

October 9, 2011 • Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Family

1080 W. Roosevelt
Chicago, Illinois 60608

Parish

A Word from Father Jerry

Dear Parishioners,

You made it! Everyone who made it to Church today gets extra credit. I really appreciate the great efforts many of you had to make to navigate around all of the barricades and closed streets.

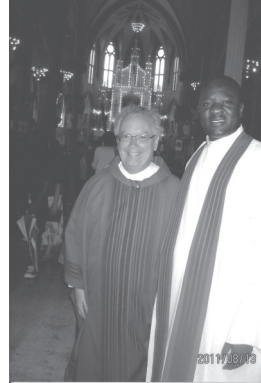
Today at the 9:45 Mass, we remember Betty Parker, whose birthday would be today. She was the wife of our music director, Sam Parker and she died some months ago. I welcome all of the members of the Parker family who are with us this morning.

At both of our liturgies this morning we are having an important presentation on our annual financial report. I am grateful to the finance council for all their support and assistance in reviewing our financial condition. Rita Gardner is the Chair of the Council. Tom Justic, a member of the Council is making the report and I am grateful for all his efforts in preparing this presentation.

Transparency is the big word for any organization or institution. Giving an honest and clear picture of our finances is critical because your confidence in how your financial contributions are being handled is essential. Holy Family has a history of incorporating Best Practice recommendations whenever they are presented. Sharon Van Den Hende, our parish administrative assistant has incorporated the latest on line reporting processes to our financial record keeping. I am proud to say that we have been part of several pilot projects offered by the Department of Financial Services of the Archdiocese to enhance the financial administration of the parish.

As each fiscal year draws to a close recently, I utter a great sigh of relief, with the hope that the terrible financial environment of the last year is behind us with the conviction things have to get better. Unfortunately we seem to be headed into another downturn that will challenge us. Thank-you for your financial support, if you can in any way increase your weekly contributions I would be really grateful, as would all of us!

This fiscal year poses three special challenges: for the past few years we have been receiving about a \$30,000 grant to assist us with our property insurance. Holy Family is a beautiful church and is appraised at about 80 million dollars. This is why we have such a high insurance assessment. Given the financial crises the Archdiocese is currently facing it is highly unlikely we will receive a grant this year; secondly we are facing a substantial increase in energy costs. You know from your energy bills at home that energy costs have risen significantly. I can't believe the increases we have had since the beginning of June and our Church is not even air conditioned and finally we have had to take on some major capital projects. Holy Family has suffered from many decades of deferred maintenance and these problems don't go away they get worse. We had to do something about the doors primarily for life safety issues. We have been in the parish center now for almost 5 years and many of the rooms still had the primer coat on from the construction. We need to begin a regular schedule of ongoing



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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 1

Is 25:6-10a

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!" For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Reading 2

Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

Brothers and sisters:

I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress.

My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel

Mt 22:1-14

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, "Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast.'" Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, "The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find." The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to meet the guests, he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. The king said to him, "My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?" But he was reduced to silence. Then the king said to his attendants, "Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth." Many are invited, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord

maintenance of the public areas. This year the parish conference center, the lobby and Damen Hall have all been plastered and painted. Next year I hope to freshen up the Hospitality room and to explore ways of making the sanctuary less treacherous for getting around, we need more hand rails and alternatives to the steep stairs. I recently missed a step in the sanctuary and have been dealing with that and it occurred to me how difficult it is for many of our parishioners to access the hospitality room through the sanctuary. We are also looking at the ongoing flooding issues in Damen Hall.

Expanding ministry is also very important. Last year, we added Sr. Eileen Tierney as a part time pastoral associate and she has done so much! This year Jim Bruton is our part time religious education co-coordinator and will help launch a catechetical program.

Next week is Engagement Sunday! We are blessed with almost 70 weddings in the coming year. Our engaged couples bring so much new life and energy. The 9:45 mass will have a special blessing of the engaged with a reception following.

Holy Family in the news-we have 2 cover girls in the parish! This month's issue of Salt Magazine features the great ministry and witness of Sr. Marion and Sr. Otilie. The cover shows them in the community reaching out to those in need. We are so blessed by their commitment to help the hungry and the unemployed.

Have a blessed week-I beat my marathon time by 10 minutes!

Computer Class Update

Please sign up for free Introduction to Computer Usage classes, which will cover Microsoft Word/Excel/PowerPoint/Intro to the Internet/Intro. to Using Facebook. Classes offered in Damen Hall, on Saturday, for one hour each session over a five week period. We have three slots available and will begin on October 15th. Please sign up with Odell after Mass at the back of the Church." Richard Gardner - Saturday Mornings 9 - 10am.

Cheryl & Cynthia -Sunday after Mass.
Odell Gordon - Tues. or Thurs. evenings.

Liturgy

October 9 at 9:45 am

Presider Reverend Jeremiah Boland
Cross Bearer.....Regina Baiocchi
Candle Bearers.....Jerrilyn Young
& Cynthia Holden
Banner Carrier.....Jesse West
Lectors.....LaShonya Wilson
& Sr. Eileen Tierney
Responsorial Psalm.....Aenea Luss
Communion Ministers.....Virginia
McElligott, Antonio Canino, Josephine
Ramirez, Pearl Luss, Dawn O'Holleran
Altar Servers.....Marlayna Gandy
& Jazá Gandy
Greeters.....Ellen Duff

October 16 at 9:45am

Lectors.....Judy Neafsey
& Terry Conway
Altar Servers.....Angel Gandy
& Justin Evans
Greeters.....

October Collection Ministers

Eastside.....Clarice Bolden
East Center.....Josephine Ramirez
Westside.....Rose Kelly
West Center.....Tom Justic

Mass Intentions

Gloria Dante
Rosalie De Florio
Betty Parker
Michael Sisto

Christmas Sale

Don't forget! You can start bringing in your items for the Christmas sale.

Sunday Collection

Goal: \$3,000.00

Sept. 25.....\$2,133.80
GiveCentral.....\$125.00
Difference: -\$741.20
Oct. 2.....\$2,849.59
GiveCentral.....\$125.00
Difference: -\$25.41
Seminary Collection.....\$373.59

You can now DONATE ONLINE :

Please go to GiveCentral.com and follow the instructions. Call Sharon at the parish if you need assistance. If you wish to contribute to the Door Restoration Project you can do so on GiveCentral.com by choosing the event "Church Door Restoration"

Please Remember in your Prayers:

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

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.

THE RCIA SESSIONS begin today. We ask you to keep our candidate and catechumens in your prayers as their journey of faith takes a new direction. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or receiving the sacraments they didn't receive in their youth, please encourage and invite them to join us. There are so many people who are seeking the Lord, but aren't sure where to turn. If we took to heart the saying, "Each one, Reach one," we might be doing the work the Lord has planned for us from all eternity.

Two Sundays ago we made a big effort to reach every parishioner who belongs to one or more parish organizations. Our intention was to extend an invitation to a meeting we will be holding on Sunday, October 23, following the 9:45 Mass. As you know, a group of parishioners responded almost a year ago to a request from Father Jerry to join the Steering Committee to re-organize the Parish Council. For these many months the group has met monthly, and we are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel. The purpose of the October 23rd meeting is to share with you the structure of the new council and the formation of four commissions on which some of you will play a very important role in the life of Holy Family Parish. We ask you to make every effort to attend to prepare the handouts and even the coffee, we need you to respond with your "yes" to either Sharon or Sr. Eileen.

LOOKING AHEAD ... The Liturgy

Committee is working with Father Jerry to plan an Anointing of the Sick on Sunday, November 6th at the 9:45 Liturgy. We are giving you the information early so you can begin to think of parishioners whom you know who might be homebound, at least a good part of the time, and would like to benefit from the reception of the sacrament. We ask you to invite and encourage those you know who would like to come to Holy Family on this occasion. Perhaps this is another instance where we each can try to reach one!

Holy Family's own Gerry Dignan will be singing at McNamara's Restaurant & Pub in Chicago - 4328 W. Irving Park -- Saturday, October 15th, Nov. 5th and 26th, and Dec. 3rd and 17th from 7 - 10PM. 'Tis time for an evening out with friends and family, great food and Irish music! McNamara's is easy to get to! Just 15 min. N of the Loop. Take the Kennedy to Irving Park Road. Head W for a few blocks and it's on the NE corner of Irving and Lowell

ANNUAL SOCK DRIVE

Holy Family Parish has again been requested to participate in the Yearly Sock Drive for the Night Ministry. The Night Ministry serves homeless teens and young adults throughout the city. They provide meals, clothing, medicine, and counseling. Their vans are on the streets nightly. You can help by dropping off NEW white (crew type) socks in the back of the Church by the end of October. They are also requesting cloth gloves (one size fits all) this year. The Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver will deliver them to the Night Ministry during the first week of November for use during the coming cold months.

Calendar

- Oct. 15 - Memorial for Janet Hossli 10 AM
- Oct. 15 - Computer classes start
- Oct. 16 - Engaged Couples Mass 9:45
- Oct. 16 - PPC Steering Committee Mtg.
- Oct. 22 - Casino Outing
- Oct. 23 - Concert
- Nov. 6 - Anointing Mass 9:45
- Nov. 27 &
- Dec. 4 - Christmas Sale