



HOLY FAMILY
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
inviting all to new life in Christ



Higher Love

About Us

Holy Family

Catholic Community

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Pastor

Fr. Richard Jakubik

Associate Pastor

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Pastoral Associate

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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)
Bob Keller	Liturgical Life
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)
Rick Zanardo	Family Faith

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
Patrick Geegan	Jim Vande Logt
Randy Olech	Chet Zara - Chair
Ron Sobon	

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Fr. Terry Keehan

Joy can be so inspiring! It can lift our hearts and souls up and so it is part of the reason for our Advent theme. The theme comes from the scriptures of the Advent journey, particularly those from the prophet Isaiah.

This week we hear that a movement comes from the desert, actually long before John the Baptist. From the dryness of the desert comes an inspiring liberation enabling the blind, deaf and lame to overcome their limitations. This is solid grounding for the desert prophet John the Baptist, imprisoned for his radical preaching. He challenges those of his time, and us, to change, and it results in his imprisonment by those who have no intention of changing, reforming or evolving.

When Jesus' authenticity is questioned by the Baptist from prison via his disciples, Jesus responds with the ultimate fulfillment of what the world is beginning to see and hear - blind people now see, deaf people now hear, lepers are now cleansed, the lame now walk. However, Jesus adds a significant group to experience the ultimate freedom from their limitations. He speaks in a prophetic way about his ultimate mission and impact on the limited human condition. He says the dead are raised! If this isn't proof of his authenticity to John the Baptist, nothing will be.

We know that John accepts the true nature of Jesus' identity, undoubtedly relayed back to him in prison through the disciples who directly encounter Jesus. It moves Jesus to claim that there has never been a human man greater than John the Baptist, yet even those least in heaven, those raised up by Jesus into eternity, now have a greatness that is above humanity.

Providing For Our Family's Future

As is detailed on page 6 of this bulletin, 475 very generous donors have offered pledges and gifts totaling \$3,658,000. That leaves \$117,000 remaining to reach our financial goal for *Providing For Our Family's Future*. I want to thank the 26 very dedicated campaign volunteers, our operations staff, our consultant Community Counseling Services, Campaign Chairs Michael and Melissa Canning, and our Major Gift Chairs Chris and Kathy Abbinante for collaborating on this very important initiative. Please pray that we meet and even exceed our goals.

Strategic Planning

Much of the financial resources that our capital

campaign has generated will fund eight Pillars of our current Five Year Strategic Planning effort. You will be hearing more about these Pillars in the coming months. One of the initiatives has also generated a new parish mission statement that is soundly rooted in our current one. Our new Mission Statement is: *To empower all to experience and share the loving presence of God through sacramental living, transformative worship, lifelong spiritual growth, and community in service to others.*

Two of Our Women Honored

Chris Evon was nominated by our staff and recently received the Christifideles Award from the Archdiocese of Chicago. The Award celebrates the inspiring stories of faith that arise from our continued devotion to Christ, especially with regards to how our faith is expressed in our everyday action actions towards our neighbors. Chris is a ministry lead and has been very influential in creating our One in Love LGBT advocacy ministry. She is very deserving of this Award, and we are so happy to have her as part of our community



Congratulations to Fremd senior Caroline Cochran who received the Golden Rose award from the Arch Council of Catholic Women this past Saturday at a breakfast at Chevy Chase Country Club in Wheeling. The Golden Rose is awarded to one outstanding young woman from each parish for the practice of her faith through service and ministry. Congratulations also to Caroline's parents, Lloyd and Maureen.

Christmas Flower Memorials

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



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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.

Do you like transforming spaces? Watch a lot of HGTV?



Like how Holy Family always looks great over the holidays and wonder how that happens? We are looking for lots of hands to help our already great team transform our Advent and Christmas worship environment in the upcoming weeks. Time commitment is flexible and no experience required. Bring your sense of humor, willingness to have fun and burn some pre-Christmas calories at the same time!

To lend your time, contact Gene Garcia at ggarcia@holyfamilyparish.org for details.

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

On Oct. 27, we celebrated the Rite of Welcoming with those adults preparing to receive the initiation sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and/or Eucharist by participating in the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). The adults to be baptized are now known as catechumens, while those previously baptized as Catholics or in another Christian tradition, and now preparing to complete their initiation, are known as candidates. In the weeks since, and continuing until Easter, these catechumens and candidates are formed in the Catholic Christian life through prayer, scripture reflection, and catechesis on the teachings of the Church. During this period of formation, we celebrate two rituals to lovingly entrust to them the Creed and the Lord's Prayer, the ancient texts that have always been regarded as expressing the heart of the Church's faith and prayer. In the months ahead, these texts will serve to guide and instruct them as they prepare to receive the initiation sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

This Sunday, at the 9:00 mass, we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord's Prayer. From ancient times the Lord's Prayer has been the prayer of those who in Baptism are celebrated as Children of God. At the Easter Vigil mass, our catechumens and candidates will join the rest of us in saying this prayer for the first time in the Eucharistic assembly.

Please continue to teach them by your example, and pray for them on their journey of faith with us all.

Liturgical Arts

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 16

9:00AM Dr. Daniel Nwankwo (Family)
9:00AM Margaret Riley (Kathy McDermott)
7:00PM Mary Kane (Jim Kane)

Tuesday, December 17

9:00AM Kathleen Kinzig (Family)
9:00AM Tim Cuny, OSA (Eileen Neal)

Wednesday, December 18

9:00AM Alex & Donna Tumbarello (Family)
9:00AM Jacob Kalayil (Kavalackal Family)

Thursday, December 19

9:00AM Andres Gonzalez
(Gonzalez/Raimondo Families)
9:00AM Joey Korczak (Family)
9:00AM Bruce Ventura (Tyler & Stephanie Ventura)

Friday, December 20

9:00AM Philippe Paragas (Family)
9:00AM Bruce Ventura (Kristi & Marge)
9:00AM Dorota Denka

Saturday, December 21

5:00PM Virginia Gilbert (Frank & Marianne Zito)
5:00PM Carolyn Grosch (Glenn Grosch)
5:00PM Joseph Simon (Pastoral Care)
5:00PM William Grosch (Wayne & Eileen Silldorf)

Sunday, December 22

7:30AM Adeline Smith (Dziedzic Family)
7:30AM Lucy Iacopetti (Lapacek Family)
7:30AM Residents of Poplar Creek (Ministers of Care)

9:00AM Jean Ann Mauer 85th Birthday (Family)
9:00AM Carol Rydberg (Family)
9:00AM Sal Scopa (Len & Ann Thomas)

11:00AM John Brenner (Carol)
11:00AM Richard Johnson Pastoral Care)
11:00AM Jim Hoadley Sr. (Family)
11:00AM Sharon Bobay Sarrazine (Family)

4:00PM Jim Andrews (Knights of Columbus)
4:00PM Rose Ventura (Rosemary Spinner)

Mass intentions are available
by contacting the Parish Office

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them...

+ Sue Cywinski
+ Janice Dobbs
+ John Michalek
+ Jose Ponce
+ Scott Poulos
+ Sharon Sarrazine

"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...

Johanna Bisek
Sharon Gerlikas
Judy Kizior
Christie Moore

Donnally Olsen
William Ostemeyer
Dolores Remick
Bridget Sievers

We Pray for Family Members in Service of Our Country

Lt. Colonel David J. Benjamin III (*Army*), Capt. Sean P. Benjamin (*Army*)
Captain Bill Dirkes, M.D. (*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

Sunday, December 15

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

Monday, December 16

Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a
Matthew 21:23-27

Tuesday, December 17

Genesis 49:2, 8-10
Matthew 1:1-17

Wednesday, December 18

Jeremiah 23:5-8
Matthew 1:18-25

Thursday, December 19

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a
Luke 1:5-25

Friday, December 20

Isaiah 7:10-14
Luke 1:26-38

Saturday, December 21

Song of Songs 2:8-14
Luke 1:39-45

Sunday, December 22

Isaiah 7:10-14
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-24

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
Nov 17	1,722	\$ 35,152
Nov 24	2,015	\$ 44,205
Dec 1	2,203	\$ 38,576
Dec 8	2,160	\$ 50,631

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

Year to Date Collection Summary

Through December 9, 2019

	Actual	Budget	Delta to Budget
Sunday & Electronic Collections	\$ 899,381	\$ 899,766	\$ (385)
Christmas	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 1,500
Easter	\$ 1,100	\$ -	\$ 1,100
Major Collections Totals	\$ 901,981	\$ 899,766	\$ 2,215
Christmas Collection Budget is \$215,000			
Prior Week Totals	\$ 851,350	\$ 854,305	\$ (2,955)

Note: Parish fiscal year is July 1 to June 30

Providing For Our Family's Future



Exciting update: Campaign Progress

Thank you to all of the volunteers, parishioners and donors who have made our capital campaign, **Providing For Our Family's Future**, a great success for our community. Because of your prayers and support, we have been able to reach **\$3,658,000 (96.8%) of our \$3,775,000 goal!** (Progress as of December 9th)

Entering into our first Commitment Weekend on November 16th, we had reached 46% of our goal, and over the past three weeks, thanks to you, we have more than doubled our pledges! If, at this time, you are unable to make a financial commitment, we ask you to continue praying for the success of our Holy Family Campaign. We ask you to complete the pledge card with your current contact information for our data base. Pledges and prayers are essential to achieve 100% participation to a successful campaign.

Thanks to you, we are near our goal to make our capital campaign a reality, building our present community through spiritual renewal, ensuring our campus will be maintained at its current level of excellence and fulfilling our commitment to the programs and scholarships of the Archdiocese. It is a vision for Holy Family that honors our past, gives thanks to the present, and embraces our future—and the future is for all of US!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

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.

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- **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.

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 **December 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 Kvitik at kathykv2@gmail.com or Mike Kimak Michael.kimak@gmail.com

Al-Anon

Al-Anon helps friends and families of alcoholics 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 and widowers who meet on the first & third Thursday the month. We welcome you to join us on **December 19** at 7:00pm in Lower Level Room 083 for our Christmas party. 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 **December 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 resources go to www.catholiccharities.net/loss. For more information, please call Emily T. at 312-655-7284.

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. 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. For resources and meeting information call Cliff Whall 630-718-1305. Meets every 4th Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is **January 28** from 6:30-9:00; advanced group meets from 5:30-6:30pm.

Knights of Columbus sponsored

Blood Drive - TODAY -

December 15 from

8:00am to 1:00pm

in Common Ground Rooms 160-161

Consider a gift of blood

to those in need.

New Support Group: "A Light Hearted Break"



A Light Hearted Break is a new spiritually centered support group offered to those suffering with or a companion to those who have ongoing health conditions. We meet on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month. Come join us.

For more information call Sue Cox 847-721-4647.

Homebound parishioners

Ministers of Care bring Communion to our Holy Family Faith Community parishioners when they are unable to join us for weekend Liturgy. If you have a family member who would like to be placed on our prayer list or desires a home visit, please call Mimi Ferlita at 847-907-3425 or mferlita@holyfamilyparish.org

Joyful Again!

Widowed and feeling stuck? Come and find ways to move toward inner peace and new hope in life. Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry program presents a retreat/workshop for men & women

March 14 & 15, 2020 at the Mt. Assisi Center, Lemont.

To register call: 708-354-7211. e-mail: joyfulagain7211@gmail.com
website: www.joyfulagain.org (incls.video)

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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.

*A poem from Advent by Candlelight
"Spiritual Makeover: The Homes of our Hearts"*

Covenant by Margaret Halaska

God knocks on my door, seeking a home for his Son.
Rent is cheap, I say.
I don't want to rent, I want to buy, says God
I'm not sure I want to sell, but please come in to look around
I think I will, says God.
I might let you have a room or two.
I like it, says God. I'll take two.
You might decide to give me more someday.
I can wait, says God
I'd like to give you more, but it's a bit difficult.
I need some space for me.
I know, says God, but I'll wait. I like what I see.
Hmmm, maybe I can let you have another room.
I really don't need that much.
Thanks, says God. I'll take it. I like what I see.
I'd like to give you the whole house, but I'm not sure...
Think on it, says God. I wouldn't put you out.
Your house would be mine and my Son would live in it.
You'd have more space than you've ever had before.
I don't understand at all.
I know, says God, but I can't tell you about that.
You have to discover it for yourself.
That can only happen if you let me have the whole house.
A bit risky, I say.
Yes, says God, but try me.
I'm not sure. I'll let you know.
I can wait, says God. I like what I see.

Mark your calendar:

March 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2020 – Bible Journey: Four Unique Bible Studies with Fr. Derran Combs, OFM, Ph.D. Time: 9:45 am – 11:45 am. Cost: \$35

March 22-24, 2020 – Parish Mission: Call To Personal and Global Transformation with Edwina Gateley. Time: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm each evening. No charge



Bible Journey *A Living Biblical Experience*

Presented by Fr. Rich Jakubik,

Wednesdays, January 8, 15 and 29, 2020

9:45-11:45 am

(one hour lecture, one hour small group discussion)

Cost: \$30



To register, contact Jeannie Parry
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Fr. Rich Jakubik, PsyD


Have you ever wanted to step back into Biblical times and wondered what it might be like to experience for yourself what those historical happenings in ancient Jerusalem might have been like? Now is your chance! We'd like to invite you to join us on a journey through the Holy Land while we explore Scriptural stories and passages that pertain to various locations. For those seeking enlightenment and insight into the life of Jesus Christ, this is where it all begins. Travel a devotional walk through Jesus' life from his birth, ministry, crucifixion, and resurrection.



Richard Rohr, OFM Webcast The Universal Christ: Another Name for Every Thing



Thursday, January 16, 2020
7:00-9:00 pm
No charge



Join us as we explore the central themes of Fr. Richard's newest book and discover the roots of the universal Christ in the rich history of the Christian tradition. Experience Easter in a new way as we consider Holy Week through a larger, cosmic view of Christ, drawing upon theology, practices, conversation, and liturgy. How might this vision impact our own lives and communities?

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

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"Love flows unstoppably downward, around every obstacle—like water. Love and water seek not the higher place but always the lower. That's why forgiveness is often the most powerful display of love in action."

- Richard Rohr

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.



**Thank you to all our
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classes for sponsoring a
family in need this
Christmas season!**

**These gifts will make all
the difference!**



ablaze
young adult ministry



Ablaze Faith Sharing

Ablaze is a young adult ministry created for 18-25 year olds.

Are you looking to continue your faith journey and connect with others?

Join us for faith sharing, social events, outreach opportunities, and fellowship to share in friendship and faith with one another. All young adults are welcome, parishioners and non-parishioners alike, so bring a friend.

For more information or to get involved, see the website or contact the Ablaze coordinator, Courtney Smola, at csmola@holyfamilyparish.org or (847) 907-3483.

Faith Sharing is held every Wednesday from 7-8pm in the Family Room to set aside time to pray and discuss our faith.

We have weekly topics with videos or speakers to listen to and reflect upon.

Regular attendance is not required.

Journals are provided.

Family & Teen Faith

Do you have any bean bag chairs you've been looking to get rid of?

We would love to take them off your hands!

Contact Courtney Smola at csmola@holyfamilyparish.org with donations of these comfy seats.



Faith Tuition Reminder

Faith tuition is due in full by January 15th, 2020.

You can make payments online or by check. If you have questions about how to make a payment or if you are in need of tuition assistance, please contact Courtney Smola at csmola@holyfamilyparish.org

Pro Tip: If you would like to set-up automatic recurring monthly payments, you will need to go to your online account at <https://secure.headmasteronline.com/> and sign in with your parent login information. Our site number is 107517. Once you are signed in, in the bottom left corner, click "make a payment." Under the frequency drop-down, select your desired frequency and enter the amount you want charged each time above. Once you press continue, it will bring you to the page for payment information. You're good to go!



ADVENT WEEK 3

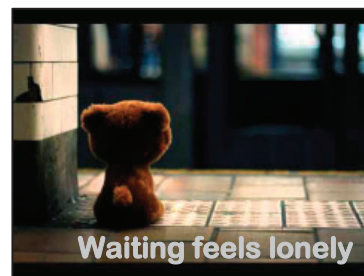
In the second reading this weekend, we hear James say,

“Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord.”

Patient? Patience may be a virtue, but it is not one of mine. Patience is difficult for

me. It sets me on edge. The longer I have to wait the more agitated I become. Add to my already considerable struggle with waiting, during Advent the call is to ***‘wait in joyful hope.***

This makes Advent more difficult for me than Lent. The doing in Lent feels constructive. The waiting in Advent seems hollow, empty, even lonely at times. So I tend to fill up the waiting, the pausing, the silence with stuff to do, places to go, people to see. I then slide head long into Christmas exhausted, only to find the emptiness I thought I was leaving behind, accompany me into Christmas.



Yet despite the struggle, when I resist the urge to dispel the emptiness and make myself wrestle with the experience of waiting, I remember



1. The present moment is all we ever really inhabit. We are removed from the past and know not what the future brings. Yet, it is easy to return to the past, fueling regrets and/or resentments that serve no one. It is easier still to obsess about the future arousing worries, anxieties and fears. Advent reminds us we are not in charge of the universe, a message that takes time to sink in.
2. Expectation heightens our senses, making us more responsive and receptive to the present moment and the gift of presence.
3. Waiting creates a place for the unexpected, where a higher love is often found.
4. Waiting in joyful hope cultivates longing. Longing increases within us a desire for that which is greater, deeper, surprising, unexpected, everlasting – the defining characteristics of a higher love.
5. Longing leads to wonder and wonder opens before us the unimaginable possibilities of higher love.

Resist the urge to fill the empty, silent places of Advent. Trust that God is creating within you, within me, within us a place for higher love.



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HOLY FAMILY
CATHOLIC ACADEMY
THINKERS. LEADERS. GROUNDED IN FAITH.

ib International
Baccalaureate

ib Primary Years
Programme



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

In Joyful Anticipation

Our Academy students and families join the larger parish in our Advent journey to encounter and witness God's higher love for us.

This year we are blessed to have 3 kindergarten classes who are working hard on their Christmas program. It is so heartwarming to see how these young learners understand and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

New family applications available now!

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:

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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, is in 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. Sign up for shift and food donations **THIS SUNDAY, DEC. 15** after Mass in the narthex.

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

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 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.



Solidarity

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

The solidarity which binds all men together as members of a common family makes it impossible for wealthy nations to look with indifference upon the hunger, misery and poverty of other nations whose citizens are unable to enjoy even elementary human rights. The nations of the world are becoming more and more dependent on one another and it will not be possible to preserve a lasting peace so long as glaring economic and social imbalances persist. *On Christianity and Social Progress (Mater et Magistra. . .), #157*

For more information visit: www.usccb.org

GET CONNECTED TO HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Would you like more information about Holy Family Catholic Community and its ministries and programs or would like to serve in a particular area using your gifts and talents? Do you have prayer requests or comments to provide Holy Family Staff or Ministry Leadership? If so, please look for these cards located in the pews and on the narthex shelves. The cards can be placed in the offering plate at Mass or brought to the front office. Holy Family Staff and Ministry Leaders strive to develop a relationship with each parishioner. If we can assist you in answering a question, engaging you in ministry, or joining you in prayer, The Get Connected Card is ready to Connect with you.

Holy Family Parishioners, Drive Cautiously in the Parking Lot

Every Sunday evening until the last weekend in April, Holy Family hosts a PADS site for our homeless friends to provide them with a nutritious meal and a safe and warm place to sleep. Be aware that our guests arrive on foot, on bikes as well as in automobiles. They are traveling along Palatine Road in the darkness of the evening hours and are difficult to see at times. Please drive slowly and use extra caution as you leave the church through the parking lot and onto Palatine Road. We want our guests to arrive safely. Thank You!



CHRISTMAS DAY FOR THE HOMELESS

The Knights of Columbus host Christmas Day at Holy Family for our PADS guests. Public buildings are closed, so there is no place for the homeless to go. The Knights began this tradition over 10 years ago and this offering means so much to our guests. Volunteers are needed in two hour shifts from 8am-6pm. Food donations are also needed. Please sign up for food donations by logging on to carecalendar.org Use ID 134413 and Security Code 9236 to select food items needed. Items can be brought days before and stored before being prepared and served.

If you can help out, please contact Pete Wickman at peterjwickman@gmail.com These slots fill up fast. If you are interested in volunteering sign up soon.

Human Concerns

Habitat for Humanity Spring of Life Partnership Churches

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Christmas Wish *Everyone deserves a home*



Everyone deserves a safe place to call home.

Thank you to all of our volunteers and donors, who make our mission of providing a home to a deserving family a reality. If you are interested in volunteering (i.e.: construction, lunches for volunteers) or want to be kept informed of our progress, contact Larry Buettner at Larrybuettner@comcast.net.

December is HIV/AIDS Awareness Month

Catholic Charities HIV/AIDS Liaison to the Archdiocese and the HIV/AIDS Ministry provides consultation and direction in the areas of HIV/AIDS education and outreach to Catholic parishes throughout the Archdiocese and to programs and staff at Catholic Charities, in addition to collaborating with varied agencies in the Chicagoland region working in the area of HIV/AIDS. The activities of the HIV/AIDS Liaison focus on engaging individuals and communities to:

- Ensure compassionate, competent service to all persons affected by HIV/AIDS;
- Manifest solidarity with those who are affected;
- Increase and sustain awareness of the pandemic;
- Help reduce the stigma surrounding the disease;
- Help reduce the spread of the disease through education and prevention;
- Call upon all Catholic parishes, social service agencies health care, and educational institutions to provide an environment of hope, healing and compassion for all who are affected by HIV/AIDS.

Services

These activities and services include:

- Free and confidential, on-site HIV screening at Catholic Charities summer health fairs
- HIV/AIDS education and outreach presentations to groups
- Development and dissemination of current educational literature consistent with Catholic Social Teaching
- World AIDS Day observances and events
- Catholic Charities HIV/AIDS web page, www.hivaidsservicesministry.org
- Collaboration with the Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Schools on the HIV/AIDS Curriculum Guide K-12 and the integrated Health/HIV/AIDS Curriculum
- Sponsorship of the annual World AIDS Day Poster/Poetry contest in the Archdiocesan schools
- Collaboration with the Archdiocesan Office of the Diaconate, sharing educational and outreach materials and hosting an education table at the annual Diaconate Convocation
- Working closely with the Archdiocesan Office of the Vicar General on the Holy Thursday Collection
- Co-chairing the Catholic Charities HIV/AIDS Task Force for the Archdiocese and HIV/AIDS Program Services Committee
- Fundraising for the AIDS Foundation of Chicago Annual Run/Walk

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patricia M. Drott, M.S., R.N. Catholic Charities HIV/AIDS Liaison to the Archdiocese of Chicago
(312) 948-6500 prdott@catholiccharities.net

Holy Family Partnerships & Support Groups

Partnerships

Catholic Charities

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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

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Holy Family partners with this local Hispanic parish encouraging intercultural exchange.
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WINGS (Giving Flight to Hopes and Dreams)

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

Support Groups

Al-Anon

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

AMITA Health Behavioral Medicine

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

Job Support

A vibrant networking group designed to support those who are searching for a new position or career. We encourage all attendees to share talents, advice and contacts. The group meets Saturday mornings from 7:30 to 9:30 am in Common Ground. For each meeting bring 25 copies of a resume or handbill.
Doris Willerth 847-922-6633
Tom Kabarec - 847-337-5033 -
trkabarec@comcast.net
Frank Sevilla 847-567-0969

LOSS (Survivors of Suicide)

Facilitated by staff of Catholic Charities on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Holy Family at 7:00pm. Contact: Emily T. 312-655-7284

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 & Trudi Mickey- 847-991-6255
mickeydan@comcast.net

One In Love (LGBT)

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

Rising from Divorce

A support group for individuals facing separation, divorce or annulment. This open and ongoing support group who will help you heal and cope. Faith sharing, speakers and social activities are offered throughout the year. Meets on Monday twice a month from 7:00-9:00pm.
Kathy Kvitek: kathykv2@gmail.com
630-697-1655

To Be Joyful Again

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

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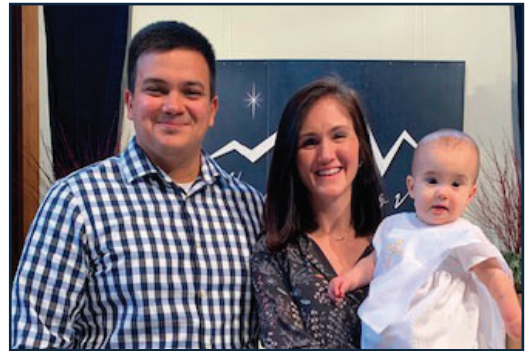
For men and couples who are dealing with prostate cancer. Information, resources and support are available at the monthly meetings which are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 5:30-7:00pm and 6:30-9:00pm.
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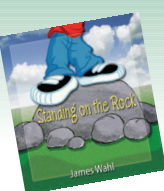
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