



HOLY FAMILY  
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY  
*inviting all to new life in Christ*

CRISIS  
In crisis, Christ is.

# About Us

## Holy Family

### Catholic Community

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holyfamilyparish.org  
Fr. Terry Keehan

#### Pastor

Deacon Dennis Brown

#### Pastoral Associate

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 empower all to experience New Life In Christ through sacramental living, transformative worship, lifelong spiritual growth and community in service to others.

## 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. Go to the website or contact Sue at [sgeegan@holyfamilyparish.org](mailto:sgeegan@holyfamilyparish.org) or 847-907-3443 to register.

Saint Paul says, "We are the Body of Christ." We look forward to experiencing that reality with you.

Fr. Terry Keehan, Pastor

## Schedule

**Registration is necessary to attend any of the following at [holyfamilyparish.org](http://holyfamilyparish.org)**

### Mass Schedule

#### Weekdays:

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

#### Saturday

5:00 p.m.

#### Sunday

9:00 a.m.

*(interpreter for hearing impaired is available)*

### Eucharistic Adoration

Monday

6:15 - 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

### Reconciliation

Mondays

5:00 - 6:00 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 Mary Whiteside in our Pastoral Care office at 847-907-3450 or [mwhiteside@holyfamilyparish.org](mailto:mwhiteside@holyfamilyparish.org) 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.

## Visiting Presiders

Fr. Charles Bolser  
Fr. Kurt Boras  
Friar Johnpaul Cafiero  
Fr. Denis Carneiro  
Fr. John Hoffman  
Fr. Bill Zavaski

## Pastoral Council

e-mail: [council@holyfamilyparish.org](mailto:council@holyfamilyparish.org)

Mike Myers	Chair – Community Building
Bill Leece	Adult Spiritual Growth
Pete Barber	Stewardship
Luis Gutierrez	Charity, Justice & Pastoral Care
Bob Keller	Worship
Greg Flanagan	Knights of Columbus
Rick Zanardo	Sacramental Theology & Practice
Fr. Terry Keehan	Pastor (Staff)
Sue Geegan	Staff

### Non-Voting Community Representatives

Chad Archer	Deanery Rep
Mike Pazur	Academy Parents Rep
Joan Sloan	Teen Faith (Adult Rep)
Vince Perrone	Teen Faith (Teen Rep)
Kasia Meler	Teen Faith (Teen Rep)

*Council meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Council meeting minutes can be found on the website.*

## 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

## Advent Theme

Advent ushers in change, but no ordinary one. The change is an Incarnation, when God took a risk and became one of us in the form of an innocent newborn at Christmas. That child then changes into our Lord, Savior and Redeemer, who then ushers in even more change.

This year's Advent/Christmas theme is, "In Crisis, Christ is." You will see from our logo that simply adding an H after the C and a T after the first S that Christ is in Crisis.



CRISIS  
In crisis, Christ is.

A significant aspect of crisis calls for an urgent need to change, particularly to heal from a very severe medical issue. To say that we are changing now because of a severe medical issue is one of the greatest understatements ever. The crisis of this Covid pandemic has brought with it a heightened need for change, and the predictable rhythms of expectation, preparation and manifestation that always mark the Advent/Christmas seasons can give us hope this year by embracing Christ even more—seeing him in the midst of crisis. In Crisis, Christ is...

In the **preparing**

In the **watching**

In the **comfort**

In the **voice crying out**

In the **bearing**

In the **anticipating**

In the **beholding**

In the **hope of the Child to be born**

In the **humble surroundings**

In the **awe**

In the **gratitude**

Not only in the togetherness, but in the **growing stronger.**

We will begin Mass now by adding to our existing statement of unity. From now on, we will be prompted by:

We are in this ...

and the response is TOGETHER.

Going forward we will then be prompted with...

And we will come through this...

and the response is STRONGER

## Mary

Mary's journey of conceiving and bearing the Christ Child is an overall symbol of the world that is called to bear and give birth to the Incarnation, God becoming human in Jesus. We tell two additional stories of Mary that are Feasts of the universal church, The Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8 and Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12.

The Immaculate Conception is rooted in the significant and unique role that Mary plays in salvation history by conceiving Jesus by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit.

Our Lady of Guadalupe solidifies Mary as the Patroness of North and South America as she appeared to Juan Diego near Guadalupe, Mexico, speaking to him not only in Spanish but in his local dialect. This indicates a familiarity that Mary has for all of us, because she was so humble in the face of mystery and courage enabling her to do what God and all humanity asked her to do.

## Christmas

Please see the website for our Christmas Schedule and again, spread the word that people must register for Christmas Masses. Many who normally only join us for Christmas might not be aware of this and if registration indicates the demand, we will alter our schedule. Also, please know that two of our Christmas Masses will be livestreamed, as our 9:00am Mass is each week.

Please spread the word that the website is the best way to get the most accurate and updated information about...and spiritual resources offered by...all things Holy Family.

## Preparing for Next Week...

We invite you to read the scripture readings for **December 6, The Second Sunday of Advent**, and then reflect on these questions:

1. As people entrusted to do God's will, how do we "make straight a highway" for those who have been impacted by all that has befallen us in 2020?
2. In Isaiah we also hear that "the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together." What or who reveals the glory of the Lord to you?
3. Peter says: "with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day." How difficult is it to be patient and wait for something in God's time?
4. In several scriptures, John the Baptist is heard to say that he is unworthy, even to untie Jesus' sandals. When you hear this, how do you feel?
5. All of us have been baptized with water. When have you felt baptized in the Holy Spirit? How can we make the Holy Spirit a bigger part of our life?

### *SOCIAL JUSTICE QUESTION*

Jesus came as a voice from the silence – a messenger speaking of compassion and justice. What voice do you hear? Where is that voice leading you?

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*As we journey through this Advent season towards Christmas, please consider honoring your loved ones with a memorial donation to our Liturgical Flower Fund. We will list all memorials in the bulletin following Christmas.*

*Pick up an envelope in the narthex after Mass or call the parish office to make your memorial donation. Thank you!*

# Liturgical Arts

## Mass Intentions

*Please be assured that we will include the daily intentions at the Wednesday 9:00am Mass. The Saturday & Sunday intentions will be prayed for at the weekend Masses.*

### Monday, November 30

John (Jack) Michalek (Adult Faith Life)  
Vance Nwankwo (Family)  
Fr. Pat Brennan  
Mary Rorolo (Adult Faith Life)  
Janice Dobbs (Adult Faith Life)

### Tuesday, December 1

Mildred Kinzig (Family)  
Nancy Burke (Jane Richards)

### Wednesday, December 2

Holy Family Faith Community

### Thursday, December 3

Mary Moore (Family)  
Debbie Urban (Family)

### Friday, December 4

John Bacchi (9:00 a.m. Mass Group)  
Marie Rammel (Family)

### Saturday, December 5

Kathryn Kasmeja (Mom)

### Sunday, December 6

Filomena Daniele (Adult Faith Life)  
Dorothy Olszewski (Len & Ann Olszewski)  
Margaret Havansek (Adult Faith Life)  
Larry Fixel Jr. (Family)  
The Crook Family (The Crook Family)  
Josephine McLane (Pastoral Care)  
The Brown & Lake Families  
Dr. James Keehan (Adult Faith Life)

Mass intentions are available  
by contacting the Parish Office



## Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them...

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+ Jim Martin

*"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...*

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Jean Zeitler

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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, November 29

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:33-37

### Monday, November 30

Romans 10:9-18  
Matthew 4:18-22

### Tuesday, December 1

Isaiah 11:1-10  
Luke 10:21-24

### Wednesday, December 2

Isaiah 25:6-10a  
Matthew 15:29-37

### Thursday, December 3

Isaiah 26:1-6  
Matthew 7:21, 24-27

### Friday, December 4

Isaiah 29:17-24  
Matthew 9:27-31

### Saturday, December 5

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26  
Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

### Sunday, December 6

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11  
2 Peter 3:8-14  
Mark 1:1-8

# Parish Support & Services

## Holy Family's Fiscal Year 2020-21

### Weekly Attendance and Collection - Last 4 Weeks

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Oct 25	302	\$	46,296
Nov 1	281	\$	24,941
Nov 8	313	\$	33,669
Nov 15	232	\$	34,977

*Note: Collections vary week to week primarily based on the timing of electronic contributions*

### Year to Date Collection Summary

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

Through November 16, 2020

	Actual	Budget	Delta to Budget	Last Year Actual	Delta to Last Year
Sunday & Electronic Collections	\$ 651,419	\$ 682,563	\$ (31,144)	\$ 759,296	\$ (107,877)
Christmas	\$ 851	\$ 4,933	\$ (4,082)	\$ 1,500	\$ (649)
Easter	\$ 290	\$ -	\$ 290	\$ 1,100	\$ (810)
<b>Major Collections Totals</b>	<b>\$ 652,560</b>	<b>\$ 687,496</b>	<b>\$ (34,936)</b>	<b>\$ 761,896</b>	<b>\$ (109,336)</b>
<b>Prior Week Totals</b>	<b>\$ 617,507</b>	<b>\$ 646,386</b>	<b>\$ (28,879)</b>	<b>\$ 707,137</b>	<b>\$ (89,630)</b>

Note: Parish fiscal year is July 1 to June 30

**Envelope Users:** Please either mail your weekly collection envelopes to Holy Family at 2515 Palatine Road, Inverness, IL 60067, or you can drop in the mail slot by Door 1.

Consider making an electronic contribution at [holymfamilyparish.org/online-give-options](http://holymfamilyparish.org/online-give-options)

*Holy Family's First Virtual Gala!*

# SATURDAY LIVE NIGHT

**February 27, 2021**  
 6-7pm Cocktail Hour  
 7pm Main Program Begins

Your \$25 admission includes:

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- Link to the virtual Gala
- Heaven or Hell raffle ticket

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For more info and updates please visit: [www.holymfamilygala.org](http://www.holymfamilygala.org)

# Adult Faith Life

## Little Blue Books for Advent



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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.

This year we will not be ordering the Little Blue Advent Prayer books, but there are a couple of ways you can get them. We encourage you (and your SCC groups) to join us in becoming paperless, especially during this pandemic. The Little Books organization is now offering an app so you can access the Advent, Lent and Easter devotions. Go to the App Store on your smart phone and look for "Little Books." The app will offer you the option of purchasing the entire three (Advent, Lent, Easter) sets of reflections for \$10.

If you prefer a hard copy of the books, you may order them at [www.littlebooks.org](http://www.littlebooks.org). The cost is \$4.00 per book. If you choose this option, the books are also available in large print and ebook format.

*May your prayer life be rich as we prepare for these holy seasons!*

## The Tenacious and Gentle Mystery of Hope

**(ZOOM Presentation)**

**Presented by**

**Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson**

**Tuesday, December 1, 2020**

**6:30 – 8:30 pm**



Enter into the mystery of hope with this inspirational presentation by our beloved friend, Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson. His ever thoughtful, personal, story-telling style brings us to the truth of who we are, and connects us to the hope that is inside us. Come and rest for a while, and be in the light during this time of challenge.

To register and receive your Zoom link, please contact Marsha Adamczyk at [madamczyk@holyfamilyparish.org](mailto:madamczyk@holyfamilyparish.org)

## Tune in with Terry



We will be taking a break during the month of November from our Tune in with Terry sessions. We invite you to mark your calendar for our December sessions:

**Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 7:00pm –**

**A discussion about Advent**

**Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at 7:00pm –**

**A discussion about Epiphany**

If you haven't joined us for Tune in with Terry yet, it is a short presentation by Fr. Terry followed by relaxed and "come as you are" conversation on the topic of the night. We have found that this allows for great community time and a little freedom from all the things weighing us down. Please plan to attend and let's focus on the HOPE that comes at Christmas.

To register and receive your Zoom link, contact Mary Whiteside at [mwhiteside@holyfamilyparish.org](mailto:mwhiteside@holyfamilyparish.org)

**Stay tuned...Our Bible Journey program will return in January  
with one of our "back by demand" speakers, Elizabeth Nagel!**

# Family & Teen Faith

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offers faith formation  
and catechesis  
to preschool through  
elementary school aged  
children and  
high school teens  
and their families.



**A**dvent offers some profound insights on waiting.

The waiting we do in Advent focuses on the long view, the big picture – ***we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior.*** This kind of waiting gives hope and dispels anxiety.

**Let's capitalize** on the insights this season of soulful waiting can bring to bear on our experience of waiting for

- A Covid vaccine,
- A sense of emotional and financial security,
- The end to the pandemic and
- A return to the familiar rhythms of daily life.

**Adults find waiting difficult; children find it excruciating!** Waiting is an inevitable part of life. The way we engage waiting can either intensify or diminish feelings of restless and frustration. At Holy Family, we want our children to learn and practice **waiting in joyful hope**, assured of God's love and faithfulness.

**Let us exercise our religious imaginations**, combing through the resources our faith offers us for filling the time of waiting with hopeful expectation. Advent traditions and symbols can help you celebrate this holy season with your families and friends, while instilling and reinforcing in your children and grandchildren a belief in God's everlasting love. See the Family Faith Page on the Parish website for ways to celebrate Advent.

**Like the string on a kite, keeping traditions keep us connected.** They keep us centered, grounded. They create powerful memories we can draw on during times of uncertainty and adversity – times like now!

**Family traditions and rituals that come from our shared faith provide meaning and purpose.** They embed a shared wisdom in our hearts - a wisdom words themselves cannot fully express.

☆ **Adapting traditions** to fit the present moment, imbue them with new energy and power.

☆ **Adopting a tradition** or ritual that is new to your family, makes the season feel fresh and more festive, especially for children.

☆ **Creating a new family faith tradition** brings excitement and makes faith fun

## Celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas

### Make Advent Fun and Festive!



On the **night of December 5**, leave your shoes outside your bedroom door or in the Family Room. St. Nicholas will reward everyone who have been good all year by filling up their shoes with goodies, such as nuts, fruits and sweets.

# Human Concerns

## Catholic Social Teaching – United States Catholic Conference of Bishops



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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.

### Call to Family, Community, and Participation

The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society-- in economics and politics, in law and policy -- directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. Marriage and the family are the central social institutions that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

Subsidiarity respects personal dignity by recognizing in the person a subject who is always capable of giving something to others. *Charity in Truth (Caritas in Veritate. . . )*, #57

In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation. This obligation is rooted in our baptismal commitment to follow Jesus Christ and to bear Christian witness in all we do. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us, 'It is necessary that all participate, each according to his position and role, in promoting the common good. This obligation is inherent in the dignity of the human person. . . . As far as possible citizens should take an active part in public life' (nos. 1913-1915). *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, #13

For more information visit – [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



In early July, SPRING assumed the task of completing a second home this year. The project had been placed on hold by the Habitat affiliate during the height of the pandemic. SPRING volunteers, working in smaller teams to follow prudent safety protocols, completed the project in November. The new homeowner works regularly with our volunteer construction crews, learning all the tips and tricks it takes to build and maintain a home. Habitat does not provide handouts but a hand up. This mother, because of domestic violence and divorce, has progressed from a WINGS resident, to full time employment, and now, homeownership. The mother and daughter will move into their home in time for the upcoming holidays.

For more information about Holy Family's Habitat Partnership, go to [springoflifehabitat.org](http://springoflifehabitat.org).

## Give Thanks

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