



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

## In Crisis—Christ is.

We have begun Advent, which always calls for preparing, looking ahead and waiting. This year we are preparing, anticipating and waiting in a unique and powerful way. We are all hoping for medical advancements that will help a world in crisis to heal. Sometimes we offer a wish for people to 'get better' when they are sick. Other times we say that we want to 'get better' to improve. God becoming one of us in the magic of the Incarnation at Christmas made the world so much better, and the changes we are looking for now amidst a world-wide pandemic will help our world to get better—to recover, to heal.

In the meantime, we are in a crisis of health so powerful that it has affected our spirit, our mental health, our jobs, careers, and limits contact with an extended circle including family, friends, and affects dining out, attending sports events, entertainment and much more, including, certainly, church.

We have been socially distanced, increasingly more isolated, and with those restrictions have come a host of other feelings such as cramped, confined, tethered, isolated and bored, just to name a few.

So where is God in all of this? Where is Christ? Well this Advent we want to restate that Christ is in the middle of it all. Our Advent challenge is to recognize his presence in the milieu of the drama that is human life. And this year we have more drama than ever.

We will be repeating quite a bit this Advent and Christmas that *In crisis, Christ Is*, and the logo and sign that accompany much of our Advent/Christmas information sharing and other promotions conveys this in a very creative way. Adding an H after the first C and a T after the first S tells us that In crisis, Christ Is.



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We are also expanding the statement that we use as both a welcome and a reminder of who we are before Mass that has been used as a mantra in many other communications and prayers: "We are in this TOGETHER." Now, because of the Covid challenges, with confidence that Christ is with us as we navigate current challenges, we will be adding, "And we will get through this STRONGER."

We are in this **TOGETHER**.

We will get through this **STRONGER**.

## Mary

Each Advent, Mary the Mother of Jesus plays such an important role as we remember that she bore Jesus in her womb and gave human birth to him at Christmas. Two additional Feasts of Mary will take place this coming week. Tuesday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and we will offer Mass that day at 9:00am. Please register to attend as you would any other Mass. This feast helps to clarify and celebrate that, from the moment of her conception, Mary was designated in a very unique way to bear and give birth to our savior. She said "yes" to this role and continues to be an example of fidelity to God's call despite challenges.

On Saturday, December 12 we celebrate the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe. We will not celebrate the feast that day, but this feast helps us to recall that Mary appeared four times to a simple man named Juan Diego on a hill called Tepeyac outside of Mexico City in December 1531. These apparitions have been authenticated by the church following years of investigation. The image of Mary that was emblazoned on Juan Diego's tilma (a heavy sarape), as well as the message to pray for peace, has lasted until today.

## Holy Family Masks

Perhaps you have seen one of us wearing a stylish Holy Family mask recently? They are available for purchase in either blue or white for \$10. Simply call Debbie at our Front Office between 9:30am and Noon on Tuesday mornings to place your order.

## Christmas Mass Registration

We will begin taking reservations for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses on Tuesday, December 15.

# Liturgical Arts

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The Liturgical Arts  
Community...  
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participate in a fully  
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includes different  
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for all attending Holy  
Family.



*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!*

## **Holy Family's Drive-In Christmas**

**December 13, 5:00 – 5:30pm at the West Parking Lot**

**Tree Lighting Ceremony**

**Carols**

**Inspirational Message**

**Adults & Kids of Any Age**

**Small Gift Bags For Kids**

**Special Appearance by North Pole VIP**

**Experience this event in 30 minutes via your car radio and the comfort of your own vehicle---You can even show up in your pajamas! Take a break from cabin fever and help us celebrate this Holy Season safely. God knows we can all use a little bit of joy and peace of mind.**

# 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, December 7

Holy Family Faith Community

### Tuesday, December 8

Stefan Augustyn

(Stanley & Christine Komperda)

Kathryn Kasmeja (Mom)

### Wednesday, December 9

Anne deHarde (Gwynne deHarde)

### Thursday, December 10

Edward Hoffman (Adult Faith Life)

### Friday, December 11

Holy Family Faith Community

### Saturday, December 12

Steve Walmann (Carol)

Thomas Postema II (Family)

Suzanne Svihra (Adult Faith Life)

### Sunday, December 13

Tess Kim (Julie & Bill Ganzer)

Dorothy Robak (Adult Faith Life)

Ernesto Chavez (Estefany Aquino)

Suzanne Svihra (Husband)

Louis Wibicki (Adult Faith Life)

Sue Loeschen (Cindy Goss)

Lucy Vittorino (Family)

Walter Kleinfeldt (Kleinfeldt Family)

Florentino Aquino (Estefany Aquino)

Mass intentions are available  
by contacting the Parish Office



## Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them...

+ Brad Flynn

+ Therese Herdrich

*"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...*

Rinaldo Elia

Phil Miceli

Robert Noel

Pat Rooney

Sandra Van Dyke

## We Pray for Family Members in Service of Our Country

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

Lt. Michael J. Graft III (*Air Force*), Captain Peter Keiser (*Army*)

Ensign Patrick J. Kennelly (*Navy*)

2nd Lt. Madeline Lopez (*Army*), Major Brian Malloy (*Army*)

Lt. Colonel Jade Patrick Miller (*Army*), Captain 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 6

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8

### Monday, December 7

Isaiah 35:1-10

Luke 5:17-26

### Tuesday, December 8

Genesis 3:9-15, 20

Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12

Luke 1:26-38

### Wednesday, December 9

Isaiah 40:25-32

Matthew 11:28-30

### Thursday, December 10

Isaiah 41:13-20

Matthew 11:11-15

### Friday, December 11

Isaiah 48:17-19

Matthew 11:16-19

### Saturday, December 12

Zechariah 2:14-17

Luke 1:26-38

### Sunday, December 13

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

# Parish Support & Services

## Holy Family's Fiscal Year 2020-21

### Weekly Attendance and Collection - Last 4 Weeks

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|        |     |    |        |
|--------|-----|----|--------|
| Nov 8  | 313 | \$ | 33,669 |
| Nov 15 | 232 | \$ | 34,977 |
| Nov 22 | 220 | \$ | 53,896 |
| Nov 29 | 252 | \$ | 24,313 |

*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 30, 2020

|                                 | Actual            | Budget            | Delta to Budget    | Last Year Actual  | Delta to Last Year |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Sunday & Electronic Collections | \$ 729,628        | \$ 760,467        | \$ (30,839)        | \$ 817,668        | \$ (88,040)        |
| Christmas                       | \$ 26,976         | \$ 9,250          | \$ 17,726          | \$ 1,500          | \$ 25,476          |
| Easter                          | \$ 340            | \$ -              | \$ 340             | \$ 1,100          | \$ (760)           |
| <b>Major Collections Totals</b> | <b>\$ 756,944</b> | <b>\$ 769,717</b> | <b>\$ (12,773)</b> | <b>\$ 820,268</b> | <b>\$ (63,324)</b> |
| <b>Prior Week Totals</b>        | <b>\$ 731,456</b> | <b>\$ 728,607</b> | <b>\$ 2,849</b>    | <b>\$ 791,242</b> | <b>\$ (59,786)</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:

- Two adults (kids are free)
- Link to the virtual Gala
- Heaven or Hell raffle ticket

**2021 Chairs**  
 Roshny & Chad Archer  
 Cobey & Erich Struckmeyer

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!***

## 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@holymfamilyparish.org](mailto:mwhiteside@holymfamilyparish.org)

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

## Bible Journey 2021

We are continuing with our tradition of offering Scripture study programs on weekday mornings through our Bible Journey program. This fall we enjoyed a beautiful program on the Psalms led by our own fabulous Anne Madsen. We are meeting on Zoom and we welcome all to join us. There is no fee for this program this year, but we appreciate your donations to Holy Family and encourage all of you to become electronic givers to help keep the work of the parish going strong! Please call our main office line at 847-359-0042 and ask for our finance office if you would like to begin donating electronically or visit our website.

Stay tuned for topic details on our January program with a returning favorite, Elizabeth Nagel, Ph.D. We look forward to exciting learning opportunities ahead!

If you would like to be added to our email list for any Scripture study offerings, please contact Mary Whiteside at [mwhiteside@holymfamilyparish.org](mailto:mwhiteside@holymfamilyparish.org).

# 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.



**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



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.

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The Human  
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community while  
promoting mercy and  
justice by putting our  
faith into action.

### 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.

[Solidarity] is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people, both near and far. On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good; that is to say, to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all. *On Social Concern (Sollicitudo rei Socialis. . .)*, #38

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

## NATIONAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR THE HEALING OF AIDS/HIV

Every 9-1/2 minutes someone in the United States is infected with HIV. It is estimated that 25% of the persons living with the virus DO NOT KNOW that they are infected. There is no cure and no vaccine to prevent it. For more information about testing sites call the National HIV/AIDS hotline at 1.800.232.4636 or through the Catholic Charities HIV/AIDS liaison to the Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.948.6500 or [www.catholiccharities.net](http://www.catholiccharities.net). Throughout the year, please pray for those infected with and affected by HIV/AIDS and their families and loved ones.

**Join the Archdiocesan Commission on Mental Illness** for an evening of **Prayer & Reflection** on **Tuesday, December 15 from 7-8pm**. This year probably all of our Christmas celebrations will be different than in years past. All are invited to join us for a virtual hour of prayer & reflection in preparation for Christmas. We are especially reaching out to anyone living with a mental health concern and their loved ones.

To register, email Deacon Tom Lambert at [tlambert@ourlmc.org](mailto:tlambert@ourlmc.org).

## Mental Health Warm Line Monday through Saturday, 8am-8pm 1 (866) 359-7953

From the main menu, select option #2. Not a crisis hotline, the Illinois Warm Line is a source of support as you or a family member goes through recovery from mental health or substance use issues. The Warm Line offers phone-based emotional support for Illinois residents, staffed by Wellness Support Specialists, professionals who have experienced mental health and/or substance use recovery in their own lives. They are trained in recovery support, mentoring, and advocacy and are ready to listen and support you. During the COVID-19 crisis, the Illinois Division of Mental Health has announced that the service hours for the Illinois Warm Line have been expanded to include evenings and Saturdays, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. except holidays.

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