



## 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 1

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas continued on from Perga and reached Antioch in Pisidia. On the sabbath they entered the synagogue and took their seats. Many Jews and worshipers who were converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who spoke to them and urged them to remain faithful to the grace of God.

On the following sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and with violent abuse contradicted what Paul said. Both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first, but since you reject it and condemn yourselves as unworthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth."

The Gentiles were delighted when they heard this and glorified the word of the Lord. All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region. The Jews, however, incited the women of prominence who were worshipers and the leading men of the city, stirred up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in protest against them, and went to Iconium. The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

Alleluia.

### Reading 2

Rev 7:9, 14b-17

I, John, had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. Then one of the elders said to me, "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they stand before God's throne and worship him day and night in his temple. The one who sits on the throne will shelter them. They will not hunger or thirst anymore, nor will the sun or any heat strike them. For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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### Gospel

Jn 10:27-30

Jesus said:

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of the Lord

Special thanks to Dick Barry and Ellen Skerritt for all they have done to make this day so special.

Next Sunday is the Virtus Training after Mass.

Have a Blessed week,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Jerry".

"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).



We would like to thank our Holy Family "family" for all of the prayers, cards, and words of encouragement that we received at the time of our recent surgeries and during our recovery.

- Daphne and Terrence Connolly

### 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".



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR.....**polish your dancing shoes, plan on attending Holy Family's first Cinco de Mayo/Mother's Day Dance on Friday, May

7th. For details please see Josephine Ramirez.

**Liturgy**

**April 25 at 9:45 am**

Presider..... Reverend Jeremiah Boland  
Cross Bearer..... Virginia Clayton  
Candle Bearers..... Tom O'Malley  
& Katie Terone  
Banner Carrier..... Willie Ramsey  
Lectors..... Jay Borchert  
& LaShonya Wilson  
Responsorial Psalm..... Marilyn Reidy  
Communion Ministers..... Virginia McElligott,  
Donna Raclaw, Debra Higin, Sr. Theresa  
Gleeson, Diane Allen, Pearl Luss,  
Sr. Mary Therese Freyman  
Altar Servers..... Alonzo Johnson  
& Jazá Gandy

**Next Sunday, May 2 at 9:45am**

Lectors..... Sarah Jones  
& Eleanor Kotleba  
Altar Servers..... Angel Gandy

**April Greeters**

Matthew May and Ruthie Jones Clay

**April Collection Ministers**

Eastside..... Tom Justic  
East Center..... Josephine Ramirez  
Westside..... Anissa Conley  
West Center..... Betty Parker

**May Collection Ministers**

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

**May Entrance Procession**

Cross Bearer..... Caretha Carroll  
Candle Bearers..... Julia Haynes  
& Vincent Giampa  
Banner Carrier..... Tom McElligott  
Responsorial Psalm..... Stacey Mullins

**You can now DONATE ONLINE :**

Please go to GiveCentral.com and follow the instructions. Call Sharon at the parish if you need assistance.

**Sunday Collection**

April 11.....\$3,221.22  
April 18.....\$2,527.58  
Hospitality.....\$129.00

**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:*

Daphne Connolly, Terrence Connolly, Paul & Rachel Cordero, Hervene Glass, James Patrick Higin, Gertrude Hill, June Murphy, Carol Roman, Christine Watson, Endy Williams, and Thomas Williams

**IMPORTANT!**

It has been brought to our attention that many of the parishioners who work with the children here at Holy Family have not signed up for the Virtus Training on May 2. Please call Sharon ASAP so we can make sure that we are compliant with the Archdiocesan regulations for those who volunteer with children. We would hate to see these important programs discontinued because we do not have volunteers trained as mandated by the Archdiocese.

I and my Community, the Congregation of Notre Dame, are so grateful for your generous response to our request for cancelled stamps. This project began several years ago in an effort to raise money to defray the cost of purchasing I laying pipes to transport fresh water from the mountainside to the villages in Cameroon, Africa, where our sisters minister. Having accomplished that, we are now in the process of reaching out to nearby villages who have asked to participate in the "OK Clean Water Project", Many of you have asked if we are still collecting the stamps, and some have asked if they could help prepare them, The answer to both questions is yes!

The Stamp Companies have given us the follow-ing information: -in preparing stamps, they should be cut with (at least) 1/4 inch border left around the stamp - Since the Liberty Bell and the Flag Stamps have become so common, they no longer have any value so they shouldn't be saved - On the other hand, foreign and those US Stamps commemorating people, places and events have the most value.

So ... please keep the stamps coming, We'll even take the envelopes if you don't have time to cut or tear the stamps off. - Sr. Eileen Tierney, CND

**Imagine Being Unable to Feed Your Child**

Rebeka lost everything in a fire. She and her four-year old daughter were hungry and alone when they came to Catholic Charities for shelter. With our help, Rebeka rediscovered an inner strength and rebuilt her life. She found a better job and saved enough to move into a new apartment.

We are here with open arms, offering 159 programs for anyone in need across Cook and Lake Counties, but *we need your help now*. Please give generously to the Catholic Charities Mother's Day Appeal.



www.catholiccharities.net  
312.655.7012



12 Volunteers are needed to help make the golf tournament a success: At White Pines Golf Course we will need:  
Sign-in volunteers  
Greeters

If interested please see Mary Breslin, Co-chair

**Calendar**

- Today - 150th Anniversary of the dedication of Holy Family Church 9:45 Mass  
Pancake breakfast, following 9:45 Mass
- May 2 - Virtus training 12 noon
- May 7 - Cinco de Mayo/Mother's Day Dance (details to follow)
- May 9 - First Communion
- May 30 - Chicago Style Hot Dog Day
- June 27 - Gospel Choir Anniversary Concert @ 7 pm
- Sept 26 - First Annual Holy Family Church Golf tournament at White Pines, tee time is at 1 pm