

Holy Family Parish

1080 W. Roosevelt
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A Word from Father Jerry

Dear Parishioners,

By tradition, the fourth Sunday of the Easter season is called "Good Shepherd Sunday". The Gospel today reminds us that Jesus is the Good Shepherd, who will put down his life to protect his sheep. The image of the Shepherd is one of the most ancient in the Church. Perhaps the most valuable sculpture in the Vatican Museum is a statue of Jesus as a shepherd from the second century. This is the first artistic image of Jesus and it reminds us that the early church most often thought of Jesus as a shepherd.



At the 9:45 a.m. mass we rejoice in the baptism of Debra Higgin's daughter Pearl. There are many references in the Easter Season liturgies reminding us to pray for those who have been born again through baptism. We pray for Pearl as she is welcomed into the community of faith. Pearl along with 9 other children will be making her first communion in a few weeks.

Lets hear it for the Knights of Columbus! On behalf of all of us I wish to thank them for the pancake breakfast this morning. The St. Florian Council is made up of many fire fighters and paramedics and they meet monthly here at Holy Family. Our parish is blessed by our long time relationship with the Chicago Fire Department. Each month the Fire Department has Mass here. Recently several firefighters from Engine 18 came over to help me change light bulbs that are some 40 feet from the ground. Please stop by the pancake breakfast after mass.

The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. May crowning ceremonies have been traditional in the United States. Mary is crowned as a sign of her queenship because she was a perfect follower of Christ, who is the "crown" of creation. She is the Mother of the Son of God, who is the messianic King. Next Sunday, the 9:45 liturgy will begin with a May crowning. We also will be blessing all the women of the parish in honor of Mother's Day.

I wish to Thank Eric Shepherd, not only because it's Good Shepherd Sunday but because of some of the beautiful plants he has donated to the Church. They are wonderful reminders of the gift of Spring.

Work on the Church continues, a temporary sump pump has been installed in the sub basement. We are still trying to determine where the water is coming from. Some initial evaluation of the scope of painting and plaster work needed to repair the sanctuary took place and I am awaiting a report by the structural engineer on the bell tower.

Last week, Sharon Van Den Hende attended a workshop to update our process of financial record keeping. Holy Family has volunteered to be part of a pilot project to put our records on line with the Archdiocese so we can take advantage of accounting and budgetary resources the Archdiocese provides for parishes. This will allow us to have the most up to date technology in maintaining our financial records. I am grateful for all the sacrifices you are making to support our parish financially during these difficult times. It is always good to review

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Masses

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

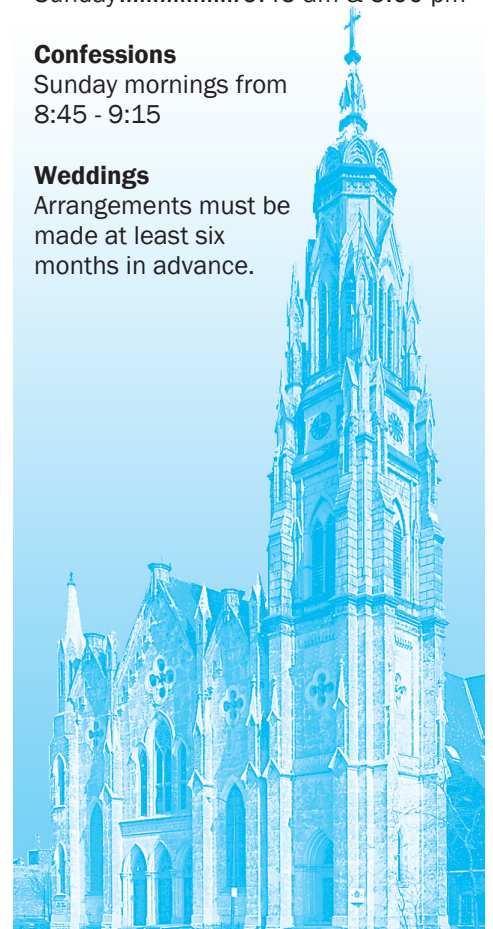
Sunday..... 9:45 am & 5:00 pm

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 Acts 4:8-12

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said: "Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. He is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Reading II 1 Jn 3:1-2

Beloved:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Jn 10:11-18

Jesus said:

"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord

from time to time our level of giving and to reflect on ways we can be the best stewards of what God has blessed us with.

It was awesome last week to see little Noah Stuart make his first visit to Holy Family. While just 9 months old, he has had several heart surgeries and is doing great. His parents are grateful for all the prayers that we have been making on Noah's behalf. Noah--you are a blessing and a sign of courage for all of us!

Have a Blessed week,

4th Sunday of Easter

There is a phrase that has become popular if not overused in the business world today. It is "thinking outside the box." What this means is to be more creative, to do away with traditional thinking. It is most often used in the world of advertising, where companies attempt to come up with new and innovative ways to get consumers to notice them. Unfortunately, this type of thinking all too often leads to being outside the boundaries of good taste, as well. Like a shepherd's fence, perhaps the box was created for a very good reason to begin with!

Today's Gospel reading from John relates Jesus' narrative of being the Good Shepherd. He states adamantly that he will lay down his life for his flock, but he also says he will think outside of the box when he says: "I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd." The Good Shepherd fights for our very lives against the evils of the world, so much so that he sacrificed himself so that we might be saved. It is the least we can do to call others who have strayed from the shepherd's flock.

A traditional shepherd keeps his flock close to him, builds a fence to keep them safe. Should one stray, he uses his crook to bring it home. The Good Shepherd provides us with the sacrament of penance, our way of returning to the flock. The priest is the sign and instrument of God's merciful love and forgiveness for our straying (CCC 1465). On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, we would do well to listen to the Good Shepherd, who invites us to return the flock.

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Liturgy

May 3 at 9:45 am

Presider..... Reverend Jeremiah Boland.
Cross Bearer Caretha Carroll
Candle Bearers..... Julia Haynes
& Vincent Giampa
Banner Carrier..... Tom McElligott
Lectors Pervis Balthazar
& Joyce McKenzie
Responsorial Psalm..... Marrion Gandy
& Jay Borchert
Communion Ministers..... Jerry Hossli,
Mildred Jackson, Sr. Patricia, Renee
Mason, John King, Virginia McElligott,
Willie Ramsey
Altar Servers..... Amare Wilson
& Malayna Gandy

Next Sunday, May 10 at 9:45am

Lectors Lettece Lee
& Matthew May
Altar Servers..... Alonzo Johnson
& Jaza Gandy

May Greeters

Matthew May, Ruthie Jones Clay, and
Sal Giampa

May Collection Ministers

Eastside Jesse West
East Center Sal Giampa
Westside..... Willie Ramsey
West Center..... George Canino

Mass Intentions

Edward Mulcrone
Zenon Porche, Jr.

Please Remember in your Prayers:

Steve Archer, Prefecta Baffer, Doris
Balthazar, Eileen Boland, Robert
Bolden, Herneen Glass, Mary P.
Higens, Gertrude Hill, Ivo Marchetti,
Cozetta Morris, Luke Strotman, Keith
Schuler, Noah Stuart, and Indy

Sunday Collection

April 19 \$2,465.62
April 26..... \$2,218.97

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

BAPTISM



Patricia Pearl
Lean
Digby

Welcome!

All ladies are invited to participate in Pin-A-Sister Sunday! On Mother's Day, May 10th, 2009 - Holy Family will be raising awareness for the fight against Breast Cancer in unison with Access Community Health Network. Please arrive a little early so you can participate in this effort.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES 2009 MOTHER'S DAY APPEAL

*Answer a
Mother's Prayer*

Calls to Catholic Charities are increasing from people who have nowhere else to turn. People in every parish and every neighborhood are struggling to make ends meet. More families face unemployment or loss of a home.

Please give generously to the Catholic Charities Mother's Day Appeal so that the people you care about will get the help they need. Your gift brings compassion, love and respect.

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- Adoption & teen parenting services
- Employment & job training

Learn more at www.catholiccharities.net or call (312) 655-7012.



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Do you like a nice walk along the lakefront on a sunny day? Please join the Holy Family team in Hunger Walk 2009. The Hunger Walk is a short walk along the lakefront that raises big money for our Holy Family Food Pantry on Saturday June 20th. If you would like to participate please attend the informational meeting after Mass on Sunday May 17th. Call Jay Borchert for more information - 773 402 9469.

Pray for Vocations

"The shepherd calls his own sheep by name" (John 10:3). Today is the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations.**

We remember to pray in a special way for those whom the Good Shepherd is calling by name to priesthood or religious life. Are you one of them? For more information about the priesthood contact Fr. Joe Noonan at 312-534-8298 or at jnoonan@archchicago.org. For more information about the religious life contact Sr. Elyse Ramirez, OP at 312-534-5240 or at eramirez@archchicago.org.

Please save your POP TOPS

The Jr. Knights and Jr. Daughters are collecting POP Can tops to be donated to Ronald Mc Donald House. Please save your top's and bring them to church and place them in the container in the back of the church.

Spaghetti Luncheon

Sponsored by the Jr. Knights & Jr. Daughters of the Knights of Peter claver court and counsel 381. Mark the date - May 31st, in Damen Hall immediately following mass. The price per plate is \$5.00, which includes spaghetti, garlic bread, and beverage. All donations will sponsor the kids this summer for youth programs.



Calendar

- Today - Pancake Breakfast following 9:45 mass
- May 10th - Mother's Day Celebration and May crowning
- May 10th - Pin-A-Sister Sunday
- May 17th - Hunger Walk meeting
- May 21st - Feast of the Ascension
- May 24th - First Holy Communion
- May 31st - Pentecost Sunday
- May 31st - Spaghetti Luncheon following 9:45 mass
- June 20th - Hunger Walk
- Aug. 23rd - Parish Picnic