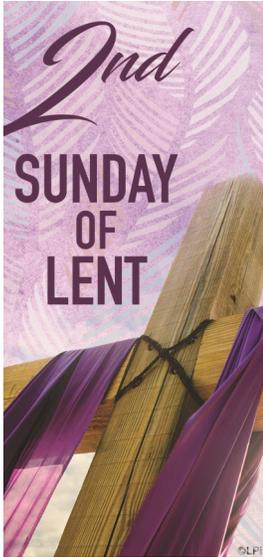


Feb. 25, 2018 • Second Sunday of Lent

Holy Family

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Parish



Last Sunday, with heavy hearts we grieved many senseless deaths, that of Commander Paul Bauer, and the victims of Parkland High School in Florida. We continue to grieve for the victims who have had their lives and futures stolen from them and for their families. Over and over again, whether it is a school shooting, a random street killing or drive-by, we find ourselves numb, with little action really being taken. Like last Sunday, I still search for words to speak about this tragedy and to offer some sense of hope. I saw an interview with a student from Parkland. He said, "Thank you for all the prayers and condolences we have been receiving, they are needed, but I hope it is accompanied by action." Over and over again, I have seen young students pleading with us to do something. "We are losing our lives while the adults play politics" said another student and yet another student, "This is not about Republicans or Democrats, this is about our lives. Get over your politics take some action." How sad but how true!

I truly believe it will be the young, who we are already seeing taking action. With their March for Our Lives, in Washington DC on March 24, and with calling for and demanding that we stop allowing lobbyist to make decisions with their money that is causing them their lives, and the lives of many other innocent people--- This gives me hope.

We Are Still Here!! Today at 3:00 o'clock, Ellen Skerret, will be taking us on a walking tour through our Church, its history, and the life of Fr Damen. Following the tour there will be lite refreshments served, and a special invite to celebrate with us at the 5:00 pm mass.

In our Gospel today the Disciples got a glimpse of the glory of Jesus. It was a wonderful experience for them so much that Peter said, Lord it is Good for us to Be Here. As Children of God we continually get a glimpse of Divinity. Here are our Lenten Reflection questions based on this week's scripture:

- In what ways can the "divinity" that exists within me make a difference to others?
- What has been the hardest thing that God has asked of you, and how was your trust rewarded?
- What have you learned from your own experiences of suffering, anguish, and pain that had a profound and lasting effect on your life?

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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.



Fr Mike

Feb. 25 at 9:45 am

Presider.....Rev. Michael Gabriel
Candle Bearers....Jerrilyn Young and
Cynthia Holden
Lector.....Dawn O'Holleran
Communion Ministers.....
Vernon Lam, Debbie Gausselin, Dawn
O'Holleran, Easter Booker, Sr. Pat
Cummings, Joyce Addo
Altar Servers.....Alexandria and
Amanda Wilson
Greeter.....Christine Pugh

Feb. 25 at 5 pm

Presider.....Rev. Michael Gabriel
Eucharistic Minister.....
Lector.....Amanda Seddon

March 4 at 9:45 am

Presider....Rev. Michael Gabriel
Candle Bearers....Betty Ferguson
and Donna Raclaw
Lector.....Raquel Flores
Communion Ministers...
Megan Schulenburg, Taylor Yim,
Steve Yim, Amare Wilson, Josephine
Aguilar, Jacque Hale
Altar Servers..... Javier and Alaric
Rylon
Greeter.....Christine Pugh

March 4 at 5 pm

Presider.....Rev. Michael Gabriel
Eucharistic Minister.....
Lector.....Alison Conlon

March Ushers:

Eastside..... Ray Walsh
East Center.....Cheryl Bowie
Westside.....Cynthia Holden
West Center.....Vernon Lam

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www.holyfamilychicago.org



“The battles that count aren't the ones for gold medals. The struggles within yourself--the invisible, inevitable battles inside all of us--that's where it's at.”
- Jesse Owens, U.S. track and field athlete

Please Remember in your Prayers:

Mary Breslin,
Sr. Mary Angela Buser, BVM,
Mary Cleveland,
Michael Rosario Costa, Madelynn
Jacobs, Lettece Lee, Phillip Miller,
Janet Miskus, Tom O'Malley,
Joel Rivera, Denise Summers,
Jim Sweeney, and
Dorothy Wrobel



Ed and Evelyn Bogus

Living and Deceased Members of the
National Catholic Society of Foresters

**Get to know our RCIA Candidate
Melissa Rebeles!**



"My name is Melissa Rebeles. I'm married to my best friend Brian. Our family consists of the two of us and our furry babies. We have two Boston's, Frankie and Lola. We happily live in Chicago's West Town neighborhood. I enjoy biking, yoga and walking through our beautiful city. We are super happy and excited to be part of the Holy Family community."

Melissa will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, March 31st. Please hold Melissa in your prayers throughout the Season of Lent and also take the time to introduce yourselves to her and Brian and welcome them to our parish community.

Sunday Collection

Goal: \$3,500.00

Feb. 11	-9:45.....\$620
	- 5:00.....\$748
Give Central.....	\$1190
	(Difference -\$942)
Feb. 18	-9:45.....\$1,590.24
	-5:00.....\$1207.90
Give Central.....	\$680.00
	(Difference -\$21.86)

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

Offerings	\$92,200.03
*Budget	<u>\$115,500.00</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	(-\$23,299.97)

*(\$3,500 a week for 33 weeks.)

If you use an envelope that is not pre printed with your name or #, please be sure to write the information on it so you can receive proper credit.

Contributions can also be made at givecentral.org Call Sharon in the office with any questions or for help with online donations.

You can also click on the 'Donate' link on our web page

Calendar

February 25—3:00 -
We're Still Here
A Talk & Tour of Holy Family by Chicago historian, Ellen Skerrett



March 10, 2018
7:30 pm
Apollo Chorus

April 1, 2018
Easter Sunday

April 15th 2018 -
Celebration for all those married at Holy Family

July 15th 2018 -
Closing of our 160th Anniversary

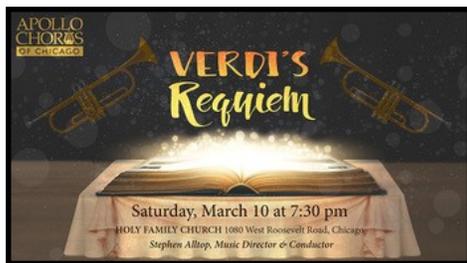
**LENT
A TIME OF MERCY AND GRACE.**

"Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God 'with all their hearts' (Joel 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and grow in friendship with the Lord." – Pope Francis.

**WEBSITES TO ENHANCE YOUR
LENTEN PRACTICE**

Daily Lenten Recipes and Reflections
www.avemariapress.com/40daysofsoup/

Daily Reflections
Best Lent Ever—Matthew Kelly
<https://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/lent-reflections-2018/>



The Apollo Chorus of Chicago will return to Holy Family Church on Saturday, March 10 at 7:30 pm to present its Choral Classics concert, performing Verdi's *Requiem*. The Apollo Chorus is honored to perform at Holy Family Church as the parish celebrates 160 years in the community. As the longest running choral group in Chicago, the Apollo Chorus salutes Holy Family's strong history of serving their neighborhood, as Apollo continues to provide a rich cultural service to the city's many neighborhoods and suburbs with its wide-ranging season. Holy Family parishioners receive a special discount by using promo code **HOLY FAMILY** at checkout; visit apollochorus.org to reserve your seats today. \$30 adult/\$15 student with discount.

**DO YOU WANT TO
FAST THIS LENT?**

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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WE'RE STILL HERE

**A Talk & Tour of
Holy Family by Chicago
historian, Ellen Skerrett**

**SUNDAY, FEB, 25
3:00 PM**

Please join us for a lively, informative talk and an opportunity to tour the church with an expert historian and parishioner of Holy Family. Following the presentation and refreshments, guests are also welcome to join us for our regular 5:00 Sunday liturgy.

**St. Malachy + Precious Blood's
annual Lenten Fish Fry** on March 14th, Wednesday, at 5:15 p.m. in their rectory, followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. in the church. There will be a discussion at the Fish Fry about the movie *Black Panther* and its significance.

WOMEN'S CENTER

During Lent we contemplate the agony and death of Jesus with sadness, but we also think joyfully of His resurrection. Similarly, many women in unplanned pregnancies are troubled and sad. They come to The Women's Center and receive help, counseling and prayers. They are filled with joy after they give birth and cradle their baby in their arms.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: substitute and on-call (flexible hours are available); to sort donated items and assist clients in our Family Room; help with mailings and baby bottle projects; bi-lingual who are conversational in Spanish to help in special areas; male volunteers to assist with baby furniture donations; receptionist Thursday or Friday morning and occasionally Saturday at our Evergreen Park office. For more info on these volunteer roles, call us at 708-320-4066.

SEEKING DONATIONS: We are in immediate need of 4 large car seats for 20 to 40 lbs. (by law all car seats must be less than 7 years old), 5 high chairs, 4 toddler beds, 4 dressers and 4 walkers. We need baby food (in date). Also needed are diapers in sizes 5 and 6 only, girls clothes in sizes 2 and 24 months and boys clothes in sizes 6, 7, and 8. These items cannot be picked up unless accompanied by baby furniture. The families who receive these things are grateful for your generosity. For our address where you can deliver these things or if a pick-up by a volunteer is needed, please call 773-794-1313.

