

August 7 • Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Family

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Chicago, Illinois 60608

Parish

A Word from Father Jerry

Dear Parishioners,

There is a feeling as we approach mid August of the "end times". While summer is as hot as ever, we face the reality of Labor Day looming and back to school sales. Next week St. Ignatius has their annual book sale in the hospitality room.



We face the unusual dynamic of many of our college students leaving to return to their schools while we will experience a significant increase of college students moving into the community, beginning or returning to their studies at UIC.

In preparing to implement the Archdiocesan Strategic Plan to prepare for the future, the steering committee studied future projections of Church membership. The picture is mixed because Chicago continues to draw a significant immigrant population. Many of the recently arrived come from Mexico and South America, others from the Philippines, Korea and India. A significant percentage of these immigrants are Catholic. We are experiencing a decline in attendance of "native" Catholics, those who were born here or are the children of immigrants.

Many studies of Catholic participation in the life of the Church point to how critical the period of life from about 14 to 24 is. When older active Catholics and in-active Catholics are studied, those who felt connected or bonded to the Church at that time in their life were more likely to remain active participants in the Church throughout their lives.

The Archdiocese has decided to begin the first phase of the strategic plan trying to better understand the needs and concerns of teenagers and young adults. The listening sessions that have taken place raise important challenges for the parishes and the larger Church.

Young adults shared that they struggle with Church teachings that seem out of touch with the culture. They feel uninformed on basic tenets of our faith and the reasons why the Church holds the teachings it has. They felt that parishes are not always welcoming to young adults and single people.

In the course of these listening sessions, it was clear that young adults

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Masses

Monday-Friday..... 7:30 am
(St. Ignatius Chapel)
Sunday..... 9:45 am & 5:00 pm

Confessions

Sunday mornings from
8:45 - 9:15

Weddings

Arrangements must be
made at least six



Focus on the Word

The Sunday readings are placed in this bulletin for the benefit of those who might have a hearing impairment, and for your reflection before Mass and during the week. Since an important part of our Sunday worship is hearing the scripture proclaimed, we urge you to LISTEN to the readings as they are proclaimed. Thank you.



Reading I

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a

At the mountain of God, Horeb, Elijah came to a cave where he took shelter. Then the LORD said to him, "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the LORD—but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake—but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there was fire—but the LORD was not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Reading II

Rom 9:1-5

Brothers and sisters:

I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie; my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites; theirs the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; theirs the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel

Mt 14:22-33

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord

represent a diversity of thinking about moral and social issues. They felt they have a lot to contribute. They wished the Church was more versed at utilizing social media. They have a lot to suggest in general about the use of technology in spreading the Good News.

They want to belong to a Church that is more forgiving than judging. They want to be taken seriously and want to have a deep spiritual life. They feel that our tradition and the positive contributions the Church makes to society are rarely appreciated by those outside the church community.

As our new parish pastoral council takes off next Fall, I hope we can reflect on our parish and the concrete ways we can deliberately reach out and involve our young people. I am especially aware of our ever growing young adult community at the 5:00 liturgy. They make me feel so hopeful about the future.

I hope we can develop an effective religious education program for all our young people not just those who are preparing for the Sacraments. Next week let us all pray for the youth of the world as Pope Benedict launches World Youth Day in Madrid!

I appreciate the efforts to support our teenagers by trips to Great America and retreat days.

Our liturgy on August 15, the Feast of the Assumption will be at noon in the Church. The intention of the Mass will be for the youth of the world.

Have a blessed and "cool" week,

Liturgy

August 7 at 9:45 am

Presider Reverend Jeremiah Boland
Cross Bearer.....Virginia Clayton
Candle Bearers.....Tom O'Malley
& Katie Terone
Banner Carrier.....Willie Ramsey
Lectors.....Eleanor Kotleba
& Sarah Jones

Responsorial Psalm.....
Communion Ministers.....Louise Jones,
Mildred Jackson, Lillie Gandy, Sr. Pat,
John King, Sr. Theresa Gleeson, Willie
Ramsey
Altar Servers.....Alexandria Wilson
& Amanda Wilson
Greeters.....Sal Giampa

August 14 at 9:45am

Lectors.....Sr. Eileen Tierney
& LaShonya Wilson
Altar Servers.....Marlayna Gandy
& Jazá Gandy
Greeters.....Sal Giampa

August Collection Ministers

Eastside.....Ivory Hill
East Center.....Theo Okiro
Westside.....Odell Gordon
West Center.....Stephanie Okiro

 **Mass Intentions**

Antoinette O'Malley

Parishioners who would like to send a card or letter to Linda Gaspero or Dan O'Holleran can send them to the office and we will forward them.

Sunday Collection

Goal: \$3,000.00

July 24.....\$1,267.65
GiveCentral.....\$135.00
Difference: -\$1,732.35
July 31.....\$3,283.55
GiveCentral.....\$135.00
Difference: +\$283.55

If you wish to contribute to the Door Restoration Project you can do so on GiveCentral.com by choosing the event "Church Door Restoration"

You can now DONATE ONLINE :

Please go to GiveCentral.com and follow the instructions. Call Sharon at the parish if you need assistance.

Please Remember in your Prayers:

Kay Ansani, Tracy Beyers, Michael DeBlasis, Jesse Hernandez, Linda Gaspero, Dale Gurney, Eleanor Kotleba, Jim McNally, Philip Mendoza, Phillip Miller, Dan O'Holleran, Christopher Olkiewicz, Patti Tierney, Lupe Torres, Christine Watson, and Jesse West

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We are looking ahead to the annual celebrations for the engaged couples as well as the couples who were married here at Holy Family. The first will be held at the 9:45 am Mass on Sunday, October 16th, and the Mass for the couples married at Holy Family is scheduled for February 12, the Sunday before Valentine's Day. The longer it is since the couples first pronounced their marriage vows, the more difficult it becomes to find their addresses &/or phone numbers so we can extend an invitation to them. As a result, we are asking for your help. If you are among those couple who were married at Holy Family, or if you know of anyone, friends, relatives, old neighbors, classmates whose addresses I phone numbers you have -or can get-, would you please let us know. Many of the invitations which we mailed out last year were returned with no forwarding address.

The JAR for the PENNY PROJECT coins which you have been donating to Holy Family, has been sitting on the bulletin table in the back of Church since October 14, 2009, a little less than two years ago. Have you ever wondered how much change (along with a few dollar bills) has been collected during this time? Believe it or not, we have deposited \$950.18. Here's hoping we can make it at least \$1,000 by October 14, With your help, we are sure we can do just that! Thank you one and all!

Holy Family Picnic

Sunday, August 28, 2011
Jackson Park, Area 6A

(behind the Museum of Science & Industry)

Come early and set up before Mass at Noon.

Driving Directions from Holy Family:

- Roosevelt Rd. East to Columbus Dr.
- South on Columbus Dr. approx. 6 miles.
- Turn right at Science Dr. (First right after 57th St.)

CTA Directions: **From the North**, the number 10 bus stops at the North side of the Museum. **From the South**, the numbers 6 and 28 stop at 57th & Stoney Island, which is 1 block east of the Museum.

Families are responsible for providing their own picnics. Everyone is asked to bring a prepared dish to share.

Please Join Us

Share Memories & Celebrate the Life of Fr. Jim Hasse, S.J.

Sunday, August 21, 2011

12:00 - Share your favorite memory of Fr. Hasse

1:00 p.m Mass of the Resurrection
Refreshments in Damen Hall following Liturgy

We would like to display the art work of Fr. Hasse on August 21, 2011. If you have a painting by Fr. Hasse and are willing to have it displayed, please call Sharon Van Den Hende at the parish office (312)492-8442 by August 14th. Thank you.

Golf Outing 2011

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 11, the scheduled date for our 2nd annual golf outing. We need volunteers to help organize this year's outing. Please see Odell after mass. You can also check us out on our web page, where you can also make payment for this event

Calendar

- Aug 15 - Feast of the Assumption - Mass at noon
- Aug 19 - Adult Health Fair 9am-1pm
- Aug 21 - Celebration of the life of Father Hasse
- Aug 27 - Holy Family All years school Reunion 5pm - 11pm
- Aug 28 - Parish picnic
- Sept 11 - 2nd Annual Golf Outing
- Sept 18 - Grandparent's Day celebration