



HOLY FAMILY  
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

AMEN

*Christmas 2022*

# About Us

**Holy Family  
Catholic Community**  
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*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 wor-  
ship, lifelong spiritual  
growth and communi-  
ty 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

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:PayPal@holyfamilyparish.org)  
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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

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## 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](mailto:Pastoralcouncil@holyfamilyparish.org)*

## Finance Council

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

Tim French  
Patrick Geegan  
Fr. 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

## Merry Christmas To All and To All a Good Year

All of us here at Holy Family wish you, your families and loved ones a Merry Christmas. May the wonder of our God giving himself to us in the form of the newborn Christ fill your hearts and souls with hope.

This is certainly something to say *Amen* to. *Amen* is the natural response and conclusion of prayer, and just as Christmas follows Advent, our AMEN Christmas theme follows our Advent theme of PRAY. The acronym for Prepare, Repent, Accept and Yes leads us to proclaim AMEN to the beauty and the depth of the Incarnation story.

*Amen* means many things, but it punctuates and helps to celebrate prayer. This Christmas, *Amen* helps us to celebrate the continuation of our Adventure in Grace initiative upon which we are building much of the very future of our faith community.

## Exactly How Is This Adventure in Grace Continuing?

- If you haven't already, please join or form a Small Christian Community Gathering in Grace (GIG for short) to deepen your appreciation of Grace that is abundant in our everyday lives. Small group discussion and safe sharing can facilitate this in perhaps the most powerful way. Simply being encouraged to look for and to share how and where you experienced Grace and who or what mediated it can make a profound difference in your faith life and spiritual growth. Please contact Deacon Dennis Brown at [dbrown@holyfamilyparish.org](mailto:dbrown@holyfamilyparish.org) for more details.
- Our ongoing Tenderness series continues on Tuesday, January 31 at 7:00pm in church for *Tenderness Toward Creation* led by Dan Huntsha, North and West Chicago Suburbs Outreach Director, Faith in Place.
- Bill and JoAnne McElroy will return to Holy Family on Saturday, January 21 from 9:00am-3:00pm for a Contemplative Day of Prayer.
- Look for continued Grace offerings through our annual parish Mission in March and other Tenderness presentations in the spring.
- Look for another Lenten Social Justice Project in collaboration with the Catholic Extension Society

## Save the date for the 2023 Holy Family Gala

Come and celebrate everything 80's at our

2023 Holy Family Parish Gala on Saturday, March 18, 2023 at Concorde Banquets in Kildeer.

## We Want To Hear You

Through the efforts of members of our Pastoral Table (parishioners who gather regularly to discuss and offer advice), we have created a survey designed to get your feedback on a few important issues. We are particularly interested in feedback from younger adults ages 20-35. You will be sent an email with a Survey Monkey questionnaire that will take approximately five minutes to complete. We sincerely want your honest feedback. Our door is open to you and your experiences. Your responses will assist us in more effectively providing spiritual enrichment, service opportunities and more. If we do not have an updated or any email address for you, please contact Jean Swenson on our staff at [jswenson@holyfamilyparish.org](mailto:jswenson@holyfamilyparish.org). The more feedback we receive, the more we can grow as a faith community.

## AMEN to Generosity and Service from Our Youth

This season is one of receiving, but we encourage our younger parishioners to give and this year they have demonstrated unbelievable generosity.

- Family Faith teens bought and wrapped gifts for 12 Palatine Township families in need.
- 5th and 6th grade Family Faith students made 40 floral arrangements for seniors in the Palatine Catholic Charities Center.
- Family Faith kindergarten to 4th grade students made 200 bags of gifts and essentials for children at the Divine Mercy School in Kenya.
- As a part of the kNOw Hunger initiative, Holy Family Catholic Academy students not only learned about food insufficiency near and far, but collected 4,200 food items for the All Saints Food Pantry and the Partners in our Community Program.

These are a few of the acts of generosity this season from Holy Family.

## AMEN To Our Knights of Columbus

Our Knights have provided extra support during this Advent Season, with their always tasty Cafés, helping facilitate our Tree Lighting service, and cooking such a nourishing surprise breakfast for our HFCA Faculty. AMEN to that!!



Christmas 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

“The Word was made flesh, and he made his dwelling among us.” These momentous words from the beginning of John’s Gospel describe exactly what we celebrate at Christmas. Jesus, the eternal Son of God, has indeed come among us and become a part of our human family. He shared our joys and our sorrows. He came to know the full expanse of our human experiences, those that lift us up and those that cast us down. Through his death and resurrection, he has transformed our lives and our very world. The One born among us as Son of God and Son of Mary has given us a new birth in hope.

We know the challenges that marked his life from the very beginning. We recall how the Holy Family shared the plight of refugees, when they had to flee to Egypt to protect their newborn child from violence. These challenges find an echo in our world today. We see people flee the violence of war and oppression and crushing poverty. Their plight moves our heart to do whatever we can to alleviate their pain. Their story, framed within the story of the Holy Family, also reminds of the unflinching hand of God’s providence that leads us and saves us. And that gives us joyful confidence.

Whatever the challenges we face as individuals and communities—from war, violence, disease, injustice, natural climate disasters—we do not lose hope. We know that the Word was made flesh and made his dwelling among us. He walks with us. He sustains us. He gives us a hope that will not disappoint.

Join me in prayer this Christmas season. Let us ask God to deepen our faith in the Incarnate Word. Let us ask God to renew our hope and lift us up when we are weary. Let us ask God to keep our hearts joyful in all circumstances, because we have come to know God’s love for us.

God bless you and all your loved ones. As I celebrate the Eucharist in this Christmas season, know that I bring all of you to the altar with me.

Sincerely yours in Christ



Archbishop of Chicago



# 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 12/26, 12/27, 12/28, 12/29, 12/30

Vance Nwankwo (Nwankwo Family)  
Agnes & Constanty Obrochta (Family)  
Jennifer Lis (Jonathan Lis)

### Saturday, December 31 & Sunday, January 1

Rosemary & Raymond White (Suanne Leahy)  
Marian & Walter McNeely (Family)  
Norma Baumgart (Kogen Family)  
James Buscemi (Family)  
Elaine Rudnicki  
Lois Semler (Pam & Mark Nemshick)  
Mary & Stan Szerszen (Connie & Jerry)  
Frank Mauceri (Marianne & Bob)  
Diane Smith (Richard & Mary Miller)  
Michael Halm (Jeff & Marcia)  
Suzanne Svihra  
Harry Burkner (Adult Faith Life)  
David Bero (Adult Faith Life)  
Ela Kieltucka (John & Pat Mulhern)  
Carol Silo (Adult Faith Life)

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



## Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them...

+ Robert Cudney  
+ Carol Scarleta

*"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  
Hannah Hodgson  
Evona Rzeczkowski  
Bill Spaletto

## Wedding Banns

**Meredith O'Brien & Zack Reynolds - III**

## 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 25

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

### Monday, December 26

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59  
Matthew 10:17-22

### Tuesday, December 27

1 John 1:1-4  
John 20:1a and 2-8

### Wednesday, December 28

1 John 1:5—2:2  
Matthew 2:13-18

### Thursday, December 29

1 John 2:3-11  
Luke 2:22-35

### Friday, December 30

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14  
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

### Saturday, December 31

1 John 2:18-21  
John 1:1-18

### Sunday, January 1

Numbers 6:22-27  
Galatians 4:4-7  
Luke 2:16-21

# Parish Support & Services

## Holy Family's Fiscal Year 2022-23

### Weekly Attendance and Collection - Last 4 Weeks

November 20	1,537	\$	49,849
November 27	1,157	\$	36,039
December 4	1,217	\$	43,700
December 11	1,195	\$	57,139

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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 12, 2022

	Actual	Budget	Delta to Budget	Last Year Actual	Delta to Last Year
Sunday & Electronic Collections	\$ 823,905	\$ 831,725	\$ (7,820)	\$ 836,023	\$ (12,118)
Christmas	\$ 4,590	\$ 7,000	\$ (2,410)	\$ 11,155	\$ (6,565)
Easter	\$ 225	\$ -	\$ 225	\$ 65	\$ 160

**Major Collections Totals**    \$ 828,720    \$ 838,725    \$ (10,005)    \$ 847,243    \$ (18,523)

**Prior Week Totals**                    \$ 769,926    \$ 834,225    \$ (64,299)    \$ 785,318    \$ (15,392)

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](http://holyfamilyparish.org/online-give-options)

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

*Gala*  
2023

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
 Saturday, March 18th, 2023  
 at Concorde Banquets in Kildeer

*More information coming soon!*

# Adult Faith Life

## 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.

If you're new to Centering Prayer or would like to deepen and reinvigorate your practice, please consider participating in this workshop. Introductory workshop presenters are specially trained and commissioned in teaching this short course. The day's program explores the place of contemplative prayer in the Christian tradition, the conceptual background of Centering Prayer, psychological processes, and insights into establishing Centering prayer as a way of life.

To register, visit your Realm account or contact Mary Whiteside at [mwhiteside@holymfamilyparish.org](mailto:mwhiteside@holymfamilyparish.org)

## SCC-GiG Kick-off – January 7-8, 2023

Join us after Mass on January 7-8 to meet some members of our SCC-GiG ministry. They will provide light hospitality after Mass and answer any questions about what it is like to be part of a small group at Holy Family. Bring your questions and sign up for our upcoming Orientation for new SCC members which will be held on Tuesday, January 24.

## Bible Journey Winter 2023 – *The Gospel of Matthew Continued*

Presented by **Anne Madsen**

**Wednesday mornings:  
January 25,  
February 1, 8 and 15  
(Note: the session on  
February 8 will be on Zoom  
only, all other dates will  
be live at Holy Family and  
will have a Zoom option as  
well).**

**9:45 am – 11:45 am**

For these four mornings we will continue discussing the Gospel of Matthew.

No fee for this session.

To register, contact Mary Whiteside at [mwhiteside@holymfamilyparish.org](mailto:mwhiteside@holymfamilyparish.org)



## Tenderness Toward Creation

Presented by **Dan Huntsha,**  
**North and West Chicago Suburbs  
Outreach Director, Faith in Place**  
**Tuesday, January 31, 2023**

**7:00 pm – 8:30 pm (presentation and  
light hospitality afterward)**

**Free event**

Join us for an evening to learn more about our responsibility as people of faith to protect our common home for the wellbeing of all. Catholic Social Teaching calls us to be stewards of God's creation and live in solidarity as we have deep connections and relationships with each other, our Creator, and all of creation. Our actions, even our simplest ones, can have a profound effect on the ecological balance in pursuit of global environmental sustainability.

To register, visit your Realm account or contact Mary Whiteside at [mwhiteside@holymfamilyparish.org](mailto:mwhiteside@holymfamilyparish.org)

## Human Concerns Ministries

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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.

**Assist a Family** – Parishioners donate holiday food and gifts to disadvantaged families three times per year. Leader: Kevin - [kevin.fanning@RaymondJames.com](mailto:kevin.fanning@RaymondJames.com)

**Emergency Assistance** – Provides short-term financial assistance and resources to those in need. Sue – [sgeegan@holyfamilyparish.org](mailto:sgeegan@holyfamilyparish.org)

**GCFD Produce Mobile** – Once every 5 months the Greater Chicago Food Depository distributes fresh produce at Holy Family to anyone in need. Dan – [dtokarz58@gmail.com](mailto:dtokarz58@gmail.com)

**Habitat for Humanity** – A member of the Spring of Life Partnership of the Northern Fox Valley Affiliate of the International affordable housing organization. Leader: Monica and Mike – [monica.keene@att.net](mailto:monica.keene@att.net)

**Holiday Sharing** – Provides holiday gifts and school supplies for disadvantaged individuals and families. Leader: Barb – [stec3950@gmail.com](mailto:stec3950@gmail.com)

**Hopeful Beginnings** – A child welfare agency providing assistance for unplanned pregnancy, adoption, counseling and more. <https://www.hopefulbeginning.org/>

**Hospitality** – Provides food and drink after Masses to encourage community building. Also provides hospitality for special occasions and events. Dodie – [uhandinthere@att.net](mailto:uhandinthere@att.net)

**Job Support** – Open to all who seek support and guidance in the pursuit of employment. Leader: Charlie – [vikfrem@gmail.com](mailto:vikfrem@gmail.com)

**Lenten Social Justice Projects** – Prayer, fasting and alms-giving benefiting a specific cause. Sue – [sgeegan@holyfamilyparish.org](mailto:sgeegan@holyfamilyparish.org)

**One in Love (LGBTQ+)** – Dialogue and faith sharing supporting all sexualities. Leader: Chris – [chris.evon@yahoo.com](mailto:chris.evon@yahoo.com)

**PADS** stands for Public Action to Deliver Shelter. PADS is a program within the *Journeys | The Road Home* organization which is a county-wide homeless support outreach effort based in Palatine. Leader: Alma – [sgeegan@holyfamilyparish.org](mailto:sgeegan@holyfamilyparish.org)

**Summer Suppers** – Provides an evening meal to those experiencing hunger once a month from May through September. Leader: Alma

**St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly Home** – For economically disadvantaged elders where they are cared for with love and dignity. <https://www.littlesistersofthepoorpalatine.org/>

**Viator House of Hospitality** – Provides compassionate accompaniment of young male immigrants seeking legal relief. <https://viatorhouseofhospitality.com/>

**Welcome** – Welcomes new members to the parish and provides guidance to members and visitors regarding Holy Family's activities and campus. Sue – [sgeegan@holyfamilyparish.org](mailto:sgeegan@holyfamilyparish.org)

**WINGS** – Support to end homelessness and Domestic Violence. <https://wingsprogram.com/>

For more information, visit [www.holyfamilyparish.org](http://www.holyfamilyparish.org) Human Concerns.  
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# 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.



## “The Word of God became a man and lived among us.”

**Christmas is a Festival of Love.** It celebrates the mystery of the **Incarnation** – our belief that God freely chose to become one of us, in order to draw closer to us in love.

**Take your time with Christmas. Celebrate all Twelve Days of Christmas.** Help your children and grandchildren savor the sights, sounds, flavors, and scents of the season. Embed the meaning of Christ's birth in their hearts by celebrating your family's traditions with them. Talk with them about how your traditions were started and evolved, and why they are important to **you**. Ask your kids about what traditions are meaningful to them and **why**? Leave space to create new traditions.

**Find moments to pray with your children, no matter how old they are.** Prayer does not have to be formal, structured or lengthy. Listen to carols together, take a quiet moment together in front of the Christmas tree to say one thing you are thankful for, wish God's blessing on them whenever the mood strikes you, or say a simple prayer of thanks or praise before or after meals. Teach your kids that hugs, cuddles, kisses, and snuggles are wonderful prayers, because they are ways to be reminded of and share God's love.



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## Ideas for celebrating the Christmas Season

(To use the links below go to the online version of this bulletin at [www.holyfamilyparish.org](http://www.holyfamilyparish.org))

- Watch [The Shepherd](#) – part of the pilot episode of the series The Chosen
- [Living the Christmas Season](#), family-friendly ideas for how to celebrate the Christmas season with intentionality, highlighting the various feast days from the Christmas Octave to the Baptism of the Lord.
- [Meditation on the Nativity](#), a Guided Meditation from The Spiritual Exercises, St. Ignatius invites us to reflect on the Nativity from the viewpoint of a maidservant accompanying the Holy Family. Can be read by an individual or read aloud to a group.
- [The Shepherd's Story Website](#) - follow-up activities based on the play done as part of the FM Christmas Mass

## Announcing Key Upcoming 2023 Events

- ❑ 2023-2024 Faith Class Registration opens February 27, 2023
- ❑ 2023 Spirit Camp June 12-16, 2023. [Click here](#) for the “**STELLAR 2023**” video reveal.
- ❑ 2023 Teen Faith Summer Mission Trip, June 18-23, 2023 in Montague, MI

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