



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



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About Us

Holy Family Catholic Community

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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 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

Mass Schedule

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m.

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 7:30 a.m.; 9:00 a.m. (*interpreter for hearing impaired is available*) and 11:00 a.m.

Holy Day 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
(*If it falls on a weekend, consult website*)

Eucharistic Adoration

Daily 6:00 a.m - Midnight

Reconciliation

Mondays 5:30 - 7:00 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 Jeannie Parry in our Pastoral Care office at 949-632-2059 or jparry@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. Anointing of the Sick is offered on the First Friday of every month following the 9:00am morning Mass.

Ways to Donate

Give online [@holyfamilyparish.org](https://www.holyfamilyparish.org) (Click GIVE option in top menu bar)

Send gift to PayPal@holyfamilyparish.org

Text gift via text message to holyfamily (one word)

Venmo gift to [@HolyFamily-Inverness](https://www.holyfamilyparish.org)

Envelope Offering - drop in boxes at pillars in Narthex when you enter or leave Mass

Follow Us on Social Media

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/holyfamilyinverness>

Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/HolyFamilyCCI>

Pinterest:

<https://www.pinterest.com/holyfamilyCCI/>

Visiting Presiders

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

Pastoral Table

Greg Flanagan
Dr. Lisa Gagliano
Sue Geegan, Staff
Luis Gutierrez
Krystal Harris
Fr. Terry Keehan, Pastor
Joy Kull
Anne Madsen
Rick McMahon
Mike Myers, Chair

Pastoral Table meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30. All meetings are open to visitors unless otherwise indicated. Meeting Minutes are available in About Us on the website.
e-mail: Pastoralcouncil@holyfamilyparish.org

Finance Council

The Finance Council of Holy Family meets quarterly and its current members are:

Tim French
Patrick Geegan
Ft. Terry Keehan, Pastor
Randy Olech
Bernie Schaeffer, staff
Ron Sobon
Elia Ponce-Tokarz
Jim Vande Logt
Chet Zara - Chair

Building Hours

Sunday	7:00am – 3:00pm
Monday	7:00am – 9:00pm
Tuesday/Wednesday	7:00am – 7:00pm
Thursday	7:00am – 9:00pm
Friday	7:00am – 5:00pm
Saturday	7:00am – 12:00pm 4:00pm – 6:30 pm

(*Key card access only 12:00 – 4:00pm*)

Office Hours

Sunday	8:00am – 12:30pm
Monday-Wednesday	8:30am – 4:30pm
Thursday/Friday	8:30am – 1:00pm
Saturday	4:45pm – 6:00pm

Fr. Terry Keehan

As we enter into the final week of Advent, let's revisit how we here at Holy Family have promoted the importance of preparing for the Incarnation of our God, being born into human life through Jesus Christ, and the miracles that abound from this awe-filled time of the year.

Prepare

Each Advent calls us to prepare. John the Baptist's message is not only focused on Jesus, it is rooted in the prophetic words of the ancient prophet Isaiah, "...a voice crying out in the desert to prepare the way of the Lord." (40:3) This final week can still be filled with plenty of spiritual preparation for Christ's birth.

Repent

Repenting not only challenges us to turn away from sins, it calls us to be countercultural, going much further in forgiveness and imagining God's Kingdom breaking into our human kingdom.

Theologian Jack Shea says, "We are not earthlings praying to heaven for our needs. We are heaven's children with the clay of the earth in our hands, molding it into the world that God envisions." (*The Spiritual Wisdom for Christian Preachers and Teachers*, Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN)

Shea indicates that this statement is the key one for the entire year of the Gospel of Matthew that we will hear this year.

*Do we fail to see the earth as sacred?
Do I fail to see grace in my everyday life?*

Do we fail to let the beauty of this world lead us to the eternal beauty of union with God?

Forgive us for forgetting...that eternity and today, the earthly kingdom and the heav-

enly one, our will and God's... are all connected by grace beyond measure.

These words were used in the Examination of Conscience that we offered during this past Wednesday's All Parish Advent Reconciliation Service. We will also be offering extra time for private Reconciliation this Monday from 5:30pm-7:30pm in church.

Accept

Mary provides such inspiration for us. Under the broad mission of preparing, she says YES to a mysterious and challenging mission given by the Angel Gabriel. Let us ACCEPT the miraculous mystery of our God becoming one of us once again this Christmas.

Yes

Not only does Mary say "yes" to loving, supporting and raising the Christ Child conceived in her by the Holy Spirit, but the Gospel of Matthew also includes the "yes" from St. Joseph, who supports both Mary and Jesus with love and devotion.

Let's let all of this and more enrich how we PRAY as Advent concludes and say YES to the fullness of the Incarnate word of God being born into our hearts this Christmas.

During this holiday season, please consider making a donation to the Tax Credit Scholarship Program! Over the last five years over 100 scholarships have been awarded to qualifying students attending HFCA! The Archdiocese of Chicago has announced a 1-for-1 match for donations made between 12/1/2022 and 3/31/2023. Remember--donors receive a **75% IL income tax credit** on the amount of their donations. This is a win for HFCA, a win for qualifying families, and a win for donors! For more info <https://bit.ly/3ue9hZT> or reach out to datkins@holyfamilyparish.org.

Liturgical Arts

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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.



**In memory of your loved ones, please
consider making a
donation to purchase
flowers for Christmas.
You can pick up an
envelope in the
parish office after
Mass or call the office
to make your memorial donation.**



Available in the Parish Office

Gala
2023

SAVE THE DATE!

March 18th, 2023
at Concorde Banquets In Kildeer
More info coming soon!

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.

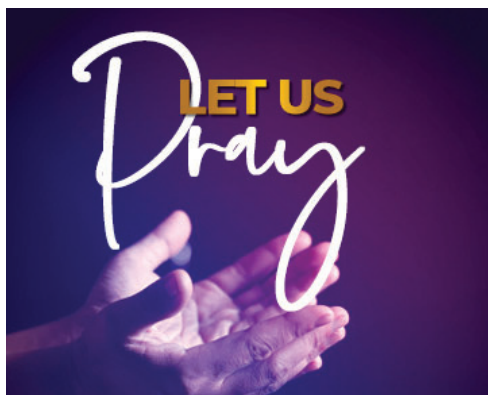
Mass Intentions for 12/19, 12/20, 12/21, 12/22, 12/23

Jody Lakowske (Family)
Gerald Smith (Denise Smith)
Andres M Gonzalez (Gonzalez/Raimondo Family)
Jacob Kalayil (Kavalackal Family)
Crystal Riedler (Family)
The Joseph Family
Maria Enriquez (Family)
Alex Faul (Family)

Saturday, December 24 & Sunday, December 25

Thomas Postema II (Family)
Rosemary and Raymond White (Suanne Leahy)
Jean Ann Mauer Family Members
John & Josephine Balik (Barbara Balik Family)
Louis & Josephine Patano (Barbara Balik Family)
Louis and Jean Sacco (Barbara Balik)
Todd J. McCollum (Barbara Balik Family)
Louis & Mary Sacco (Barbara Balik Family)
Joseph & Mary Balik (Barbara Balik Family)
John Conrad (Family)
Marian & Walter McNeely (Family)
Vic & Kay Graziano (Mary E Bak)
Elaine Rudnicki
James Buscemi (Family)

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



Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them...

+ Ruth Duhigg
+ Kirby Knutson
+ Kimberly Koerner
+ Bridget McWilliams
+ Dennis Parry
+ Cyril Shulte

"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...*

Deacon Dennis Brown
Don Chiovare
Richard Redlinger
Gino Rucker

Wedding Banns

Meredith O'Brien & Zack Reynolds - 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, December 18

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

Monday, December 19

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

Tuesday, December 20

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

Wednesday, December 21

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

Thursday, December 22

1 Samuel 1:24-28
Luke 1:46-56

Friday, December 23

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24
Luke 1:57-66

Saturday, December 24

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Luke 1:67-79

Sunday, December 25

Isaiah 52:7-10
Hebrews 1:1-6
John 1:1-18

Parish Support & Services

Holy Family's Fiscal Year 2022-23

Weekly Attendance and Collection - Last 4 Weeks

November 13	1,109	\$	36,577
November 20	1,537	\$	49,849
November 27	1,157	\$	36,039
December 4	1,217	\$	43,700

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

Year to Date Collection Summary

Through December 5, 2022

	Actual	Budget	Delta to Budget	Last Year Actual	Delta to Last Year
Sunday & Electronic Collections	\$ 766,766	\$ 831,725	\$ (64,959)	\$ 783,133	\$ (16,367)
Christmas	\$ 2,935	\$ 2,500	\$ 435	\$ 2,120	\$ 815
Easter	\$ 225	\$ -	\$ 225	\$ 65	\$ 160
Major Collections Totals	\$ 769,926	\$ 834,225	\$ (64,299)	\$ 785,318	\$ (15,392)

Prior Week Totals \$ 724,976 \$ 785,202 \$ (60,226) \$ 744,612 \$ (19,636)

Note: Parish fiscal year is July 1 to June 30 Total Christmas collection budget is \$190,000

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



No Knights Café In December

Merry Christmas everyone!
 Mark your calendars for 2023:
 Cafés will be served the last Sunday of the month
 in January, February, March and April.



Contemplative Day of Prayer: Awakening to the Presence of God

Presented by **Bill and JoAnne McElroy,**
Contemplative Outreach Chicago

Saturday, January 21, 2023

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Cost: \$20 (boxed lunch included)



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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.

Mark your calendar for a full day of Contemplative Prayer with Bill and JoAnne McElroy on Saturday, January 21, 2023 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm in our Common Ground room to put into practice some of the Contemplative Prayer experiences discussed at our November 9th evening event, “Tenderness in Prayer.” Please register using your Realm account, or by contacting Mary Whiteside at mwhiteside@holymfamilyparish.org.

JoAnne McElroy holds a Master of Arts in Contemporary Spirituality and a post-graduate Certificate in Spiritual Direction from the Institute of Pastoral Studies at Loyola University of Chicago. She is a commissioned presenter of Centering Prayer, which she has practiced for over a decade.

Bill McElroy has served as a lay minister and leader at the parish, diocesan and national level for over three decades. He is a Commissioned Presenter for the “Introduction to Centering Prayer” training through Contemplative Outreach.

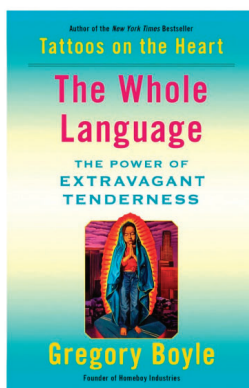
To view the recording of the introductory evening on Tenderness in Prayer, please visit our web page, www.holymfamilyparish.org/aig/

SCC-GiG Kick-off – January 7-8, 2023

On the weekend of January 7-8, we will be welcoming anyone who would like more information about our Small Christian Community – Gatherings in Grace to join us at Mass, enjoy some hospitality after Mass, and meet some people who are in small groups already. Bring your questions and sign up to be part of this growing ministry, dedicated to creating “small church” experiences within the larger Holy Family community. Right now we have hundreds of people involved in SCC-GiG groups and they are thriving. If you’d like to start a group with a few friends and have materials provided, stop by and let us know on the weekend of January 7-8 in the narthex! We look forward to talking with you.

Thinking ahead...

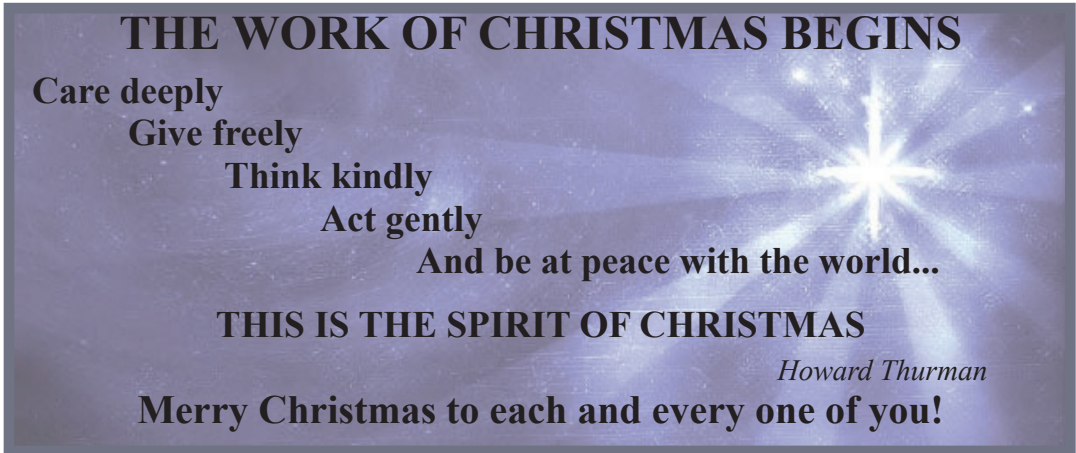
During Lent of 2023 we will be reading a book as a parish and all who wish to participate are encouraged to purchase the book. What a great Christmas gift it would be if you need a last minute idea! The book we will be reading this year is ***The Whole Language: The Power of Extravagant Tenderness*** by Gregory Boyle. We had a small group read this book earlier this fall and it was LOVED by all. It was also one of the inspirations for our Holy Family Year of Tenderness, along with Pope Francis’ call for a Revolution of Tenderness which our world needs so much right now. We will be bringing the community together for more evenings of thoughtful discussion around this book in 2023, so take notes if you read it over Christmas and keep them handy for our gatherings!



Human Concerns

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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.



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.

For more information visit – www.usccb.org

Holy Family PADS Program for the Homeless on Christmas Day

The Knights of Columbus will provide a Sunday Christmas lunch to homeless guests of JOURNEYS. We need a few volunteers to help with food donations. Visit www.carecalendar.org; ID 134413 Password 9236 to get a list of items needed and more specific details.

If you have questions about the food donations, contact Greg at greg.flanagan@comcast.net for further details.

In the spirit of Solidarity, Fr. Richard Rohr shares his thoughts: “While we can be grateful for any freedoms and privileges protected by our national governments, we cannot allow them to claim that they are themselves the foundational source of those rights. That role belongs to God! Our love and respect for human dignity must be extended to people of all nations, not just our own. I wrote this prayer almost ten years ago on the anniversary of the September 11 attacks. We need the grace of universal solidarity to join the One God in our ever-expanding love for the world”:

God of all races, nations, and religions,
You know that we cannot change others,
nor can we change the past.
But we can change ourselves.
We can join You in changing our only

and common future where Love “reigns”
the same over all.
Help us not to say, “Lord, Lord” to any nationalist gods,
but to hear the One God of all the earth,
and to do God’s good thing for this One World.

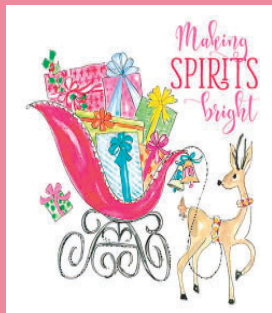
Go to Meditations@cac.org for more information about Richard Rohr and his daily meditations

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.

Empowered by the Spirit, and like the Messiah, Family & Teen Faith embrace the poor with kindness.



During the Advent season, God speaks to our souls, through the words of the Prophets. In the midst of the darkest days of the year, the lights of the season surround us, announcing God's dazzling presence. The kindness of others inspire us to join in making the spirit of this holy season brighter for all.



In today's gospel we hear the story of the

Annunciation, the angel's exquisite declaration that Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us. Yet in Matthew's gospel the angel comes to Joseph. Whether we hear the angel speak to Joseph or to Mary, the response is the same – a resounding YES to God's plan.

Over the past two week's our Family & Teen Faith students, like John the Baptist, have heeded God's call to *prepare the way of the Lord by producing good fruit (Mat. 3:3;8)*. We give thanks for their example and pray *"that the God of endurance and encouragement grant that they live in harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together they may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ"* (Romans 15:5-6).



Family Faith 5th & 6th graders make forty Christmas floral arrangements and handmade cards for local senior citizens.



Family Faith students put together 120 Christmas Gift Bags for the children attending Divine Mercy School in Kenya.



Learning about the need, then responding with generous hearts.

Teen Faith groups adopt twelve local families for Christmas.



The shopping is done, now it's on to the wrapping!

Like our young people, may we too respond to Christ's coming with a heartfelt YES to God's invitation to make the spirit of this holy season brighter for all.

**PLEASE NOTE QUANTITY REQUEST
WHICH IS DIFFERENT THAN USUAL.**

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10, 11 & 12 (LAST 3 pages)**

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