7:31-35

Thursday, September 19

1 Timothy 4:12-15
Luke 7:36-50

Friday, September 20

1 Timothy 6:2c-12
Luke 8:1-3

Saturday, September 21

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13
Matthew 9:9-13

Sunday, September 22

Amos 8:4-7
1 Timothy 2:1-8
Luke 16:1-13

Parish Support & Services

Weekly Attendance and Collection - Last 4 Weeks

Sunday Date	Attendance	Collection
Aug 18	1,796	\$ 46,315
Aug 25	1,861	\$ 32,383
Sept 1	1,744	\$ 31,911
Sept 8	2,175	\$ 27,282

Note: Collections vary week to week primarily based on electronic contributions

Year to Date Collection Summary

Through September 8, 2019

	Actual	Budget	Delta to Budget
Sunday & Electronic Collections	\$ 351,993	\$ 365,790	\$ (13,797)
Christmas	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100
Easter	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Major Collections Totals	\$ 352,093	\$ 365,790	\$ (13,697)
Prior Week Totals	\$ 324,811	\$ 324,455	\$ 356

Note: Parish fiscal year is July 1 to June 30

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The Parish Support
& Services
Community...
oversees the parish
business and
infrastructure activities
to ensure they operate
efficiently.

The summer has been very productive around our large campus with many projects, both scheduled and unscheduled, started and almost all completed. Many of the projects you will not notice or experience, unless you were here in the hottest days in June and July when one of the several air conditioning systems stopped working. You will also be comfortable this winter when the building requires heat and you can relax knowing the various systems have been serviced.

Our crack maintenance crew has painted, cleaned, repaired and serviced throughout the building and noticeably in our large meeting rooms. One of our parishioners generously gave of their time and talent and cleaned the carpet in the Church.

As you drive on to the campus, take a moment to notice the exterior of the building. We have been painting various grates and A/C units, cleaning, and clearing and updating the landscape. The farmhouse was painted this summer and the landscape has been trimmed and pruned to better represent our beautiful facility. We have many new plantings scheduled for installation in the latter half of September. All of this is the result of contributions from a few of our generous parishioners. We thank them for their leadership and guidance in the various outdoor projects.

Over the next few months we will provide you more in-depth detail regarding completed projects, finances and budgets, as well as changes implemented to continue to reduce our expenses.

Palliative Care and Hospice Educational Forum September 21, 2019 10:00am -12:00pm

All are invited to attend an informative morning with the JourneyCare clinical and professional staff and Fr. Richard Jakubik who will inform and guide. Please reserve your place as light lunch will be served. For more information and to register contact Mimi Ferlita at mferlita@holymfamilyparish.org or 847-907-3425.

Fr. Rich Jakubik

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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.

Pastoral Care

Your Help Needed! Men & Women 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.
- **New: Pastoral Care Ministry support:** help with Wake prayers; Committal Service prayers
- **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 St. Alexius Hospital:** visit patients, bring Communion
- **Minister of Care to Homebound:** visits homebound parishioners who request Communion in their home.
- **Minister of Care Nursing Homes:** provides Communion service and offers Communion to residents of Alden, Brookdale and Rosewood nursing homes.

Inquiries are welcomed: Call Mimi Ferlita at 847-907-3425 or mferlita@holymfamilyparish.org.

Rising from Divorce

We are a peer support group that meets every first and third Monday evening for those with experiences or affected by Divorce, Separation or a Challenging Relationship. Come join us on **September 16** from 7:00-9:00 pm in Breakout 1 meeting room. Walk-in's welcomed. Great Program! Topic is the theme of the DVD but so much more information is offered. There will be a group discussion following the DVD. The topics covered each session give important insight on divorce and effects on families, regardless of our family's ages! For more information, contact Kathy Kvittek at kathykv2@gmail.com or Mike Kimak Michael.kimak@gmail.com

Joyful Again!

Introspective Workshop/Retreat for Widowed Persons

Joyful Again! Is a program designed to help the widowed sort out these changes and learn to find joy in living again while treasuring memories of their spouse. Dates & Locations:

Oct 12 & 13 - St Hubert's, Hoffman Estates (no overnight)

Nov 2 & 3 - Nazareth Retreat House, Batavia

Nov 16 & 17 - Our Lady of the Angels, Lemont

For more information call 708-354-7211 or go to
www.joyfulagain7211@gmail.com

Mental Health Support

A support group for families and friends of people with mental health issues that meets 1st Wednesday of each month from 7:00-8:30pm. Next meeting is Oct. 2. For more info contact Dan and Trudi Mickey at 847-991-6255.

US Too Prostate Cancer Support Group

For men and couples who are dealing with prostate cancer, join us on **September 24** for support, resources and information (every 4th Tuesday of the month) from 5:30 – 7:00 pm

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. Challenging topic with a different level of sensitivity, meaning and benefit to each of us.

Minister of Care Training

Sept. 21 & 28 from 8:30am -3:00pm

Attendance at both sessions is required for certification. Location: St John the Evangelist Parish Center, 502 Park Blvd, Streamwood, 60107. This training is required to serve as a Minister of Care at Holy Family. To register contact Mimi Ferlita: mferlita@holymfamilyparish.org or call 847-907-3425.

LOSS (Survivors of Suicide) Support Group

You are welcome to join us on **September 18** (3rd Wednesday of each month) at 7:00pm to be with others who share your loss. This gathering is facilitated by Catholic Charities and hosted by Holy Family. For more information, please call Emily T. at 312-655-7284.

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 **September 19** (we meet on the first & third Thursday the 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.

Save the Date: KOC Flu Clinic and Blood Drive: Sept 22 in the Social Center

Save the Date: Minister of Care Cluster (5 parish MOC meeting) **Oct 24** at St. Colette, Rolling Meadows. Speaker, Friar Johnpaul Cafiero, Topic: *Put Yourself on First; Care for the Caregiver*

Beloved Retreat

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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.



Registration is open for the Beloved Retreat that will be held on November 1-3, 2019, at beautiful University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, and led by the dynamic and spiritual Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson and team. The Beloved Retreat is a lay led, comfortable, welcoming, open retreat that will give you a chance to be reminded that you are loved beyond comprehension by our God who wants to hold you through all joys and challenges of life. It is for any adult, any age, any gender, religious or skeptic, hurt or healing, laid back or caffeinated...It is a safe, inclusive environment in a quiet pastoral setting.

Is the Beloved Retreat for married couples?

The Beloved Retreat is for any adult who wants to attend! It is called the Beloved Retreat because it is focused on our Baptism and our understanding that we are BELOVED children of God. It is not a marriage retreat. It is for individuals, but married couples are also welcome to attend together.

What is the cost of the Beloved Retreat?

The cost of the retreat is \$195 per person. This is not the true cost of the retreat, but this low cost has been made possible by funding from last year's Gala! We also have "Beloved Angels" who have contributed to a fund for those who request scholarship. So, Beloved is AFFORDABLE! P.S. Please support the Gala so this ministry can continue to be possible for all!

Who leads the retreat?

This retreat is led by Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson and team.

What are the rooms like at the retreat center?

The rooms are all private, so you will be in your own room with your own bathroom if you attend alone. If you are attending with your spouse, you will be placed in a room together.

How do I sign up?

Please contact Mary Whiteside at 847-907-3450 or mwhiteside@holymfamilyparish.org to have registration materials sent to you, or look on the counters in the narthex for information and registration forms. You will be registered on a first come, first served basis after registration form with payment is received. A waiting list will be started once the retreat is full.

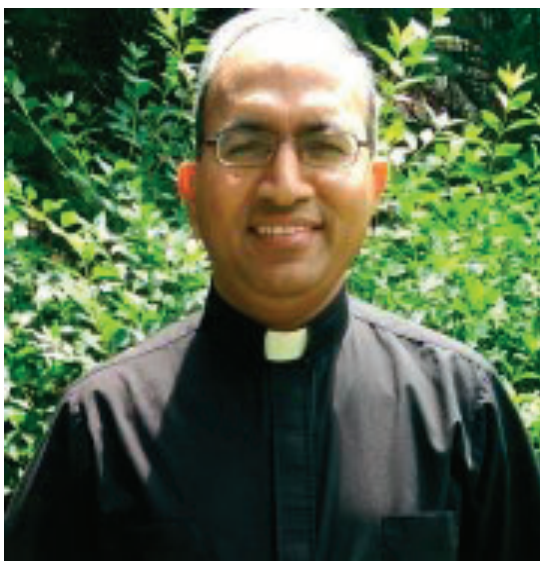
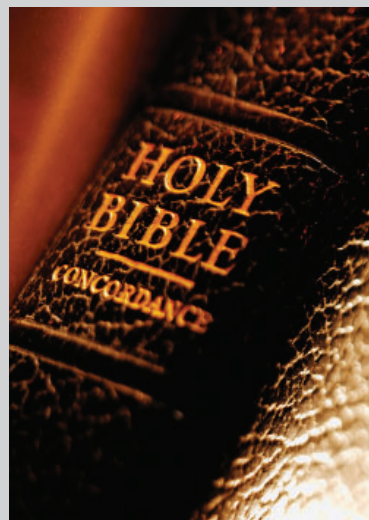
Bible Journey Gospel of John

Presented by Fr. Joji Thanugundla

Wednesdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23,
and 30, 2019

9:45-11:45 am

Cost: \$35



We welcome Fr. Joji , Associate Pastor at St. Anne Parish in Barrington, back to Holy Family to help us dive into the Gospel of John and discover what messages are in this for us today.

Join us for one hour of small group discussion and one hour of lecture on Wednesday mornings with a group of lively men and women who love to learn. Lectures will be led by one of our favorites, Fr. Joji.

I give you a new commandment: love one another . As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that your are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

- John 13:34-35

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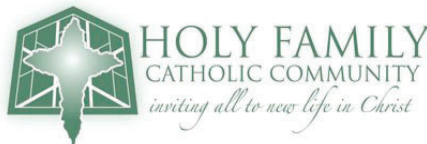
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To register, contact Jeannie Parry at 847-907-3448
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RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Our RCIA process for becoming fully initiated Catholics has begun! Please keep our new candidates and catechumens in your prayers as they begin this Inquiry Period!

If you have any questions, contact Mary Whiteside in the Office of Adult Faith at 847-907-3450 or mwhiteside@holyfamilyparish.org

Annulment Ministry

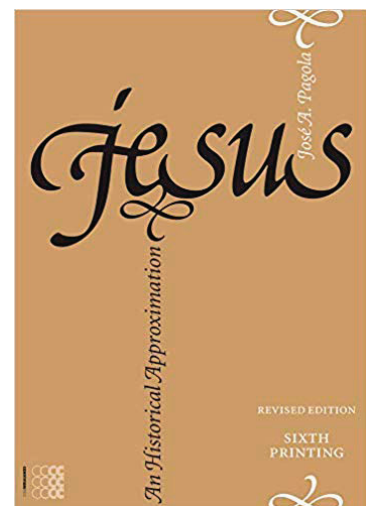
We have two leaders of the Annulment Ministry who have been through the process themselves and give of their time to help others navigate the process. If you have questions about annulment or would like to talk to someone who has “been there,” please contact our ministry. All inquiries are held in strict confidence and support is here for you.

If you'd like to talk, contact
Jan at jromanowski@sbcglobal.net 847-504-6924 or
Rosemary at rtspinner@gmail.com 847-991-7833.

Book Recommendation:

***Jesus: An Historical Approximation* by Jose A. Pagola**

Jose Pagola is a professor at St. Sebastian Seminary and at the Faculty of Theology of Northern Spain. He has served as rector of the diocesan seminary and was Vicar General of the same diocese. His life has been dedicated to Biblical studies and Christology, and he has researched the historical Jesus for over three decades. This book addresses basic questions of who Jesus was; how he understood his life; what was the originality of his message; how the vision of the Kingdom of God centered his life and why he was executed. This is an excellent scholarly reflection about Jesus for those who want to learn more about Jesus.



Family & Teen Faith

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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.

We have lift-off!

Thanks to our
FTF staff
Catechists
Parents
Fr. Terry
Peer Ministers and
FTF kids & teens
the 2019-20 Faith year has been launched.

Here's to a year of
high adventure!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

for Family & Teen Faith

- ✚ Catechists for grades 2, 3, & 6 - teens are welcome
- ✚ Catechist Aides for our Adam's Apple classes - one at 9 am; one at 11 am. Teens are welcome
Contact lferlita@holyfamilyparish.org
- ✚ Catechist for grades 7 & 8
Contact gguthrie@holyfamilyparish.org
- ✚ Hall monitors for Sunday morning & evening -
Contact mrobak@holyfamilyparish.org
- ✚ Chaperone Youth Ministry Drop-in Nights, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7-9 pm
Contact ahodson@holyfamilyparish.org

Celebrating Catechetical Sunday

Creating a culture of witness

Faith begins with an encounter with the living God. Most of us first encounter God through someone or something. As Christians, we believe that such an encounter results most often from the personal witness of one who already has a relationship with the Lord. This encounter develops into a deeply personal, intimate life-long relationship when nurtured. From the time of Jesus, the way one comes to deepen their relationship with the living God, is by following Christ. We become believers by being welcomed into the community of faith and watching, listening and learning how members of the Church live the way of the Gospel.

Today, Catechetical Sunday, we commission men, women and teens, who serve in a formal way as catechists for our community, at the 9:00 am and 4:00 pm Masses. Your presence and participation is a sign of your gratitude and support for...

- **The members of the RCIA/RCIC teams.** These folks work with adults, teens and school age children who wish to be baptized and adults, teens and children 4th grade and up who wish to complete their sacraments of initiation (Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation).
- **The Adam's Apple and Family Faith catechists** who work with children in P-K thru Grade 6
- **The staff and faculty of Holy Family Catholic Academy**
- **The Catechists and Peer Ministers** who work with our teens

**As Christ's witnesses to the world,
we accompany all those who seek
to know the one we call Lord.**



These men, women and teens come from, but do not replace the **catechizing community** of Holy Family parish. As the welcoming community of faith, we are asked to accompany those entrusted to our care who are seeking an authentic faith and credible ways of expressing that faith, in a skeptical world and a less than perfect Church as guides, mentors, teachers and healers.

"Parents and grandparents catechize primarily by the witness of their Christian lives and by their love for the faith."

This weekend we **lift up, pray for and bless** parents, grandparents, and godparents whom we recognize as the primary catechists of their children. They **"prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith."** We commend these men and women to the Lord, as they make their households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation.

As we worship today, each of us is asked to consider our role in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. How will we respond to the commission Jesus gave to us, as baptized, confirmed Christians:

Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19

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NCYC includes an amazing variety of opportunities for our young people to **experience an encounter with Jesus Christ and His Church.** There are large general sessions with **nationally known speakers, music, and Mass.** There are rounds of smaller **workshops** and opportunities for **prayer.** There is also an interactive thematic park for **hands on experiences** and the opportunity to mingle with **teens from every state.**



WHO CAN PARTICIPATE: 9th-12th graders during the 2019-2020 school year

LOCATION: Lucas Oil Stadium and the Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis, Indiana

COST: \$550 per participant (we will be holding 1 fundraiser prior to this event – your participation in which will help off-set your cost)

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: September 17th is the last day to register.

PLEASE NOTE: A \$100 deposit is due at the time of registration or we cannot hold your spot.

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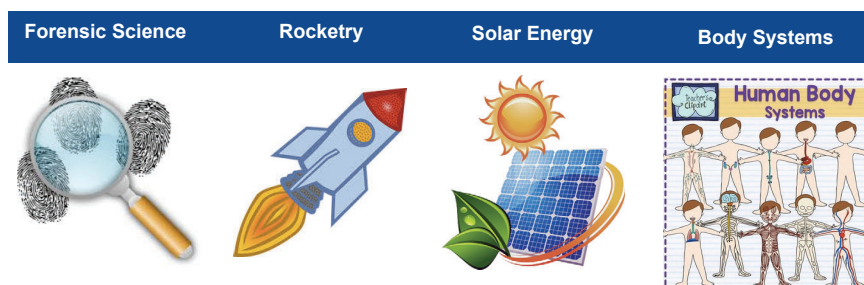
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Middle School Students Explore STEM Units

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Forensics, the application of science and technology to investigate, establish facts, and answer questions has been used by scientists for centuries. Students will investigate a crime scene, explore evidence collection, learn the science of blood typing and fingerprints, and use an electrophoresis machine to identify and study DNA. The module will conclude with students acting as expert witnesses defending their data-driven conclusions.

Developed by NASA's Education Division, students will learn how rockets work then design and create multiple styles of stable rockets. In addition, students will build altitude trackers to record launch altitudes for their various rockets. Finally, students will participate in a culminating project where teams form a rocket company in a commercial endeavor to construct rockets capable of launching payloads. Through an interdisciplinary approach, balancing science with technology, engineering and math, teams will develop a budget, purchase materials, and track expenditures while designing and constructing their rocket. Finally, completed rockets will be tested, tracked and launched.

Students will consider the possibility of improving solar energy technology and determine if it is a feasible method of providing energy for realistic transportation. Students will work in teams to design and build a solar-powered vehicle that is able to pull a significant amount of weight. Topics covered include different types of energy, environmental concerns, force and motion, and engineering design.

Using curriculum developed by scientist at the University of California (Berkeley) this unit focuses on the major systems of the human body. Students will study the body systems and create a public service announcement that addresses one of the following topics:

- How do vaping and/or smoking affect the human body?
- What are the effects of drugs and alcohol on the human body?
- How do science and technology improve the human body and quality of life?
- How do diet and exercise positively and negatively affect the body systems?
- How can STEM improve the future health of all individuals?

CATHOLIC EXTENSION SOCIETY'S HOLY FAMILY FUND

This past Lent, Holy Family raised almost \$37,000 to support immigrant families facing a crisis such as a wage earner being deported. The week of August 5th, immigrants living in the Diocese of Jackson, Miss were impacted by raids. Bishop Joseph Kopacz called the raids "a man-made disaster. These folks are our neighbors, the vast majority are not criminals. They are hard-working people." The first distribution from the Holy Family Fund was made to the Diocese of Jackson to provide aid and support to the families now dealing with this tragic situation. Please keep them in your prayers.

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The Human Concerns Community...

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

Holy Family's Human Concerns Annual Report

The 2018-2019 Human Concerns Annual Report is available on the social justice wall in the west coat room. More than 15,000 hours of service were given to Holy Family ministries and other community events over the past fiscal year. Please take a copy and see all the works of charity, mercy and justice our parishioners generously provide to so many people, especially those who are disadvantaged.

Thank you to all who have given time, talent and treasure impacting thousands of lives for the better. God Bless!

Dreams Past and Present – Julie's Legacy Friday, Sept 27 - 6pm

Stonegate Conference & Banquet Centre

Hosted by Andrew and Florette Sokulski and Fr. Med Laz

This is their 14th annual dinner which has raised not only much needed funding, but also an awareness of the need in Haiti. This year's proceeds will benefit Food for the Poor's school expansion project at Ecole Norte Dame De La Sagesse in Lizon, Croix-des-Bouquets, Haiti.

Go to www.foodforthe poor.org/dreams to purchase your tickets.

15th Annual TRULY PRICELESS GARAGE SALE FOR LIFE-SAVING WORK AND DISASTER RELIEF

Saturday, September 21, 2019

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Our goods are not priced, instead, donations are accepted to provide financial assistance to organizations serving worthy causes. All proceeds are donated to Catholic Charities, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the Women's Center - crisis pregnancy center, the Pro Life Action League, and the Fr. Michael J. McGivney Center for Hope and Healing. For details, contact Marybeth or Mike at (847) 392-5506 or email mschoney@wowway.com ~ Donations accepted beginning Monday, September 16, 2019.

Holy Family to Host Summer Meals for the Homeless

Holy Family will host the final Summer Meals Program of the season on Monday, September 23. Volunteers are needed to set up, prepare and serve food from 5:30-8:00pm. Our guests will eat from 6:30-8:00pm.

For food donations – go to Carecalendar.org; ID 134413 Password 9236.

Contact Dawn with questions at dawn.m.wagner@comcast.net.



2019 Upcoming Events

Lunch Bunch

**Good Food, Conversation, Fun and Fellowship
Meet at Gino's East in South Barrington
Monday, September 23 at 11:30**

LUNCH SPECIALS INCLUDE:

Mini deep dish or thin crust pizza - \$8

Or order off their main menu

(Lunch cost at your own expense)

Please email your response to Eileen at dwtstjs@aol.com or Nadine at HFOwlsnest@aol.com
OR fill out a form located on the narthex shelves and place in Ministry box 25 in the west wing
by **Monday, September 16, 2019** so we can have an accurate count for the reservation.

A Christmas Carol

**Metropolis Performing Arts Centre, Arlington Heights
Sunday, December 1, 2019 - 3:00pm Performance**

Meet at the Metropolis and celebrate the holiday season with this classic as Scrooge learns the errors of his ways! **LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS AVAILABLE!**

Please return the reservation form located on the narthex shelves to the front office by **SUNDAY,**

September 22, 2019. Cost per ticket is \$25.00 (non-refundable)

Questions?? Please email Eileen at dwtstjs@aol.com.

Traveling to the Netherlands and Belgium

**Presented by Gene Flynn
Thursday, October 3 - 4:15p to 6:00p**

Please join us on Thursday, October 3, 2019 in Holy Family's Common Ground from 4:15p to 6:00p to hear parishioner Gene Flynn give his presentation on traveling to the low countries of The Netherlands and Belgium. Please return the reservation form located on the narthex shelves by **Sunday, September 29, 2019.**

We'd love for you to join us for any or all of our events!

Catholic Social Teaching – United States Catholic Conference of Bishops



The Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society.

The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected--the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organization and joining of unions, to private property, and to economic initiative.

In many cases, poverty results from a *violation of the dignity of human work*, either because work opportunities are limited (through unemployment or underemployment), or "because a low value is put on work and the rights that flow from it, especially the right to a just wage and to the personal security of the worker and his or her family." *Charity in Truth* (Caritas in Veritate), #63

More information found at www.usccb.org

GREETER MINISTRY

Fr. Terry has challenged each and every one of us to engage in Servant Hospitality Holy Family is known for its welcoming atmosphere, however, there is definitely room for improvement by adding more greeters before Mass at the building's entry doors and at the doors entering our worship space. If you are able to arrive at your usual Mass 15 minutes early, smile and be friendly to those who enter our parish, we'd love to have you join this ministry. Greet only once during the year, or as many times as you would like. Families are welcomed to greet together.

If interested, contact Sue Geegan at sgeegan@holyfamilyparish.org and you will receive an invitation to sign up for a Mass that's convenient for you online through Signup.com.

ASSIST A FAMILY HOLIDAY PROGRAM NEEDS DONORS

We are looking for volunteers to join the Assist A Family Ministry's Holiday Program. Assist A Family provides local individuals and families in need with food and gifts appropriate to the holiday at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. We serve families from Mision San Juan Diego in Arlington Heights, Partners In Our Community (POC) in Palatine and Holy Family parishioners in need.

Your involvement can be structured to your own desired participation level. You can choose to do one, two or three of the holidays, the maximum number of family members and if you would like to shop for your individual family or purchase gift cards for them to use.

Limited financial resources can make the holidays a stressful time for parents. The Assist A Family program offers relief and support to families having to choose between gift giving and paying for food and/or shelter.

Please consider joining as a donor. For more information, please see the narthex shelves for a form or go online to the Assist A Family Ministry website at www.holyfamilyparish.org or contact Kathy at either 847-977-1061 or ambikak@comcast.net. Thank you!

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Sacramental Moments... are times in our lives when we experience God's loving presence in a special way. We highlight some of those moments here.



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Married August 23, 2019



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Married August 30, 2019



Jenna Paldo & Nathan Foltz
Married August 31, 2019



Liz Botwin & Jim Campbell
Married Sept. 7, 2019

Of Special Note



Limited Ticket Big Bucks Raffle Only 300 Tickets Being Sold!

Drawing Date:	1st Prize	•	\$5,000
October 5th, 2019 at 9:00pm	2nd Prize	•	\$1,000
Tickets Cost: \$50	3rd Prize	•	\$100 (5x)

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN THE NARTHEX
FOR MORE FALL FEST INFO VISIT: HOLYFAMILYPARISH.ORG/FALLFEST**

Winner need not be present to claim prize. A minimum of 250 tickets must be sold for the Fall Fest Raffle to be valid. In the event that less than 250 tickets are sold, the Fall Fest Raffle will revert to a 50/50 raffle with a single winner.



VIRTUS - Protecting God's Children Offered at Holy Family on Monday, Sept 9 2019 And Wednesday, Sept 18

**Class starts promptly at 6:30pm & concludes at
approximately 9:30pm.**

Since 2004 all adult volunteers who work with children have attended the Virtus - Protecting God's Children training. The Protecting God's Children program is designed to raise awareness about the nature of child sexual abuse, to educate on how to recognize the warning signs, and to train about what to do when we suspect a child is being victimized.

It is also important for all of us to join together to build a society where children are no longer at risk of being sexually abused, where those who have been victimized can find the resources and courage to heal, and where all people live together in loving, supportive relationships.

To register for one of these sessions or a session at another location, visit www.virtusonline.org and click on the First-Time Registrant button on the left side of the homepage. Let's join together and help to keep all of God's children safe!

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