

# Holy Family

1080 W. Roosevelt  
Chicago, Illinois 60608

# Parish

## A Word from Father Jerry

Dear Parishioners,

This first weekend of September signals in many ways the beginning of the parish program year. We are starting with a bang! We have many events to speak to as this important time of the year launches our parish programming.



First of All! We celebrate the Feast of St. Peter Claver today. I wish to welcome all who will be joining us later this afternoon for the Diocesan celebration of the feast day with Bishop Perry presiding. Through the leadership of Robert Bolden and Jerilyn Young, the Knights of Peter Claver and the Ladies Auxiliary we have a splendid afternoon of worship and fellowship planned. Here at Holy Family we have one of the few known relics of St. Peter Claver in the world. After the Liturgy, Bishop Perry will lead us in the veneration of the relics.

St. Peter Claver, S.J. was canonized for his faithful ministry to the slaves that arrived on the shores of the New World. He brought them food and water. He baptized thousands of them and gave them some comfort in the midst of horrible indignities and mistreatment.

I am thrilled to announce the beginning of our religious education effort for the new year. Fran Serpe and Virginia Clayton have been planning a gathering to determine needs and get us going. Many parents have been inquiring about religious education possibilities. Please attend a parents meeting on Sunday, September 21st, at noon in Damen Hall. This meeting will be critical so that the program established meets the needs of as many families in the parish as possible.

Next Sunday, our bereavement committee will be meeting after mass to continue establishing resources and goals as we reach out to those who have experienced loss as a result of death. We want to do the best we can in responding to those who are grieving.

Last Tuesday we had a wonderful meeting of the Parish Council and outlined a number of goals for the coming year. Yesterday, the Finance

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### Parish Staff

Administrator..... Rev. Jerry Boland

Deacon ..... Rudolf Kotleba

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

### Masses

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

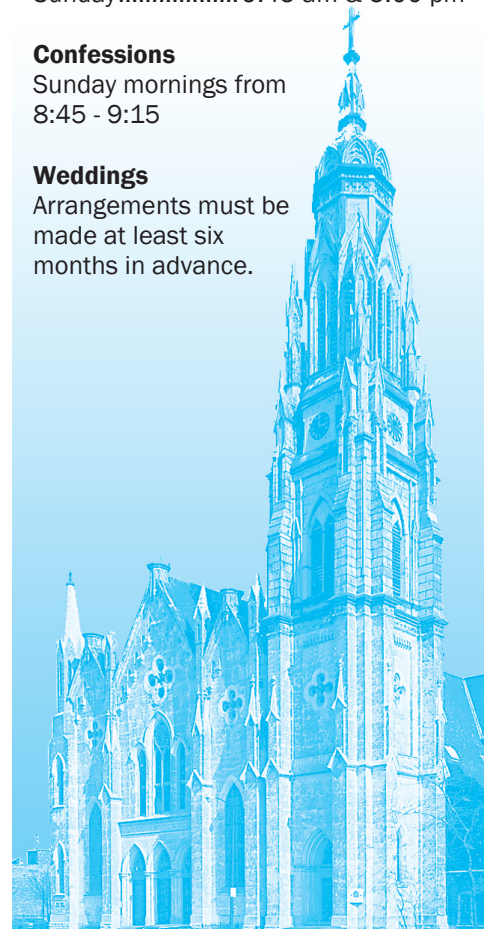
Sunday..... 9:45 am & 5:00 pm

### Confessions

Sunday mornings from  
8:45 - 9:15

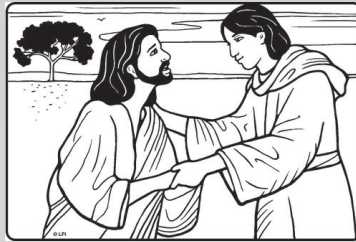
### Weddings

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 Ez 33:7-9

Thus says the LORD:

You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die," and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.

The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

### Reading II Rom 13:8-10

Brothers and sisters:

Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

The Word of the Lord

### Gospel Mt 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

The Gospel of the Lord

Council met to review our end of the year report and to discuss several financial issues.

Have a Blessed week,  
Fr. Jerry

### 2008 Annual Catholic Appeal

"For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." - Luke 14: 1,14

Today we wish to recognize those who not only support our parish, but also have made a gift or pledge to the 2008 Annual Catholic Appeal of the Archdiocese of Chicago. On behalf of those who will be served by your contributions, our thanks goes out to all who have already completed their pledge payments, as well as to those who are still making payments.

For those of you who have not have an opportunity to make a pledge or a gift this year, but still desire to be a part of the 2008 campaign, please contact Karen Whitehead at (312) 655-7461 or at [kwhitehead@archchicago.org](mailto:kwhitehead@archchicago.org).

Whether your gift is large or small, when combined with the gifts of thousands of other parishioners throughout the Archdiocese, every gift makes a very real difference in the ability of the Archdiocese to provide ministries and services. Thank you again for your support.

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



### COMING EVENTS

- Sept. 14th - Baby Shower for Anissa Conley
- 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

**Liturgy**

**September 7 at 9:45 am**

Presider..... Reverend Jeremiah Boland  
Cross Bearer ..... Caretha Carroll  
Candle Bearers..... Julia Haynes  
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Banner Carrier ..... Tom McElligott  
Lectors ..... Dan O'Holleran  
& Dawn O'Holleran  
Responsorial Psalm..... Dan O'Holleran  
Communion Ministers.. Josephine Ramirez,  
Louise Jones, Betty Ferguson, Linda  
Gaspero, Rita Gardner, Antonio Canino,  
Pervis Balthazar  
Altar Servers..... Alonzo Johnson  
& Ellie Ross

**Next Sunday, September 14 at 9:45am**

Lectors ..... Sandra Broussard  
& Sr. Marion Murphy  
Altar Servers..... Troy Boccelli  
& Gianni Mancini

**September Greeters**

Matthew May, Ruthie Jones Clay, and  
Sol Giampa

**September Collection Ministers**

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

*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, Noah Stuart, and Jim  
Sweeney



**Nativity of Mary**

Monday, September 8

**Sunday Collection**

August 24 ..... \$1,445.23  
August 31 ..... \$2,900.70

**Thank You!**

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



OFFICE OF THE CARDINAL

**ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO**

September 2, 2008

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the midst of a lengthy political campaign, matters of public policy that are also moral issues sometimes are misrepresented or are presented in a partial or manipulative fashion. While everyone could be expected to know the Church's position on the immorality of abortion and the role of law in protecting unborn children, it seems some profess not to know it and others, even in the Church, dispute it. Since this teaching has recently been falsely presented, the following clarification may be helpful.

The Catholic Church, from its first days, condemned the aborting of unborn children as gravely sinful. Not only Scripture's teaching about God's protection of life in the womb (consider the prophets and the psalms and the Gospel stories about John the Baptist and Jesus himself in Mary's womb) but also the first century catechism (the Didache or Teaching of the Twelve Apostles) said: "You shall not slay the child by abortions. You shall not kill what is generated." The teaching of the Church was clear in a Roman Empire that permitted abortion. This same teaching has been constantly reiterated in every place and time up to Vatican II, which condemned abortion as a "heinous crime." This is true today and will be so tomorrow. Any other comments, by politicians, professors, pundits or the occasional priest, are erroneous and cannot be proposed in good faith.

This teaching has consequences for those charged with caring for the common good, those who hold public office. The unborn child, who is alive and is a member of the human family, cannot defend himself or herself. Good law defends the defenseless. Our present laws permit unborn children to be privately killed. Laws that place unborn children outside the protection of law destroy both the children killed and the common good, which is the controlling principle of Catholic social teaching. One cannot favor the legal status quo on abortion and also be working for the common good.

This explains why the abortion issue will not disappear and why it is central to the Church's teaching on a just social order. The Church does not endorse candidates for office, but she does teach the principles according to which Catholics should form their social consciences. The teaching, which covers intrinsic evils such as abortion and many other issues that are matters of prudential judgment, could not be clearer; the practice often falls short because we are all sinners. There is no room for self-righteousness in Catholic moral teaching.

The Conference of Bishops in this country and the Bishops of Illinois have issued statements about Catholic social teaching and political life. They are available in our parishes. All of us should keep our country and all the candidates for office in the next election in our prayers. God bless you and your families.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.

Archbishop of Chicago