

# Holy Family

1080 W. Roosevelt  
Chicago, Illinois 60608

# Parish

## A Word from Father Jerry

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Holy Family!

Welcome!

It is a joy to celebrate this Feast of the Holy Family with all of you.

Gathered for this 152nd anniversary of the founding of this parish are people who have been members for over 50 years and some that just registered last week. We are one of the oldest churches and one of the newest parishes. God has blest us in many ways.

Today we honor one of the founding families of Holy Family, the Comiskey's. We rededicate the John Comiskey window which was designed by Robert Carse. This window is one of 12 circular windows that are the oldest stained glass windows in Chicago, having survived the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. John Comiskey was the father of Charles Comiskey who spent a long career as a player, manager and owner of the Chicago White Sox. I welcome all members of the Comiskey Family who are with us today.

You can read all about the Comiskey's in a new book being published in a few weeks called, *The Miracle on Roosevelt Road*, edited by Tom McElligott it will be a fantastic keepsake and resource on the extraordinary history of this parish. Information of how to obtain a copy will be shared with you.

This past year has brought many new people to Holy Family as the neighborhood around the Church gets developed. This has translated in a record number of baptisms and weddings this past year. We have had several concerts featuring our own Gospel Choir, the Chicago Chorale, and other groups. This past year we observed the 175th Anniversary of the BVM's, the 50th Anniversary of the Our Lady of the Angels Fire and the ordination of 5 new Jesuits.

We have continued the restoration of this treasured Church. With the support of the Cuneo Foundation, The Driehouse Foundation and the Foresters, The golden angels have returned! The facade was completely restored; the angels were hoisted up to their pedestals and new spotlight



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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)

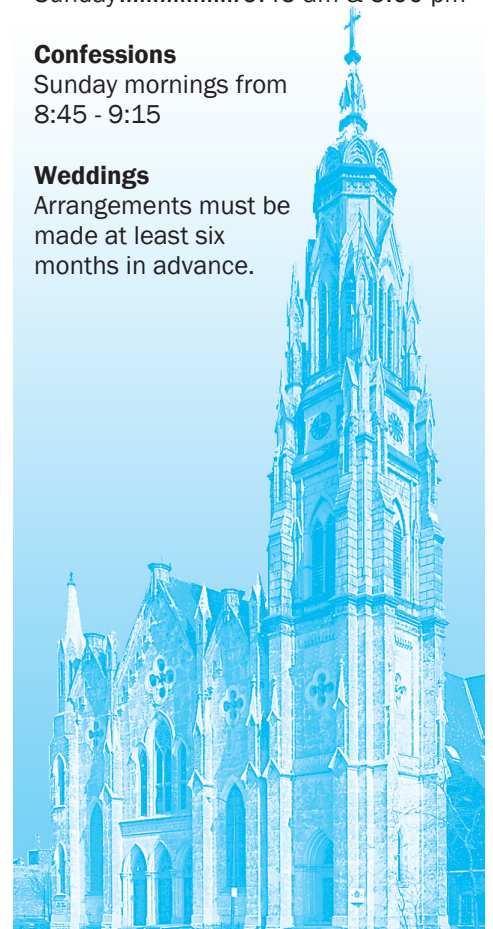
Sunday..... 9:45 am & 5:00 pm

### 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

Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying: "Fear not, Abram! I am your shield; I will make your reward very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what good will your gifts be, if I keep on being childless and have as my heir the steward of my house, Eliezer?" Abram continued, "See, you have given me no offspring, and so one of my servants will be my heir." Then the word of the LORD came to him: "No, that one shall not be your heir; your own issue shall be your heir." The Lord took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.

The LORD took note of Sarah as he had said he would; he did for her as he had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time that God had stated. Abraham gave the name Isaac to this son of his whom Sarah bore him.

The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

### Reading II

Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Brothers and sisters:

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age (and Sarah herself was sterile for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy. So it was that there came forth from one man, himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore.

By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name." He reasoned that God was able to raise

even from the dead, and he received Isaac back as a symbol.

The Word of the Lord

### Gospel

Lk 2:22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Gospel of the Lord

system installed. Through the generosity of the Michael Kelly Family, the vestibule of the Church was repaired and restored. In a joint effort with the Chicago Province of the Society of Jesus the parish has been able to renovate the bathrooms in Damen Hall and improve the drainage system. We were able to upgrade the sound system. Our new parish center has been a blessing and has helped expand our ministry.

This past year, the food pantry and the West Side Employment Outreached faced new challenges as the economic downturn has hurt all of us. I am grateful for all those who support these invaluable resources to the larger community.

The coming year will bring continued changes to Holy Family. Our Deacon, Augustine Mahonge will be ordained, the Chicago Chorale will perform Rachmaninoff's Vespers on April 4th. Fr. Jim Hassie's Golden Jubilee will be on Aug. 16th. Cardinal George will be hosting his first Christmas Concert for Chicago on Dec. 2.

As this year draws to a close and we look to our 152nd anniversary I thank-you for your financial and spiritual support. Through the intercession of the Holy Family, may you and your loved ones draw closer together in the spirit of love and charity.

Happy New Year!

**Liturgy**

**December 28 at 9:45 am**

Presider.....Reverend Jeremiah Boland  
Cross Bearer .....Virginia Clayton  
Candle Bearers.....Tom O'Malley  
& Katie Terone  
Banner Carrier..... Willie Ramsey  
Lectors ..... Matthew May  
& Virginia Clayton  
Responsorial Psalm..... Dan O'Holleran  
Communion Ministers.. Josephine Ramirez,  
Louise Jones, Linda Gaspero, Betty  
Ferguson, Rita Gardner, Antonio Canino,  
Dawn O'Holleran  
Altar Server ..... Angel Avila

**Next Sunday, January 4 at 9:45am**

Lectors ..... Dan O'Holleran  
& Dawn O'Holleran  
Altar Servers..... Alonzo Johnson  
& Aaron Canino

**December Greeters**

Matthew May, Ruthie Jones Clay, and  
Sol Giampa

**December Collection Ministers**

Eastside .....Felix Rubin  
East Center.....Julia Haynes  
Westside..... Antonio Fabian  
West Center.....Damien Grant

**January Collection Ministers**

Eastside .....Miguel Rios  
East Center ..... Tom McElligott  
Westside.....Selina Fabian  
West Center.....Maa Ohui Quarmyne

**January Entrance Procession**

Cross Bearer .....Caretha Carroll  
Candle Bearers.....Julia Haynes  
& Vincent Giampa  
Banner Carrier..... Tom McElligott  
Responsorial Psalm..... Sheila Luss  
& Arenea Luss

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**Sunday Collection**

December 14..... \$3,464.00  
December 21..... \$3,343.05  
Hospitality Collection.....\$130.16

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

Our warmest welcome to all who  
celebrate with us. Whether long time  
residents or newly arrived at the  
parish, we thank God for you! If you  
are not registered, or if your address,  
or phone number has changed, please  
see Jerry Hossli.

*Please Remember in your Prayers:*

Steve Archer, Robert Bolden, Mary P.  
Higens, Gertrude Hill, Mildred  
Jackson, Mary Murphy, Susie Rhodes,  
Luke Strotman, and Noah Stuart

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!**

Our outreach to new neighbors has  
once again been helped with the  
distribution of Christmas Door Hangers  
and Leaflets. We wish to thank Cheryl  
Bowie, Sr. Marion, Rita Gardner, Jane  
Justic, and Lily Gandy and her  
grandchildren for going door-to-door.  
We also want to thank Josephine  
Ramirez and Virginia Clayton for  
distributing fliers at the downtown  
hotels. Your efforts to help Holy  
Family's Evangelization Program are  
much appreciated. Jerry Hossli

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and  
Joseph**

It may sound like a story line  
from a bad situation comedy, but how  
many of you parents out there have  
gone to one of those parent-teacher  
meetings, only to come away shaking  
your head in wonder. "Was that our  
kid she was talking about?" Little  
Junior who can't find the clothes  
hamper, talks with his mouth full, and  
slugs his sister at home is one of the  
most delightful young students in Mrs.  
Smith's class. Sometimes, are we  
standing too close to our children to  
really see them for who they are?

According to ancient Jewish  
laws, a woman who had given birth  
was not allowed into the temple for  
forty days, where she was then given  
"purification" as described in today's  
Gospel reading from Luke. Most new  
mothers would also offer a lamb and  
a dove for a sacrifice, or if the family  
was very poor, two doves or pigeons,  
as was the case for Joseph and Mary.

It was Simeon and Anna, two  
faith-filled individuals from outside the  
family, who recognized with joyful  
exclamations that the child Jesus was  
the Messiah. Luke tells us that Joseph  
and Mary "were amazed at what was  
said about him."

In today's seemingly secular  
world, where those of faith are  
greeted with disdain and even  
hostility, the faithful family stands even  
more importantly as a center of life  
itself (CCC 1656). The Second Vatican

Council even recognized that parents  
are "by word and example the first  
heralds of the faith with regard to  
their children. They should encourage  
them in the vocation which is proper to  
each child." Today is the feast of the  
Holy Family; look at the children  
around you, perhaps for the first time,  
with amazement at these young gifts  
from God.

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**THANK YOU**

On behalf of the Bereavement  
Committee, I would like to thank  
everyone who generously donated to  
the bereavement collection on  
November 30.  
Antonio Canino



**New Year Blessing**

Heavenly Father,  
in this time of new beginnings,  
we recall how the heavens celebrated  
the birth of Christ.  
We think back to the new kingdom he  
proclaimed,  
and remember the new life we gained  
in our baptism.  
In this time of new beginnings,  
and at the beginning of this New  
Year,  
may we always act as good examples  
of the new life in you that all Christians  
have  
and be the same for others.  
Give us the joy that is ours  
as adopted members of God's family.  
Amen.

**COMING EVENTS**

Today - The Feast of the Holy Family  
9:45a.m. Mass & Reception  
Special Exhibition "The Hidden  
Treasures of Holy Family"