

# Holy Family

1080 W. Roosevelt  
Chicago, Illinois 60608

# Parish

## A Word from Father Jerry

Happy Labor Day Weekend!

As has been out tradition in recent years, I am delighted to welcome speakers from Arise Chicago to reflect with us on this Labor Day weekend. Arise Chicago builds partnerships with faith communities and workers to fight work place injustice. Since the beginning of the 19th Century, every Pope has issued Encyclicals addressing the immoral working conditions of many throughout the world.



This Labor Day, as a result of the economy, almost 10% of workers are unemployed. Many work with no benefits and the US has fallen behind many other industrialized nations in protecting the rights of workers. I hope that we all might reflect this weekend on the blessings we receive as a result of human labor. We pray also for the wisdom and insight to improve the conditions of those who work in dangerous or unjust circumstances.

Sr. Eileen Tierney CND begins her ministry with us as our Pastoral Associate. Welcome Sr. Eileen! I will be formally introducing her next weekend.

I wish to extend special words of gratitude to the Daisy Troop of St. Mary's in Buffalo Grove. Under the leadership of Ann Jensen, they put together 40 well-stocked book backpacks for children in need in our community. These much needed school supplies will be gratefully received by many children in our community. Special thanks to Virginia Clayton, who organized this effort from Holy Family and helped in the distribution of the supplies.

Next weekend will be the drawing for the 2 tickets to Rome in November for those who have signed up to have their pictures taken for the pictorial directory. Just a couple of clarifications, the trip leaves from New York, so you must get there and back on your own. We will draw one name and they can invite who ever to join them. If the person whose name is picked is unable to go, the raffle will pick another name. The tickets are non transferable. At least one of the winners has to be already scheduled for a photo session.

The Parish Council met and covered a wide variety of concerns. In the coming months we will have a special welcome gathering for new parishioners, an afternoon of reflection for adults, some fund raising events to help meet our budget and several major events that the Parish will be hosting.

Have a Blessed week,

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### Parish Staff

Administrator..... Rev. Jerry Boland

Deacon ..... Rudolf Kotleba

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P.C. President..... Odell Gordon

### Masses

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

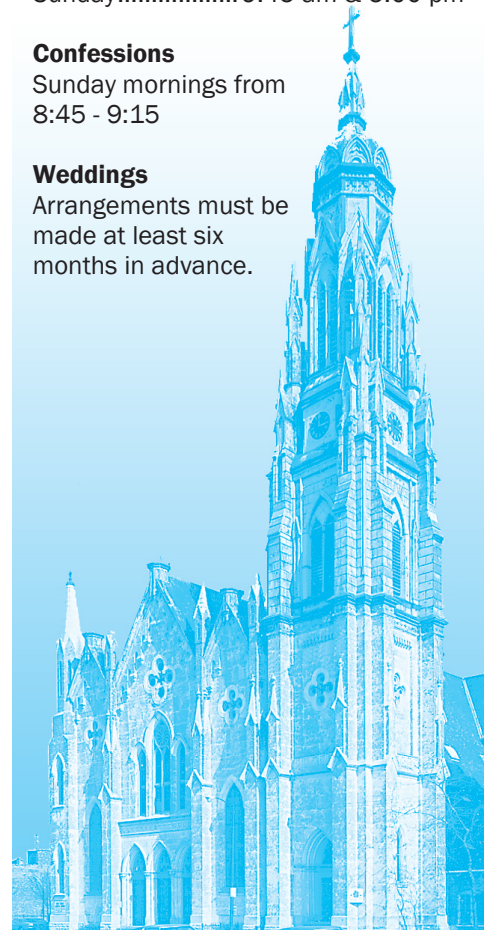
Sunday..... 9:45 am & 5:00 pm

### 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 35:4-7a*

Thus says the LORD: Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing.

Streams will burst forth in the desert, and rivers in the steppe. The burning sands will become pools, and the thirsty ground, springs of water.

The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord, my soul!

### Reading II

*Jas 2:1-5*

My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. For if a man with gold rings and fine clothes comes into your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Sit here, please," while you say to the poor one, "Stand there," or "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil designs?

Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?

The Word of the Lord

### Gospel

*Mk 7:31-37*

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears

and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"— that is, "Be opened!" — And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly.

He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

The Gospel of the Lord



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or RCIA, as it is commonly called, is a process where those wishing to become Catholic are prepared to enter the Church and receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil, Saturday evening, April 3rd. Others who are also invited and encouraged to join RCIA include:

- Baptized Catholics who were not brought up in the Faith and didn't receive their First Communion and Confirmation.
- Baptized Non Catholics who wish to convert to Catholicism
- Non Catholics who were not Baptized or persons who have any religion
- Non Catholic Spouses who would like to learn more about the religion in which their spouse and children profess belief

Concerning RCIA, there's one very important point to be stressed...**RCIA is the responsibility of all of us.** When you think of it, 99+ % of us sitting in the pews each Sunday have all received the Sacraments of Initiation (i.e. Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation). Therefore, it is up to us to spread the word about these sessions and to invite others to join the process. Who of us doesn't have some family member, a friend, a neighbor, a co-worker who might be interested, if only we extend the invitation. How else will they know?

We hope to begin these sessions at Holy Family in late September or early October. If you have questions, are interested or know someone who is, please call the parish office and leave your name, address and phone number for Sr. Eileen who will get back to you as soon as possible.

**Liturgy**

**Sept. 6 at 9:45 am**

Presider..... Reverend Jeremiah Boland.  
Cross Bearer ..... Caretha Carroll  
Candle Bearers..... Julia Haynes  
& Vincent Giampa  
Banner Carrier..... Tom McElligott  
Lectors ..... Eleanor Kotleba  
& Virginia Clayton  
Responsorial Psalm..... Jay Borchert  
Communion Ministers... Josephine Ramirez,  
Louise Jones, Betty Ferguson, Linda  
Gaspero, Rita Gardner, Antonio Canino,  
Dawn O'Holleran  
Altar Servers..... Marlayna Gandy

**Next Sunday, Sept. 13 at 9:45am**

Lectors ..... Christine Aquino,  
& Matt Aquino  
Altar Servers..... Gianni Mancini  
& Angel Gandy

**September Greeters**

Matthew May, Ruthie Jones Clay, and  
Sal Giampa

**September Collection Ministers**

Eastside.....  
East Center..... Cheryl Bowie  
Westside..... Ron Miller

*Please Remember in your Prayers:*

Steve Archer, Rose Belmares, Bob  
Bolden, Daphne Connolly, Hervene  
Glass, Gertrude Hill, Ivo Marchetti,  
Cozetta Morris, Carol Roman, Keith  
Schuler, Susan Sheridan, Christine  
Watson, and Endy Williams

*Recently Deceased:*

John William Curtis

*Mass Intentions*

Carol Esposito McGlynn  
Edward Mulcrone  
David & Veronica O'Malley

**Sunday Collection**

Aug. 23.....\$2,275.78  
Aug. 23.....\$2,358.81

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

**September is National Hunger Action  
Month**

Please take action to help fight hunger  
this month (and every month). Non-  
perishable donations for our food  
pantry can be brought to church and  
placed in the back southwest corner.  
Or, you may wish to place a monetary  
donation in the collection basket in an  
envelope clearly marked "Food Pantry  
Donation".

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

You may have heard of Patrick  
Henry Hughes, hopefully because of  
his accomplishments. A gifted piano  
player, trumpeter, and singer, at age  
twenty he has performed on such  
stages as the Grand Ole Opry and  
the Kennedy Center. But Patrick Henry  
is also known as the young man in the  
wheelchair who, with his dad, performs  
with his University of Louisville  
marching band. Not only is he  
confined to a wheelchair because of a  
birth disorder, Patrick Henry is blind.  
He was born without eyes, but this is  
how he "sees" life: "I believe God  
gave me blindness so that I may see  
the inner qualities in everyone I meet."

How do you view disabilities? Like  
Patrick Henry Hughes, do you view  
them as a gift? Is it possible to  
understand that in some aspects of our  
lives, we all have areas that could be  
deemed a disability? We may be  
blind to the needs of others, deaf to  
the sounds of praise from a friend,  
unable to express gratitude for the  
many gifts we receive on a daily  
basis. In today's reading from Mark,  
Jesus is presented with a blind man  
with a speech impediment. Pulling him  
out of the crowd to a solitary place,  
the man is healed through Jesus' touch.

Jesus' decision to lead the man  
away into solitude in order to heal him  
stresses the importance of praying  
without distraction. According to the  
Catechism of the Catholic Church, Jesus  
always responds to a prayer offered  
in faith, whether healing infirmities or  
forgiving sins (CCC 2616). It is often  
difficult to listen to the wonders of  
God or speak to him when we are  
surrounded by the clamor of the world  
around us. We are healed by the  
loving touch of Jesus when we allow  
ourselves and our hearts to listen, see,  
and feel only him.

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**That We May Have Priests...**

Over 98% of the diocesan  
priests in Chicago experienced their  
educational and spiritual formation in  
our seminary system. To meet the  
challenge of priesthood, today's  
priests must master several skills  
including theology, pastoral skills,  
counseling, preaching, business and  
personnel management as well as  
speaking in 2 or even 3 languages.  
With your support, they begin to  
develop these skills in the seminary  
system of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

**The Collection for the Seminary  
System for the Archdiocese of  
Chicago  
September 26-27, 2009**

"The Miracle on Roosevelt Road" is  
available to purchase in the back of  
church after mass, in the parish office  
during business hours - 9 - 4:30, Mon -  
Fri, or online at  
[www.ellidonpublication.com](http://www.ellidonpublication.com). Questions  
about the book can be directed to  
Ellidon Publications at 312-945-3379 or  
via e-mail, [ellidonbooks@aol.com](mailto:ellidonbooks@aol.com).

**St. Barbara  
Fourth Annual Oktoberfest  
Sunday, September 27, 1:00 -  
7:00 p.m.**

Music - Games - Free Admission  
2859 S. Throop St. (just south of  
Archer)  
[www.StBarbaraChicago.org](http://www.StBarbaraChicago.org)

**A Day of Prayer for Women**  
We invite you to attend a day of  
reflection for women on Saturday,  
September 19. The topic is "Women in  
Scripture: Sisters and Friends for our  
Journey." Our presenter is Sister Jean  
McLoughlin, SSND, an experienced  
retreat director and speaker. The day  
will be held from 10-3 at St. Andrew  
Parish, 3546 N. Paulina, Chicago, IL  
60657.  
For information or to register, please  
contact Sister Carolyn, SSND at 708-  
899-3971 or [SCarolynJ@aol.com](mailto:SCarolynJ@aol.com).

**Calendar**

Sept. 10th- Parish Directory photography  
session 3 pm - 9:30 pm  
Sept. 11th- Parish Directory photography  
session 3 pm - 9:30 pm  
Sept. 12th- Parish Directory photography  
session 10 am - 5 pm  
Sept. 13th - Drawing for trip to Rome