

Holy Family

1080 W. Roosevelt
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Parish

A Word from Father Jerry

Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year! I wish the very best to you and your families as the year, 2009 begins. I pray the coming year marks continued growth of our parish community. I also pray that anyone suffering as a result of the economy will find relief from the stress of trying to find a job or trying to make ends meet.



Today's celebration of the Epiphany acknowledges Jesus as the light of the world. The star in the East led the Magi to Bethlehem. As the New Year dawns, may there be many occasions in which we are led to Christ. Through our prayer, meditating on the Word and living out our Christian life, may there be many manifestations of Christ's presence.

Last week was a wonderful celebration of our parish feast day. I thank Fr. Lane for his wonderful homily, our choir for leading us in song, to Sr. Marion and Josephine Ramirez for their help with the hospitality and to Dick Barry for another remarkable effort of getting the story of Holy Family out on TV and in the newspapers.

Holy Family in the news! There was extensive coverage of our efforts to honor the founding families of our parish last weekend. There were reports on NBC, ABC, Fox, the Tribune and the Sun Times. Two new books have wonderful references to Holy Family and the significant part the parish has played in Chicago. Jay Dolan's, *The Irish in America*, speaks of the critical role the parish played during the major wave of Irish immigration in the 19th century. Ellen Skeritt's, *Born in Chicago*, is a remarkable book on the founding of Loyola University. Loyola was founded at Holy Family and the book contains beautiful pictures of Holy Family and many references to Fr. Damen's vision of education. Next week WTTW is doing a segment on Irish Chicago and will feature Holy Family in the presentation.

Speaking of books, we are all eagerly awaiting the publication of, *Miracle on Roosevelt Road*, edited by Tom McElligott. This book will be a major resource for anyone wanting to know the history of Holy Family and the many significant influences that led to the prominence Holy Family has had in Chicago.

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Masses

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

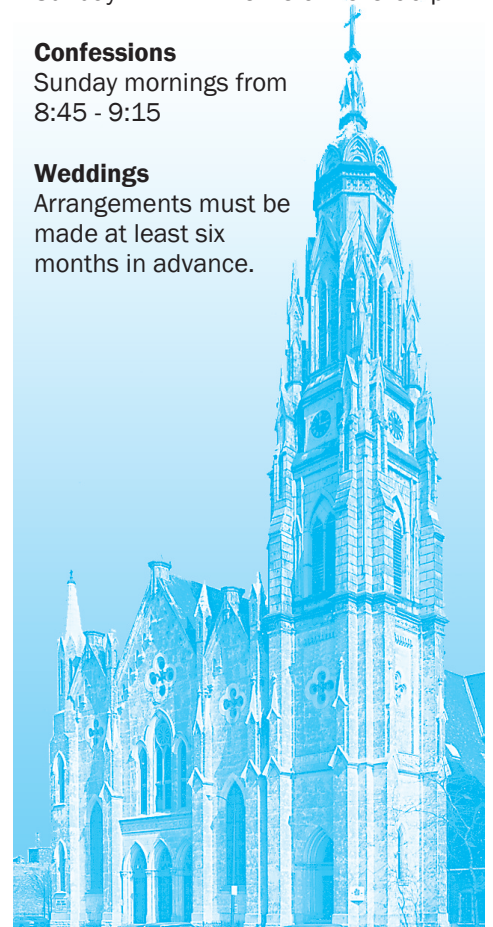
Sunday..... 9:45 am & 5:00 pm

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 Is 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Reading II Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters:
You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the

promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Mt 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

The Gospel of the Lord

I want to thank again our liturgy committee for the great job in decorating the Church. I have received so many compliments. I also am grateful to the Safer Foundation and the four men who helped us decorate the Church. I am lucky because I can enjoy the beauty of the Church every day.

Have a Blessed Week and Blessed New Year!

The Epiphany of the Lord

Throughout Germany at this time of year, you will find most main doorways inscribed with the following: 20+C+M+B+09. Children known as Sternsinger (star singers) dress up as the Magi and go door to door, requesting candy for themselves and money for the Church. As they leave, the house is blessed, and the inscription written in chalk. The 20 and 09 refer to the year, the CMB are said to represent either Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar-the Magi-or the Latin Christus Mansionem Benedicat, which means "Christ, bless this home."

Today, we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, in which we remember the adoration of the newborn Christ by three wise men from the East. This should leave no doubt in anyone's mind just how far and wide the promise of a Savior had spread. These representatives of pagan religions from other lands were determined to pay their respects; it was as if they were born to do this-to acknowledge in some way the beginning of the greatest reign of the greatest king of all.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that the Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and savior of the world (CCC 528). In the three wise men from different lands and different religions, we understand that in Jesus Christ, all are welcome. The Epiphany is the third manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation, following the Annunciation and the birth of Christ. Today is truly the beginning of the paschal mystery. Perhaps your pastor will bless a piece of chalk for you, or better yet, invite him over for dinner and ask him to bless your home.

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Liturgy

January 4 at 9:45 am

Presider.....Reverend Jeremiah Boland
 Cross BearerCaretha Carroll
 Candle Bearers.....Julia Haynes
 & Vincent Giampa
 Banner Carrier..... Tom McElligott
 Lectors Dan O'Holleran
 & Dawn O'Holleran
 Responsorial Psalm..... Sheila Luss
 & Arenea Luss
 Communion Ministers..... Mildred Jackson,
 Lillie Gandy, Theresa Gleeson, Stacey
 Mullins, Pearl Luss, Gloria Wolf, Gregory
 Wolf
 Altar Servers.....Alonzo Johnson
 & Aaron Canino

Next Sunday, January 11 at 9:45am

LectorsSister Marion Murphy
 & Sandra Broussard
 Altar Servers..... Gianni Mancini
 & Amare Wilson

January Greeters

Matthew May, Ruthie Jones Clay, and
 Sol Giampa

January Collection Ministers

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

Please Remember in your Prayers:

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

Sunday Collection

December 21 \$3,343.05
 December 28..... \$3,255.35
 Christmas Collection.....\$9,477.78

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.

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 its rising went ahead of them until it
 came to a standstill over the place
 where the child was. They were
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 Then they opened their coffers and
 presented him with
 gifts of gold,
 frankincense,
 and myrrh.

-Matthew 2:9-11



ATTENTION ALL YOUNG PEOPLE

AGES 13-30! The challenging message of World Youth Day 2000 in Rome is being spread throughout the United States by an initiative called Bread of Life. Bread of Life is responding to the call of Pope John Paul II to enable young people to live and proclaim the Gospel. You are invited to Bread of Life Retreat on February 27, February 28 and March 1, 2009 at St. Benedict Parish, 2215 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago. You will have the opportunity to gather with other young people your age for prayer, adoration, singing, and learning about our Catholic Faith. For more information, please call 773-588-6484 x 204, emailing breadoflife@stbenedict.com, or visiting our website at www.breadoflifechicago.org. We hope to see you there!

Discernment Series for Young Adults:

"Called," for those who ask, "How do I know what God is calling me to?" and other questions, join others to hear a different speaker each session, starts 7:30-9:30 p.m. Jan. 6, with Fr. Tom McCarthy, OSA, on "Called to be the Body of Christ," at the Cenacle Retreat Center, 513 W. Fullerton, free, but register by calling (312) 534-5240, or e-mail

Confirmation for Adults

Are you an adult who has not celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation? The Archdiocese of Chicago sponsors adult Confirmation preparation for adults 18 years of age or older who are active Catholics and have received the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist.

The program will meet 7 pm - 8pm on all the Mondays and Tuesdays of January at Meyer Center, 3525 S. Lake Park Ave., Chicago, 60653-1402.

For information and registration please e-mail Patrick Redington at predington@archchicago.org or call (312)243-3700.

The Liturgical Institute announces an all-new one-day workshop unveiling the rich theology of the Easter Triduum, the apex of the Church's liturgical year. Perfect for preachers, teachers, RCIA directors, liturgy directors, musicians, the lay faithful and all who desire to enter more deeply into the heart of the Paschal Mystery.

Friday, January 30, 2009
 University of Saint Mary of the Lake,
 Conference Center
 Mundelein, IL

Registration Fee - \$65 (includes lunch)

Since the Church gives "proper" texts for nearly all of its liturgies to enhance comprehension of the day's readings and prayers, the workshop will use those prayers to unlock the theology of the Triduum liturgies. By recovering the use and meaning of these texts and their musical settings, the deep intellectual and emotional content of the Easter Triduum can be unlocked and made more fruitful for the faithful.

Participants will return to their parishes with theological knowledge, spiritual depth, and resources for music and liturgical practice. Participants will take home a packet of music and notes for use in their parishes.

For more information, please contact the Liturgical Institute at www.liturgicalinstitute.org or 847-837-4542.