



Holy Family

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Life for the World

RENEW MY CHURCH FEEDBACK AND DISCERNMENT TEAM.

Renew My Church is our faithful response to Christ's call to renew His Church in Chicago; it is a journey that is both spiritual (to re-encounter Jesus Christ as disciples and parish communities) and structural (to ensure that we have adequate resources for vitality). There are several factors and changes that will lead to successful renewal. Creating vibrant parishes that exhibit the marks of parish vitality requires that we direct current and future resources to the critical ministries that will get us there. To do that, we need to evaluate the business structures (how we operate), buildings, facilities, and the financial requirements of existing parishes to assess where we can more prudently apply our resources to support and strengthen key ministry leadership roles, programs and activities. Ultimately, we must be good stewards of the gifts we have today to ensure they're able to support the faith lives of Catholics today and in the future.

Who and what is the Grouping Feedback & Discernment Team?

The Grouping Feedback & Discernment Team is a gathering of leaders from each parish/school in a grouping. These leaders are invited by their pastor to bring forth an open mind and heart as to what the Holy Spirit is asking of the community, and the ability to participate in the entire Renew My Church journey. The team meets for 3-4 months to discuss and prayerfully discern the ministerial and operational strengths and challenges of the parishes and schools within their particular grouping. Eventually the team will provide feedback and information about its grouping for Archdiocesan leadership to review and present recommendations to Cardinal Cupich so he can make final decisions regarding potential changes to school and parish structures.

Grouping Sessions and Parish Sessions

In September, our Grouping Feedback & Discernment Team will begin its series of conversations through early December. Along the way, there will also be parish sessions for all parishioners to learn more about the Renew My Church journey, stages, and implications for our parish. Dates and times of those parish sessions will be shared as soon as we have them scheduled. In the meantime, please pray for everyone as we form our Grouping Feedback & Discernment Team. May we all be open to where the Holy Spirit leads us in faith, hope and charity.

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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.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

August 5 at 9:45 am

Presider.....Rev. Michael Gabriel
Candle Bearers.....Maria Vega
and Kellee Athens
Lector.....Sabrina Cajandig
Eucharistic Ministers.....
John King, Sister Pat Cummings,
Rita Gardner, Joyce Addo,
Debbie Gauselin, Vernon Lam
Greeter.....Christine Pugh

Aug. 5 at 5 pm

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

August 12 at 9:45 am

Presider.....Rev. Michael Gabriel
Candle Bearers.....Maria Vega
and Kellee Athens
Lector..... Erin Shields
Communion Ministers.....John
King, Sister Pat Cummings, Rita
Gardner, Joyce Addo, Debbie
Gauselin, Vernon Lam

Greeter.....Christine Pugh

August 12 at 5 pm

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

August Ushers:

West Side.....Duane Crockett
Center West...Antwan Wilson
Center East....Tyler Romer
East Side.....Ivory Hill

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH WEBSITE

www.holyfamilychicago.org

Registration forms for new
parishioners, weddings,
and baptisms.

News and information about
Holy Family Parish
Check it out!

Please send all **bulletin
announcements**, including
names of people for the prayer
list, to
marina@holyfamilychicago.org
Announcements are due by
Monday at noon.

Please Remember in your
Prayers:

Sr. Mary Angela Buser, BVM,
Michael Rosario Costa, The
Gibson Family, Spencer Hooper,
Madelynn Jacobs, Ella Johnson,
Letece Lee, Sr. Mary Ellen
Mackey, BVM, Raymond Milton,
Denise Summers, Sam Tripp



Antoinetta O'Malley
(13th Anniversary)



**THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION
OF ADULTS (RCIA)**

Sessions beginning In September!

The Rite of Christian Initiation of
Adults (RCIA) is a process where
you can explore and experience
the Catholic faith community. It is
an opportunity to learn about the
teachings and traditions of the
Catholic Church in a
comfortable and welcoming
environment.

The Christian Initiation process
offers support and guidance as
you seek to discover how God is
working in your life. If you or an
adult you know is
interested in the RCIA process or
have questions, please speak to
Fr. Mike or Jim Bruton or feel free
to contact Jim at
jim@holyfamilychicago.org

Sessions will be scheduled at the
convenience of those wishing to
participate, so if interested,
please contact us and let us know
your scheduling needs.
We look forward to hearing from
you!

Sunday Collection

Goal: \$3,200.00

July 22 9:45.....\$1110.29
5:00.....\$570.92
GiveCentral.....\$330.00
(Difference-\$1188.79)

July 29 9:45.....\$2829.00
5:00.....\$319.01
Give Central.....\$475.00
(Difference +\$423.01)

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

Offerings.....\$14,319.22
Budget..... \$16,800.00
Surplus/(Deficit) (-\$2480.78)

*(\$3,200 a week for 5 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 the
parish office with any questions
or for help with online
donations.

You can also click on the
'Donate' link on our web page.
www.holyfamilychicago.org
Thank you for your support.

Calendar



**Sunday,
August 26**
Women
of the Spirit

Saturday, Sept. 8
Hunger Walk

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CHINA

At both Masses on August 12, a board member of the **U.S. - China Catholic Association** will give the annual **Mission Appeal**. A long missionary relationship has existed between American and Chinese Catholics. That bond was severely strained after the successful Communist Revolution in 1949. Fearing the continuation of Western colonialism, China's Central Government tried to snuff out foreign influences. All foreign missionaries were expelled, native Catholic and other Christian clergy, religious and lay people were persecuted/ jailed/ silenced, and church buildings were turned into warehouses. The reality was no public Masses, no First Communion, no priests, no Sisters - for several decades. To the one million Chinese Catholics in 1949 and to the universal Church, it looked like the Church in China was dying. However, faith-filled grandparents and parents were secretly passing on their faith within their families.

But with a change in national leadership in the 1980's (the Holy Spirit working?), a Resurrection was occurring. China slowly began initiating and responding again to cultural and religious influences from the outside world, and allowing very limited religious activities.

Into this atmosphere, in 1989, the U.S. Catholic China Bureau began as a joint initiative of the Maryknoll and Jesuit Societies and other religious communities, and was endorsed by the U.S. Bishops Conference.

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From then on, the Bureau has continued to work to raise awareness in the U.S. Church of the difficult challenges before the Chinese Catholic Church, and to partner with our sister-church in meeting them. There has been tremendous growth, with more than 12,000,000 Catholics in China today. This includes 138 dioceses, 6,000+ churches, 107 bishops, 3,200+ priests, 5,000+ Sisters, 34 social service centers, 136 clinics, 8 hospitals, 175 schools.

But 10,000,000 among a population of 1,400,000,000, 70% of whom are agnostic or atheistic??!

Your prayer and financial support are deeply needed to spread the Gospel in China today.

More of the story, and the challenges in which we can play a vital part - during the Masses on August 12.

33rd Annual Hunger Walk on Saturday, September 8th

The 33rd Annual Greater Chicago Food Depository Hunger Walk will take place on Saturday, September 8, 2018, at Jackson Park. We will once again have complimentary bus transportation to and from the Walk, and parishioners and friends of all ages are invited to take part.

The Hunger Walk provides support to the Holy Family Food Pantry in its mission to help those in need in our area. We will have a sign up sheet available in the back of Church for those who are able and willing to walk, and are also accepting donations in support of the Food Pantry. Thank you for your support!



Many of you have expressed an interest in how you can help the Holy Family Food Pantry. We have a new web page that will help us raise funds

through this year's Hunger Walk. Last year, with your help, we were able to serve over 2500 people. Not only are our clients grateful, but everyone who works at the pantry is also grateful for the quality of food we are able to purchase with these funds. As we all recognize, healthy food is not usually the cheapest. Many of our clients suffer from chronic diseases such as diabetes and high blood pressure, where particular foods can be more expensive. The Hunger Walk Donations are very important to us as 100% of the funds raised go toward buying discounted food items from the Greater Chicago Food Depository (of which we are a member). So these donations in particular go a very long way in our yearly food purchases. Any small donation helps tremendously! Thanks for checking out our new website link.

<https://www.classy.org/team/179475>



*"I am the bread of life;
whoever comes to me will
never hunger,
and whoever believes in me
will never thirst."*