

Holy Family

1080 W. Roosevelt
Chicago, Illinois 60608

Parish

A Word from Father Jerry

Dear Parishioners,

Each year I present the report on parish finances. This weekend I will be describing the state of our parish financially. These are challenging times! In spite of the difficult economy, the parish has been able to meet our obligations.

We faced significant increases in our operating expenses as a result of increases in energy and maintenance. Our new building is beautiful but it has placed new financial burdens on us. We were able to upgrade the sound system, replace the electrical panels that serve the church, re-plaster and paint the vestibule of the Church and install a heating element in Damen Hall where the water service enters the building to help prevent frozen water pipes.

Holy Family parish is growing, which is a great blessing. We need to keep expanding our ministerial outreach. The formation of both the children and adult communities is very important. We will need more resources in order to get the staff required to begin the organization and ongoing support of our spiritual growth.

Last year, we invited everyone to review their level of giving. I must ask you to do this again this year. Just as you have faced increases this past year in expenses so have we. While last year's operating budget produced a modest surplus, that surplus could easily be wiped out with fluctuations in the number of weddings or sharing income. Also we have benefited the past few years by a grant to meet our insurance assessment-that alone was almost \$40,000. At first glance, our savings may give a false sense of security. A leaking roof or falling limestone can take many thousands of dollars to fix.

This year finds our nation in the midst of a significant financial downturn. Predictions of large increases in energy are alarming. We hope this year to deal with the drainage problems with the bathrooms in Damen Hall, I would like to move our administrative assistant to full time and I hope we could hire a part time religious educator. All this depends on the financial support we receive.

I am deeply grateful to each and every one of you for the sacrifices you make to keep Holy Family growing. I try to be as responsible as I can with the



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Masses

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

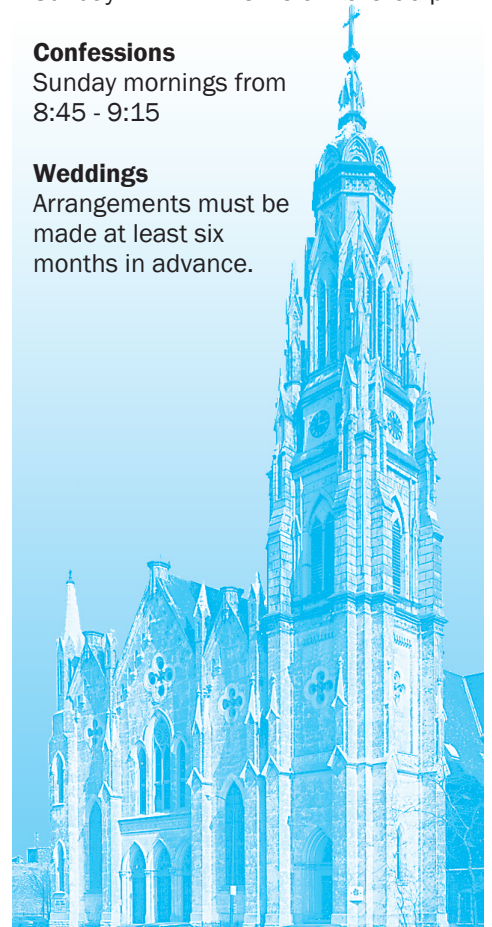
Sunday..... 9:45 am & 5:00 pm

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

Is 5:1-7

Let me now sing of my friend, my friend's song concerning his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines; within it he built a watchtower, and hewed out a wine press. Then he looked for the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes.

Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard: What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? Now, I will let you know what I mean to do with my vineyard: take away its hedge, give it to grazing, break through its wall, let it be trampled! Yes, I will make it a ruin: it shall not be pruned or hoed, but overgrown with thorns and briers; I will command the clouds not to send rain upon it. The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished plant; he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed! for justice, but hark, the outcry!

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Reading II

Phil 4:6-9

Brothers and sisters: Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel

Mt 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

The Gospel of the Lord

resources you entrust to the parish. I am grateful to our finance committee whose input and oversight of our finances is so important.

It was wonderful remembering with the Wilson's last weekend the anniversary of the death of their beloved Mother and grandmother, Thelma Wilson. Looking down from heaven, she must be so proud of the family that carries on. May she rest in peace!

Next Sunday is the dreaded Marathon. The city has assured me they will try as best they can to accommodate people trying to get to Holy Family. We will be waiting for you!

Have a Blessed Week,

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There are few things more hurtful than a love that is rejected. Early on, we learn rejection; you've waited all year to work up the nerve to ask that cute girl to the big dance, only to have her tell you that she's already going with someone else. You date someone for months, even years, and dare to dream that this might be forever, only to have your heart broken as you go your separate ways. The one who vowed to love you until death decides that he or she doesn't want to wait that long. Yes, it hurts, but do you stop loving?

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reading from Matthew tells of a very generous vineyard owner who gave his tenants everything they would ever need to survive. And how did they repay him? By killing not only the servants who went to the field to help, but also the owner's son. Clearly, Jesus was again foretelling of God's gifts to us and our rejection of his love, of his early messengers, and the rejection of his Son. God so loved us that he would give us Jesus Christ; not even our rejection, however, staves off God's love. It is enduring, clear, and for all times.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that even in the face of the greatest moral evil—the rejection, persecution and death of Christ—God brought by his grace the greatest of goods: the glorification of Christ and our redemption (CCC 312). Throughout our lives, time and again we will suffer rejection and the pains of unrequited love. To be truly in communion with God, the love in our hearts for each other must never diminish; it is a flame that cannot be extinguished.

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Liturgy

October 5 at 9:45 am

Presider..... Reverend Jeremiah Boland
Cross Bearer Tony Canino
Candle Bearers..... Jane Justic
& Jerrilyn Young
Banner Carrier Jesse West
Lectors Jim Sweeney
& Francine Godwin
Responsorial Psalm..... Marilyn Reidy
Communion Ministers..... Mildred Jackson,
Lillie Gandy, Theresa Gleeson, Stacey
Mullins, Pearl Luss, Denise Summers, Dawn
O'Holleran
Altar Servers..... Alonzo Johnson
& Ellie Ross

Next Sunday, October 12 at 9:45am

Lectors Jay Borchert
& LaShanya Wilson
Altar Servers..... Troy Boccelli
& Gianni Mancini

October Greeters

Matthew May, Ruthie Jones Clay, and
Sol Giampa

October Collection Ministers

Eastside Tom Justic
East Center Josephina Ramirez
Westside..... Anissa Conley
West Center..... Betty Parker

Mass Intentions

Antonietta O'Malley

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

Sunday Collection

September 21 \$3,143.87
September 28 \$2,334.23

Thank You!

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

Baptism



Claudia Isabelle Alvarez
Welcome!

This Sunday we focus on the Christian mission to Respect Life. The phrase captures the core of Jesus' teaching expressed in Matthew 25: "Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, you do to me."

Jesus clearly states that our relationship to God is determined by our relationships with one another. This demands that Christians be attuned to anything that would diminish life at all its stages. From the womb to tomb, from birth to death, and at every stage between, we are called to treat all of life with dignity, respect, honor, and reverence.

Catholics are often seen as people who do respect life. Our efforts to end abortion or prevent embryonic stem cell research are well-known. Less publicized are the efforts made to assist those in prison, those dying of starvation or unsanitary living conditions, those dying because of systemic violence or abuse, or the thousands who die from the violence of war.

The late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin clearly stated that all Christians are called to approach human life with a consistent ethic which he called "the seamless garment." We are to spend as much effort to fight war, poverty, hunger, death penalty and other life issues as we do on abortion and embryonic stem cell research.

How seamless is your "respect life" garment? How can you make sure that a consistent ethic of life is part of your Christian journey?

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Holy Family's 2008 (Sr. Otilie's) Christmas Sale

We are currently accepting donations of new or like-new items including house hold items, toys, books, decorations, jewelry, etc.



Bring your donations every Sunday starting September 21st through November 16th to the 9:45 Mass.

If you have any questions, please contact Donna at 773 348-4087 or Dora at 773-315-7392.



Thank you for your generosity and God bless!!

INVITATION TO NEW PARISHIONERS

The LITURGY COMMITTEE invites ALL NEW PARISHIONERS to consider participating in a LITURGICAL MINISTRY: Greeter, Entrance Procession, Assistant Coordinator of children in Entrance Procession and Recessional, Offertory Procession Coordinator, Eucharistic Minister, or as a member of the Liturgy Committee. For additional information and to volunteer, please see a member of the Liturgy Committee-- Pervis Balthazar, S. Mary Angela Buser, Sharon Ann Carroll, Nora Jackson, Minnie Lee Moore, or Josephine Ramirez. THANK YOU!

You can still bring in your Socks for the Night Ministry.

See Jay Borchert for more details.



COMING EVENTS

- Oct. 26 - Sacrament of the Sick
- 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