

Holy Family

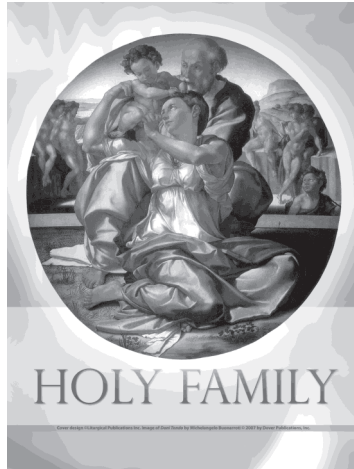
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Parish

A Word from Father Jerry

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Holy Family,

Welcome! Today is like a big family reunion. We have gathered here, many from all over to celebrate our parish feast day. Since those challenging days of the early nineties, with bull dozers looming, Holy Family has stood tall. This Church has become a symbol of the Spirit of Chicago and the resilience of faith. Many in this Church this morning have been in the trenches saving this place.



We have people who faithfully support this parish spiritually and financially and we are grateful to each and every one of you. So much has been accomplished with your encouragement. This past year we undertook a number of projects; installation of a new sump pump in the sub basement of Damen Hall, extensive repairs of the sanctuary due to winter damage, new office equipment for the parish center and beginning to repair and upgrade the electrical system for the chandeliers. Through the generosity of many friends like, Mike and Trudy Kelly, the vestibule was repainted. Phil Corboy and Mary Dempsey helped re-gild the tabernacle, high cross and Fr. Damen's chalice, Greg and Christine Watson, helped us to upgrade the sound system. The Chicago Province of the Jesuits and the Archdiocese of Chicago have made significant investments in the past year. We also have been so blessed by our Sharing Parishes, St. Raymond and St. Barnabas.

We have a new pastoral associate, Sr. Eileen Tierney who has been developing many new programs. Antwan and LeShonya Wilson have been developing our youth ministry program. The Food Pantry has had to dig deep to meet the needs of an increased client base as a result of the economy.

The Christmas Season is one of the most Blessed times of the year. How fitting that in the midst of it all we pray for the intercession of the Holy Family. Each Sunday, high above us the Holy Family looks down upon us with love and assurance as we face the challenges that lie ahead.

We celebrated so many family moments this past year, 39 baptisms, 10 First Communicants, 4 adults received into the Church and 79 weddings. We

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Masses

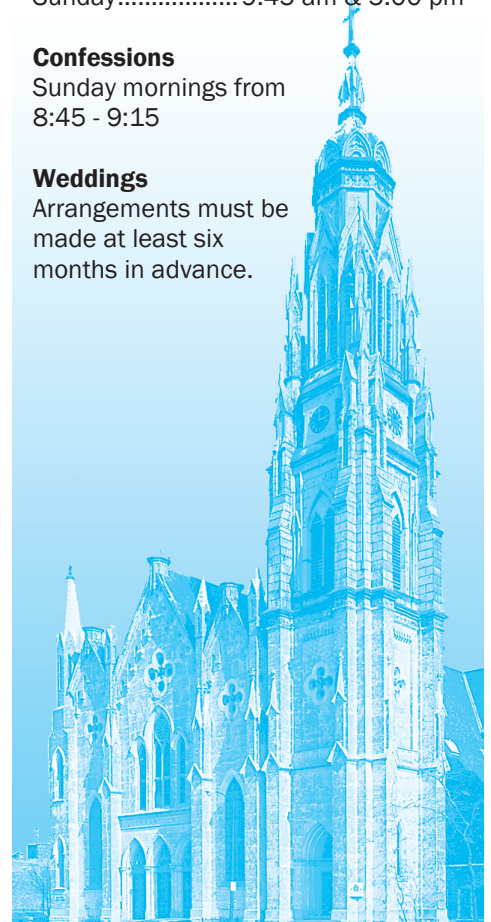
Monday-Friday..... 7:30 am
(St. Ignatius Chapel)
Sunday..... 9:45 am & 5:00 pm

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

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins—a house raised in justice to you.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Reading II

Col 3:12-21

Brothers and sisters:

Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged

The Word of the Lord

Gospel

Lk 2:41-52

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

The Gospel of the Lord

also grieved with those who suffered the death of a loved one and others who had to face the hardships of a lost job or personal crises.

On Holy Family Sunday we recall the founding families of the parish whose shoulders we stand on. We always have descendants of these great folks. Today we acknowledge the families of the Comiskey's, the Prindiville's and the Rigney's. Welcome! Thanks to Dick Barry and Ellen Skerrett who worked very hard on this.

Please take time to enjoy this celebration, check out the "Hidden Treasures of Holy Family" and come down to Damen Hall for refreshments.

Happy New Year!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Jerry". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

A Blessed
New Year

A graphic illustration of a cross. The cross is simple and stands on a base. Above the cross, there are stylized clouds and a dove with its wings spread, symbolizing the Holy Spirit. The text "A Blessed New Year" is written in a serif font to the left of the cross. A small copyright symbol and "LPI" are visible at the bottom right of the graphic.

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