

Holy Family

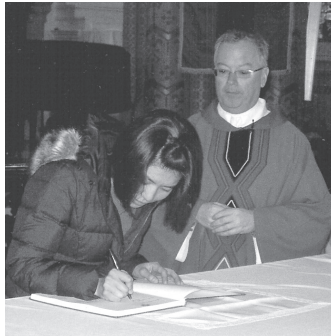
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Parish

A Word from Father Jerry

Dear Parishioners,

The second week of Lent reminds us of the glory of the Transfiguration. The Lord brings light where there is fear and darkness. Lent can be a time of recalling those moments when we have been on the mountain, aware of God's glory. As we face the challenges of being a faithful disciple, it can be so reassuring to remember that the power of our loving Lord is close. Lent is a pilgrimage in many ways. It is a journey of self-discovery and our reliance on the Lord to face the future.



There are many resources to assist your Lenten journey. Hopefully you received a Lenten prayer book last week. Every Friday at 3:00 p.m. we have Stations of the Cross. Every Sunday from 9:00a.m. to 9:30a.m. and from 4:00p.m. to 4:30 p.m. confessions are offered. Our celebration of the Sacrament of reconciliation as a community will take place on Sunday, March 21st at 9:45 a.m. There are web sites you might consider viewing to reflect on the readings of the day or the themes of the Lenten season. A few I would recommend: www.usccb.org/lent, www.americancatholic.org/features/lent, www.onlineministries.creighton.edu, or www.sacredspace.ie.

Last week we had the first meeting of the steering committee to re-invigorate our parish council. I was grateful for the wonderful turnout. We had a wide range of participants, the recently arrived to long-term veterans of the parish. We identified many issues that are critical for a parish council to study and implement—evangelization of the neighborhood, welcoming new parishioners, adult formation, the ongoing religious formation of our children, communication of needs, doing a needs assessment, drafting a parish mission statement and many more. I hope to have reports of this meeting and the town hall on the parish web site soon.

The challenge of course is how do we develop a structure that reflects who we are and is in conformity with the guidelines of the Archdiocese for parish councils. Sr. Mary Therese Freymann BVM has done consultations all over on the formation of parish councils. She taught here at Holy Family and is a parishioner. She will be leading the steering committee through a process that will lead us to the establishment of a renewed council. I will be meeting with her next week and we will be setting up a date for the next meeting.

I attended a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Jessie White Tumblers at the United Center. In an era when the frustration with elected officials is high, it was so moving to honor our Secretary of State who has devoted most of his free time and money for this program that has helped over 11,500 young people. Many of the children have gone on to college with scholarships and study habits that will guarantee success for the future.

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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

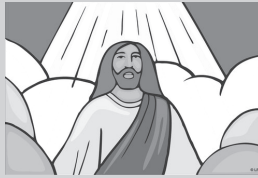
Weddings

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

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18

The Lord God took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness. He then said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." "O Lord GOD," he asked, "how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He answered him, "Bring me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old she-goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." Abram brought him all these, split them in two, and placed each half opposite the other; but the birds he did not cut up. Birds of prey swooped down on the carcasses, but Abram stayed with them. As the sun was about to set, a trance fell upon Abram, and a deep, terrifying darkness enveloped him. When the sun had set and it was dark, there appeared a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch, which passed between those pieces. It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates."

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Reading II

Phil 3:17-4:1

Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers and sisters, and observe those who thus conduct themselves according to the model you have in us. For many, as I have often told you and now tell you even in tears, conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction. Their God is their stomach; their glory is in their "shame." Their minds are occupied with earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel

Lk 9:28b-36

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord

Special thanks to Fr. George Lane for his moving homily on his beloved uncle, Fr. Jack Lane who died ten years ago. Yesterday we had a beautiful funeral for Mr. Willie Gandy who had been married to his wife Lillie for 46 years.

Have a Blessed Week,

2nd Sunday of Lent

Ten days into Lent, and we can't wait for Easter. Maybe it's that we haven't gotten used to the fasting yet. Or maybe it's that we haven't been as good at the extra prayer we promised ourselves that we would do. Even the church recognizes that we need a little boost to move us along. That's why we hear the Gospel of the Transfiguration on this Second Sunday of Lent. It is just a little foretaste, an appetizer, of what Easter is to be. For those of us who are already baptized, and for those who are preparing for baptism, the image of the glorified Christ stands as a beacon of what we are to become when we share in the fullness of the Resurrection.

Paul writes to the Philippians that Christ "will change our lowly body to conform to his glorified body." That is the hope that is held out to us as we progress through Lent. In this season we unite ourselves to Christ so that we may become more like him.

But we abandon this world, looking for some far-off promise of glory. Our almsgiving, our care for the poor, is a reflection of Christ's love for everyone. When we reach out a little more this Lent (often made possible because we've decided to give something up, and so have extra available to give away) we act like Jesus, who gave up his life for us. His suffering and death on the cross found fulfillment in his resurrection from the dead.

When we care for others through our own sacrifice, we are helping to transfigure their lives, letting a little bit of God's glory be seen through our transforming love. The Transfiguration reminds us what awaits us after our own suffering if we are faithful to the commands of Christ.

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Liturgy

Feb. 28 at 9:45 am

Presider..... Reverend Jeremiah Boland
Cross Bearer.....Tony Canino
Candle Bearers.....Jane Justic
& Jerilyn Young
Banner Carrier..... Jesse West
Lectors..... Sarah Jones
& Francine Godwin
Responsorial Psalm.....Joyce McKenzie
Communion Ministers.....Louise Jones,
Mildred Jackson, Lillie Gandy, Sr. Pat,
John King, Linda Gaspero, Willie Ramsey
Altar Servers.....Marlayna Gandy

Next Sunday, March 7 at 9:45am

Lectors..... Jerry Walton
& Kathy Walton
Altar Servers..... Gianni Mancini
& Angel Gandy

February Greeters

Matthew May and Ruthie Jones Clay

February Collection Ministers

Eastside.....Ivory Hill
East Center.....John Blyth
Westside.....Odell Gordon
West Center.....Rose Kelly

March Collection Ministers

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

Mass Intentions

Vilma Belmonte
Dennis J. Ford

Sunday Collection

Feb. 14.....\$3,511.00
Feb. 21.....\$2,595.32
Hospitality.....\$162.30

IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT to print your name & address on your envelopes so that we can give you proper credit for your donations. This will help immensely, since many of you have received new envelope numbers and we have upgraded to a new software to track donations.

Please Remember in your Prayers:

Steve Archer, Daphne Connolly,
Terrence Connolly, Sal Giampa,
Hervene Glass, Gertrude Hill, Lettece
Lee, Cozetta Morris, Carol Roman,
Keith Schuler, Christine Watson, Endy
Williams, and Thomas Williams

Recently Deceased:

Willie Gandy

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.

Bulletin Ads

This week a representative from LPI Publications, the company that publishes our Sunday bulletin will be in the office. He will be soliciting area businesses for ads to be placed in the Sunday bulletin. It is important that we have a sufficient number of ads so that we may continue to have our bulletin published. If you frequent any businesses on a regular basis, or have a business and would like to place an ad, please call Sharon in the office to give her the contact information so she can pass the information along to LPI.

The Passion of Jesus Christ

All are invited to Damen Hall after 9:45 Mass on Palm Sunday, March 28 for the Holy Family Youth Group's depiction of the Passion of Jesus Christ with Praise dancing. No tickets are needed, its a free will offering. Please plan on attending to support the good work being done by our young people.

Please take action to help fight hunger.

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".

Virtus Training

Every year our parish is sent a compliance checklist from the Safe Environment Office of the Archdiocese. Any person in a position of trust in the Archdiocese- Employees, Clergy and Volunteers- must complete the following:

- Criminal Background Check
 - Attend Virtus/Protecting God's Children Training for Adults
 - Read the Code of Conduct and sign the Personnel Acknowledgment form and all clergy, employees and volunteers who work with children must also:
 - Complete the Child Abuse Neglect Tracking System form (CANTS) and submit it to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.
- All of the above are online at www.archchicago.org under the Protecting Children section. All of our volunteers must comply with the above, and we must have certificates for everyone on file in the parish office in case of an archdiocesan audit. There is a schedule of Virtus training sessions listed on the archdiocese website. However, we are very fortunate that LaShonya Wilson is a trained facilitator. She is willing to have a training session here at Holy Family after the 9:45 mass. Please call Sharon in the parish office to sign up by March 1, and as soon as we have a list of names, we will work on scheduling a date.

Lenten Regulations

Abstinence from meat is to be observed on Fridays of Lent for those 14 yrs. or older.
Fast on Good Friday for those ages 18-59. Only one full meal and two smaller meals are allowed with no solid food between meals.