



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Cross of New Life

About Us

The church and the original campus for Holy Family Parish Community were finished and dedicated in 1988 thanks to the hard work and great generosity of so many of the founding parishioners. What was missing was the central Cross – a focal point for the church, the altar and the faith community.

Fr. Medard Laz, the founding pastor, felt that because so much of the church was wood: the tresses, the beams, the pews, the altar and the ambo, the Cross should be made of another material. Acrylic always came to mind. It had only been used in artwork for twenty years.

Christ was the Light of the World. Light streamed into the church through the East, West, South and North windows. Light on acrylic would make Jesus and his Cross come alive at Holy Family.

The words of Jesus that captivated Fr. Med for the Cross are found in Matthew 11:28-30: "Come to me, all of you who labor and find life burdensome, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The new Cross would hang over the altar of sacrifice not only for parishioners each weekend, but over couples getting married, grieving families with their departed loved ones lying right below, and families lifting high their new-born babies for baptism. And everyone was coming right here to be fed by Jesus and with the Body of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Fr. Med saw a 3-inch carved head of a sea captain in a gift shop window in 1989 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Its detail and emotion captured his attention. He found out that the wood carver lived in California. So he prayed and called Ernest Caballero. He asked if he had done anything in acrylic. He said he had done a large dolphin in acrylic that sits in front of a casino in Reno, Nevada.

Several months later Ernest met with Fr. Med at the Holy Family rectory. Ernest brought many drawings of his concept of the new Cross and Christ hanging on it. They were all a Spanish motif of a bleeding, suffering Jesus.

The two of them spent the whole afternoon and evening reflecting on and discussing the words of

Jesus in Matthew 11: 28-30 and how to capture and visualize these words. Jesus is reaching down from the Cross to any and all who come to him. Only a partial body would be shown. It would be Jesus' left arm and hand reaching out. It would be the left side, since the left side traditionally represents the helping, nurturing, caring and healing side of the body.

They discussed that the Cross itself should not be two crossed beams. Since the art piece would be in acrylic, a free-flowing ice crystal Cross would be an outstanding representation of Christ as the Light of the World.

The all-day meeting ended at 10:00 PM. Ernest went upstairs to bed at the rectory. When he came down the next morning at 10:00 AM, his face was brighter than ever. He opened his sketch book. THERE IT WAS! THE CROSS OF NEW LIFE! The drawing was exactly what hangs in the church today! Ernest with his great talent and artistry captured the divine.

Ernest returned to California and fashioned a 30-inch maquette in order to pour a small-sized acrylic of the new Cross. The Holy Family New Cross Committee loved it. Very minor adjustments were made. He set about making the full-sized mold needed to pour the acrylic.

Meanwhile the Holy Family New Cross Committee worked on the hanging and the suspension of the Cross. The main problem was how top heavy the Cross would be. Almost all of the weight was on the top and up front with the solid Christ-figure. There was no even distribution of weight. How could the Cross not bend forward? And there were only 4 cables to hold up the 2,004 pounds. With help from engineers from the University of Illinois the exact 4 points of internal equilibrium had to be found. With help from above, the 4 points were found. For 25 years Jesus has had an out-reached arm and hand, but he has never leaned forward.

Ernest had finished the full-sized mold and it was time to pour the acrylic. By this time Fr. Med Laz had retired as pastor of Holy Family and Fr. Pat Brennan was pastor and ultimately responsible for finishing the Cross of New Life, as he eventually named it. What was needed was an oven large enough for a Cross this size. There was none in the United States, except at Martin Marietta Aircraft in Marietta, Georgia. But with the end of the

Fr. Terry Keehan

Cold War, the oven had long been shut down.

When the Holy Family Committee called the company to ask to rent the oven, the General Manager asked: "What do they want to use it for?" "They want to do a Cross!" was the reply. The General Manager shouted out: "A Cross!! We don't do crosses here. We only do nuclear war heads here!!" God again was very much at work here and in charge.

The General Manager let us pour the acrylic for the Cross. For a week we all prayed and prayed. When the Cross was removed from the mold, the result was not acceptable. A good part of the face and the shoulder were not right and there were other imperfections. The pouring had cost \$50,000.00 and subsequent pours would cost as much. And how many more pours could the mold endure before it was useless?

The main concern was with the acrylic mix itself. There was great concern that the mix was not right. Fr. Med was still pastor when visits were made by he and then by the Holy Family Committee to an acrylic maker in California. He showed us large acrylic pieces, but they weighed no more than 100 pounds each. He assured us that by using his secret formula mix the acrylic after baking would result in a perfect piece of art. He also assured us that with his secret formula mix the Cross would never turn yellow with the passage of time even with all the sunlight beating down on it.

Both Fr. Med and the Committee had mixed feelings about the California acrylic maker. We were not sure if he could be believed and trusted. What he wanted to charge us for his secret formula mix was very reasonable. After the failure of the first pour, the Committee and Fr. Brennan decided to give his formula a try. With the second pour it was decided to turn the mold over for the pour, to have Jesus facing in the opposite direction. The second pour was made and all were on their knees for a week praying.

When the mold was removed everyone was so happy, they cried. The Cross of New Life was PERFECT!! The man in California had gotten us the right formula for the pour. And with 25 years of the sun shining down upon it, the Cross has not yellowed one bit. And the University of Illinois engineers had found the exact internal equilibrium points. The Cross has held and Jesus has never leaned forward in 25 years. The Holy Family

Cross Committee worked hard and prayed even harder. The Cross of New Life would not be hanging there without them.

Once out of the oven, the Cross moved to Mario Noto's studio under the Brooklyn Bridge in New York. Mario spent months polishing every part of the Cross – the body of Jesus and the Cross itself so that the Cross itself would look like a Swarovski ice crystal.

Fr. Med visited Mario at his studio under the Brooklyn Bridge. The Noto Family had been doing art work in Italy in a variety of mediums for hundreds of years. Along with the large Cross Mario Noto was making and finishing dozens of smaller 33-inch crosses that would be sold.

Even though the final cost of the Cross of New Life would be over \$800,000.00, it wound up costing the parish nothing! The sale of the 33-inch crosses brought in over \$1 million. Fr. Brennan was not only able to pay off all of the expenses of the new Cross of New Life, he was also able to make sizable donations to various charities. Fr. Pat did great work on the project.

Mario finished his work and the Cross was put on a flatbed truck heading for Chicago and Holy Family. "Not so fast!" said the police in New York. "Where's your permit to cross the Brooklyn Bridge with a flatbed truck, Cross or no Cross!" A fine was paid, a permit was gotten and the Cross of New Life was heading for Chicago 25 years ago to find a new home and to begin a new life. The wonderful finishing touches of Mario Noto were now completed.

At the church, a large evergreen tree was removed and the windows and doors on one side of the church were removed. Once the Cross arrived it was carefully brought inside and the four cables were installed and it was lifted high for all to see... More especially for Jesus to SEE US as we come to him again and again, listening as Jesus says to us:

"Come to me, all of you who labor and find life burdensome, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy , and my burden is light."

**HAPPY 25TH ANNIVERSARY,
CROSS OF NEW LIFE!!**

- by Fr. Med Laz

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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.



Adventures in Grace: a pilgrimage Revisited

Adventure Three: Confirmation (Affirmed!)

As we continue to remind ourselves of the key take-aways from each of the Wednesday evening adventures with Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson, this week we revisit the Sacrament of **Confirmation**.

1. Confirmation is a deepening of our Christian identity; a time for us to RE-member the GIFT of Baptism, to **AFFIRM** who we are as a Beloved Child of God. We identify, cultivate, and give thanks for our God-given gifts/charisms. We receive these gifts that we might delight in them **AND** give them away in the service of life and love. ("You got it, you give it; get it?"). Based on this understanding of Confirmation, the following spiritual exercises are recommended:

- How might I RE-member my Baptism?
- Whose gifts can I affirm, call forth, give thanks for?
- When might I say ... ?

—“Bless me, O Lord, for these Thy Gifts which I am currently receiving (from thy Bounty) and giving away in the service of life and love.”

—“Bless me, O Lord, for these Thy Gifts which I am receiving from AND your Bounty.”

2. Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson told Fr. Richard Rohr's story about the young child who wanted to speak with his new baby brother alone. He said, “Quick, tell me who I am; remind me where I came from, I am beginning to forget.” What does this story mean to you?

3. St. Benedict said, “**Always we begin again.**” What does this statement mean to you?

4. **Your Baptism is not a private affair.** God, all creation, all humanity has a vested interest in your baptismal status. What does this statement mean to you?

5. Thomas Merton said, “**For me to be a saint means to be myself.**” St. Francis de Sales, “**Be who said you are and be that perfectly well.**” Fr. James Martin says, “**To be holy is to have the courage to really be who you are.**” What do these statements mean to you?

6. The sacrament of Confirmation seals us with the Holy Spirit received in the sacrament of Baptism. The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Trinity; the deepest inner life of God, the very person who is the mutual love of God the Father and God the Son. As that inner life, the Spirit is that Divine Love that God gives us to share. Read Galatians 5: 22-23. What does this passage suggest about distinguishing God's presence in the Spirit?

Liturgical Arts

Mass Intentions

Weekday intentions are prayed for at all Morning Masses during that week and Saturday and Sunday intentions are prayed for the entire weekend at every Mass.

Mass Intentions for 9/26, 9/27, 9/28, 9/29, 9/30

Vance Nwankwo (Nwankwo Family)
Mary Hagen
Gratitude for Blessings (Barbara Balik)
Sabina Golubowski (Family)
Satomi Matsuo & Family (Emily Lee)
Kathleen Leonard (SCC Group)

Saturday, October 1 & Sunday, October 2

Walter McNeely (Knights of Columbus)
Joseph Ebner (Joan & Mike Hermes)
Sue Kinzig (Kinzig Family)
Perla Angluben
Lonnie Brown (Judy & Mike Petrie)
Raymond Kuch (Lucy Bavetz)
Barbara Theilig (Dennis & Marge Brown)
Louise Dzik (Family)
Barbara Cygan (Don & Ellen Karmazin)
Kathleen Leonard (Adult Faith Life)
Alice Robach (Len & Ann Thomas)
Paul Wells
James, Theresita & Wendy Simon
Christie Beck Shannon (Kleeman Family)

Special Intention
*Please continue to keep the
entire Chang Family
in your prayers*

Mass Intentions are available by contacting
the Parish Office up to 2 weeks
prior to the Mass date.



Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them...

+ Leo Breden
+ Catherine Breslin
+ Austin Chang
+ Mary Jo Green
+ Michael Halm

"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...*

Jeslyn Chang
Rosemary Pooler
Baby Josephine

Wedding Banns

Madeline Knoll & Nicholas Kati - III
Jessica Cerniglia & Ryan Degelmann - II

We Pray for Family Members in Service of Our Country

Capt. Michael J. Graft III (*Air Force*), Pvt. Zachary Heisner (*Marine Corps*)
Captain Peter Keiser (*Army*), Ensign Patrick J. Kennelly (*Navy*)
Capt. Nick Lewis-Walls (*Army*), 2nd Lt. Madeline Lopez (*Army*)
Lt. Colonel Brian Malloy (*Army*), SPC James Purvin (*Army*)
PFC Jacob Riedl (*Army*), SPC Theodore Rogers (*Army*)
Airman Zachary L. Schirmer (*Navy*)
Maj. Elizabeth Greenstein Simmons (*Army*), Maj. Joshua Simmons (*Army*)

Weekly Readings

| | |
|---|---|
| Sunday, September 25 Amos 6:1a, 4-7 1 Timothy 6:11-16 Luke 16:19-31 | Thursday, September 29 Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 John 1:47-51 |
| Monday, September 26 Job 1:6-22 Luke 9:46-50 | Friday, September 30 Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 Luke 10:13-16 |
| Tuesday, September 27 Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23 Luke 9:51-56 | Saturday, October 1 Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17 Luke 10:17-24 |
| Wednesday, September 28 Job 9:1-12, 14-16 Luke 9:57-62 | Sunday, October 2 Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 Luke 17:5-10 |

Parish Support & Services

Holy Family's Fiscal Year 2022-23

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Weekly Attendance and Collection - Last 4 Weeks

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|--------------|-------|-----------|
| August 28 | 1,032 | \$ 40,278 |
| September 4 | 1,005 | \$ 18,721 |
| September 11 | 933 | \$ 26,779 |
| September 18 | 1,563 | \$ 31,194 |

Note: Collection totals vary week to week primarily based on the timing of electronic contributions

Year to Date Collection Summary

Through September 19, 2022

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

| | Actual | Budget | Delta to Budget | Last Year Actual | Delta to Last Year |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Sunday & Electronic Collections | \$ 372,903 | \$ 405,656 | \$ (32,753) | \$ 381,371 | \$ (8,468) |
| Christmas | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Easter | \$ 200 | \$ - | \$ 200 | \$ 40 | \$ 160 |
| Major Collections Totals | \$ 373,103 | \$ 405,656 | \$ (32,553) | \$ 381,411 | \$ (8,308) |
| Prior Week Totals | \$ 341,909 | \$ 369,017 | \$ (27,108) | \$ 336,035 | \$ 5,874 |

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 holyfamilyparish.org/online-give-options



**Saturday, October 1st
at 10am in the courtyard**

**Attention Dogs, Cats, Hamsters,
Lizards ... and all pets!**

Come with your humans to Holy Family's Blessing of the Animals on
**Saturday, October 1st at
10am in the courtyard.**

This lovely tradition celebrates the bond between animals and humans as part of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals.



September 25th 11am-3pm

\$5 Tickets

(available at the door)

50/50 Raffles tickets

(available at Knights Cafe and Fall Fest)

holyfamilyparish.org/events

Adult Faith Life

Tenderness in Forgiveness Presented by Fr. Ed Shea Wednesday, October 5, 2022

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

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The Adult Faith Community...
supports the mission of lifelong learning by providing educational, spiritual, and formation activities for the parish and the community.

Join us in the church for an evening to focus on the gift of tenderness in forgiveness with one of our favorites at Holy Family – Fr. Ed Shea! Fr. Ed is a Franciscan priest who brings a love of the Sacraments, of music, and story telling to us as he helps us find peace in our hearts. The last half hour will allow for discussion. Bring your joy, your sorrow, your wounded heart, and your hope for a powerful evening with Fr. Ed.

To register, contact Mary Whiteside at mwhiteside@holymfamilyparish.org.

Reservations are very helpful for planning purposes, but walk-ins are also WELCOME. Join us and bring a friend!

Bible Journey – Fall 2022 The Gospel of Matthew Presented by Anne Madsen



Dates: October 12, 19, 26, November 2, 9, and 16, 2022
9:45 am – 11:45 am (live at Holy Family and a Zoom option is also available)

Cost: \$25 (includes book)

The new liturgical year begins in Advent and the gospel readings will be from the book of Matthew. The theme of Matthew is “the kingdom of heaven.” Through genealogy, parables and miracles proof of Jesus as king will be established. The people who comprise “the kingdom of heaven” are described in the teachings from the Sermon on the Mount.

To register, contact Mary Whiteside at mwhiteside@holymfamilyparish.org



Beloved Retreat December 9-11, 2022

University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, IL

Cost: \$195 (private room with bathroom and meals)

Registration is now open for Beloved. The Beloved Retreat has been run for many years through Old St. Pat's in Chicago and has been very popular at Holy Family in recent years. It is led by members of the Soul Play team who led our Pilgrimage last year, along with a team of Holy Family Beloveds. The weekend is focused on the understanding that our baptism is not just something that happened when we were babies, but is a call to live knowing that we are unconditionally loved by God. So, we ask, were you baptized, or ARE you baptized? Join us for a powerful weekend of gratitude, hope and abundance!

To register, contact Mary Whiteside at mwhiteside@holymfamilyparish.org

Human Concerns

Holy Family PADS Program Update

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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.

Pre-COVID, Holy Family hosted a PADS site for homeless guests of JOURNEYS The Road Home's organization for 20 years. This year, unfortunately, we are unable to begin that program again due to insufficient volunteers available to serve on the site over the course of most shifts beginning at 4pm on Sunday and ending at 7am on Monday morning. We will, however, open up on Sunday evenings to provide a meal to PADS guests from 5-7:00pm beginning October 2.

We will need a few volunteers to help with food prep, food service and clean up. All volunteers must be fully vaccinated and masked at all times. We also need food donated for the dinners. Visit www.carecalendar.org; ID 134413 Password 9236 to get a list of items needed and more specific details.

If you are new to volunteering for PADS, you must go through a short online training session before serving at Holy Family. For questions about volunteering or food donations, contact Alma at delia03@comcast.net for further details.

HUMAN CONCERN'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021-2022

The Holy Family Human Concerns Community provides an annual report and summary of all the activities covered over the course of the previous fiscal year. Please see the narthex shelves and the website under Human Concerns to view the full report. COVID might have challenged us in many ways, however, the parish continues to share an amazing amount of generosity of time, talent and treasure with so many disadvantaged in our local community and beyond. Thank you to all who made a difference in the life of another reaching out in their time of need.

Holy Family's Statement Against the Sin of Racism

Individual and systemic racism, in our past and currently, is a sin. It is antithetical to the founding principles of our nation's Democracy, the vision of equality in which our God created us and the Gospel values of Jesus Christ. Sin is reconciled by truly acknowledging it, being as sincere as possible in asking for, and trusting in, God's forgiveness and genuinely committing to change through action.

WE here at Holy Family Catholic Community will carry out our commitment to reconciling racist sin by fully living out the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching and will carry out that commitment through education, formation, discussion and engagement.

I ask all who call Holy Family home for a full and genuine commitment to this reconciliation.

Fr. Terry Keehan

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To register or for more
information, contact
Julie at admin@viatorhouse.org.

Family & Teen Faith



KAIROS 32/46 - Nov 11-14, 2022

KAIROS 33/47 - Feb 17-20, 2023

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Jenna

*"For me, Kairos meant
slowing down and letting
everything important come
into focus." Jack*

CLICK HERE & SIGN-UP NOW!

Spots are filling up fast. Already 40 % of the spots for the February Retreat are taken.

Catechist Needed

5th grade for 5:15-6:45. Contact kmchale@holymfamilyparish.org if you can help.

Reminder: Volunteer

To qualify for the \$125.00 faith tuition discount you need to contribute 10 hours of service.



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**DON'T
FORGET!** THESE
UPCOMING
EVENTS

FIRST COMMUNION

The **Rite of Welcoming**. We offer two dates choose one.

- Sun, Oct 2, 11:00 am Mass
- Sat, Oct 22, 5:00 pm Mass

CONFIRMATION

2nd year candidates only
Overnight Retreat, Oct. 15-16, in Woodstock, IL

1st year candidates only

The **Rite of Welcoming**
▪ Sun, Oct 23, 11:00 am Mass

To everyone who came and participated in our first FM of the 2022-2023 school year we say,

**GREAT
JOB!**

Thanks to all the HFCA staff and Faith Catechists who came.

Thanks to all who served as liturgical ministers.

Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for providing hospitality.

Our next FM will be Oct 16


**REGISTRATION
FOR FAITH
CLASSES
CLOSES
on Fri, Sept 30**



Parents of Family Faith
kids in grades PK thru 6,
join Karen McHale and
Dr. Peg on

- **Tuesday, Oct 4 at 10:00 am or**
- **Tuesday, Oct 4 at 8:00 pm or**
- **Thursday, Oct 6 at 8:00 pm for**
an overview of the Faith year.

FLAME PARENTS

Did you miss the miss the Teen Faith parent meeting last Sunday (Sept 18)? Make sure you join the Zoom meeting on Thursday, Sept 29 at 7:00 pm

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