

November 19, 2017 • 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Holy Family

1080 W. Roosevelt  
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## Parish

# Thanksgiving Blessings



Just a thought I had this past week. It is hard to believe that it has been almost two months since we had the terrible hurricanes and wild fires, that the massacre in Vegas was a month ago, that Sutherland Baptist church massacre was two weeks ago, and the list goes on. All these tragedies seem almost beyond our ability to grasp them.

The flip side of all this is the realization that in so many aspects of our lives we depend on others, people we know and people we've never met and will never know. We are truly in this together. That is how we survive. We need one another. As human beings, we are created as social creatures, and we live and breathe and move in community with others.

There is a strand of radical individualism which infects our society, our politics and our communities and it scares me. It betrays itself in the concern for me and mine to the exclusion of all others. We so easily tend to see others as threats to my getting what I want, rather than people with whom I share the goods of this earth. At the heart of church teaching about a just society is the idea of the "common good". It affirms that we are all created in the image and likeness of God.

So many events are flying by, and I have yet to have the chance to thank the Apollo Chorus for their concert here, and those who participated in the Mass of Remembrance. To all who made it happen Thank You!

What are most you most Grateful for???? There is once again a form in the bulletin this weekend. We ask that you fill it out and place it in the basket in the back of the church.

We will be having a mass of Gratitude on Thanksgiving Day at 9:45. If you're in town, please make an effort to attend.

*Fr Mike*

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### Masses

Sunday ..... 9:45 am & 5:00 pm

### Confessions

Sunday mornings from 8:45 - 9:15

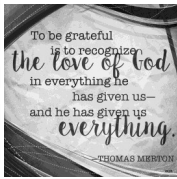
### Weddings

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.





## I Am Grateful For:



Gratitude makes us happier, healthier, and more optimistic. Gratitude improves sleep, increases energy levels, and helps us relax.

So...think about cultivating a spirit of gratitude—thankfulness for everyone and everything in our lives—the good and the bad.

Sharing our gratitude can encourage others to do the same. Let people know what you appreciate. Tell the people who make a difference in our life how grateful you are to them.

## And...you can begin by sharing something you are grateful for on the lines below.

Please fill it out and place it in the basket in back of the church. Or you can email your response to the bulletin editor.

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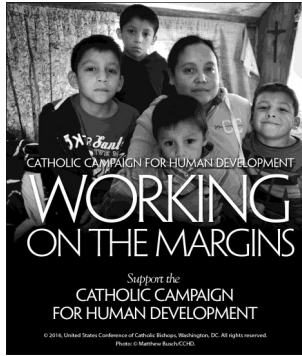
## Marriage Encounter Weekend

Don't miss out on the upcoming enrichment for married couples and religious on December 8-10, 2017 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Elk Grove Village, IL. The enrichment begins with a private weekend experience including 11 presentations about practical tools for growing in loving relationships, and provides ongoing enrichments after the weekend from the Worldwide Marriage Encounter community. For information on applying, please go to [wwme-chicagoland.org](http://wwme-chicagoland.org) and say YES TODAY, to God's call to love one another!

## CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL COLLECTION SUNDAY, NOV. 19

"Whenever we set out to love as Jesus loved, we have to take the Lord as our example; especially when it comes to loving the poor," reminding us once again that we should always care for our brothers and sisters affected by poverty."

Pope Francis



Our second collection today is to support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. There are over 46 million people in the United States living in poverty, and this collection supports programs to empower local communities to address the challenges they face. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development supports those living in poverty across the country to identify and address the unique obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected will remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are giving those on the margins a hand up, not a hand out. Please be generous.

## THANKSGIVING PRAYER

God our Father,  
Graciously accept from your humble people a thankful heart and spirit. Everything we have and are able to share with others ultimately comes from your love of your creations. Often we think that everything we have is our own creation; we ask you this day to create in us a spirit of gratitude, that we may always know that all good gifts come from you.

We ask this through Christ our brother, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## Christmas Giving Tree Support for Young Peacemakers



Each year, the Holy Family Christmas Giving Tree provides gifts for families or groups identified by Catholic Charities as needing assistance. This year, Catholic Charities has given us the privilege of providing gifts for youngsters (age 4-18) who are living in a challenging, violence-prone environment - and who are trying to find a way out of this kind of environment by learning to live in peace. These are the children of the Peace Corner Youth Center in the Austin area.

The Peace Corner provides a safe haven from gang violence and drug activity for neighborhood children. At Peace Corner, they enjoy athletics, obtain tutoring, and learn strategies for conflict resolution. This year, through our Christmas Giving Tree program, we will be providing each Peace Corner child with a sweatshirt and an age-appropriate gift.

On Sunday, November 26, the gift tags for the Christmas Giving Tree will be hanging on the Christmas Tree in the back of the church. Please take a tag **ONLY** if you can return the requested sweatshirt or gift on December 3 or December 10. Return the unwrapped gift on either of those dates with the Christmas Giving Tree tag attached.

The Holy Family community has always risen with Christmas spirit and supported those in need through the Christmas Giving Tree. This year, let the peacemakers of Peace Corner feel our love, support and admiration.

