



**HOLY FAMILY**  
**CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**  
*inviting all to new life in Christ*



**Merry Christmas to all of you!**

# About Us

## Holy Family

### Catholic Community

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Fr. Terry Keehan

*Pastor*

Fr. Richard Jakubik

*Associate Pastor*

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*Pastoral Associate*

Fr. Medard Laz

*Pastor Emeritus*

## Vision Statement

Holy Family

Catholic Community

invites all to new life in Christ. Our response to God's call is evident through full, conscious and active participation in our community.

## Mission Statement

To engage all in the sacramental life through vibrant worship, life-long learning and passionate community.

## Core Values

Animated by our faith in God to evangelize, we live the following core values:

- Integrity
- Excellence
- Unity
- Service
- Justice

## Welcome to Holy Family

Holy Family Catholic community invites all to new life in Christ. Are you new to Holy Family? Are you considering becoming a registered parishioner? We welcome you to become part of our holy family in carrying out our mission. Registration forms are available in the parish office or contact Sue Geegan at [sgeegan@holyfamilyparish.org](mailto:sgeegan@holyfamilyparish.org)

Saint Paul says, "We are the Body of Christ." We look forward to experiencing that reality with you.

Fr. Terry Keehan, Pastor

## Schedule

### Masses

#### Weekdays:

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.

Monday 7:00 p.m.

First Friday of the month 9:00 a.m.

(with Anointing of the Sick)

#### Saturday

5:00 p.m.

**Sunday** 7:30 a.m.; 9:00 a.m. (interpreted for the hearing impaired); 11:00 a.m.; 4:00 p.m.

**Kid Church** - 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 10:15 in the chapel.

**Holy Days** Varies; watch bulletin

**Assisted Listening Devices available in the Liturgical Arts Office for use at Masses.**

## Eucharistic Adoration

Everyday

6:00 a.m. to Midnight

## Reconciliation (Available upon request)

Communal Reconciliation with individual absolution:

First Saturday of the month at 4:00 p.m. (in chapel)

Individual Reconciliation (in Reconciliation Room):

Mondays from 6:00 p.m.-6:45 p.m.

## Anointing of the Sick

Please know that recent hospital privacy laws have significantly limited our knowledge of parishioners who are hospitalized. If you have a loved one who is ill, please contact contact Mimi Ferlita in our Pastoral Care office at 847-907-3425 to request the Anointing of the Sick. The ideal time for anointing is when family is present and not necessarily in the final hours of life. Monthly Anointing of the Sick takes place on the First Friday of the month at 9:00 a.m. Mass.

## Visiting Presiders

Fr. Charles Bolser

Friar Johnpaul Cafiero

Fr. Denis Carneiro

Fr. Bill Zavaski

## Pastoral Council

e-mail: [council@holyfamilyparish.org](mailto:council@holyfamilyparish.org)

Mike Myers

Chair

Chad Archer

(Deanery Rep)

Fr. Terry Keehan

Pastor (Staff)

Bill Leece

Adult Faith

Pete Barber

At Large (Pastor)

Luis Gutierrez

At Large (Pastor)

Bob Keller

Liturgical Life

Mike Pazur

Academy Parents Rep

Greg Flanagan

Knights of Columbus

Sue Geegan

Staff

Joan Sloan

Teen Faith (Adult Rep)

Vince Perrone

Teen Faith (Teen Rep)

Kasia Meler

Teen Faith (Teen Rep)

Rick Zanardo

Family Faith

*Council meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend and listen to the items on the published agenda. If you or your group have an item for discussion, it needs to be submitted in writing to the council chair one week prior to the scheduled meeting.*

## Finance Council

The Finance Council of Holy Family meets quarterly and its current members are:

Tim French

Elia Ponce-Tokarz

Patrick Geegan

Jim Vande Logt

Randy Olech

Chet Zara - Chair

Ron Sobon

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<https://twitter.com/HolyFamilyCCI>



<https://www.pinterest.com/holyfamilyCCI/>

# Fr. Rich Jakubik

## **God is with us in people, relationships, ideas, opportunities, vocations, dreams.**

What do you tend to do when something does not seem to make sense? Like most of us, you probably **dismiss it**. We similarly turn away from possibilities that don't fit with what our **ideas, beliefs, and experiences** happen to be. In today's Gospel from Matthew, Joseph was going to dismiss Mary. Mary's explanation for her pregnancy did not make sense. There was no rational explanation for Jesus' conception and birth. Joseph, like us, planned to **dismiss quietly** what he did not understand. But, what Joseph believes and knows is too small, narrow, and limiting. I suspect there are times when we're probably all a lot like Joseph. Have you ever had that deep sense of joy and excitement about something you really wanted to do or be only to begin hearing the **negative chatter**? "You? Ha, no way! That could never happen." Have you ever given up on yourself, a dream, or another person, because something about it seemed too implausible? We chalk it up to being just another **crazy, irrational, irresponsible** idea. Have you ever misjudged a situation or someone else because you couldn't accept the explanation presented to you and later learned that it came true? Sometimes we assume that if it's not our experience it can't happen. It can't be true so it can't become a valid experience. We have all had those moments when we dismissed and walked away only to later wish we had waited a bit longer, made a different decision, or spent more time asking, **seeking, and knocking**.

We can easily **dismiss people, relationships, ideas, opportunities, vocations, dreams** in our life simply because we **don't understand**. Because they or it does not fit our usual experience or expectations. Because they or it does not make sense. Because the explanations are **unbelievable**. In dismissing what makes no sense, that which we don't understand or can't explain, we are refusing to open ourselves to something new. **Sometimes what we refuse to open ourselves up to is God**. Isn't that what Joseph is doing when he decides to quietly dismiss Mary? Joseph is dismissing the mystery of **Emmanuel, God with us**. He is dismissing not just Mary, but the Mother of God, the very one who will give God human flesh, a body, the one who makes Emmanuel possible. That's what often happens when we are **dismissive**. We **foreclose** the life and opportunities God wants to birth in us and through us.

I wonder what we lose every time we demand answers and refuse to live with questions. I wonder how often we miss our own life because we limit it to what we know, what's familiar, what makes sense, and close

ourselves to the **not-knowing, to something new, different or unexpected**. I wonder if we dismiss **God with us** by our searching for explanations and understanding rather than trusting and entering into the **mystery**. Ultimately, as we know, Joseph took Mary as his wife. However, he first had to move beyond what he understood and what made sense. He had to allow God with us to transcend the limits of his knowledge. He had to let go of trying to put it all in terms of a rational explanation. None of that, however, could happen between him and Mary. It would first have to happen with Joseph and God, and it must first happen within us and God as well. It is a shift that must first happen within us.

Matthew doesn't describe any of Mary and Joseph's conversations about her pregnancy because they just don't matter. Making sense of this pregnancy, figuring out and explaining how it happened, is not the point of the story. The shocker is that **God becomes real flesh and blood**. That means **God is with us in people, relationships, ideas, opportunities, vocations, dreams**. So why would we dismiss them? **God is with you. God is with me. God is with them. God is with us in all the circumstances and situations of our life; in joy and sorrow, in celebration and grieving, in success and failure, in hope and repair, in courage and fear**. You name it, God is there with us. That's the point of this story. Sometimes, however, the truth of what is gets lost or ignored in our attempts to explain how it is, to make sense of it, to make it conform to our understanding. Let us take a moment this Fourth Sunday of Advent to reflect on the following questions:

**Who are the people you've dismissed?**

**What relationships or opportunities have you quietly abandoned?**

**What dreams have you walked away from?**

**What happened?**

**Why do we do that?**

Somewhere in those people, relationships, opportunities, and dreams there was something that made no sense. An explanation was lacking. Something didn't match our experiences or expectations. We couldn't understand what was happening. We didn't know what to do. We couldn't get straight in our head how it could all work out so we let it go, walked away. A quiet dismissal. In the end we struggled, whether consciously or unconsciously, **to recognize and believe Emmanuel, God with us**.

**Merry Christmas to all of you from all of us,  
the Holy Family Parish and Academy staffs!**

## Christmas Flower Memorials

The Christmas season is a time of memories, especially of our loved ones born into eternal life. As we prepare to order flowers for the Christmas liturgies, consider making a donation in memory of a deceased loved one. We will list all donations in a bulletin during the Christmas season. Envelopes may be found on the counters in the narthex or in the parish office. Thank you.



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The Liturgical Arts Community... creates a vibrant prayer and worship experience so that all may participate in a fully conscious and active way in the liturgy. This includes different forms of prayer and worship experiences, for all attending Holy Family.

## Do you like transforming spaces? Watch a lot of HGTV?



Like how Holy Family always looks great over the holidays and wonder how that happens? We are looking for lots of hands to help our already great team transform our Advent and Christmas worship environment in the upcoming weeks. Time commitment is flexible and no experience required. Bring your sense of humor, willingness to have fun and burn some pre-Christmas calories at the same time!

To lend your time, contact Gene Garcia at [ggarcia@holyfamilyparish.org](mailto:ggarcia@holyfamilyparish.org) for details.

## Mass Schedule Changes

**There is no 9:00am Mass on Thursday, December 26.**

*(The building will be closed.)*

**There is no 4:00pm Mass on Sunday, December 29.**

## Preparing for Next Week...

Watch our weekly SCC reflection @ <https://www.youtube.com/user/HFInverness/videos>.

Click on reflections for Sunday Readings for 12-29-19 and listen to Fr. Bill Zavaski reflect on the readings.

### Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

1. In the first reading, there is an emphasis on honoring your father and mother. How do those who've had a difficult childhood still find a way to honor their parents? Or are there situations where this can't be done?
2. Paul tells us: "put on love ... the bond of perfection." How difficult is it to "put on love" when people let you down?
3. Paul also tells us to: "let the peace of Christ control your hearts." When do you really feel the peace of Christ?
4. Like Joseph, did you ever have a premonition that you needed to remove yourself or a loved one from danger?
5. Jesus came in peace. What role can you play in furthering peace in our world today?

### *Social Justice Question:*

This feast of the Holy Family encourages us to keep on loving each other, as trying as that may be sometimes. Families are the foundation to our society. The makeup of families looks very different today in comparison to Jesus' time. How do you feel about these changing dynamics in light of the Gospel message?

# Liturgical Arts

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, December 23

9:00AM Gerald Smith (Denise Smith)  
9:00AM Bruce Ventura (Kristi & Sean)  
9:00AM Sarah Denka (Mom)  
7:00PM Dick Schuld (Pastoral Care)

### Tuesday, December 24

1:30PM - Church - Joan Wengler (Vince & Cindy)  
4:00PM-Church - Mary & Stanley Szerszen  
(Connie & Jerry)  
4:00PM-Church - Kathryn Houlihan (Kim Rooney)  
4:00PM-Church - Richard Schuld  
(Donna Schuld & Family)  
8:00PM - Church -Bob Prutzman (Elaine Biggs)  
10:30PM-Church - Lucy Iacopetti (Lapacek Family)

### Wednesday, December 25

10:00AM Sesko Family (Family)  
10:00AM John & Josephine Balik  
(Barbara Balik Family)  
10:00AM Louis & Josephine Patano  
(Barbara Balik Family)

### Thursday, December 26

No Masses

### Friday, December 27

9:00AM Catherine & Fred Martz's Family  
(daughter Kathleen)

### Saturday, December 28

5:00PM Agnes & Constanty Obrochta (Family)  
5:00PM Christopher & Michal Niziolek  
(Niziolek Family)  
5:00PM Catherine Bourbon (Drolet Family)

### Sunday, December 29

7:30AM Lucy Iacopetti (Lapacek Family)  
7:30AM Leatrice Marynowski (Family)  
7:30AM Sharon Bobay Sarrazine (Family)  
  
9:00AM Mary Jane Thomas (Ann & Len Thomas)  
9:00AM Perla Angluben (Nena)  
9:00AM Sol Scopa (Pastoral Care)  
  
11:00AM Charlotte & Louis Strohmeier (Family)  
11:00AM John Campana (Family)  
11:00AM Sr. Benedicta Fritz (Pat Kleinfeldt)  
11:00AM Shirley Davis (Diane & Ray Gerke)

Mass intentions are available  
by contacting the Parish Office

## Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them...

+ Sue Cywinski  
+ Josephine R. McLane

*"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me,  
even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and  
believes in me will never die. John 11:25*

## In a Special Way We Remember Those Who Are Ill...

Johanna Bisek  
Christie Moore  
Donnally Olsen  
William Ostemeyer  
Dolores Remick  
Bridget Sievers  
Peggy Thornton

## We Pray for Family Members in Service of Our Country

Lt. Colonel David J. Benjamin III (*Army*), Capt. Sean P. Benjamin (*Army*)  
Captain Bill Dirkes, M.D. (*Army*), Lt. Anne Louise Graft (*Air Force*)  
Lt. Michael J. Graft III (*Air Force*), Captain Peter Keiser (*Army*)  
Ensign Patrick J. Kennelly (*Navy*)  
SSGT Robert Lang (*Air Force National Guard*)  
2nd Lt. Madeline Lopez (*Army*), Major Brian Malloy (*Army*)  
Lt. Colonel Jade Patrick Miller (*Army*), Lt. Joshua Michael Peck (*Army*)  
SPC James Purvin (*Army*), PFC Jacob Riedl (*Army*)  
Pvt. Theodore Rogers (*Army*), Airman Zachary L. Schirmer (*Navy*)  
Maj. Elizabeth Greenstein Simmons (*Army*), Maj. Joshua Simmons (*Army*)  
Capt. Nick Lewis-Walls (*Army*)

## Weekly Readings

### Sunday, December 22

Isaiah 7:10-14  
Romans 1:1-7  
Matthew 1:18-24

### Monday, December 23

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24  
Luke 1:57-66

### Tuesday, December 24

Isaiah 62:1-5  
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25  
Matthew 1: 1-25

### Wednesday, December 25

Isaiah 62:11-12  
Titus 3:4-7  
Luke 2:15-20

### Thursday, December 26

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59  
Matthew 10:17-22

### Friday, December 27

1 John 1:1-4  
John 20:1a, 2-8

### Saturday, December 28

1 John 1:5—2:2  
Matthew 2:13-18

### Sunday, December 29

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14  
Colossians 3:12-21  
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

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The Parish Support  
& Services  
Community...  
oversees the parish  
business and  
infrastructure activities  
to ensure they operate  
efficiently.

## **If you have reached age 70½, you can donate to Holy Family directly out of your IRA. These qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) can help you lower your tax obligation.** *Who wouldn't like that?*

### **Qualified charitable distribution (QCD) basics**

Qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) can be taken out of your traditional IRA(s) free of any federal income tax hit. In contrast, other traditional IRA distributions are taxable (wholly or partially depending on whether you've made any nondeductible contributions over the years).

Unlike garden-variety charitable donations, you can't claim itemized deductions for QCDs. That's OK, because the tax-free treatment of QCDs equates to a 100% deduction because you'll never be taxed on those amounts. And you don't have to worry about tax-law restrictions that apply to itemized charitable write-offs. QCDs have several potential tax-saving advantages.

**Advantage No. 1** QCDs are not included in your adjusted gross income (AGI). This lowers the odds that you will be affected by various unfavorable AGI-based rules, such as those that can cause more of your Social Security benefits to be taxed, less of your rental estate losses to be deductible, and more of your investment income to be hit with the dreaded 3.8% Medicare surtax (the so-called net investment income tax).

**Advantage No. 2** QCDs always deliver a tax benefit while "regular" charitable donations might not. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) almost doubled the standard deduction amounts for 2018-2025, and you only get a tax benefit from a charitable donation if your total itemizable deductions exceed your standard deduction. These higher standard deduction amounts under the TCJA reduce the odds that you will be able to itemize deductions and gain any tax savings from "regular" charitable donations.

**Advantage No. 3** A QCD taken from your traditional IRA counts as a distribution for purposes of the required minimum distribution (RMD) rules. Therefore, you can arrange to donate all or part of your annual RMD (up to the \$100,000 limit) that you would otherwise be forced to receive and pay taxes on.

Talk to your financial or tax advisor to see if making an QCD distribution from your IRA to Holy Family is right for you.

Once you are ready to contribute contact Bernie Schaeffer at Holy Family (847-907-3420 or [bschaeffer@holymfamilyparish.org](mailto:bschaeffer@holymfamilyparish.org)) for instructions on how to make complete your distribution.

Source: Bill Bischoff – *Market Watch*

# Pastoral Care

## Needed!! Men & Women to offer a few hours monthly on one of our Compassionate Teams...

*All ministry hours will be custom linked to your availability...*

*Training provided; no experience necessary.*

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- **Bereavement Team:** we guide families who want to plan a Funeral Mass or Memorial Mass for a loved one.
- **New: Pastoral Care Ministry support:** help with Wake prayers; Committal Service prayers
- **Funeral Ministry Team:** set up for Funeral Mass or Service in the church or chapel.
- **Funeral Luncheon Team:** provides food set up and table hospitality upon luncheon requests.
- **Minister of Care to St. Alexius Hospital:** visit patients, bring Communion
- **Minister of Care to Homebound:** visits homebound parishioners who request Communion in their home.
- **Minister of Care Nursing Homes:** provides Communion service and offers Communion to residents of Alden, Brookdale and Rosewood nursing homes.

Inquiries are welcomed: Call Mimi Ferlita at 847-907-3425 or mferlita@holymfamilyparish.org.

### The Pastoral Care Community...

provides, through our ministries, compassionate pastoral care with support and guidance for those who suffer in mind, body and spirit.

## Rising from Divorce

We are a peer support group that meets every first and third Monday evening for those with experiences or affected by Divorce, Separation or a Challenging Relationship. Come join us from 7:00-9:00 pm in Breakout 1 meeting room. Walk-in's welcomed. Great Program! Topic is the theme of the DVD but so much more information is offered. There will be a group discussion following the DVD. The topics covered each session give important insight on divorce and effects on families, regardless of our family's ages! For more information, contact Kathy Kvittek at kathykv2@gmail.com or Mike Kimak Michael.kimak@gmail.com

## To Be Joyful Again Ministry

"To Be Joyful Again" is a non-denominational support group for widows and widowers who meet on the first & third Thursday the month. We welcome you to join us on **January 2 at 7:00pm** in lower level room 083. For more information, please call Pat Bongiorno at 847-985-4624 or Bob Boho at 847-438-2884.

## LOSS (Survivors of Suicide) Support Group

You are welcome to join us on **January 15** at 7:00pm to be with others who share your loss. This gathering is facilitated by Catholic Charities and hosted by Holy Family. For more resources go to [www.catholiccharities.net/loss](http://www.catholiccharities.net/loss). For more information, please call Emily T. at 312-655-7284.

## Mental Health Support

A support group for families and friends of people with mental health issues that meets 1st Wednesday of each month from 7:00-8:30pm. Next meeting is on **February 5**. For more info contact Dan and Trudi Mickey at 847-991-6255.

## US Too Prostate Cancer Support Group

For men and couples who are dealing with prostate cancer. For resources and meeting information call Cliff Whall 630-718-1305. Meets every 4th Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is **January 28** from 6:30-9:00; advanced group meets from 5:30-6:30pm.

### New Support Group: "A Light Hearted Break"



A Light Hearted Break is a new spiritually centered support group offered to those suffering with or a companion to those who have ongoing health conditions. We meet on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month. Come join us.

For more information call Sue Cox 847-721-4647.

## Al-Anon

Al-Anon helps friends and families of alcoholics find support and understanding. Come join us **each Saturday morning 9:30-11:30am** Lower Level #3. For more information please call Cathie at 847-255-3653.

## Homebound parishioners

Ministers of Care bring Communion to our Holy Family Faith Community parishioners when they are unable to join us for weekend Liturgy. If you have a family member who would like to be placed on our prayer list or desires a home visit, please call Mimi Ferlita at 847-907-3425 or mferlita@holymfamilyparish.org

## Joyful Again!

*Widowed and feeling stuck? Come and find ways to move toward inner peace and new hope in life. Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry program presents a retreat/workshop for men & women*

March 14 & 15, 2020 at the Mt. Assisi Center, Lemont.

To register call: 708-354-7211. e-mail: [joyfulagain7211@gmail.com](mailto:joyfulagain7211@gmail.com)  
website: [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org) (incls.video)

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The Adult Faith  
Community...  
supports the mission  
of lifelong learning by  
providing educational,  
spiritual, and  
formational activities  
for the parish and the  
community.

## **Webcast with Fr. Richard Rohr** ***“The Universal Christ: Another Name for Every Thing”***

**Thursday, January 16, 2020**  
**7:00-9:00 pm (in Common Ground)**  
There is no charge for this webcast presentation.  
Please RSVP to Jeannie Parry  
at [jparry@holymfamilyparish.org](mailto:jparry@holymfamilyparish.org) or 847-907-3448.



## **Mark your Calendar!** **Bible Journey Spring Session -** **Four Unique Bible Studies:**

**“What the Bible Says About Friendship”**

**“The Mass and the Bible”**

**“Biblical Foundations for Marian Devotion”**

**“How Was the Canon of the New Testament  
formed?”**

Presented by Fr. Derran Combs, OFM, Ph.D.  
March 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2020  
Wednesday mornings, 9:45am-11:45 am  
Cost: \$35



RSVP to Jeannie Parry at [jparry@holymfamilyparish.org](mailto:jparry@holymfamilyparish.org) or 847-907-3448

## ***Parish Mission*** **“Call to Personal and Global Transformation”**

Presented by Edwina Gateley  
Sunday, March 22-Tuesday, March 24  
7:00-8:30 pm each evening  
No RSVP needed, no cost







## *Bible Journey* *A Living Biblical Experience*

Presented by Fr. Rich Jakubik,

Wednesdays, January 8, 15 and 29, 2020

9:45-11:45 am

(one hour lecture, one hour small group discussion)

Cost: \$30



To register, contact Jeannie Parry  
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### **Fr. Rich Jakubik, PsyD**

Have you ever wanted to step back into Biblical times and wondered what it might be like to experience for yourself what those historical happenings in ancient Jerusalem might have been like? Now is your chance! We'd like to invite you to join us on a journey through the Holy Land while we explore Scriptural stories and passages that pertain to various locations. For those seeking enlightenment and insight into the life of Jesus Christ, this is where it all begins. Travel a devotional walk through Jesus' life from his birth, ministry, crucifixion, and resurrection.



# Adult Faith



Thanks to all who made this wonderful evening of Advent by Candlelight "Spiritual Makeover: The Homes of Your Heart" so beautiful for hundreds of women!  
Spend some time in prayer with these reflection questions from the evening as you prepare your heart for Christmas:

*Is there room in my heart for God to write His story?  
What renovations do I need to make in the home of my heart to let God in more completely?  
What walls need to come down?  
What rooms need to be cleaned out?  
What old stories do I need to let go of?*



# Family & Teen Faith

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The Family & Teen Faith Community... offers faith formation and catechesis to preschool through elementary school aged children and high school teens and their families.



**JANUARY 7TH | 7-8:30PM  
IN THE NARTHEX**

Calling all young adults!  
Join us as we transform the Narthex and ourselves through engaging speakers, worshipful music, and of course, good coffee.

**Save the date.**

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## kairos 29



February 14-17, 2020  
A chance to connect  
to higher love

Sign up soon – only 10 spots left!

Register online at  
<https://holyfamilyparish.org/kairos-29-permission-and-medical-release>

The Kairos Retreat is open to all high school juniors and seniors no matter their school, parish, or faith. You need not be Confirmed to participate.

Join our Kairos community!

## Teen Faith Mission Trip

### An eye opening experience



Registration is now open

**June 21-26, 2020  
in Farmington, Michigan**

Open to all teens going into 8th grade thru senior year. Only 30 spots available.

For more information or to register go to:  
<https://holyfamilyparish.org/catholic-heart-workcamp>

# Family & Teen Faith

**Do you have any board games or bean bag chairs you've been looking to get rid of?**

**We would love to take them off your hands!**

Contact Courtney Smola at [csmola@holyfamilyparish.org](mailto:csmola@holyfamilyparish.org) with donations of these games and comfy seats.



## Faith Tuition Reminder

**Faith tuition is due in full by January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

You can make payments online or by check. If you have questions about how to make a payment or if you are in need of tuition assistance, please contact Courtney Smola at [csmola@holyfamilyparish.org](mailto:csmola@holyfamilyparish.org)



**ablaze**  
young adult ministry



**Ablaze Faith Sharing**

Ablaze is a young adult ministry created for 18-25 year olds.

Are you looking to continue your faith journey and connect with others?

Join us for faith sharing, social events, outreach opportunities, and fellowship to share in friendship and faith with one another. All young adults are welcome, parishioners and non-parishioners alike, so bring a friend.

For more information or to get involved, see the website or contact the Ablaze coordinator, Courtney Smola, at [csmola@holyfamilyparish.org](mailto:csmola@holyfamilyparish.org) or (847) 907-3483.

**Faith Sharing is held every Wednesday from 7-8pm in the Family Room to set aside time to pray and discuss our faith.**

**We have weekly topics with videos or speakers to listen to and reflect upon. Regular attendance is not required. Journals are provided.**

# Family & Teen Faith



THANK YOU TO OUR MANY VOLUNTEERS THAT MADE  
**BETHLEHEM MARKETPLACE**  
A HIGHLIGHT OF OUR YEAR!!



# Holy Family Academy

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Our Parish School prepares students to be:

***“Thinkers,  
leaders,  
grounded in  
faith.”***

To learn more about classes in 2-yr.old preschool through Grade 8 or schedule a tour please contact:

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## Merry Christmas!

Our Academy students and families have joined the larger parish in our Advent journey to encounter and witness God's higher love for us.

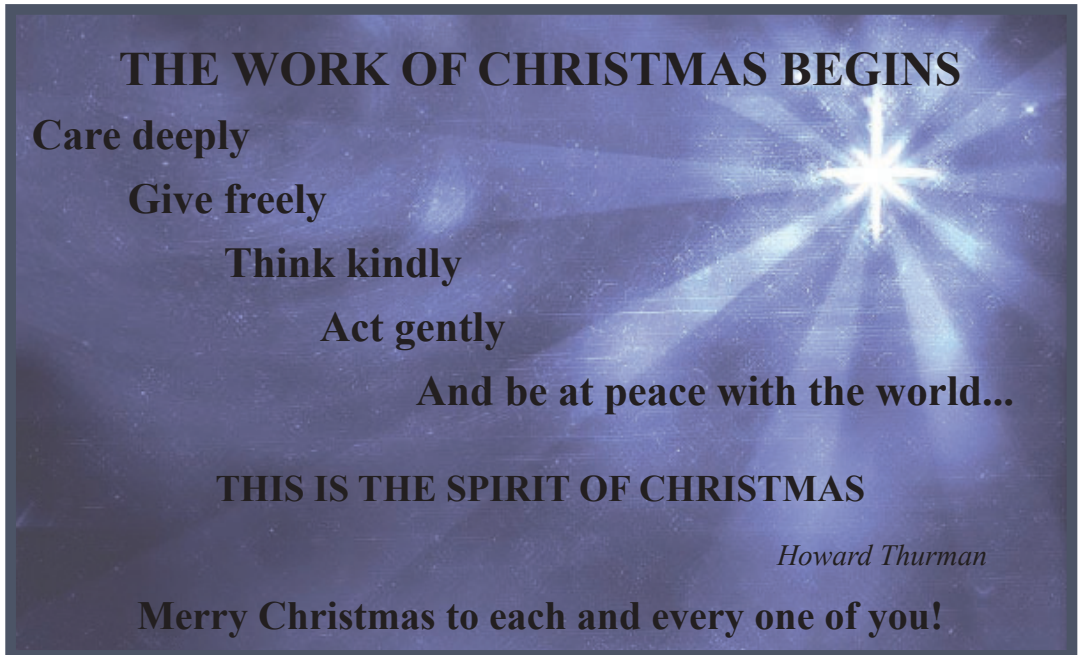
Together we pray that this higher love sustain and guide us toward peace and fulfillment.

*On behalf of the students, families, teachers and staff of Holy Family Catholic Academy, we pray your family will be filled with the love and joy of Christmas. Warmest wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.*



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The Human Concerns Community... offers assistance with life's basic needs, spiritual and emotional support as well as additional resources with partners in our community while promoting mercy and justice by putting our faith into action.



## **HOLY FAMILY PADS SITE for the Homeless**

Holy Family's PADS site, a Sunday evening shelter for people facing homelessness, is in its *nineteenth season*. It takes many volunteers to set up, provide and serve meals, work shifts, clean up as well as offer an atmosphere of comfort and safety.

If you have not completed orientation, go to [www.journeystheroadhome.org](http://www.journeystheroadhome.org) and click on Volunteer Opportunities to find the 2019-20 orientation schedule or find a copy of the schedule on the narthex shelves. Online sign-ups are available to all volunteers who have completed orientation.

To provide food for dinner, lunch or breakfast, visit [www.carecalendar.org](http://www.carecalendar.org) using our own **calendar ID and password** listed below and feel free to sign up for food donations through the end of the season. Food can be dropped off hours, even days earlier, and prepared just prior to our guests arriving. Please feel free to pass this information along to anyone else you know that might want to donate items for our weekly PADS site. The calendar ID is 134413 and the security code is 9236.

Contact Sue Geegan with questions at [sgeegan@holyfamilyparish.org](mailto:sgeegan@holyfamilyparish.org)

### **PADS Guests Need Undergarments and Warm Clothing**

As our guests prepare for the colder months ahead, they can use the following items:

**All warm clothing items** such as coats, hats, gloves, boots and scarves and long underwear – M, L and XL for both Women and Men

#### **Also needed:**

Women's underwear: sizes 8, 9 10 and 11  
Men's undershirts: 34-36; 38-40: 42-44: 46-48  
Men's underwear: 32-34: 36-38: 40-42: 44-46

**Thank you! The items can be left in the cart in the west coatroom.**

# Human Concerns

## Catholic Social Teaching – United States Catholic Conference of Bishops



The Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society.

### Solidarity

We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers and sisters keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. Pope Paul VI taught that if you want peace, work for justice. The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict.

At another level, the roots of the contradiction between the solemn affirmation of human rights and their tragic denial in practice lies in a notion of freedom which exalts the isolated individual in an absolute way, and gives no place to solidarity, to openness to others and service of them. It is precisely in this sense that Cain's answer to the Lord's question: "Where is Abel your brother?" can be interpreted: "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" (Gen 4:9). Yes, every man is his "brother's keeper", because God entrusts us to one another. *The Gospel of Life (Evangelium Vitae. . .)*, #19

More information found at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

### Holy Family Catholic Community One In Love LGBT MONTHLY LISTENING SESSIONS 2nd Saturday of each month 10AM - NOON



ALL ARE INVITED to come for safe and respectful conversation. You are free to share your story or whatever is on your heart that day or just listen to others. This ministry offers both community and communion for the LGBT community, their families, friends and allies.

**One In Love** is a friendly and safe place for:

- **Families** to share stories and experiences with other LGBT families
- **LGBT Community** to share stories and insights
- **Friends** to come together with the common goal of love, acceptance and support

Throughout the year, One in Love will host a variety of events to provide education, explore and discuss issues surrounding sexuality, gender and our faith, to listen to our stories and to discover ways to serve our community. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

If you plan to attend or have questions, please contact Chris Evon at [chris.evon@yahoo.com](mailto:chris.evon@yahoo.com). (RSVP appreciated, but not necessary!)

**Our next Listening Session will be held on January 11.**

### Holy Family Parishioners, Drive Cautiously in the Parking Lot




Every Sunday evening until the last weekend in April, Holy Family hosts a PADS site for our homeless friends to provide them with a nutritious meal and a safe and warm place to sleep. Be aware that our guests arrive on foot, on bikes as well as in automobiles. They are traveling along Palatine Road in the darkness of the evening hours and are difficult to see at times. Please drive slowly and use extra caution as you leave the church through the parking lot and onto Palatine

Road. We want our guests to arrive safely. Thank You!



# Human Concerns

## SPOTLIGHT ON MINISTRY



Holy Family Catholic Community offers a multitude of ministries and programming as part of our mission "To empower all to experience and share the loving presence of God through sacramental living, transformative worship, life-long spiritual growth and community in service to others." Here are just a few opportunities to serve by sharing your gifts and talents.

**ADULT FAITH: *Wedding Ministry*** - Volunteers needed for wedding rehearsals and day of wedding. A great team is already in place, but additional volunteers could be used to shadow/assist the current volunteers.

Time commitment: varies

Contact: Mary Whiteside 847-907-3450 mwhiteside@holyfamilyparish.org

**FAMILY FAITH: *Substitute Catechist*** - Be available to fill in for PreK through Grade 6 FAITH classes when Catechist is unable to teach their class. Lesson plans and material will be provided.

Time commitment: Sunday morning from 10:15-12:00 noon; or Sunday evening 5:30-7:00pm; or Wednesday afternoon from 4:30-6:00pm

Frequency: varies depending on your availability

Contact: Laura Ferlita 847-907-3436 lferlita@holyfamilyparish.org

**HUMAN CONCERNS: *Habitat for Humanity*** - Nonprofit organization that helps people in our community build or improve a place they can call home. Volunteers are needed to help on the work site. Needs include light construction, painting, yard work, clean up, lunch donation. No tool or special skills necessary. Must be at least 16 years old.

Time commitment: Saturdays from 8:00 to 2:30

Frequency: flexible

Contact: Larry Buettner 847-438-1468 larrybuettner@comcast.net

**LITURGICAL ARTS: *Table & Light Ministers*** - The role of the Table and Light minister is to assist the priest in the celebration of the liturgy during Mass. Available to both boys and girls in grades 3 to 8. Training is provided.

Time commitment: 15 minutes prior to Mass until Mass ends

Frequency: flexible

Contact: Gene Garcia 847-907-3434 ggarcia@holyfamilyparish.org

**LITURGICAL ARTS: *Audio/Visual Loft*** - This ministry is looking for volunteers to assist in the A/V Loft during Mass. Volunteers will assist in using media and technology to enhance our worship. Training is provided.

Time commitment: 15 minutes prior to Mass until Mass ends

Frequency: flexible

Contact: Gene Garcia 847-907-3434 ggarcia@holyfamilyparish.org

**PARISH SUPPORT AND SERVICES: *GALA, February 22*** - Are you creative, organized, able to make some phone calls? Can you pick up an auction donation, staff the desk for ticket sales, or stuff envelopes? Any assistance you can provide is appreciated.

Time commitment and frequency: Varies

Contact: Julie Siska and Kathy French holyfamilygala.org

**PASTORAL CARE: *Funeral Ministry Team*** - Members of this team set up for the Funeral Mass or Service in the church or chapel. They welcome the grieving family and their guests during visitation and the funeral service. They also assist the priest during the Mass/service. Training is provided at Holy Family

Time commitment: one hour Frequency: on call, Monday through Saturday

Contact: Mimi Ferlita 847-907-3425 mferlita@holyfamilyparish.org

***For a complete listing of all volunteer opportunities, visit [www.holyfamilyparish.org](http://www.holyfamilyparish.org)***

# Holy Family Partnerships & Support Groups

## Partnerships

### **Catholic Charities**

Provides food, clothing, shelter, counseling and other services to those in need, bringing hope to the hopeless. Mike Waters, NW Regional Director, Des Plaines  
mwaters@catholiccharities.net  
847-376-2100

### **Habitat for Humanity Spring of Life Partnership**

Nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry. Provides interest free loans to families who qualify for affordable housing - Larry Buettner  
Larrybuettner@comcast.net  
www.springoflifehabitat.org

### **Journeys the Road Home**

At Journeys, we work to provide intervention and support to address the root cause of homelessness, and lead people back to a stable environment. Shelter through the PADS program October through April; job support, case management, food pantry, clothing room, Pathway Housing Readiness Program are a few offerings.  
www.journeystheroadhome.org  
847-963-9163

### **Misión San Juan Diego**

Holy Family partners with this local Hispanic parish encouraging intercultural exchange.  
http://www.misionsanjuandiego.org

### **St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly**

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### **Viator House of Hospitality**

Supports young men seeking asylum.  
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### **Chicago Voyagers**

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### **WINGS (Giving Flight to Hopes and Dreams)**

The mission of WINGS is to provide a continuum of integrated services in an effort to end domestic violence and homelessness one family at a time.  
www.wingsprogram.com  
847-519-7820

## Support Groups

### **Al-Anon**

Helps friends and families of alcoholics find support and understanding. Saturday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30am in room Lower Level 3. Childcare available.  
Cathie: 847-255-3653

### **AMITA Health Behavioral Medicine**

One-on-one counseling. Meets on various days and times. Contact them directly at 855-383-2224.

### **Job Support**

A vibrant networking group designed to support those who are searching for a new position or career. We encourage all attendees to share talents, advice and contacts. The group meets Saturday mornings from 7:30 to 9:30 am in Common Ground. For each meeting bring 25 copies of a resume or handbill.  
Doris Willerth 847-922-6633  
Tom Kabarec - 847-337-5033 -  
trkabarec@comcast.net  
Frank Sevilla 847-567-0969

### **LOSS (Survivors of Suicide)**

Facilitated by staff of Catholic Charities on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Holy Family at 7:00pm. Contact: Emily T. 312-655-7284

### **Mental Health Support**

A support group for families and friends of people with mental health issues. Meets the first Wednesday of every month from 7-8:30pm.  
Dan & Trudi Mickey- 847-991-6255  
mickeydan@comcast.net

### **One In Love (LGBT)**

Educate, Advocate, Ally and Serve the LGBT community by exploring issues surrounding sexuality, gender, and our faith in a safe, loving environment. Meets the second Saturday every month from 10:00am-noon. Chris Evon 847-271-6030 or  
chris.evon@yahoo.com

### **Rising from Divorce**

A support group for individuals facing separation, divorce or annulment. This open and ongoing support group who will help you heal and cope. Faith sharing, speakers and social activities are offered throughout the year. Meets on Monday twice a month from 7:00-9:00pm.  
Kathy Kvitek: kathykv2@gmail.com  
630-697-1655

### **To Be Joyful Again**

"To Be Joyful Again, a non denominational support group for widows, widowers, or anyone else who has lost a significant other, meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month at 7PM at Holy Family. All are welcome. Please contact Pat Bongiorno at 847-985-4624 or Bob Boho at 847-438-2884 for more information."

### **US TOO International (prostate cancer support)**

For men and couples who are dealing with prostate cancer. Information, resources and support are available at the monthly meetings which are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 5:30-7:00pm and 6:30-9:00pm.  
Cliff Whall - 630-718-1304



**Kid Church** is a Sunday worship experience designed to meet the needs of families with children under the age of five. Families gather in the chapel for music, prayer and Communion. Snacks and craft time follow in the Common Ground meeting rooms. **Kid Church is offered on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 10:15 AM.** The service is open to all and you do not need to be a member of Holy Family to participate.

**Come join us for Kid Church!**

For more information, contact Brooke Held (brooke.held@gmail.com) or access “Holy Family’s Kid Church” on Facebook.



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