

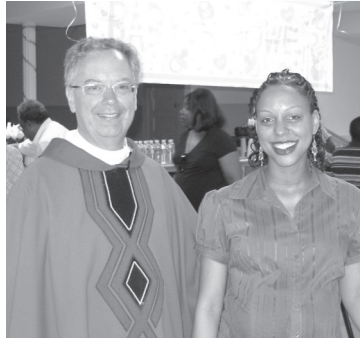
# Holy Family Parish

1080 W. Roosevelt  
Chicago, Illinois 60608

## A Word from Father Jerry

Dear Parishioners,

It is hard to believe this is the last Sunday before Lent. This is Mardi Gras weekend. We have several parishioners from Louisiana who are the experts on how to celebrate! We had our own celebration last Friday and I am grateful to all who braved the weather to enjoy good food and company. It was great to be together and to build friendships. We have an ever growing number of newcomers and it is so important that everyone feels part of this historic community of faith. Special thanks to Odell Gordon, Gerry Dignan, Sr. Marion, the Van Den Hende's and Josephine Ramirez for your help.



On Wednesday, the season of Lent begins. There is morning mass at 8:45 a.m. and evening liturgy at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Lane will officiate at the evening service. Ashes will be distributed at both liturgies. Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

I invite you to take advantage of this season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Our prayerful actions during this season are meant to deepen our faith and to help us to prepare for the coming celebration of Easter. We have many things to offer you here at Holy Family to take advantage of the spirit and invitation of Lent. Make sure you receive a Lenten prayer book. These books are the gift of Jim Decorrevont and they provide an excellent structure for daily prayer and meditation. Each Friday at 3:00 p.m. we will offer the Stations of the Cross. On Sunday, March 8th we will celebrate the Sacrament of reconciliation and on Sunday, March 29th, we will have a Lenten afternoon of reflection. Some people give things up for Lent, others do something for Lent. If you would like to volunteer at the food pantry, please see Sr. Marion. Also, we will have a performance by the Chicago Chorale on Saturday, April 4th of the deeply moving oratorio by Rachmaninoff entitled, "Vespers", one of the most beautiful pieces of sacred music ever written.

Today we have available the first copies of, "The Miracle on Roosevelt Road". This is the product of so much hard work and devotion. The project headed by Tom and Gina McElligott, has resulted in a remarkable contribution for better appreciating the contribution Holy Family has made to the Chicago land community. The book is available for \$20 and will be a great keepsake. The pictures are awesome and I thank everyone who gave of their time to this great project.

Holy Family in the news - this month's edition of North Shore Magazine is their

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## Rectory

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Administrator..... Rev. Jerry Boland  
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P.C. President..... Odell Gordon

## Masses

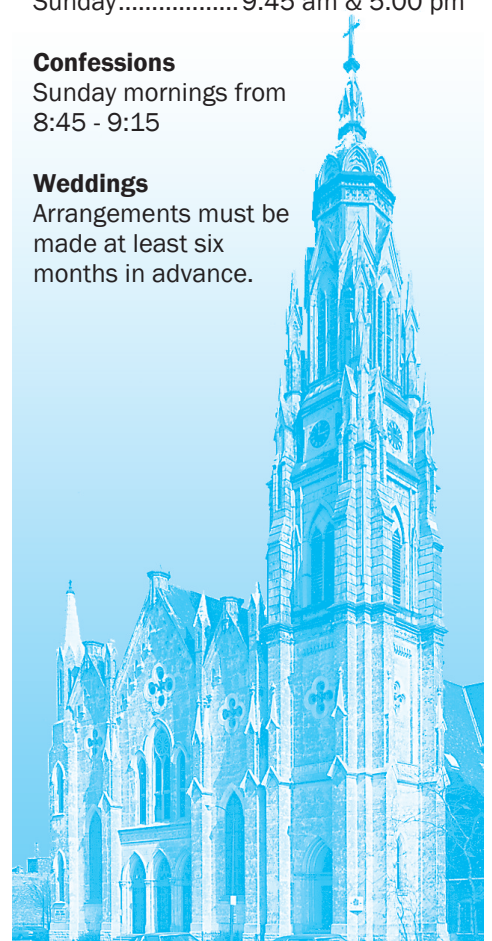
Monday-Friday..... 7:30 am  
(St. Ignatius Chapel)  
Sunday..... 9:45 am & 5:00 pm

## 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

*Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25*

Thus says the LORD: Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? In the desert I make a way, in the wasteland, rivers. The people I formed for myself, that they might announce my praise. Yet you did not call upon me, O Jacob, for you grew weary of me, O Israel. You burdened me with your sins, and wearied me with your crimes. It is I, I, who wipe out, for my own sake, your offenses; your sins I remember no more.

The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

Lord, heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.

### Reading II

*2 Cor 1:18-22*

Brothers and sisters: As God is faithful, our word to you is not "yes" and "no." For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was proclaimed to you by us, Silvanus and Timothy and me, was not "yes" and "no," but "yes" has been in him. For however many are the promises of God, their Yes is in him; therefore, the Amen from us also goes through him to God for glory. But the one who gives us security with you in Christ and who anointed us is God; he has also put his seal upon us and given the Spirit in our hearts as a first installment.

The Word of the Lord

### Gospel

*Mk 2:1-12*

When Jesus returned to Capernaum after some days, it became known that he was at home. Many gathered together so that there was no longer room for them, not even around the door, and he preached the word to them. They came bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. Unable to get near Jesus because of the crowd, they opened up the roof above him. After they had broken through, they let down the mat on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there asking themselves, "Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming. Who but God alone can forgive sins?" Jesus immediately knew in his mind what they were thinking to themselves, so he said, "Why are you thinking such things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, pick up your mat and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth" —he said to the paralytic, "I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home." He rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away in the sight of everyone. They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this."

The Gospel of the Lord

annual wedding issue. They feature the wedding of Leigh Botica and Russell Dyer. There are some beautiful pictures of the Church and of a beautiful Bride and Handsome Groom! On Tuesday, March 3rd, PBS's long awaited documentary, "Irish Chicago" will air on Channel 11. Holy Family plays an important role in this documentary because of the significant influence the parish had in receiving the first Irish Immigrants of the 19th century. I hope you will be able to catch this beautiful production that also includes great footage on the Church.

Today is catechist appreciation Sunday and I want to thank those who so faithfully hand on the faith through their teaching and commitment to preparing others for the sacraments. I wish to publicly acknowledge our catechists, Deacon Rudy Kotleba, Virginia Clayton, Monica Anderson and Katie Waters. We are so blessed by each and every one of you. We have over 10 children preparing for First Communion and I will be meeting with them after mass today to talk about the sacrament of reconciliation.

I want to again thank-you for your prayerful consideration of the Annual Catholic Appeal. This appeal is an important way that we can support the ministries of the Archdiocese.

Have a Blessed week,

**Lift Every Voice and Sing**  
by James Weldon Johnson

Lift every voice and sing, Till earth and heaven ring.  
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty.  
Let our rejoicing rise, High as the list'ning skies.  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us.  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun.  
Let us march on till victory is won.

**Liturgy**

**February 22 at 9:45 am**

Presider.....Reverend Jeremiah Boland  
Cross Bearer ..... Tony Canino  
Candle Bearers..... Jane Justic  
& Jerilyn Young  
Banner Carrier..... Jesse West  
Lectors.....Terry Conway  
& Judy Neafsey  
Responsorial Psalm..... Joyce McKenzie  
Communion Ministers..... Sr. Mary Angela,  
Jerry Hossli, Sr. Patricia, Renee Mason,  
John King, Virginia McElligott, Willie  
Ramsey  
Altar Server .....Amare Wilson

**Next Sunday, March 1 at 9:45am**

Lectors..... Virginia Clayton  
& Sabrina Cajandig  
Altar Servers..... Angel Avila  
& Amber Clayton

**February Greeters**

Matthew May, Ruthie Jones Clay, and  
Sol Giampa

**February Collection Ministers**

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

**March Collection Ministers**

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

**March Entrance Procession**

Cross Bearer ..... Tony Karp  
Candle Bearers.....Betty Ferguson  
& Kathleen Rubin  
Banner Carrier..... Josephine Ramirez  
Responsorial Psalm.....Felicia Luss

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.

**Sunday Collection**

February 8..... \$2,234.24  
February 15 ..... \$2,574.52

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

*Please Remember in your Prayers:*

Steve Archer, Prefecta Baffer, Doris Balthazar, Eileen Boland, Robert Bolden, Mary P. Higen, Gertrude Hill, Mildred Jackson, Ivo Marchetti, Martha Ward Miller, Susie Rhodes, Luke Strotman, Keith Schuler, Bernard Singleton, Noah Stuart, and Indy Williams

*Mass Intentions*

Antoinette O'Malley

**Blue Chip Casino Bus Trip**

Michigan City, Indiana  
March 7, 2009

Seats are now available!

Reservations must be received by 2/28/09. All seats will be reserved upon receipt of payment. Cash or check or cashier's checks are payable to K of PC Council #381 in the amount of \$35 per seat and should be mailed to: Holy Family Church, 1080 W. Roosevelt, Chicago, Il 60608  
Buses leave from the Holy Family Parking lot promptly at 10:30 am, for arrival at approximately 11:30 am, and depart from the casino at 4 pm. Your trip includes: A seat on the "Travel Bus", Free Lunch Buffet, and \$10 Gambling Voucher.  
For tickets, contact: Virginia Clayton or Odell Gordon or any member of the K of P.C. Please help make this a successful and "FUN" fundraiser! Please call 773-533-1420 with any questions.

**Program for Those Who are Widowed**

Rainbow Hospice invites all widowed persons (especially younger widowed) to attend the faith-based, 2-day workshop being held March 21 & 22, 2009 at Holy Family Medical Center, Des Plaines, Il. This program is designed to address the special issues surrounding being widowed. It also offers support and encouragement to help you move forward in your new path in life while still treasuring your memories. For more information call: 708-354-7211 Early registration is encouraged.

**Ash Wednesday February 25  
Mass at 8:45 AM and 7:00 PM**

**AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH**

During February, African-American History Month, we will celebrate in various ways at the 9:45 Liturgy. Our banner is an AFRICAN-AMERICAN FLAG. Children in the entrance procession and recessional will be carrying placards with pictures of famous African-American. Please ask your children whose picture they carried and help them learn about these people who have contributed much to our society. Let us all pray that all African-American people recognize their gifts and strive to use them for the benefit of our society, and also that all in our society work to eliminate racism.

**Sisters of Providence plan weekend for women who are considering life in religious congregation**

The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind., will host a "Come and See" weekend for women who are interested in living a life as a vowed member of the Congregation. The weekend is planned Friday, April 3, through Sunday, April 5. Participants will have an opportunity to visit with sisters and learn more about their life and mission, ministries in education, eco-justice and outreach to others through additional ministry opportunities. "Come and See" weekend is open to Catholic women of faith, ages 18-42, who are also seeking ways to faithfully live out the Gospel message of Jesus. There is no charge for the weekend. Housing and meals are provided. Welcome and introductions will open the weekend on Friday evening. On Saturday, participants will have time for prayer, will hear a presentation on "Religious Life in the Context of Jesus' Mission" from Sister Alexa Suelzer, visit places on the motherhouse grounds, participate in a panel discussion and talk with newer members of the Congregation at an evening campfire. The weekend will conclude on Sunday with prayer time, small-group sharing and Eucharistic Liturgy. Women who are interested in participating may register by contacting Sister Bernice Kuper, Vocations Office, 1 Sisters of Providence, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind., 47876; or at 812-535-2895, or at bkuper@spsmw.org.