

Holy Family

1080 W. Roosevelt
Chicago, Illinois 60608

Parish

A Word from Father Jerry

Dear Parishioners,

"After Jesus had been taken up to heaven, the apostles returned to Jerusalem" The opening line from today's passage from the Acts of the Apostles sets in motion the events that would lead to Pentecost and the birth of the Church. The Ascension was a moment of leave taking but it was not a time of abandonment. The Lord's presence would live on through the Holy Spirit, the Eucharist and the proclamation of the Word.

We do not know how long it was from the time of the Ascension to Pentecost but we do know it was a time of discernment and commitment. From the Upper Room to the far ends of the earth, the apostles and the first disciples brought the Spirit of the Lord everywhere.

These scriptural passages help us to renew our own sense of purpose and mission. We must continue to be an evangelizing community. We must keep growing spiritually and seeking direction in our own desire to grow in holiness. The Pope during his homily at Yankee Stadium reflected on the importance of prayer in the life of all believers. As we deepen our own relationship with the Lord, he will invite us to be more generous with our time. Through our charity we will find hope!

These are busy days! We had a gathering of couples planning the music for their upcoming weddings, we hosted the International Committee on Stewardship and we had a number of baptisms and weddings. God continues to bless us.

Next week is the annual collection for Catholic Charities. As you know my brother is the President of Catholic Charities and I am so proud of the work he does on behalf of the people most in need in our Archdiocese. Through the resources that are raised in this collection the critical work of Catholic Charities can continue.

There are many more people depending on the supportive services of Catholic Charities due to the downturn in the economy. Tens of thousands of people have found food, shelter, counseling and assistance through the network of Catholic Charities institutions. Thanks for your generous consideration of this appeal.

The ramp project for the Archers has been completed. As you may know, Steve was seriously injured as a result of an accident last February. In order for him to be able to get out of their home a ramp was needed. It will be several months before he will be able to walk. Thank-you for your generosity. We are still collecting money for this project. Please make out checks to Holy Family and put Ramp Project on the memo line. Thanks again! Don't forget the baby shower for



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Masses

Monday-Friday..... 7:30 am
(St. Ignatius Chapel)

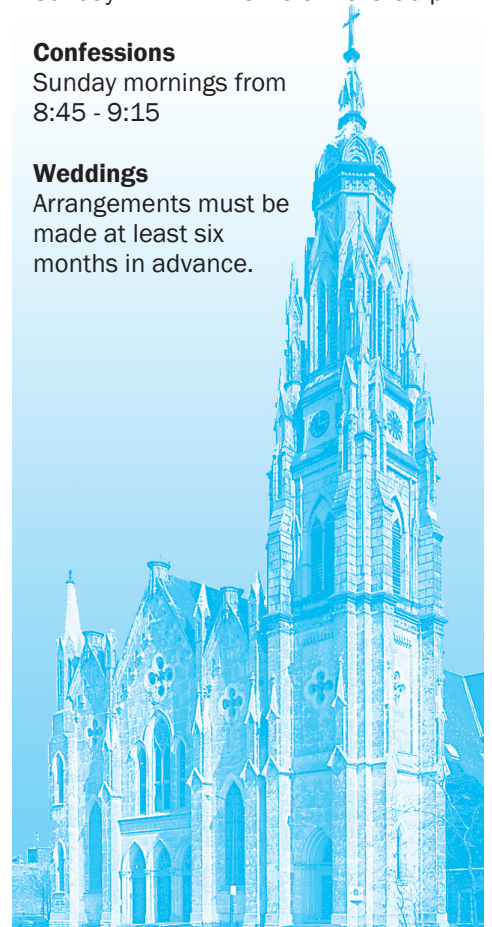
Sunday..... 9:45 am & 5:00 pm

Confessions

Sunday mornings from
8:45 - 9:15

Weddings

Arrangements must be
made at least six
months in advance.



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 Acts 1:12-14

After Jesus had been taken up to heaven the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away.

When they entered the city they went to the upper room where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

Reading II 1 Pt 4:13-16

Beloved:

Rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let no one among you be made to suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evil doer, or as an intriguer. But whoever is made to suffer as a Christian should not

be ashamed but glorify God because of the name.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Jn 17:1-11a

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him. Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ. I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began.

"I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, because the words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you.

The Gospel of the Lord

Jamie Archer who is expecting twins. The Shower is on Sunday, May 18th. It was fun reliving my experiences of the Papal Visit last week. I was asked by CBS to take pictures from the field at Nationals Stadium and the prayer service at the Shrine of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. You can see those pictures on cbs2Chicago.com or archchicago.org. They told me last week that my slide show has received the most hits of any of their slideshows on current events! Hmm... maybe I have a new career as a photo journalist.

This time of year we observe child protection month. This is an awareness that has been painfully brought to our attention by the significant number of young people who have been victims of sexual abuse. The Church has had to face the shameful reality of sexual abuse by priests and other ministers in the Church. The fact is that the majority of children are abused by a member of their own family. The Archdiocese has taken many steps to insure the safety of children.

The Archdiocese has asked that any adult that interacts with minors go through a process to insure that no child will be put at risk. Everyone I am sure knows how important this is. It is important that if we really take child protection seriously, that we do everything possible to assure parents that their children are safe when they participate in Church sponsored activities. The Archdiocese asks that any adults who are part of youth activities have a background check and participate in a program on issues related to the protection of children from sexual abuse.

I am grateful to LaShonya Wilson who has gone through the training process to assist adults who will be working with children. Several of our adults have gone through the training program called Virtuus. This coming June we will be having a training session for any adults who want to work with children in any of the activities that take place here at Holy Family. When we set the date, please consider attending and doing your part to making sure Holy Family is a safe place for our precious young people. Have a Blessed week, Fr. Jerry

Newly
Baptized

Welcome!

Alejandro
Quezado, Jr.

Adrian
Hernandez



Liturgy

May 4 at 9:45 am

Presider..... Reverend Jeremiah Boland
Cross BearerCaretha Carroll
Candle Bearers.....Joyce Pugh & Julia Hanes
Banner Carrier..... Tom McElligott
Lectors Sandra Broussard & Sr. Marion Murphy
Responsorial Psalm..... Felicia Luss or Aenea Luss
Communion Ministers.....Jerry Hossli, Sr. Mary Angela, Renee Mason, Debra Higen, John King, Virginia McElligott, Willie Ramsey
Altar Servers.....Amare Wilson & Amber Wilson

Next Sunday, May 11 at 9:45am

Lectors
Altar Servers..... Aaron Mullins & Angel Avila

May Greeters

Matthew May, Ruthie Jones Clay, Viola Singleton, and Sol Giampa

May Collection Ministers

Eastside Jesse West
East Center Sol Giampa
Westside..... Willie Ramsey
West Center..... George Canino

Mass Intentions

Pat Geraghty
Alfred Schumann

Please Remember in your Prayers:

Steve Archer, Helen Beverwyck, Bob Bolden, Elizabeth Bray, Mary Everett, Susan Hawel, Mildred Jackson, Richard "Lenny" Leonard, Betty Parker, and Viola Singleton

Sunday Collection

April 20 \$2,890.73
April 27 \$2,739.10

Thank You!

Please remember to print your name and address on your envelopes.

Holy Family Food Pantry

We are happy that once again Jay Borchert will coordinate our participation in the June Hunger Walk sponsored by the Chicago Food Depository. The funds raised during this walk will benefit our Holy Family Food Pantry. The more walkers we have, and the more pledges they receive, the greater will be the amount of money placed in our Food Depository account. For additional information, please see the flyers which are available in the back of church where the bulletins are distributed.

Jerry Hossli, Jennifer DeFrancesco, and Darlene Kull are some of our more recent pantry volunteers assisting with cleaning, packing, pick-up and distribution.

We continue to be grateful for all of you who regularly contribute food products and fund so that we may serve our clients well.

Thank you. Sister Marion, BVM



The new ramp at the home of the Archer's. If you wish to make a donation, make the check payable to Holy Family Parish, and indicate "ramp project" on the memo.

BABY SHOWER FOR THE ARCHER TWINS

You're invited to celebrate the anticipated arrival of Jaime & Steve's twins with us!!

*Sunday, May 18
After 9:45 Mass
Please bring a pot-luck dish.*

Also, remember that we are shopping for two babies.

**REBUILD LIVES.
OFFER HOPE TO
CHILDREN AND YOUTH.**

Growing up in or near poverty often prevents children from accessing all the opportunities our society offers. A gift to Catholic Charities creates a powerful, lasting effect on the lives of poor children and adolescents. In 2007, nearly 160,000 children and youth in Cook and Lake counties received our help to lead healthy and productive lives - thanks to quality child care, immunizations, drug prevention, counseling, maternity and adoption services, gang intervention programs and more.

Please give generously to Catholic Charities' Mother's Day Appeal.

www.catholiccharities.net



All about help and just about everywhere.

Coming Events

- May 18th - Baby Shower for Jaime Archer
- May 25th - Corpus Christi Sunday - St. Raymond's Pastor, Fr. Pietrzak, Guest Preacher @ 9:45 am
- June 1st - Lumen Cordium Society Mass - Cardinal George presiding, 3:00 pm
- June 2nd - National Order of Forrester's Mass and Board meeting. Bishop J. Peter Sartain presiding, 5:00 pm
- June 7th - Jesuit Ordinations at Holy Family 10:00 am
- June 27th - Knights of Malta Mass and Celebration, Cardinal George presiding, 5:30 pm
- July 31st - The Feast of St. Ignatius
- Aug. 24th - Parish Picnic, Mass at Noon
- Sept. 7th - Archdiocesan Celebration of the Feast of St. Peter Claver 12:00 noon
- Nov. 1st - Celebration of the 175th Anniversary of the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary - BVM's 2:00 p.m.
- Nov. 23rd - Sr. Otilie's Christmas Sale