

# Holy Family

1080 W. Roosevelt  
Chicago, Illinois 60608

# Parish

## A Word from Father Jerry

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we participate in the Labor Day celebration. Many see this weekend as the unofficial end of summer, but it is in fact an acknowledgement of the critical place issues related to work play in our lives.

In modern times, Pope Leo was the first Pope to issue an encyclical on the importance of the rights of workers and significance we all have in making the world better as a result of our work. Recently, Pope John Paul II and the US Bishops have offered many teachings on the significance of issues related to the workplace.

This weekend we reflect on the importance of our work and issues facing all those in the workplace. I am pleased that we can focus in on this issue through the celebration of this weekend's liturgy.

I was just adding up my own receipts this past month for grocery shopping and was astounded how much costs have risen since this time last year. I am just one person; I can't imagine how hard it must be for families or those on a fixed income.

Last weekend's parish picnic was fantastic! We were blessed with a beautiful day and what a turnout. I am grateful to everyone who helped out. Thanks especially to Bob Bolden who made it happen, to Odell Gordon, to Virginia Clayton, to Tony and Fannie Canino, to Rich and Debbie Russo from St. Raymond's, to Joyce Pugh, to Tony Karp, to Tony Fabian, to the Knights of Peter Claver, Betty Barking, to Chris Pugh, to Nealy Foods and so many others, THANK-YOU!!

Please join me in expressing our sympathy to Julie McNellis on the death of her mother, Alice O'Neil who was buried from St. Germaine's this past week. Her funeral was such an affirmation of this blessed woman.

We celebrated this past week the 40th wedding anniversary of Deacon Rudy Kotleba and his wife Eleanor's marriage, also Tony and Fannie Canino celebrated 15 years!

It was great to see the Archer's on Sunday. Steve is doing awesome and those twins are so beautiful. Jaime is an amazing woman!

Religious Education is so important. Fran Serpe who has been helping us with music over the summer is an accomplished religious educator. She will be helping us here



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## Parish Staff

Administrator..... Rev. Jerry Boland

Deacon ..... Rudolf Kotleba

Director of Gospel Choirs ..Sam Parker

P.C. President..... Odell Gordon

## Masses

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

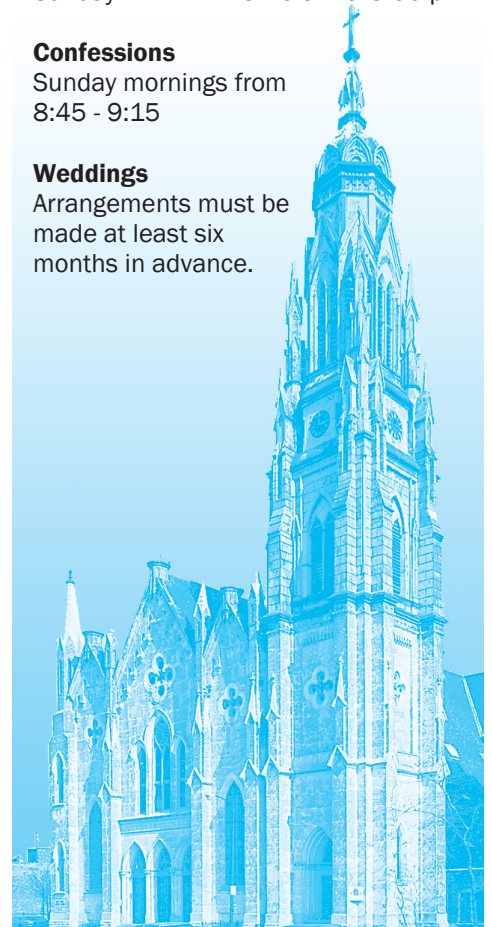
Sunday..... 9:45 am & 5:00 pm

## 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 Jer 20:7-9

You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed. All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me.

Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day.

I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

### Reading II Rom 12:1-2

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

The Word of the Lord

### Gospel Mt 16:21-27

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

The Gospel of the Lord

at Holy Family to begin to develop a holistic religious ed program. She will be meeting with Virginia Clayton to explore possibilities to meet the needs of our growing population of children.

Enjoy this holiday weekend!

Fr. Jerry

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On behalf of the collaborative successful effort of the Parish Council we want to thank the: Knights of Peter Claver under the direction of Grand Knight Bob Bolden, Odell Gordon, Tony Karp, The Fabian Family, The Tony Canino Family, Virginia Clayton, Betty Barking, and all those that made the Picnic a memorable one. Our picnic fed over 200 people. We look forward to next years picnic.

### 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

During the housing boom a couple of years ago, the airwaves were filled with commercials by mortgage lenders telling us that buying a house was the most important investment we could ever make in our lives. Unfortunately, some people lost everything in trying to buy more than they could afford when their payments increased down the road. Was this an investment, or merely a gamble?

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." This is not as daunting a request as it sounds on the surface. Jesus is asking us to understand that while we are given many gifts during this earthly life such as wealth and property, we must always remind ourselves that it could all disappear in an instant. With faith, we are willing to accept whatever happens to us.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that although we may suffer some sacrifices in our lives, we need only to remember the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus Christ. As he took up his cross, we are joined to him in taking up ours (CCC 618). He accepted his coming sacrifice; are we willing today to accept whatever sacrifices may be asked of us? Today in prayer, offer first your thanks for all that you have been given, and then offer it all back freely if it is asked of you.

**Liturgy**

**August 31 at 9:45 am**

Presider..... Reverend Jeremiah Boland  
Cross Bearer ..... Virginia Clayton  
Candle Bearers..... Tom O'Malley  
& Katie Terone  
Banner Carrier ..... Willie Ramsey  
Lectors ..... Terry Conway  
& Judy Neafsey  
Responsorial Psalm..... Stacey Mullins  
Communion Ministers..... Sr. Mary Angela,  
Jerry Hossli, Debra Higen, Renee Mason,  
John King, Virginia McElligott, Willie  
Ramsey  
Altar Server ..... Angel Avila

**Next Sunday, September 7 at 9:45am**

Lectors ..... Dan O'Holleran  
& Dawn O'Holleran  
Altar Servers ..... Alonzo Johnson  
& Ellie Ross

**August Greeters**

Matthew May, Ruthie Jones Clay, and  
Sol Giampa

**August Collection Ministers**

Eastside ..... Joe Ramirez  
East Center ..... John Blyth  
Westside..... Odell Gordon  
West Center..... Rose Kelly

**September Collection Ministers**

Eastside ..... Tony Canino  
East Center ..... Cheryl Bowie  
Westside..... Steve Broussard  
West Center..... Willie Wilson

**September Entrance Procession**

Cross Bearer ..... Caretha Carroll  
Candle Bearers..... Julia Haynes  
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Banner Carrier..... Tom McElligott  
Responsorial Psalm..... Dan O'Holleran

*Please Remember in your Prayers:*

Steve Archer, Robert Bolden, Mary  
Everett, Mary P. Higen, Mildred  
Jackson, Sarah Jones, Minnie Lee  
Moore, Betty Parker, Susie Rhodes,  
Luke Strotman, and Jim Sweeney

**Sunday Collection**

August 17 ..... \$1,969.06  
August 24 ..... \$1,445.23

**Thank You!**

Please remember to print your  
name and address on your enve-  
lopes.

**HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY -** We

are so very grateful for all the  
parishioners who have continued to  
bring donations for the food pantry. It is  
a real joy to see the area near the  
confessional on the southwest wall of  
church filled with all kinds of good things  
after Sunday Mass, or to find envelopes  
with monetary donations. It is wonderful  
to be able to tell our other donors that  
we are trying to be as generous as they  
are. Some of you may know that Faith,  
Hope, and Charity Parish in Winnetka  
has supported our food pantry for many  
years. The third Sunday of the month,  
someone from that parish drives down  
here with their car or van filled with  
thirty or forty very full bags of canned  
goods, cereal, and other packaged  
groceries.

This past month some extra special  
things happened. For one thing, the  
parishioners of Faith, Hope and Charity  
participate in Christmas in July. That  
means we really received an extra  
large donation, almost one hundred  
bags of food that Sunday. Another  
special event was that the grandson of  
one of the Sharing Committee members,  
a nine year old boy, told his family that  
this year he did not want birthday  
presents. Rather than gifts, he asked his  
friends who were coming to his party to  
bring boxes of cereal for our pantry.  
Not only did this young man collect quite  
a bit of cereal, but he arranged for his  
grandfather to bring him with some of  
his friends to the pantry to deliver the  
cereal. Obviously, we were so pleased  
to get the cereal, but it also lifts your  
spirits when you find a youngster who  
has at a young age learned to be  
conscious of those in need.

One of the teachers from St. Ignatius  
College Prep, Mr. Juillard, has been  
giving assistance at the food pantry.  
Two other young men, students from St.  
Ignatius College Prep, have also given  
service this summer at the food pantry.  
It is not only the work they have done  
that has been helpful, but is it the way in  
which they relate to the food pantry  
clients that has really made a  
difference. I am afraid our clients are  
going to be a bit sad when school starts  
and those men are back in classes  
during food pantry time! Let us pray in  
thanksgiving for all who help to make  
the food pantry a place where persons  
who need food can get it in a dignified,  
respectful way.

Sister Marion, BVM

Thank you all,

**Westside Employment Education**

**Center** will be registering students for  
the 2008-2009 school year.  
Registration will be held on  
Wednesday, Sept. 3, Thursday, Sept.  
4, or Friday, Sept. 5 between 9:00 am  
and 11 :00 am. at the Center at 1019  
S. May St., lower level. There is no fee  
for the classes.

This tutoring program provides classes  
for those who want to improve their  
basic skills in reading, writing and math  
along with classes in science and social  
studies for those who are preparing to  
take the GED exam. Each week the  
students also use the computer to learn  
keyboarding skills, word processing,  
and data entry, as well as using the  
computer for skills development and  
research on various topics. The classes  
are held Monday through Thursday  
from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Since the  
education program is focused on  
helping persons be better prepared for  
the world of work, we also have  
periodic sessions on various aspects of  
employment.

This program has been an outreach of  
Holy Family Parish for many years.  
Sister Mary Angela, Sister Otilie, and  
Sister Marion currently are the daily  
staff. Other volunteers give one  
morning a week to assist with tutoring.  
If you are interested in volunteering  
time at this educational ministry, please  
see one of the Sisters named above, or  
call the Center at 312-243-7207. We  
also welcome prayer for the continued  
success of this program.

Please join us for  
a baby shower.  
For Anissa Conley  
Sunday,  
September 14,  
2008  
Damen Hall  
11:00am-2:00PM



**COMING EVENTS**

- Sept. 7th - Archdiocesan Celebration of  
the Feast of St. Peter Claver  
12:00 noon, Bishop Joseph N.  
Perry, celebrant
- 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