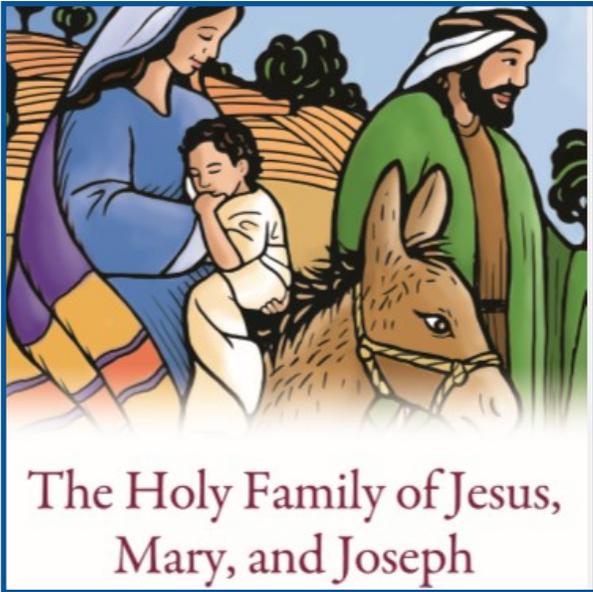




Holy Family

C H U R C H
Our Doors Are Open Wide



The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary, and Joseph

Happy Feast Day:
Today is the
Feast of the Holy
Family.

Another year is ending. It has been a blessing to be able to journey with all of you this past year. Jesus told his disciples to go and make disciples of all the nations. It may seem to be impossible to do, but because of each one of you, miracles are happening all over. I want to take this opportunity to thank those who have helped to make miracles

continue to happen here at Holy Family. Without each one of you, we could not have done it. Publicly, I want to especially thank the Renew My Church team, for all their hard work and endless hours. Thanks to the Pastoral Staff, the choir, the lectors, the altar servers. Eucharistic ministers, food pantry volunteers and of course God. For all of you, my prayer is that our Lord, Jesus will fill your hearts with hope, peace, love and Joy this day and for the year to come. Happy Feast Day and Happy New Year!

2019 — A year of fires and earthquakes and hurricanes and floods, as well as way, way too much senseless and unnecessary violence, in our homes and our streets and on battlefields. Along the way, there were also gifts and blessings, successes and accomplishments, and many, many moments of grace when we experienced God's love, often through another person. Truthfully, there isn't much reason to think that 2019 will be very different. So many of the life-altering events that come our way are far beyond our control. If we are honest, we'll admit that many of the things that affected our lives in the past year, good and bad, were not of our making. Looking back on the past year may leave us feeling somewhat helpless. But we are not. There is something that we can change that can make all the difference in the world. It's about changing our hearts, our attitudes, our reactions, our perspectives. No matter what events happen to clutter our paths this coming year, how we perceive and respond to these things can literally change everything. But the change must happen within. Many will be making well-intentioned resolutions as we begin a new year. Here are some suggestions that aim to help us live in the truth about ourselves, and in the truth about God's grace. (*cont on p. 2*)

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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:

Dec. 30 at 9:45 am

Presider....Rev. Michael Gabriel
 Candle Bearers.....Jerrilyn
 Young, Maria Vega
 Lector.....Sabrina Cajandig
 Communion Ministers...Vernon
 Lam, Debbie Gaussein, Dawn
 O'Holleran, Bob Johnson, Sr. Pat
 Cummings, Joyce Addo
 Greeter.....Christine Pugh

Dec. 30 at 5 pm

Presider.....Rev. Michael Gabriel
 Lector.....Anne and Steve
 Hasselbeck

Jan. 6 at 9:45 am

Presider....Rev. Brian Paulson
 Candle Bearers....Jane Justic,
 Maria Vega
 Lector.....
 Eucharistic Ministers.....
 Megan Schulenburg, Taylor Yim,
 Steve Yim, Jim Bruton,
 Josephine Aguilar, Jacque Hale
 Greeter.....Christine Pugh

Jan. 6 at 5 pm

Presider.....Visiting Priest
 Eucharistic Minister.....
 Lector.....

January Ushers:

West Side.....Bob Johnson
 Center West...Amare Wilson
 Center East...Josephine Aguilar
 East Side.....Eric Niamba

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,
 Sr. Mary Therese Freyman, BVM
 The Gibson Family, Spencer
 Hooper, Madelynn Jacobs,
 Letece Lee, Sr. Mary Therese
 Simon BVM, Denise Summers,
 Sam Tripp



FATHER MIKE (con't from first page)

Resolve to begin each day
 with a prayer for God's
 guidance, even as brief as
 "God, help me.

Resolve to end the day with at
 least one small prayer of
 thanksgiving for some
 moment of grace.

Resolve each day to perform
 some small act of mercy for
 someone who may not
 deserve your kindness.

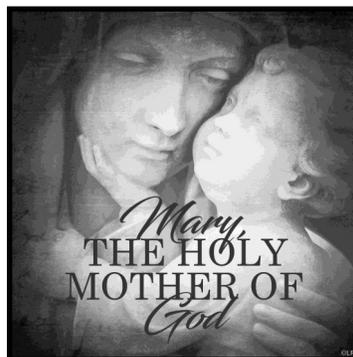
Resolve each day to offer
 forgiveness to someone who
 has harmed you in some way.

Resolve each day to
 appreciate someone who
 looks or acts or speaks
 differently from you.

Resolve each day to practice
 some small act of self-denial.

Please note: I am going to be
 taking some time off to
 replenish the spirit and body.
 I am grateful for the priests
 who will be coming in while I
 am away.

Fr Mike



Sunday Collection

Goal: \$3,200.00

Dec. 9 9:45.....\$2835.09
 5:00.....\$688.90
 Give Central.....\$1190.00
 (Difference + \$1513.99)

Dec. 16 9:45.....\$2012.85
 5:00.....\$ 680.00
 Give Central....\$945.00
 (Difference + \$437.85)

Due to an early bulletin dead-
 line, collection totals for Dec. 23
 were not available.

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

Offerings.....\$78250.03
 Budget..... \$76,800.00
 Surplus/(Deficit)(+\$1450.03)

*((\$3,200 a week for 24 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

**New Years Day
 9:45 am Mass**

Feast of
 Mary, the Holy Mother of God

This solemnity is a rather
 recent addition to the cycle of
 seasons, Sundays, and feasts
 in our liturgical year. We have
 Pope Paul VI to thank for the
 1974 enshrining of the
 devotion to Mary into our
 calendar on January 1. It is
 also a day in our calendar as a
 World Day for Peace.

Statement of the Archdiocese of Chicago on the Attorney General of Illinois Report on Clergy Sexual Abuse December 19, 2018

"I want to express again the profound regret of the whole church for our failures to address the scourge of clerical sexual abuse. It is the courage of victim-survivors that has shed purifying light on this dark chapter in church history. Their bravery spurred my predecessor Cardinal Joseph Bernardin to establish an archdiocesan Special Commission in 1991 to examine this terrible crisis, and to develop a robust set of procedures to protect young people from predators and to establish supportive services for victim-survivors and their families. Those efforts continue today in the Archdiocese of Chicago's Office for the Protection of Children and Youth, which is staffed by lay professionals with backgrounds in investigative services, education, social work, and therapeutic services. They work daily to protect and heal. There can be no doubt about the constant need to strengthen our culture of healing, protection, and accountability. While the vast majority of abuses took place decades ago, many victim-survivors continue to live with this unimaginable pain."

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich,
archbishop of Chicago

Allegations of Sexual Abuse by Jesuit priests

The Midwest Province of the Society of Jesus recently released all the names of Jesuits with established allegations of sexual abuse of minors. The Jesuit priests staffed Holy Family Church until 1989.

The Provincial Brian Paulsen S. J. will come to Holy Family on January 6th, 9:45 mass, the Feast of the Epiphany, to continue to shed light on what has been a darkness for way too long on the Church. Fr. Brian will also be able to address any questions you may have after mass.



Giving Tree Gratitude

Thanks to all who participated by providing gifts for the young people on our tree. Your generosity is deeply appreciated. May you feel the peace of the season in your life.

***Holy Family
Christmas Schedule***

***Sunday, December 30th
Veneration of the Relics
of the Holy Family
The Church will be open all
day***

***9:45 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Mass of the Feast of the
Holy Family***

***Tuesday, January 1st, 2018
New Year's Day -
Feast of Mary, Mother of God
9:45 a.m. Mass for the
New Year***

***Sunday, January 6th -
The Feast of the Epiphany
9:45 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Mass***



Children's Christmas Party

On Saturday, December 15, Santa and his elves hosted approximately 300 eager Holy Family kids, family, friends and neighbors to breakfast. It was wonderful morning with many smiles from the children, as well as a special feeling of gratitude to all the volunteers and sponsors. Santa would especially like to thank Ed and Lauren Worm from Joe's on Weed, all the supporters of the Kandy Kane Ball, and the parishioners from our sharing parish, St. Raymond de Penafort in Mount Prospect, for their kindness and help.

