



# Holy Family

C H U R C H  
*Our Doors Are Open Wide*



As I mentioned two weeks ago, for six weeks, we would be hearing the Gospel of John discourse of the "Bread of Life". Each week, John gives us the rich beautiful teaching on the Eucharist. This week we continue.

The question we always hear is "Where is God?" A quote from the Second Vatican Council that attempts to describe the variety of ways in which God desires to be present with his people reads: "Christ is always present in his Church, especially in its liturgical celebrations. He is present in the sacrifice of the Mass, not only in the person of his minister, But especially under the Eucharistic elements. By his power he is present in the sacraments, so that when a priest or deacon baptizes, it is really Christ himself who baptizes. God is present in his word, since it is He himself who speaks when the Holy Scriptures are read in the Church. He is present, lastly, when the Church prays and sings, for he promised, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Here we are speaking of four ways in which God is experienced in the celebration of the Eucharist: In the gathered community, in His Word, in the priest, and in the Eucharistic elements. Yes, God is present everywhere. But the sacramental presence of which we speak here is fundamental to our life in Christ. These are ways of God being present that are more tangible, and hopefully more deeply experienced.

Consider the first: God's presence in the community gathered to worship. Yes, when we enter a Catholic Church, we genuflect because the reserved Eucharist is present in the tabernacle. We are speaking of something different here. A group of the faithful could gather in the middle of field to celebrate Mass, and in their very coming together to pray, Christ is present with them. Gathered together for Eucharist, Christ is not only present to us, or with us, but in that assembly of believers, precisely because they are gathered in his name. So Christ is really present from the very beginning of Mass, in the people who have come together to pray. He is also present in his Word. Consideration of this helps us appreciate the proclamation of God's Word in the midst of the worshipping community. This is a different experience than sitting at home alone reading the Bible (which is also good.) God's Word is living and active, and capable of changing hearts and transforming lives. Consider that we stand for the reading of the Gospel, because Christ himself speaks to our hearts. In the priest, Christ accomplishes what no priest, bishop or pope could do of his own power. Leading the people in prayer, preaching the Gospel and Homily and most especially praying the Eucharistic prayer are moments when Christ is using the priest to shepherd and feed his people. And of course there is the presence that we call "Real", under forms of bread and wine, (though these other modes of presence are real as well). God transforms bread and wine into the very Body and Blood of Christ, a real, substantial, abiding presence. And Christ says, "Take and eat, take and drink". He is the Bread of Life. God is very present.

*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.



**MINISTRY SCHEDULE:**

**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.....  
Anne and Steve Hasselbeck

**August 19 at 9:45 am**

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

**Aug. 19 at 5 pm**

Presider.....Rev. Michael Gabriel  
Eucharistic Minister.....  
Lector.....  
Anne and Steve Hasselbeck

**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](http://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](mailto: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



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

August 5 9:45.....\$1148.25  
5:00.....\$582.00  
Give Central.....\$625.00  
(Difference-\$844.75)

**FISCAL YEAR TO DATE**

Offerings.....\$16,674.47  
Budget..... \$19,200.00  
Surplus/(Deficit) (-\$2525.53)

\*( \$3,200 a week for 6 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](http://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](http://www.holyfamilychicago.org)

Thank you for your support.

**Calendar**



**Sunday,  
Sept. 23 11:00—1:30**  
Women  
of the Spirit

**Saturday, Sept. 8**  
Hunger Walk



### NEW CHOIR MEMBERS

The 2018-2019 year of Religious Education classes will be starting in September. Registration for the upcoming year will be held on Sunday, August 19, and Sunday, August 26th, immediately following the 9:45 AM mass. The full schedule of class dates will be available at the time of registration.

Classes will be held on Sunday mornings from 11AM to 12:30 PM in Damen Hall. Attendance at Mass is expected for all students enrolled in classes. The fee for the full year of classes is \$100 per student.

The Religious Education program includes four levels.

**Primary Level Class** - A class designed for young students (K & 1st grade)

**Reconciliation/Communion**—A class preparing students to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion (2nd grade)

**Intermediate Level Class**—A class designed for students who have received the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion (3rd to 6th grade)

**Confirmation**—A class preparing students to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. (7th grade and up) **Preparation for Confirmation is a 2 year process.**

For further information, please contact Jim Bruton, Coordinator of Religious Education.

Would you like to help your church community bring the message of Christ to its members each week? Joining the choir is one way you can help out and share your talents.

Don't be shy. Membership in the choir does not require previous choir experience or a superb singing voice. A good group of ordinary voices is all that is needed to sing praise to God and enhance the liturgy. Please consider whether this is one way you can help your church community, enjoy the liturgy more yourself, and make new or closer friends in the church community. If you are interested in joining, or have any questions, please contact the parish office. Liturgy is improved with the active participation of members of the community. How about making the commitment to join the choir?

### 33<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL HUNGER WALK

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.



### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Two masses will be celebrated at Holy Family Church

8:10—with St. Ignatius students  
11:00—Parish Mass



### SATURDAY, SEPT. 8

There is also a new web page that will help us raise funds through this year's Hunger Walk. 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>

Thank you for your support!