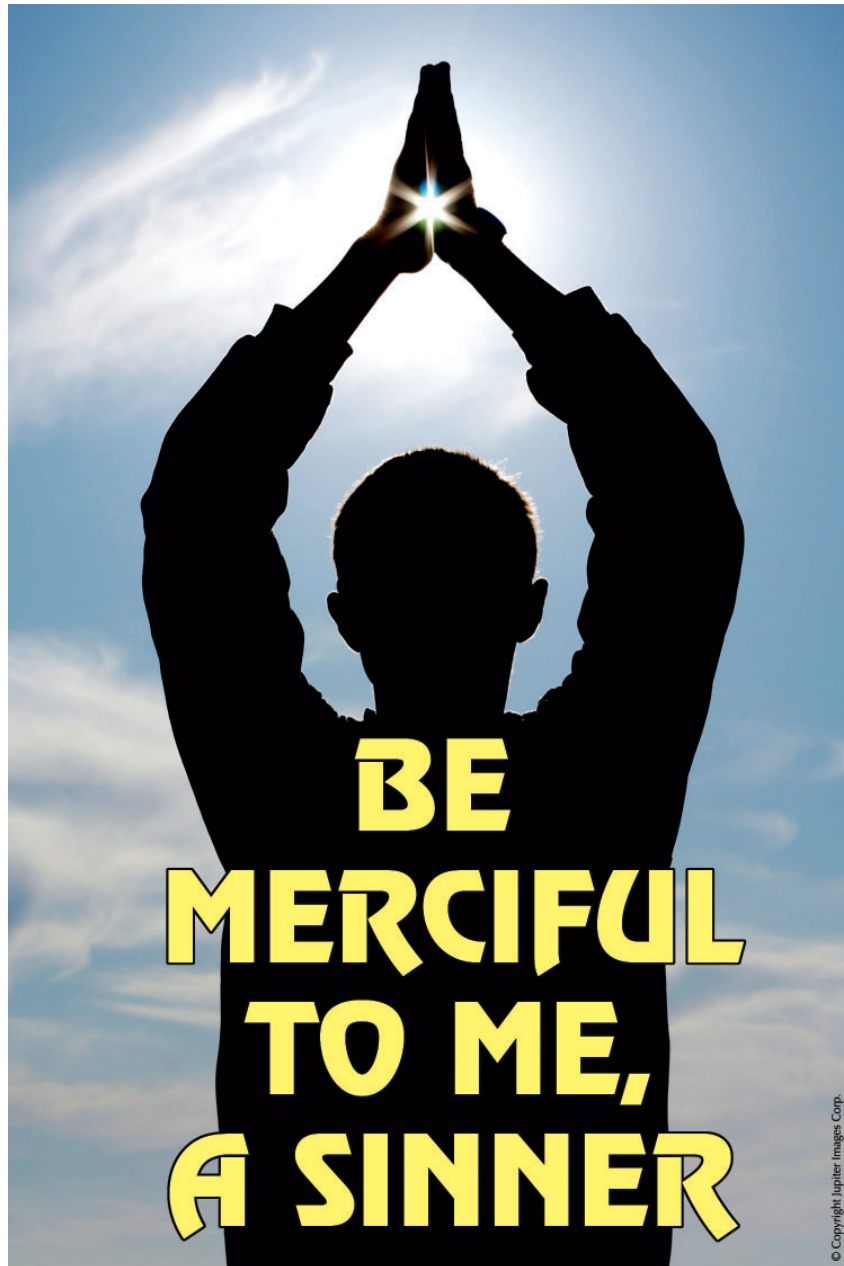




HOLY FAMILY
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
inviting all to new life in Christ



About Us

Holy Family

Catholic Community

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Pastor

Fr. Richard Jakubik

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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 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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Fr. Terry Keehan

Looking back...

I had the honor of preaching at all Masses last weekend and drawing your attention to our annual stewardship report. We are required by the Archdiocese to present our fiscal finances to all of you each year. This year we presented a more thorough report, including statistics and short narratives that tell a bigger story about what we have done in the last year and where we stand financially. I hope that you took a copy of the beautiful report and, if not, they are still available in the Narthex. Please take one for more important information about our Holy Family.

These days I am likening stewardship in life, and consequently in the church, as caring for good wine. Wine stewards care for wine in order to maximize its taste, but it begins with God. God gives vines, grapes, soil, sunlight, rain, sun; and then humans take over with harvesting, crushing, fermenting, bottling, storing, serving and finally – tasting. I liken Holy Family to a really good bottle of wine, and stewardship of our community is much the same.

First of all, stewardship of our community starts with God and the blessings that God has given us. God entrusts us with gifts, and we are all called to care for those gifts in a way that maximizes our taste, our potential, our mission.

Stewardship means making more of what God has entrusted to us and, as a really good bottle of wine, it takes a lot to take what God gives us and make it not simply good, but really good. Many of us taste the result, but not nearly as many realize or participate in the process of making the quality of that taste.

Stewardship calls us ALL to be caring, diligent, compassionate, attentive, understanding and more, as key components to the process of making the good wine. Stewardship calls us to do this TOGETHER. Stewardship also calls us to taste, enjoy and be inspired by the end result – the product – TOGETHER. Stewardship calls us to BOTH care for and enjoy – TOGETHER!

Let's open the bottle, let the spirit of Holy Family breathe to maximize its taste so that many may enjoy its taste. Let's be a part of the process as well as the product as stewards of our amazing community. Let's capitalize on God's start, let's take over and care for and, ultimately, taste the really good wine of Holy Family – together.

This weekend...

We hear another parable about prayer this weekend from Luke's Gospel. A Pharisee (Jewish religious leader of the time) and a tax collector (the epitome of Roman, Pagan greed) offer two very different forms of prayer. The Pharisee is the height of religiosity and associates his prayer with obedience to rules. The

text offers a real clue as to his misdirected prayer. It says, "The Pharisee offered this prayer TO HIMSELF." Obviously prayer should go to God. It should not be a recital of what we have done. God already knows that. It should not be comparative, as the Pharisee does with the tax collector. It should not be self-centered. Such approaches scream of being disingenuous.

The tax collector on the other hand is very genuine in his prayer. He is more God focused, sincere and humble. Jesus picks up on this aspect of the tax collector's prayer and proceeds to make a statement of comparison between exalting self and humbling self.

How do you pray? What is prayer to you? How do you define prayer? I have used a definition of prayer from one of our young parishioners, Jillian Byers, for some time now. When she was in third grade during an Academy Mass, when I asked for a definition of prayer, Jillian answered, "Prayer is when God listens to us." Jillian is now preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation and I reminded her of her definition recently during one of our Pizza with the Pastor gatherings that I hold with all teens preparing for Confirmation.

Jillian's definition matches the action of the tax collector. It starts with God. Try starting each of your prayers by raising your consciousness of God listening to you. It might change the way you pray. That is an exercise in humility.

Jesus emphasizes genuine humility as a virtue. What is genuine humility? It is more than demeaning ourselves. Genuine humility means realizing our place in any process or relationship. When humility is genuine, we don't simply put ourselves down, but we know our right place. In all fairness, perhaps the Pharisee was not taught humility. Perhaps he was taught that obedience to the letter of the law was more important. Humility is a perspective. The tax collector needed mercy, and he turned to the ultimate source of mercy. Try using contemplation, meditation and consideration, particularly with a piece of scripture, to heighten your prayer experience.

Sue Geegan recently visited Mississippi with Catholic Extension Society and recalls the consistent prayer of immigrants that have benefitted from our Holy Family Fund from this year's Lenten Social Justice Project. She found the immigrants consistently pray one prayer to God in the midst of their confusion, isolation and desperation. They, like the tax collector in the Gospel, offer a simple prayer: "God help me to embrace and understand your will." This prayer, they believe will lead them to understand their purpose here.

I have found myself praying in the same way. In fact, I believe that to understand and embrace God's will is the ONLY prayer. Lord help us to understand your will and to carry it out.

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

All Saints Day: Friday, November 1
Mass Times: 9:00am & 7:00pm

All Souls' Day: Saturday, November 2
Special Mass in remembrance of those who have died
in the past year
7:00pm (after the weekend 5pm Mass)

Remembering Our Beloved Deceased in November

In our Catholic liturgical calendar, the month of November begins with two days devoted to those who have died: the Solemnity of All Saints on November 1st and All Souls' Day on November 2nd.

As part of our community's remembrance of our beloved deceased, photos of those who have passed will be displayed in the worship space and the Book of the Names of the Dead is placed by the Paschal Candle and baptismal font, symbolizing their Baptism into New Life.

We invite you to participate in this remembrance by bringing a photograph of your deceased loved ones and by writing their names in the Book.

Please mark your items with your name and phone number and bring them to the Parish Office. You will be able to collect them from office after November 18th.

Preparing for Next Week...

Watch our weekly SCC reflection @ <https://www.youtube.com/user/HFInverness/videos>.
Click on reflections for Sunday Readings for 11-3-19 and listen
to Karen Brady, Small Christian Community member, reflect on the readings.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. In Wisdom we hear that God is "merciful to all, and can overlook people's sins." When have you experienced God's mercy in a profound way?
2. Wisdom also tells us that God "corrects little by little those who trespass." This is like the business concept of "continuous improvement." Where are you improving in a slow but steady manner?
3. Paul offers a prayer of thanks for the faithful community of the Thessalonians. What is your prayer for Holy Family?
4. Who – like Zacchaeus – has surprised you with an unexpected change for the better? What inspired the change?
5. When Jesus befriended Zacchaeus, people grumbled: "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Have you ever been criticized or judged for keeping company with someone, and why?

SOCIAL JUSTICE QUESTION

Who doesn't want to pay the cheapest prices for food, clothing and other items to save money? Does the US extort the poor in countries providing cheap labor for products we outsource?

Liturgical Arts

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 28

- 9:00AM Eleanor Ochwat (Family)
9:00AM Agnes & Constanty Obrochta (Family)
7:00PM Patrick Moore (Family)

Tuesday, October 29

- 9:00AM Harry & Elizabeth Pawlowski (Family)
9:00AM John Kearney (Avril Jayawuk)

Wednesday, October 30

- 9:00AM Richard Les (Les Family)
9:00AM Christine Krizin (Family)

Thursday, October 31

- 9:00AM Vance Nwankwo (Family)

Friday, November 1

- 9:00AM Christita Eclarino (Family)
9:00AM Kocina Families (Family Friend)
9:00AM Ron Lencioni (Calozzo Family)

Saturday, November 2

- 5:00PM Sue Kinzig (Family)
5:00PM Michael Vivo (Family)
5:00PM Matthew W. Arndt (Kelly Family)
5:00PM Michael Seus (Lynne Goodman)

Sunday, November 3

- 7:30AM Lydia & Antoin Tinawi (Daughter)
7:30AM Lulu Arsan (Son)
7:30AM Geri Falbo (John & Lil Grycz)

- 9:00AM Fred Neal (Eileen & Family)
9:00AM Josephine Smith (Family)
9:00AM Vicki Lachowicz (Family)

- 11:00AM Marian McNeely (Husband Walter)
11:00AM Charles Goss (Cindy Goss)
11:00AM Mario Feijoo (Wife)
11:00AM Marion & Stanley Krawczyk (Family)

- 4:00PM Rita Dinielli (McDonnell Family)
4:00PM Daniel Scatena (Family)

Mass intentions are available
by contacting the Parish Office



Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them...

- + Perla Angluben
+ Catherine Bourbon
+ Geraldine Hoffmann

"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...

Joseph Camillo, Janet Childs
Randy Crook, Uchenna Divine
Judy & Ron Kizior, William Grosch
Laura Howarth, Fred Minchk, Diane Parker
John Schaefer, Cathy Talano
Mary Ward, Miles Woodward

Wedding Banns

Carolyn O'Ryan & Michael Vesely - 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)
SSGT Robert Lang (Air Force National Guard)
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, October 28

Ephesians 2:19-22
Luke 6:12-16

Tuesday, October 29

Romans 8:18-25
Luke 13:18-21

Wednesday, October 30

Romans 8:26-30
Luke 13:22-30

Thursday, October 31

Romans 8:31b-39
Luke 13:31-35

Friday, November 1

Revelation 7:2-4,9-14
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12a

Saturday, November 2

Wisdom 3:1-9
Romans 5:5-11
John 6:37-40

Sunday, November 3

Wisdom 11:22—12:2
2 Thessalonians 1:11—2:2
Luke 19:1-10

Parish Support & Services

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

Weekly Attendance and Collection - Last 4 Weeks

Sunday Date	Attendance	Collection
Sept 29	2,250	\$ 42,849
Oct 6	2,027	\$ 49,568
Oct 13	1,753	\$ 40,968
Oct 20	1,837	\$ 41,186

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

Year to Date Collection Summary

Through October 20, 2019

	Actual	Budget	Delta to Budget
Sunday & Electronic Collections	\$ 622,178	\$ 608,861	\$ 13,317
Christmas	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100
Easter	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Major Collections Totals	\$ 622,278	\$ 608,861	\$ 13,417
Prior Week Totals	\$ 580,402	\$ 569,173	\$ 11,229

Note: Parish fiscal year is July 1 to June 30

Offering the Opportunities of Membership
 www.knights11981.com

BECOME A KNIGHT

Come hear what the Knights have to offer !
 Call today: Bob Vanselow 312-237-6194
 Bob_vanselow@att.net

The Knights of Columbus have been a Ministry at Holy Family since 1997 and have supported our Community in many ways. However, it seems as though most people only know them for the monthly Café. We thought it appropriate to help you learn more about them and all they do to support many of our other ministries in the coming weeks. To begin, a statement about their purpose and work:

As Knights our mission is to work in harmony with Holy Family Catholic Community and its Mission, and to serve others in the spirit of the basic principles of our faith and sharing God's love to all.

Dean Dalaly, Grand Knight 2019-20

Pastoral Care

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@holyfamilyparish.org.

Fr. Rich Jakubik

Director

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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.

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 **November 4** 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

Bereavement Ministry Training

If you have a compassionate heart and want to comfort those who grieve, consider becoming a Bereavement Minister. Training will be held on **November 23, 2019** at St Mary Parish Conference Center, 201 E. Illinois Rd. in Lake Forest, IL 60045. To register or for more information contact Mimi Ferlita 847-907-3425 or mferlita@holyfamilyparish.org

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 847-255-3653.

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 **November 7** (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.

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 **November 6**. For more info contact Dan and Trudi Mickey at 847-991-6255.

LOSS (Survivors of Suicide) Support Group

You are welcome to join us on **November 20** (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 resources go to www.catholiccharities.net/loss. For more information, please call Emily T. at 312-655-7284.

New compassion group: "A Light Hearted Break"



A Light Hearted Break is a group for those suffering chronic physical illness along with their family members or caregivers. Meetings are 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month. Join us on **Tuesday, November 12** from 6:30-7:30pm. For more information call Sue Cox 847-721-4647.

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:

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

US Too Prostate Cancer Support Group

For men and couples who are dealing with prostate cancer, join us on **November 26** for support, resources and information (every 4th Tuesday of the month) from 5:30 – 7:00 pm

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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.

Beloved Retreat

The Beloved Retreat for November 1-3, 2019 is now full, but we have a waiting list started. If you are interested in this retreat, please contact Mary Whiteside at 847-907-3450 or mwhiteside@holymfamilyparish.org to be placed on the waitinhhg list. If space doesn't open up you will be the first contacted for our next retreat. Please pray for our 33 retreatants and our team as we prepare for a grace-filled weekend filled with God's love!

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.

Resources for Married Couples

For a lifeline for a hurting marriage, visit www.helpourmarriage.org

To grow and enrich your marriage,
visit www.wvme.org or www.marriage-encounter.org

For a tool to help you start conversation and assess your marriage,
visit https://www.familyministries.org/resources/index.asp?c_id=136&t_id=2
for the Catholic Couple Checkup for Married Couples
(also available for dating or engaged couples)

Attention Young Adults (20s and 30s)!

The Young Adult Ministry – Northwest is gathering young adults in their 20s and 30s for the following events. Join them for a great time and meet some other young adults in the area!

YAM Goes Glam: A Night on the Red Carpet (Formal Dinner and Dancing)

Saturday, November 23, 2019, 6:30 pm

Manzo's Banquets, Des Plaines

\$75 per person, groups of 2-7 - \$73 per person, or tables of 8-10 - \$70 per person

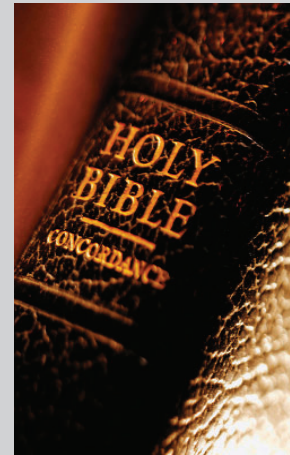
For more information or to RSVP to any of the YAM-NW events, find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/yamnwc or email us at yamnwc.suburbs@gmail.com

Bible Journey presents:

“Justice and Peace Have Embraced”: Reflections on the Themes of Peace and Justice in the Hebrew Scriptures

Presented by Friar Johnpaul Cafiero, OFM

Wednesdays, November 6, 13, 20 and December 4
9:45-11:45 am
Cost: \$35



Social justice is one of the fundamental issues in the Bible. God created the world and humankind, and the life and happiness of all His people are His deepest desires. The Bible brings to center stage continually those who are oppressed and turn to God in prayer. Prophets such as Isaiah and Amos raise their voices on behalf of the poor and the marginalized, those belonging to the “weaker” social groups. God himself prescribes a brotherly and sisterly social order in his Torah, and, in the same divine wisdom, Jesus develops a Christian ethics of love. We can look at different aspects of the framework for social justice that is set out in the Bible and see how the instructions of the Old Testament are developed in the teachings of Jesus.

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Adult Faith

Advent by Candlelight (An evening for women)

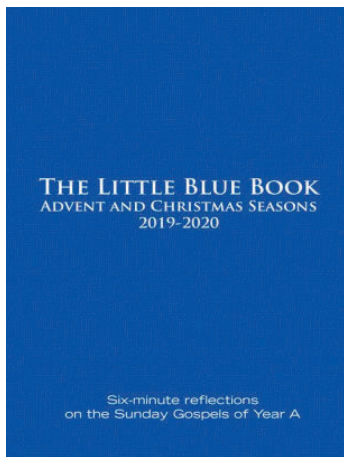


“Spiritual Makeover: The Homes of our Hearts” Presented by Ms. Laura Field Tuesday, December 3, 2019 7:00-9:00 pm

Join us for a spiritual reflection in the church and wine and cheese reception in the narthex. Our speaker, Laura Field, is a spiritual director at Old St. Patrick’s Catholic Church and lay leader of the acclaimed Beloved Retreat since 2013. Laura fell in love with Ignatian Spirituality and regularly offers the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius for people desiring a richer prayer life and more intimate relationship with God.

The author of “Called to Joy, Always!” a retreat steeped in the truth of the Divine invitation to joy, Laura enjoys combining ministry with her professional work in corporate communications. Laura is ever the spiritual director, helping all she meets to hear, see and feel God’s grace more often and more explicitly.

There is no charge for this event. Please register in advance so we can adequately prepare. Contact Jeannie Parry at 847-907-3448 or jparry@holyfamilyparish.org.



Little Blue Advent Prayer Books

The little blue Advent prayer books will be available for purchase at the front office for \$1 each beginning on **November 9th** (until supply is gone). Please bring exact amount if you are paying with cash, or make check payable to Holy Family Parish if you are buying for your entire small group.

What does it mean to “hold space” for someone else?

It means that we are willing to walk alongside another person in whatever journey they’re on without judging them, making them feel inadequate, trying to fix them, or trying to impact the outcome. When we hold space for other people, we open our hearts, offer unconditional support, and let go of judgement and control.

Have you “held space” for anyone this week? Has anyone “held space” for you?

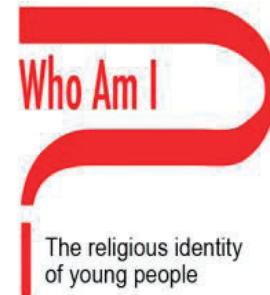


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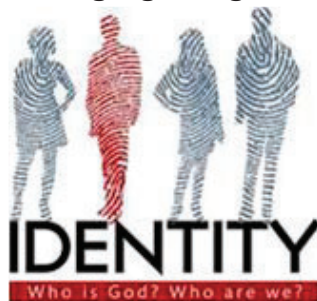
The Family & Teen
Faith Community...
offers faith formation
and catechesis
to preschool through
elementary school aged
children and
high school teens
and their families.

EXPLORING RELIGIOUS IDENTITY WITH TEENS

Constructing a sense of personal identity begins in adolescence and is one of the defining characteristics of emerging adulthood. *To know who I am*, requires time and opportunities for exploration. Our teens, who are part of the **postmillennial** group demographers have named **Generation Z**, are far more comfortable with shifting views of identity and deeply value **authenticity**. As the most racially and ethnically diverse group of Americans they see identity as more **fluid than fixed**. They take seriously the obligation of creating self-definitions that honor diversity and champion a vast range of possibility. *“It’s a generational thing,”* says Melissa. *“We have the tools and language to understand identity in ways our parents never really thought about.”* Gen Zers see gender and race as social constructions that need radical restructuring. Is it any wonder that their approach to religious identity is different as well?



Emerging Religious



In the past, most young people did not feel a need to explore and/or renegotiate their religious identity during adolescence. Religion was often tied to family tradition and/or ethnic identity. Previous generations identified being part of a religious tradition, long after they ceased to actively participate in religious practice.

THIS IS NO LONGER TURE.

Young people seek what they call **‘authentic’ faith**. For them, religious identity is grounded in experience. Being religious is no longer a case of passive acquiescence to parental or social norms; it is a personal choice one makes. Seeing it as a personal choice, they strive toward greater consistency between religious identity and religious practice. They are wary of those who say one thing and do another. This conscious choosing is driven by the need to belong, to be connected. Gen Z thrives on connectivity. As the most globally aware generation in human history, they think in terms of **“we”**. A 19-year-old Yale student writes,

“I’m not just thinking about the people who live on my street. I’m also thinking about the people who I’m connected to on social media from all around the world and thinking about how my actions affect them. And I think that that ethos is a core tenet of our generation.”

Gen Zers are digital natives. Technology is as familiar to them as the air they breathe and it has shaped their search for truth. They are perceptive consumers of information. Complexity does not intimidate them. They are highly analytical and pragmatic. For this generation religious beliefs must be reasonable and hold up to intellectual scrutiny. There must be room for honest dialogue and open debate. They are born problem solvers, prizing questions, over answers.

As you can see, it is a demanding journey to undertake for both the young people and their mentors. Pray for all those in our community – parents catechists, peer ministers and Confirmation sponsors – who accompany our teens.

Family & Teen Faith

Faith kids give thumbs up to Saint Festival

The Key Festival Ideas: God invites everyone to become a saint
We believe in the communion of saints

Things we did at the Festival to learn about Saints

- Each class researched a saint and created a sign about their saint to carry during the festival. We then shared what we learned about our saint with others at the Festival and they shared what they learned about their saint with us.
- We ran an obstacle course set up in the Multiorium. Each class participated as a team earning points for each obstacle they completed. Doing so helped us learn
 - That we do face obstacles and challenges as we follow the way of Jesus
 - Saints were not perfect. They faced obstacles too. They teach us not to get discouraged because God doesn't care how many mistakes we make or how many times we fail as long as we keep trying
 - Being part of the Christ's Church - our faith family - means we are called to help and support each other along the way.
- We did art projects to help us to remember that
 - Saints put God first and
 - Saints use the gifts and talents God gave them to serve others



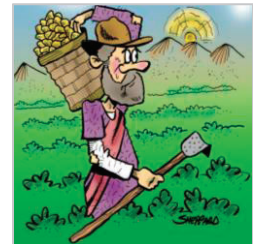
Other fun facts we learned about the saints



Kateri Tekawitha
the first Native
American saint

- ✚ Saints come from every land and culture
- ✚ Saints can be men or women, young or old or rich or poor.
- ✚ There were saints who lived hundreds of years ago and saints living among us today.
- ✚ A few of the saints are famous but most are known only to their friends and family.
- ✚ Saints come from all walks of life
- ✚ Like us, each saint had their own unique personality
- ✚ Saints did not have superpowers like Spiderman or Wonder Woman. They didn't need them

because they had the most amazing power of all - LOVE



St. Isidore the
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Who belongs to the communion of saints - all those of truth and love, in whom the Holy Spirit is at work, both on earth and in heaven.

How do you become a saint - You spend time with God and put your faith into action

Want to learn more about the saints?

- ❖ **Parents** - Read [What is the Communion of Saints?](#) published in **US Catholic Magazine**
- ❖ **Kids** - Watch these feature length animated movies on YouTube
 - **St. Anthony of Padua** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zLRZcFlmKY&t=154s>
 - **St. Francis of Assisi** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h-YWT4OdSg&t=2657s>
- ❖ **Families** - Come and celebrate the **Feast of All Saints** at the 9 am or 7 pm Mass on **Nov 1**

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"I was never the one to have much faith. I never really had faith in myself, or others, but my biggest weakness of all is I never really had much faith in God. I did not like the idea of going on some retreat where you're stuck with a bunch of people who just love Jesus. I had the idea it would be "Jesus this...Jesus that....Jesus is so great....Go Jesus!" But instead people would say things like, "You're so loved" or, "You're so strong." Those on Kairos believe in you, just as God does. With the help of those on Kairos, your faith just grows lovingly and naturally. You learn to have faith in yourself, you learn to have faith in those around you, but in extraordinary ways you learn to have faith in God which can sometimes be the hardest thing to find. Kairos is an amazing and indescribable experience that I wish all could experience. Kairos is a blessing. I would do it again if I could and I encourage all teenagers to go on this retreat. To say Kairos was one of the best weekends of my life would be a lie because it honestly was the best weekend of my life, nothing compares to it. Whether it's that you want to explore your faith or just be loved and supported, Kairos offers it all."

-Kairos Alum

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HFCA Middle School Students Join Holy Fire Retreat

HFCA's middle school students attended the 4th Annual Holy Fire event in Chicago. They joined more than 9,000 students in grades 6th through 9th representing 154 Catholic Schools and parishes from the Archdiocese of Chicago.

This full day retreat featured high energy performers from around the country. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to come together as a larger community for a day of prayer, song and faith and culminated with a Mass with Cardinal Cupich.

What a great way to live our motto of being thinkers, leaders grounded in faith!



HOLY FAMILY PADS SITE for the Homeless

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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 PADS site, a Sunday evening shelter for people facing homelessness, has begun its *nineteenth season*. It takes many volunteers to set up, provide and serve meals, work shifts, clean up as well as offer an atmosphere of comfort and safety.

If you have not completed orientation, go to www.journeystheroadhome.org and click on Volunteer Opportunities to find the 2019-20 orientation schedule or find a copy of the schedule on the narthex shelves. Online sign-ups are available to all volunteers who have completed orientation.

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

Contact Sue Geegan with questions at sgeegan@holymfamilyparish.org



ALZHOPEIMERS
Thursday, November 7
4:15p-6:15p

The realities of Alzheimer's disease and dementia presented with fact, life experience and humor

Stephanie Heavey, a Holy Family parishioner and author of *They Lived at Our House*, will take you on a journey through her husband's world of Alzheimers. Reservation forms are on the narthex shelves and need to be returned no later than November 3. There is a \$5 per person fee to attend. Questions should be directed to Eileen at dwstjs@aol.com or Nadine at hfwlsnest@aol.com.

WEEKEND HOSPITALITY MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP

We have an urgent need to build a team for the 5pm Mass to help prepare and serve coffee and refreshments after Mass once every 5-6 weeks. If you like to bake, you are more than welcome to serve something homemade for our parishioners and visitors to enjoy.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Carrie at carrie.crall@yahoo.com or Sue Geegan at 847-907-3443 or sgeegan@holymfamilyparish.org.

We also welcome cookie and juice donations at any time for our weekend Mass Hospitality teams to serve after Mass. Mark them "hospitality" and leave in the kitchen across from the parish office. Thank You!

Human Concerns

Catholic Charities New Hope Apartments A Transitional Housing Program for Homeless Families September, 2019 Update

Family #30

Our family consists of a mom and her two sons ages 4 and 2.

Our family completed the program on August 31. While in the New Hope program she secured stable housing and made significant strides in building her savings account which will help in covering rent and other needed expenses. We wish her and her family well and will meet again for a 3 month and 6 month follow up to check their status.

Family #31

This family consists of a 24 year old female and her two sons' ages 7 and 5.

Our family exited from the program on August 31 as she maximized her stay. Our mom is currently employed though still looking for a more permanent job. She is fortunate to have a supportive family and friends whom will offer a helping hand when needed. We will monitor how she is doing after 3 months and 6 months.

New Hope would like to personally thank the Peace and Justice Cluster parishioners for all your continued support over the years on behalf of our exited clients.

Meet Family #32 and #33

Family #32

A single mom with two daughters ages 5 and 8 years old.

Our mom is currently enrolled at the Chamberlin School of Nursing and taking morning classes while her children are in school. She is also working at a nursing home part time.

Family #33

A single mom with two daughters ages 11 and 17 years old.

Our mom is currently working part time at a cleaning company. She is also attending school to obtain her Phlebotomist Degree.

Family #32 and #33 Goals:

Client will achieve goals in income enhancement, stable housing and self-sufficiency.

Client will maintain housing and abide by housing agreements.

Client will build a savings account and find opportunities for additional income.

Client will be in contact with Case Manager once a month.

Client will find affordable housing in the desired area.

New Hope would like to personally Thank You for your continued support over the years.

*"Catholic Charities is guided by these core values:
Respect, Compassion, Competence and Stewardship".*

GCFD Produce Mobile Distribution Thursday, November 14 - 8:30am-noon

Holy Family Parish will be distributing fresh produce from the Greater Chicago Food Depository in the remote parking lot on Thursday, November 14 from 9:30-11:30am. If you would like to help with the distribution, contact Sue at 847-907-3443 or sgeegan@holyfamilyparish.org by Tuesday, November 12. We need helpers at 8:30am unloading pallets and setting up before the distribution and people to clean up until about noon. Distribution is outdoors rain or shine.

HOLY FAMILY'S FALL CLOTHING DRIVE For St. Vincent dePaul October 26 and 27



Holy Family will hold its annual Fall Clothing Drive for St Vincent dePaul on Saturday, October 26 and Sunday, October 27. We are suggesting that you bring your donations of winter 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, October 26. WE HAVE NO STORAGE SPACE AVAILABLE.* Please contact Mary-Frances at mfconway94@comcast.net if you would like to help or have questions.

IT'S HOLIDAY SHARING TIME!

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THANK YOU to all parishioners who have supported our Sharing events in the past. We've been able to fulfill 100% of all requests this past year and look to another successful year. Don't forget to choose a tag or two to support the needs of these wonderful organizations.

Questions? Contact Barb Stec, bstec58622@gmail.com

Kairos Prison Ministry Needs Items for a Retreat

Some of us have answered the good Lord's call to minister to our incarcerated brothers and sisters in Christ through the Kairos Prison Ministry Programs. We have responded to His invitation in Matthew 25:35 "I was in prison and you came to visit me". We are using the talents that the good Lord has given us to minister to these incarcerated children of God, to let them know that God does love them and that He will forgive them when they come to Him with a contrite heart. We have a team going in November 14th – November 17th.



God's Special Time

Part of the weekend retreat is when we roll out a prayer scroll that shows the residents of Pontiac Correctional Center that people are praying for them 24/7 the whole four days we are there. We show the first name and city of the one who is praying with half hour increments for four days on a large scroll that is attached to the walls to encircle them. It is profound how they react to the thought that people outside actually care for them and are praying for them. I would invite you to be part of God's ministry and this experience.

We have a prayer vigil sign up at <http://bit.ly/pontiacprayer>. You can sign up for half hour time slots to pray for the mission and the men. We will strive to have all times filled. Please encourage the "prayer warriors" in your life to sign up! This is a very powerful testimony of God's love and grace to these men.

You can also support this effort by baking cookies or writing letters to the residents. These items need to be dropped off to the front office no later than Friday, November 8 marked "Kairos Prison Retreat". If you have interest in doing either, please contact Greg Holysz at gregrholsz@aol.com for more details.



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The key initiatives of this campaign are:

1) Building Our Community – An initiative aimed at reenergizing parishioners, providing spiritual renewal for the disenchanted, and engaging the future leaders of our Church

2) Sustaining Our Mission – To provide for the ongoing maintenance and upgrades needed for a welcoming and functional facility that can serve our parishioners and visitors for years to come

3) Supporting Our Archdiocese – As a leader in the larger Church community, we will support programs for innovative education for Catechists, Scholarships, and infrastructure of facilities throughout the Archdiocese

Each week we will provide you with additional detail on each initiative. This week, we'll feature **Supporting Our Archdiocese**:

A recent campaign initiated by the Archdiocese of Chicago, "To Teach Who Christ Is," has found broad support by pastors to strengthen Catholic education throughout the Archdiocese. Monies raised through this effort are being used to invest in Catholic schools and religious education programs, such as improving catechesis, maintaining academic excellence, helping economically depressed parishes with educational critical needs, providing scholarships, and supporting the ongoing development and retention of teachers and administrators.

The portion of funds which support the Archdiocese can be viewed as a mission for the underprivileged of Chicago. As members of a greater Catholic Church, it's an important responsibility for Holy Family to join every parish in the Archdiocese to participate in this unprecedented campaign. In summary, funds supporting the Archdiocese will be directed to these three areas:

1) Investing in the Next Generation – Catholic Education Scholarship Trust (CEST) & Academic Excellence

2) Passing on our Faith – Religious Education through Catechist Training and Innovation

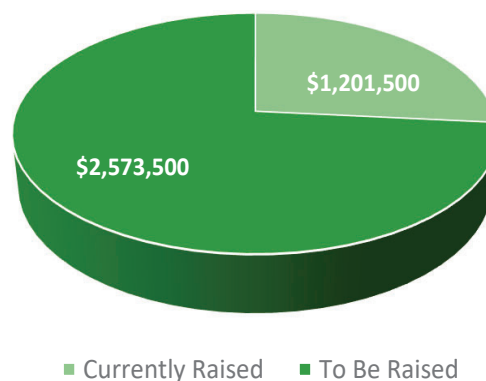
3) Building for the Future – Facilities, including emergency capital repairs

Weekly Progress to October 18:

32% of Goal Raised

Number of families participating: 27

Campaign Goal: \$3,775,000



For more information, to volunteer, or to give, please contact the Campaign Office:

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If you have reached age 70½, you can donate to Holy Family directly out of your IRA. These qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) can help you lower your tax obligation. Who wouldn't like that?

Qualified charitable distribution (QCD) basics

Qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) can be taken out of your traditional IRA(s) free of any federal income tax hit. In contrast, other traditional IRA distributions are taxable (wholly or partially depending on whether you've made any nondeductible contributions over the years).

Unlike garden-variety charitable donations, you can't claim itemized deductions for QCDs. That's OK, because the tax-free treatment of QCDs equates to a 100% deduction because you'll never be taxed on those amounts. And you don't have to worry about tax-law restrictions that apply to itemized charitable write-offs. QCDs have several potential tax-saving advantages.

Advantage No. 1 QCDs are not included in your adjusted gross income (AGI). This lowers the odds that you will be affected by various unfavorable AGI-based rules, such as those that can cause more of your Social Security benefits to be taxed, less of your rental estate losses to be deductible, and more of your investment income to be hit with the dreaded 3.8% Medicare surtax (the so-called net investment income tax).

Advantage No. 2 QCDs always deliver a tax benefit while "regular" charitable donations might not. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) almost doubled the standard deduction amounts for 2018-2025, and you only get a tax benefit from a charitable donation if your total itemizable deductions exceed your standard deduction. These higher standard deduction amounts under the TCJA reduce the odds that you will be able to itemize deductions and gain any tax savings from "regular" charitable donations.

Advantage No. 3 A QCD taken from your traditional IRA counts as a distribution for purposes of the required minimum distribution (RMD) rules. Therefore, you can arrange to donate all or part of your annual RMD (up to the \$100,000 limit) that you would otherwise be forced to receive and pay taxes on.

Talk to your financial or tax advisor to see if making an QCD distribution from your IRA to Holy Family is right for you.

Once you are ready to contribute contact Bernie Schaeffer at Holy Family (847-907-3420 or bschaeffer@holyfamilyparish.org) for instructions on how to make complete your distribution.

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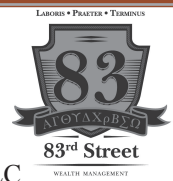
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