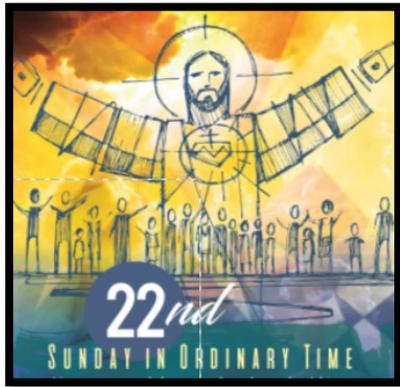


Holy Family

C H U R C H
Our Doors Are Open Wide

*Faith
Grace
Resilience*



Last Sunday a parishioner said to me after Deacon Dave's insightful homily. "We're all in this together and it isn't much fun right now and the short-term prospects are looking grim and the long-term view very uncertain... "And they were right.

A scripture quote came to my mind, "Struck down but not destroyed" (from 2 Cor. 4:9). We are once again very saddened and angry, but in a conversation last week that I had with a victim of abuse, who is still trying to heal, that victim said we cannot abandon the church, we need to stand together.

What they were talking about is resilience in the face of anger, sadness and loss. They made the point that resilience means not to break when everything around us is pushing at our inner self. Resilience is certainly what we need right now.

Where does this resilience come from? It can, I suppose, come from a number of sources. But for many of us, our response to loss, anger and even mistrust is rooted in an abiding faith in God. Perhaps at no other time do we see so clearly the need to deepen and live our faith than at times like these. So, as a people of faith, what do we do? I think one entry point in understanding our response to this lies in the experience of not being in control when there is no time to prepare for such chaos and hurt in our lives. But it is grace that enables us to stand strong in the midst of these adversities. This is what grace can do for us. To help us stand strong together, to face the challenges and evil that is before us. To know that God will continue to walk with us through these difficult times; this is a lesson of faith. It is not what we wanted, it is certainly not what we planned, but we cannot abandon one another or just stand still. We need to go forward together not alone but hand in hand, for change in the church, for the healing grace for everyone. That is resilience.

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:

Sept. 2 at 9:45 am

Presider.....Rev. Michael Gabriel
Candle Bearers....Jane Justic
Lector.....Odell Gordon
Eucharistic Ministers.....Dawn O'Holleran, Pervis Balthazar, Eric Niamba, Jacque Hale, Jim Bruton, Bob Johnson
Greeter.....Christine Pugh

Sept. 2 at 5 pm

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

Sept. 9 at 9:45 am

Presider.....Rev. Michael Gabriel
Candle Bearers.....
Lector.....Raquel Flores
Communion Ministers.....Dawn O'Holleran, Pervis Balthazar, Eric Niamba, Jacque Hale, Jim Bruton, Bob Johnson
Greeter.....Christine Pugh

Sept. 9 at 5 pm

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

September Ushers:

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

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, Joseph Perry King, Letece Lee, Sr. Mary Ellen Mackey, BVM, Raymond Milton, Denise



Joseph, Jane, and Dennis Reidy



On this Sunday before Labor Day, we have an opportunity to reflect on what the Church teaches us about the dignity of work and the rights of workers.

This Labor Day, use your power as a consumer to support companies that value fair prices, safe working conditions and environmentally sustainable practices at home and around the world. The Catholic Relief Services Ethical Trade website (<https://ethicaltrade.crs.org/>) connects consumers with products produced in ethical manners.

PRAYER FOR WORK

Creator God, thank you for providing us with the gift to share our talents. Provide our community, our nation, our world the fortitude to provide work for all which is decent and fair.

Make us faithful stewards of your creation to enhance the human dignity of our global family. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen

(From Being Neighbor: The Catechism and Social Justice, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, April 1998)

Sunday Collection

Goal: \$3,200.00

August 19 9:45.....\$887.75
5:00.....\$615.25
Give Central.....\$860.00
(Difference - \$837)

August 26 9:45.....\$1503.00
5:00.....\$562.00
Give Central.....\$425.00
(Difference - \$710.00)

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

Offerings.....\$24,532.77
Budget..... \$28,800.00
Surplus/(Deficit) (-\$4267.23)

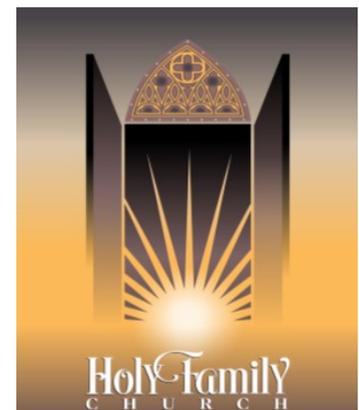
*(\$3,200 a week for 9 weeks)

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



Saturday, Sept. 8
Hunger Walk

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



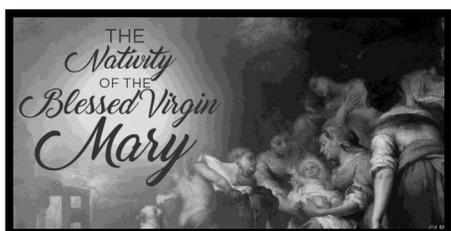
Religious Education

The 2018-19 year of Religious Education classes will be starting shortly! Registration for the upcoming year will be held this morning immediately following the 9:45 AM Mass.

Classes will be held on Sunday mornings from 11AM to 12:30 PM in Damen Hall, beginning Sunday, October 14th. **A Parent Orientation Meeting is scheduled after 9:45 Mass on Sunday, September 16th.** 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.



WINDOW RESTORATION

After not being seen for almost 50 years, the beautiful stained glass window of St. John Nepomucene on the east side of the church is being restored. The restoration is being done by Daprato Rigali Studios of Chicago, the same company that did the Prodigal Son window this spring, and will take 4 to 6 months to complete. Thanks to a very generous family, approximately three quarters of the \$48,000 cost has been pledged. The window, which symbolizes the seal of the confessional, depicts St. John Nepomucene before King Wenceslaus IV, with sword in hand, commanding St. John to tell him what the Queen has confessed. St. John refused to reveal the secret of the confessional and, as a result, was tortured and thrown into the river where he drowned. He is considered a patron saint of the Czech Republic. We look forward to having another piece of Holy Family history restored to its original splendor, and to the beauty that it brings to our liturgy every week. Holy Family parishioners and friends are welcome to support this project by donating to help defer the remaining amount. See our website www.holyfamilychicago.org



Saturday, Sept. 8
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary was born to be the mother of the Savior of the world, the spiritual mother of all men, and the holiest of God's creatures. We celebrate her birth remembering that she was conceived and born immaculate and full of grace.



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Sessions begin Wednesday, September 26th

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process of welcome, learning and community for those interested in becoming Catholic or those who have not yet completed their initiation into the Catholic faith. It is an opportunity to learn about the teachings and traditions of the Catholic faith in a comfortable and supportive environment.

RCIA Sessions will begin on Wednesday, September 26th at 6:30pm in the Conference Room of the Parish Center. If you or an adult you know (age 18+) is interested in the RCIA process or have questions, please speak to Jim Bruton or contact Jim at jim@holyfamilychicago.org.



The 33rd Annual Hunger Walk Next Saturday, September 8th

The 33rd Annual Greater Chicago Food Depository Hunger Walk is next Saturday, September 8th. Thank you to the almost 40 parishioners who have signed up to participate! **We ask everyone to please gather at Holy Family at 7 AM next Saturday to depart on the bus by 7:30.** We will arrive back at Holy Family between 11 and 11:30.

Thank you also to those who have generously donated to support our Food Pantry! Donations can still be made online at: <https://www.classy.org/team/179475> The direct link to the fundraising page can be found on the parish website.