



Holy Family

C H U R C H
Our Doors Are Open Wide



Waiting, Preparing, Trusting, are words that we can easily associate with Advent. When John the Baptist appeared out of the desert, he called out loudly the need for repentance and forgiveness. People didn't know who John was, but because he was offering them something they knew they needed in their lives, he brought them hope. A hope that said that by God's grace things could be different.

As you and I look around at our world, isn't that what we really need? The hope that Advent offers. We need to believe that things can be different. When we look at our own lives, when we look at the struggles of the people we love, and especially when we look at the society that surrounds us, we see so much that needs to be different. Advent continues to call us to celebrate, even in the midst of selfishness and greed, mountains of hatred and bigotry, people wallowing in delusions of their own lies and their leaders. Again, and again, the body count rises, the grief grows deeper, and blame is flung all around us. Violence is hyped as a solution rather than the problem.

But wait! There is one coming, bringing a day "filled with the fruit of righteousness". All of us are called to continue a work that we did not begin, but a work we have been baptized into to bring about to completion. We set out, working for living wages for all, we reject falsehoods of evil ideologies that deny the dignity of some because of the color of their skin, or their religion or country of origin. We reject the belief that some need to be killed because of their guilt, or their age, or their illness. We are called to extend our hands in friendship rather than raising a fist in rage. We are called to build bridges rather than walls and create a space for those who find no room in the inn. We hope we trust the one who is coming, who is greater than the Baptist. We accept last week the call to prepare the way, and we work to straighten his path. We hope, we trust, we repent, and we even rejoice, because in Him it can be different.



Special Thanks go out to the Kandy Kane Ball group, specially Ed and Lauren Worm, owners of Joe's on Weed, for hosting and going all out for the event.

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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:

Dec. 16 at 9:45 am

Presider.....Visiting Priest
Candle Bearers.....Jerrilyn
Young, Maria Vega
Lector.....Alaric Rylon
Communion Ministers...Vernon
Lam, Debbie Gaussein, Dawn
O'Holleran, Bob Johnson, Sr. Pat
Cummings, Joyce Addo
Greeter.....Christine Pugh

Dec. 16 at 5 pm

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

Dec. 23 at 9:45 am

Presider....Rev. Michael Gabriel
Candle Bearers....Jerrilyn Young,
Cynthia Holden, Maria Vega
Lector.....Javadia Rylon
Eucharistic Ministers.....John
King, Jacque Hale, Sr. Emelyn
Malecki, Joyce Addo, Josephine
Aguilar, Vernon Lam
Greeter.....Christine Pugh

Dec. 23 at 5 pm

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

December Ushers:

West Side.....Leslie Archer
Center West...
Center East....Maria Vega
East Side.....Bill O'Brian

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,
Sr. Mary Therese Freyman, BVM
The Gibson Family, Spencer
Hooper, Madelynn Jacobs,
Letece Lee, Sr. Mary Therese
Simon BVM, Denise Summers,
Sam Tripp



Living and Deceased
Members
of the
National Catholic
Society of Foresters

Hospitality

Hospitality is today after the
9:45 Mass.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Don't miss out on the upcoming
enrichment for married couples
and religious on February 8-10,
2019 at the Wyndham Garden
Hotel in Elk Grove Village, IL.
The enrichment begins with a
private weekend experience in-
cluding 11 presentations about
practical tools for growing in
loving relationships, and pro-
vides ongoing enrichments af-
ter the weekend from the
Worldwide Marriage Encounter
community.

For information on applying,
please go to [wwme-
chicagoland.org](http://wwme-chicagoland.org)

Observances for the week of December 16, 2018

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent
Friday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest
& Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of
Advent

Sunday Collection

Goal: \$3,200.00

Dec. 2 9:45.....\$1177.97
5:00.....\$ 3919.00
Give Central....\$465.00
(Difference + \$2361.97)

Dec. 9 9:45.....\$2835.09
5:00.....\$688.90
Give Central....\$1190.00
(Difference + \$1513.99)

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

Offerings.....\$74,612.18
Budget..... \$76,800.00
Surplus/(Deficit)(-\$2187.82)

*((\$3,200 a week for 24 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, Dec. 16, 12:00 pm
Circle of Peace

Sunday, Dec. 23, 11:00 am
Women of the Spirit



Sexual Abuse

The Church continues to reckon with the sex abuse scandal by priests and the failure of leaders to protect children entrusted to their care.

On Dec. 17th, the Midwest Province of the Society of Jesus will release all the names of Jesuits with established allegations of sexual abuse of minors. The Jesuit priests staffed Holy Family Church until 1989.

The Provincial Brian Paulsen S. J. will also come here on January 6th, 9:45 mass, the Feast of the Epiphany, to continue to shed light on what has been a darkness for way too long on the Church. Fr. Brian will also be able to address any questions you may have after

Everyday Stewardship

I wish I were a better steward. I would like to think I am a pretty generous person, and I do work hard to cultivate the characteristics of a good Everyday Steward in my life. However, stewardship is about more than giving. It is also about prudence and wise planning. It is about storing up grain for the lean years and making sure there is enough oil to light your lamps when the power goes out. If I were a better steward, I would have that \$1,000 emergency fund to dip into when I need a car repair. I would save more for retirement and vacation. I would have more food in the garage freezer because I bought more on sale and prepared for when money was a little tighter. In a nutshell, I would be prepared for whatever comes my way, good or bad. Advent is a time of preparation. We not only prepare for Christmas, but for the day when Jesus Christ returns again. (con't)

ACTIVELY SEEKING MEMBERS The Ladies Auxiliary of The Knights of Peter Claver Our Lady of Lourdes Court #143

The Knights of Peter Claver, Inc. is the largest historically African-American Catholic lay organization in the United States. The Order is named for St. Peter Claver, the Spanish Priest who ministered to African slaves. In 2006, a unit was established in San Andres, Colombia, South America. Court #143 is comprised of members from St. Malachy, Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Martin de Porres. We are involved in spiritual, financial, social and service projects that make a difference in our parish and community-at-

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Our meetings are usually held the Second Sunday of each month at St. Malachy+Precious Blood Rectory,
2242 West Washington Blvd at
12:30 to 1:30 pm

Everyday Stewardship (con't)

Unfortunately, we too often act like this is the only time to prepare for such events. We should be preparing all throughout the year. If we only focus on our spirituality at Advent and Lent, then we are poor stewards of our time the rest of the year. The wise steward is always cultivating their faith and working to improve their relationship with God. They know that they need to be prepared for anything at any time. They stand ready, waiting for the call of their God.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Holy Family Church CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

*Sunday, December 9th
2:00 p.m.*

The Cardinal's Christmas Concert

*Monday, December 24th
Christmas Eve*

5:00 p.m.

*Vigil Mass of the
Nativity of the Lord
Featuring the Historic
Rice-Frobenius Organ and Brass,
played by
Dr. Walter Whitehouse*

*9:30 p.m. Christmas Carols
10:00 p.m. Mass of the Nativity
of the Lord*

*Tuesday, December 25th
Christmas Day*

9:45 a.m. Christmas Mass

*Sunday, December 30th
Veneration of the Relics
of the Holy Family*

The Church will be open all day

*9:45 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Mass of the Feast of the Holy
Family*

*Tuesday, January 1st, 2018 New
Year's Day -*

*Feast of Mary, Mother of God
9:45 a.m. Mass for the New Year*

*Sunday, January 6th -
The Feast of the Epiphany
9:45 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Mass*

