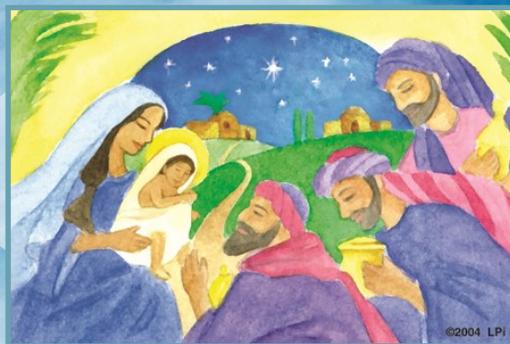




Holy Family

C H U R C H
Our Doors Are Open Wide



Gratitude List: As we find ourselves wrapping up one year and beginning another, it seems appropriate to reflect on blessings and to give thanks. So, we offer thanks: -- For all of you who bless us with the gift of your presence, Sunday after Sunday. To all our ministers who go the extra mile by showing up when scheduled, and arranging their holiday plans to serve at our Holyday Masses; -- To the Decorating Elves who beautify our church and edify us with their handiwork; -- To our choir and Clive, who help us pray with music, week after week and especially at Christmas; -- To all who are so generous, to our weekly collection, to our Annual Christmas Appeal, to the special collections that keep popping up, and to special needs of our Parish. Thank You!

We know these are difficult times for our Church, and you probably saw the headlines in the last few days regarding the Attorney General's report in Illinois. The Church everywhere and in the Archdiocese of Chicago recognizes and mourns the grave damage done to many people harmed by clergy sexual abuse and regrets the failures to respond. The report released by the Illinois Attorney General refers to the entire State of Illinois, and the statements made do not refer specifically to our archdiocese. Contrary to what has been reported, the Archdiocese presented clear evidence to the Attorney General that it has reported all allegations to law enforcement and has reached out to all those bringing allegations and offered pastoral care. Please visit the website www.heal.archchicago.org for more information about the sex abuse crisis and the steps the Archdiocese of Chicago continues to take to prevent abuse and offer healing to victims. Please continue to pray for the victims of sexual abuse and for our Church in making the reforms needed for healing and accountability.

Rev. Brian Paulson, the Jesuit Provincial of the Midwest Province, is here today to continue to move forward the Healing for Victims of Sex Abuse by Clergy. Today we celebrate the light from the Star, which led the Kings to the Christ. The abuse and the lack of response from church officials has kept us in the darkness too long. I applaud Fr. Paulson in coming here to Holy Family today, to help victims to heal, and publicly state the ways in which everyone must work together to prevent, ever again, such darkness in our Church.

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:

Jan. 6 at 9:45 am

Presider....Rev. Brian Paulson SJ
Candle Bearers....Jane Justic,
Maria Vega
Lector.....
Eucharistic Ministers.....
Megan Schulenburg, Taylor Yim,
Steve Yim, Jim Bruton,
Josephine Aguilar, Jacque Hale
Greeter.....Christine Pugh

Jan. 6 at 5 pm

Presider.....Rev. Glen Chun SJ
Lector.....

Jan. 13 at 9:45 am

Presider....Rev. David
Mastrangelo SJ
Candle Bearers.....Jane Justic,
Maria Vega
Lector.....
Communion Ministers...Megan
Schulenburg, Taylor Yim, Steve
Yim, Jim Bruton, Josephine
Aguilar, Jacque Hale
Greeter.....Christine Pugh

Jan. 13 at 5 pm

Presider.....
Rev. James Halstead OSA
Lector.....

January Ushers:

West Side.....Bob Johnson
Center West...Amare Wilson
Center East...Josephine Aguilar
East Side.....Eric Niamba

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,
Fannie Canino, Sr. Mary Therese
Freyman, BVM
The Gibson Family, Spencer
Hooper, Sawyer Hunter,
Madelynn Jacobs, Leteece Lee,
Neil Radocha Sr. Mary Therese
Simon BVM, Denise Summers,
Sam Tripp



Nancy Woodworth

Catholic Charities Free Newspaper for Seniors

Did you know Catholic Charities
has a free newspaper just for
senior citizens? Keenager News
is published 10 times a year and
is delivered to your door. This
publication contains news,
opinion, human interest, how-to,
and travel articles, along with
humor, puzzles, and recipes. Our
"Readers' Corner" provides a
forum for readers' own
reminiscences, and poems. To
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BOOK DISCUSSION

David Orberson will discuss his
new book "Thomas Merton—Evil
and Why We Suffer: From
Purified Soul Theodicy to Zen"
at **2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20,
2019** at the Rectory Assembly
of Immaculate Conception
Parish, 7211 W. Talcott,
Chicago. David serves as
Treasurer of the International
Thomas Merton Society.

Freewill offering, refreshments.
For more information, please
visit: [https://
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january-20-2019-david-
orberson-on.html](https://ccitms.blogspot.com/2018/12/january-20-2019-david-orberson-on.html) or call Mike
at 773-447-3989.

Sunday Collection

Goal: \$3,200.00

Dec. 23	9:45.....	\$1419.00
	5:00.....	\$566.00
	Give Central.....	\$360.00
	(Difference -	\$855.00)
Dec. 30	9:45.....	\$1680.96
	5:00.....	\$402.00
	Give Central....	\$450.00
	(Difference -	\$667.04)

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

Offerings.....	\$83,127.99
Budget.....	\$83200.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(- \$72.01)

*((\$3,200 a week for 26 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.

RENEW MY CHURCH UPDATE

On Wednesday, Jan. 9, the
Discernment teams will meet
with the Renew My Church
Commission who will share
the recommended structural
changes that will be
presented to the Cardinal.



Calendar

Sunday, January 20, 2019
Circle of Peace 12:00 pm

Sunday, January 27, 2019
Women of the Spirit 11:00 am

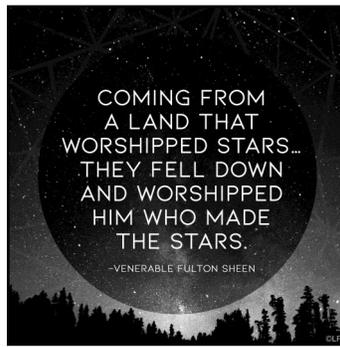
Everyday Stewardship

"The Story of the Other Wise Man" by Henry Van Dyke was first published in 1895. It tells the fictional story of Artaban, a fourth wise man who began a journey to visit Jesus, the newborn King. Unlike his fellow Magi, he failed to make it there for the birth of Jesus because he kept pausing to help various people in need. In fact, it took him about 33 years of searching before his quest comes to an abrupt end when he is hit in the head with a falling roof shingle. His final breath takes place in Jerusalem near the place where Jesus is being crucified. As he lies dying, he hears the voice of Jesus telling him that the gifts he has given all along the way to "the least of these" he has actually given to Jesus himself.

If you have never read this story or seen the made-for-television movie based on the tale, you really should seek it out. It is a story that reminds us of a profound truth: Jesus himself rests in the lives of all those around us in need. In the story, it was the wise man's constant response to a stewardship call that prevented him from getting where he wanted to go. In the end, where he needed to go was more significant than where he thought he should go.

If we live lives of generosity and graciousness, we may find ourselves on constant detours from the road on which we are traveling. It is in the detours and the unexpected circumstances of our journey that often times we find our true purpose in life. We think God is somewhere we must travel to, when in reality, God is closer than we think in the least likely of places.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



CHALKING THE DOOR AN EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

On the feast of the Epiphany, it is a custom that the family gathers to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows. A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance, **20 + C + M + B + 19**. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross and 2019 is the year.

As one family member writes above the door, another family member prays:

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and nineteen years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

Then another person offers this prayer:

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen

GOSPEL MEDITATION The Epiphany of the Lord

"Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying 'Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.'" How strange to journey so far for perhaps so little. Of course the magi go to the capitol city. Of course they entreat with King Herod. Of course this is where they expect newborn royalty to be. But where is the child? "In Bethlehem of Judea," the scribes say. And so the magi go on to what is yet another Christmas miracle.

We don't know where the magi met the Christ Child, but it cannot have been lavish. Perhaps it was the stable. Perhaps it was a small hovel Joseph had found to wait out the census. But it would have been the home of a laborer, worn and threadbare. Here, in this unassuming abode, the magi are still "overjoyed...they prostrated themselves and did him homage."

Have you ever gotten to the end of a great work and found the results to be underwhelming? How did you respond? Were you disappointed or elated at God's providence and your up-ended expectations? The magi journeyed hundreds of miles over treacherous terrain to pay homage to royalty they have seen prophesied in the stars. They encountered an ordinary family displaced from their home. This Sunday, the magi are an example for us. Can we see God in the unexpected? Do we encounter Him in the person who doesn't fit our expectations of propriety? Do we revere Christ's presence in the poor? Or do we expect to meet God only in places of honor and esteem? This week, ask God for the grace to honor Him in the unexpected places and unassuming people. He is waiting for you!