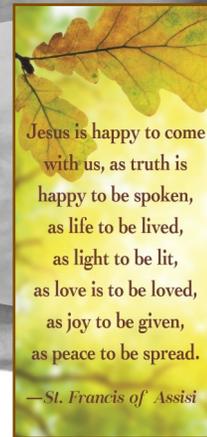


Holy Family

C H U R C H
Our Doors Are Open Wide



Since my brain is all over the place this morning, I decided to write an all-over-the-place letter as well. So here goes:

Last Sunday we had our first Parish conversation for Renew My Church. One of the most startling points brought to our attention was, as we look around us in the pews, this could be the last generation sitting in them. This was terrifying. Why don't people come? There are lots of reasons—sex abuse, scandal, the lack of inclusion, but there is another one we hear. It is this, "I prefer spirituality to religion". I once read this question addressed, the answer was interesting. I want the Lord as my Shepherd, as long as I'm the only one there; I want Christ as my king in a kingdom of one; I'll believe, but I won't belong; God is my father, and I'm the only child; Jesus is my general, but there is no army. Saying this is saying, I want Christ, without his Church. Those saying they want Christ while denying their need for the Church fail to answer one question: "Without the Church, how would they know anything about Christ?". They embrace the Bible but reject the religion that gave them this sacred text. They want to pick and choose the benefits of religion, without accepting any responsibility. This inward thinking makes one incapable of sharing the good news with the next generation. This is but one example of one of the greatest wounds in our society today, of rejecting community, and the denial of the fundamental truth that we need one another. In our radical individualism, we turn away from the very people who make us who we are.

There is a story I remember about a member of a church, who previously had been attending mass regularly, but then stopped going. After a few weeks, the pastor decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening and when the pastor found him home, the parishioner was sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing why the pastor had come, the parishioner welcomed him, and led him to a chair near the fireplace and sat next to the priest. In grave silence he contemplated the play of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the priest took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it on the side cool cement floor, and sat back in his chair, still silent. The parishioner watched all this in quiet fascination. As the one ember's flame demised, there was a momentary glow and the fire was no more seen; it was cold and dead. Not a word had been spoken since the priest had arrived. The priest picked up the ember and placed it in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it. As the wise priest was about to leave, the parishioner said, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for your fiery sermon."

-- Author Unknown

And the solitary ember slowly goes dark and cold.

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Masses

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.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

October 7 at 9:45 am

Presider.....Rev. Michael Gabriel
 Candle Bearers.....Jerrilyn
 Young and Cynthia Holden
 Lector.....Odell Gordon
 Communion Ministers.....
 Dawn O'Holleran, Pervis
 Balthazar, Eric Niamba, Jacque
 Hale, Jim Bruton, Bob Johnson
 Greeter.....Christine Pugh

October 7 at 5 pm

Presider.....Rev. Michael Gabriel
 Eucharistic Minister.....
 Lector.....

Oct. 14 at 9:45 am

Presider....Rev. Michael Gabriel
 Candle Bearers....Jane Justic
 Lector.....Erin Shields
 Eucharistic Ministers.....Dawn
 O'Holleran, Pervis Balthazar,
 Eric Niamba, Jacque Hale, Jim
 Bruton, Bob Johnson
 Greeter.....Christine Pugh

Oct. 14 at 5 pm

Presider.....Rev. Michael Gabriel
 Eucharistic Minister.....
 Lector.....

October Ushers:

West Side.....Tom Justic
 Center West...Jim Gausselin
 Center East....Rose Kelly
 East Side.....Phil Terrazzino

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH WEBSITE

www.holyfamilychicago.org

Registration forms for new
 parishioners, weddings,
 and baptisms.

News and information about
 Holy Family Parish
Check it out!

Please send all **bulletin
 announcements**, including
 names of people for the prayer
 list, to
marina@holyfamilychicago.org
 Announcements are due by
 Monday at noon.

Please Remember in your
 Prayers:

Sr. Mary Angela Buser, BVM,
 Michael Rosario Costa, The
 Gibson Family, Spencer Hooper,
 Madelynn Jacobs, Ella Johnson,
 Letecee Lee, Sr. Mary Ellen
 Mackey, BVM, Raymond Milton,
 Denise Summers, Sam Tripp



Annual Sock Drive



Holy Family's annual
 sock drive is in pro-
 gress. We are asking
 all parish members
 to contribute a

bundle of new white crew socks
 to the tote located in the back
 of the church. Our goal this
 year is to collect 1,018 pairs of
 socks in 2018. The Knights of
 Peter Claver will sort, count,
 and deliver the socks to the
 Night Ministry which serves the
 needs of homeless youth
 throughout the city. Cut off
 date is the first Sunday in
 November. Thank you for your
 support.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK: OCTOBER 7-13, 2018
firepreventionweek.org

Look....Listen...Learn...
 Be Aware....

Fire Can Happen Anywhere.

LOOK for places fire could start.
 Take a good look around your
 home. Identify potential fire
 hazards and take care of them.

LISTEN for the sound of the
 smoke alarm. Smoke alarms
 should be in every bedroom, on
 every level of the house, and in
 the basement. Check the
 batteries once a month.

LEARN two ways out of every
 room and make sure that all
 doors and windows that lead
 outside open easily and are free
 of clutter.

Learn more at www.nfpa.org

Sunday Collection

Goal: \$3,200.00

Sept.16 9:45.....\$1424.75
 5:00.....\$439.00
 Give Central.....\$850.00
 (Difference - \$486.25)

Sept. 23 9:45.....\$1024.11
 5:00.....\$815.90
 Give Central.....\$500.00
 (Difference - \$859.99)

Collection totals for Sept. 30
 were not available at the time
 of publication.

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

Offerings.....\$37,061.53
 Budget..... \$41,600.00
 Surplus/(Deficit)(-\$4,538.47)

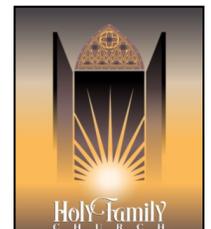
*((\$3,200 a week for 13 weeks)

If you use an envelope that is
 not pre printed with your name
 or #, please be sure to write the
 information on it so you can
 receive proper credit.

Contributions can also be
 made at givecentral.org Call the
 parish office with any questions
 or for help with online
 donations.

You can also click on the
 'Donate' link on our web page.
www.holyfamilychicago.org
 Thank you for your support.

Calendar



Sunday, Oct. 14

Hospitality after 9:45 mass

Saturday, Oct. 20, 11:00

Mass of Hope and Healing

Sunday, Oct. 21

Renew My Church Meeting

After 9:45 Mass

Sunday, Oct. 28

Women of the Spirit

Saturday, Nov. 3 11:00

Mass of Remembrance

Renew My Church: Invitation to Second Parish Session

Called by Jesus Christ we are making disciples, building communities and inspiring witness.

Renew My Church Update and Next Steps

At our last parish session, we learned about Renew My Church, why it is necessary and the hope and promise it brings to our local Church.

We also learned about our current situation - the strengths of the parishes in our grouping and specific challenges we all face, and that we have been invited to consider and give feedback on how we can collaborate and combine resources; how we can better structure our parishes for viable ministry.

Your team has been prayerfully considering a set of possibilities that show potential scenarios of how parishes in our grouping could be structured in the future. These initial scenarios are conversation-starters only. No decisions have been made. As this conversation continues, your Grouping Feedback & Discernment team has also been invited to consider alternative scenarios they discern.

RENEW MY CHURCH: OTHER NEWS

This past Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 1 and 2, the Holy Family Parish Staff, attended an Archdiocesan wide Renew My Church Summit to listen, discern, and envision together our direction for renewal. The Keynote Speaker was Fr. James Mallon, author of Divine Renovation, which is being used as a resource and guide for Renew My Church in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

We invite you to join parish leadership for our second Renew My Church parish session on Sunday, October 21st after the 9:45 mass.

During this session, we will:

* Be introduced to the possible structural scenarios for our grouping's parishes and schools

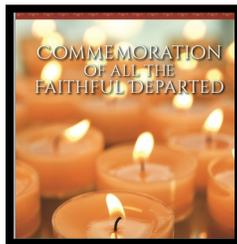
* Receive an update on what the Grouping Feedback & Discernment Team has been discussing

* Answer any questions you may have, and

* Ask for your initial feedback on the scenarios being discussed.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Let us hold each other and the other parishes in our grouping in prayer as we continue this time of rededication to our faith in Jesus Christ and planning for the future.



Saturday, Nov. 3, 11 AM

Holy Family Church invites you to gather in community to celebrate the lives of our beloved who now live in the light of the Lord, especially those who have died during this past year.

HOSPITALITY

Our next monthly hospitality gathering will be on Sunday, October 14th and will be hosted by Laura and Matthew Guzman.

The 2018-19 year of Religious Education classes will be starting Sunday, October 14th! Classes will be held on Sunday mornings from 11 AM to 12:30 PM in Damen Hall. The fee for the full year of classes is \$100 per student.

The Religious Education Program includes four levels:
Primary Level Class--A class designed for young students (K & 1st grade)
Reconciliation/Communion—A class preparing students to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion (2nd grade)
Intermediate Level Class—A class designed for students who have received the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion (3rd to 6th grade)
Confirmation—A class preparing students to receive the sacrament of Confirmation (7th grade and up) **Preparation for Confirmation is a 2 year process.**

To register or for further information, please contact Jim Bruton, Coordinator of Religious Education.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Seventh Annual **MASS FOR HOPE AND HEALING**

For victims-survivors of
clergy sexual abuse

Saturday, October 20, 2018
11 a.m. at Holy Family Church
1080 West Roosevelt Road in Chicago

President: Fr. Larry Dowling, pastor of St. Agatha Church