



HOLY FAMILY
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
inviting all to new life in Christ



a change in perspective
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About Us

Holy Family

Catholic Community

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Fr. Terry Keehan

Pastor

Fr. Richard Jakubik

Associate Pastor

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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 empower all to experience and share the loving presence of God through sacramental living, transformative worship, lifelong spiritual growth, and community in service to others.

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

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

Mike Myers	Chair – Community Building
Bill Leece	Adult Spiritual Growth
Pete Barber	Stewardship
Luis Gutierrez	Charity, Justice & Pastoral Care
Bob Keller	Worship
Greg Flanagan	Knights of Columbus
Rick Zanardo	Sacramental Theology & Practice
Fr. Terry Keehan	Pastor (Staff)
Sue Geegan	Staff

Non-Voting Community Representatives

Chad Archer	Deanery Rep
Mike Pazur	Academy Parents Rep
Joan Sloan	Teen Faith (Adult Rep)
Vince Perrone	Teen Faith (Teen Rep)
Kasia Meler	Teen Faith (Teen Rep)

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. Council meeting minutes can be found on the website.

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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Catch Your Breath, Recharge and Refuel

Are you suffering from **mental exhaustion**? Sooner or later, it happens to us all. We're all dealing with a major world health pandemic that is **uncomfortable, inconvenient, challenging, terrifying**, and so much more. We are just **spent, dry, weary, and totally mentally exhausted** in every way. None of us are immune. Life is extremely hard these days. We all have a lot of daily battles that can **drain us** completely dry. Parenting, marriage, jobs, relationships, fears, worries about the future, experiencing loss, discouragement, illness, money problems, it all can leave us feeling beaten down and worn out. When we are pushed to the point of **exhaustion and deep human sorrow**, when our strength is **depleted physically, spiritually, mentally and emotionally**, we need to **STOP** and take a moment to catch our breath, to recharge and refuel. That is what **Palm Sunday** allows us to do. Palm Sunday is a celebration of **joy and pain, exuberance and conflict**. Where is our Savior calling us to venture? We are to walk from **Palm Sunday to Easter** through the **Thursday Arrest**, the **Friday Execution**, and the long **Saturday of waiting** in the void. Imagine all of us, in the wake of Jesus, **changing our minds, renewing our minds, altering our opinions concerning self, neighbor, and world**. As our minds change, we come to a **new freedom**. It is **Easter freedom, unburdened and fearless**, freed for the interest of our neighbor. We are called to replicate his life in our own life. We are to find ourselves with **Easter Freedom. Resilience is not about how you endure. It's about how you recharge.**

Love has you. Love is you. But for God to reach us, we have to allow suffering to wound us. Now is no time for an academic solidarity with the world. Real solidarity needs to be felt and suffered. That's the real meaning of the word "**suffer**" – to **allow someone else's pain to influence us in a real way**. We need to move beyond our own personal feelings and take in the whole. This, I must say, is one of the **gifts of technology**: we can turn it on and see **how people in countries other than our own are hurting. What is going to happen to those living in isolated places or for those who don't have health care?** Imagine the fragility of the most marginalized, of people in prisons, the homeless, or even the people performing necessary services, such as ambulance drivers, nurses and doctors, risking their lives to keep society together. Our feelings of urgency and devastation are not exaggeration: they are responding to **real human situations**. We have to allow these feelings, and invite God's presence to **hold and sustain us**

in a time of **collective prayer**.

I hope this experience will force our attention outwards to the suffering of the most vulnerable. **Love always means going beyond yourself to otherness**. We must be stretched to an encounter with otherness, and only then do we know it's love. Love alone overcomes fear and is the true foundation that lasts. I believe the meaning of the **Resurrection of Jesus** is summed up in the climactic line from the **Song of Songs**, "**love is stronger than death**." (8:6). If the blank white banner that the Risen Christ usually holds in Christian art should say anything, it should say: "**Love will win!**" **Love is all that remains**. Love and life are finally the same thing, and we know that for ourselves once we have walked through death. This day and every day, I bow down on my knees and pray for you, I pray to our Heavenly Father that He will **STRENGTHEN** you to rise up empowered with the Spirit of **RESILIENCE**, your God-given ability to shine and **GLORIFY GOD** in the midst of **ADVERSITY**.

Heavenly Father, we ask for your healing over every part of our lives – physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually. We ask that you would make us strong and resilient for the days ahead. We know that you have great purpose for those who believe in your name. Help us not to allow the distractions and struggles of our days, weary us down to the point of exhaustion. We know that your desire is for us to live this life abundantly and free.

Thank you that you are greater than anything we face here in this life, and our desire is to reflect your love and light to a world that so desperately needs your hope. Remind us that all the momentary troubles and every single battle belongs to you. We believe that whatever we're up against can be taken down in one fail swoop by your mighty hand. Thank you for the victories in our lives, that have no explanation except, "God did this." We give you the glory and honor for all that you're doing every day, even in the times we can't see it all, or fully understand your ways. Help us to keep our eyes on you and off our circumstances. Help us to see when another soul around us needs to be encouraged too. May we be faithful to carry one another's burdens, remembering that we're all in this life journey together, and there's great power in unity. We love you Lord and we need you today. We're reminded of our weakness, but we know that in you, we are strong. We lift up our hearts and hands to worship you. Thank you for your great love and care. Thank you that you surround us like a shield, we choose to find rest in you today. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

A Coronavirus Prayer

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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.

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” Come to our aid now, that we may experience your healing love.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.



America Magazine, March 30, 2020 issue

Preparing for Next Week...

Watch our weekly SCC reflection @ <https://www.youtube.com/user/HFInverness/> videos. Click on reflections for Sunday Readings for 4-12-20 and listen to Fr. Terry Keehan reflect on the readings.

Easter Sunday

1. In the first reading, Peter said: “We are witnesses of all that He did.” How can we be witnesses today?
2. Paul says: “Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.” How do we stay focused on this during the Easter season and beyond?
3. All Gospels include Mary Magdalene among the first to witness the Resurrection. What do you see as the significance of women being the first to witness?
4. Easter announces the reality that we were raised with Christ. What does it mean to you to be raised with Christ?

SOCIAL JUSTICE QUESTION

Christ’s resurrection began God’s new creation where the light shines on the community of faith. How are you a light to someone in need?

Liturgical Arts

Mass Intentions

Please be assured that our priests will include these intentions in their daily prayers while Masses are suspended. Please include them in your daily prayers as well.

Monday, April 6
William Bryant (Pastoral Care)

Tuesday, April 7
Jerry Seaman (Mike Seaman)

Wednesday, April 8
Holy Family Faith Community

Thursday, April 9 - Holy Thursday
Violeta Paragas (Family)

Friday, April 10 - Good Friday
Holy Family Faith Community

Saturday, April 11 - Easter Vigil
Francine Lio (Mary Glass)
Carolyn Grosch (Glenn Grosch)
Thomas Postema II (Family)

Sunday, April 12 - Easter
John Mendala (Marsha Mendala)
Walter Tarchala (Jill Palmer)
Jim Andrews (KOC)
John & Josephine Balik (Barbara Balik)
Louis & Josephine Patavo (Barbara Balik)
Vicki Lachowicz (Family)
Todd J. McCollum (Barbara Balik Family)
The Crook Family (The Crook Family)
Jean Sacco (Balik Family)

Mass intentions are available
by contacting the Parish Office



Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them...

+ Karna Hendershott
+ Benilde Matera

"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...

Grant Refell
Pat Wilkie
Jim Wirth

We Pray for Family Members in Service of Our Country

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Lt. Michael J. Graft III (*Air Force*), Captain Peter Keiser (*Army*)
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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, April 5
Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Matthew 26:14—27:66

Monday, April 6
Isaiah 42:1-7
John 12:1-11

Tuesday, April 7
Isaiah 49:1-6
John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, April 8
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday, April 9
Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-15

Friday, April 10
Isaiah 52:13—53:12
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
John 18:1—19:42

Saturday, April 11
Saturday:
a) Gn 1:1—2:2; b) Gn 22:1-18 c)
Ex 14:15—15:1; d) Is 54:5-14; e)
Is 55:1-11; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4;
g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; h) Rom
6:3-11; Mt 28:1-10

Sunday, April 12
Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

Parish Support & Services

WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER!

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

These are extraordinary times for our world and our faith community. Never before has our building been shuttered preventing us from gathering for Mass, funerals and other planned liturgical events. This is a new reality as we suspend our FAITH classes through June, as well as First Communion and Confirmation in accordance with the Archdiocese guidelines. Academy classes are no longer meeting on campus and are engaged in e-learning until further instructions are received. We are all learning to be flexible and change our way of thinking. Our staff is reacting quickly and efficiently to manage to these changes.

Sunday Mass is now available on our website and YouTube so we may continue to pray together as a community. We are also providing our *Wednesday Recharge* to help us through this period of the unknown. You will find a variety of Spiritual Enrichment Resources on our website to assist you in prayer. Our staff will continue to answer our phone from 8:30 – 4:30 pm Monday through Friday and serve you.

The staff has quickly adapted to working from home and supporting our catechists, faith class attendees and students with ongoing activities and readings. In addition, we are reviewing and reducing our operating costs; however, due to the size, scale and complexity of the campus, we will continue to have a member of our maintenance staff check the building twice a day.

Though we expect some significant operational savings from areas such as reduced utility and outside services our personnel costs make up over 50% of our expenses. We are hoping we can resume operations very soon and we want to keep our staff intact and ready to fully serve your needs when we are together again.

We thank our electronic givers for your continued support, and to those who recently have made the switch to electronic giving. However, the weekly envelope and cash support has all but ceased resulting in this channel of income dropping by over 80%. So that we are able to continue operations in the near term while our building is closed we ask you to please consider the ongoing support of our community. Options for giving are:

- Mailing in your weekly envelope or cash donation to Holy Family, 2515 Palatine Road, Inverness 60067
- Go online to holymfamily.org and click on the Give tab to make a One-Time Gift or to Set Up a Recurring Gift in lieu of envelope giving
- **Text** – 73256 to keyword holymfamily (one word)
- **PayPal** – paypal@holymfamilyparish.org
- **Venmo** – @HolyFamily-Inverness

Holy Family, ***We Are In This Together*** and with your support we can weather this storm and come out of it with an even stronger sense of community.

Thank you for your support!

Fr. Terry Keehan

Spiritual Enrichment Suggestions During the COVID-19 Crisis

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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.

In the Book of Exodus we read how the Israelites, during their 40-year wandering through the desert, were fed with manna from heaven (Exodus 16).



In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus, lead into the desert for 40 days to be tempted by the devil, reminds us of the importance of being fed by the word of God (Matthew 4).

Today we wander through the desert of uncertainty and fear due to coronavirus. Like the ancient Israelites, and Jesus himself, we, too, are in need of nourishment - spiritual nourishment - in order to change our perspective and Love First. To that end, we are offering you the following suggestions for spiritual enrichment:

- Attend on-line Mass and share spiritual communion by watching Holy Family Sunday Mass on YouTube by accessing the parish website, holymfamilyparish.org.
- View weekly Wednesday reflections from Fr. Terry or Fr. Rich on the parish website.
- Receive free daily email meditations, on a variety of spiritual topics, from Fr. Richard Rohr by subscribing on the Center for Action and Contemplation website, CAC.org.
- Receive free daily email reflections, based on the scripture for the day, from the Jesuits by registering on jesuitprayer.org.
- Access the daily scripture readings by going to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website (usccb.org) and click on Bible, Today's Reading.
- Watch the Bulletin for book recommendations to keep you spiritually fed.
- Use the app "Laudate" for access to Catholic prayers, rosary, Stations of the Cross, a complete Bible available on your phone, daily readings and more.
- Use Learn 25 on-line for podcasts and video/DVD programs for Scripture study and spirituality (complete with study guides). Visit www.learn25.com

Family & Teen Faith

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Hang out with us on [Zoom](#) for virtual 4th Day Meetings, Faith on Fire gatherings, and Digital Drop-In Nights.

Watch our instagram and your email for invitations to these and other events.

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER



A 3 Minute Meditation - Jesus in Jerusalem by: Grant Guthrie

This is the beginning of Holy Week! Christians celebrate Palm Sunday to commemorate the entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem. This was truly a happy day for Jesus and his followers! Surrounded on all sides by adoring crowds, Jesus made his way through the city to the sweet sound of public praise and admiration. Word of his miracle healing power had spread far and wide. People were marveling at Jesus.

Now, place yourself among the crowds in the street. What does Jesus look like? ... What facial expression does He have? ... You hear both men and women, a flood of voices, all screaming "Hosanna!" This strange Hebrew word meaning, "save us!" ... As He passes alongside you, stretch out and tug at his cloak. Let Jesus notice you through all the excitement - you are worthy of Christ's attention and care. With the Savior's glowing eyes gazing into your own, what feelings arise? ... Allow Him to whisper words of healing and consolation.

"... Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" (Revised Standard Version, Matthew 21:9)

USCCB President's Reflection & Prayer During Coronavirus

March 13, 2020

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The Human

Concerns

Community...

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community while

promoting mercy and

justice by putting our

faith into action.

WASHINGTON- Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, has issued the following regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19): With the worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus, we are confronted once more with the fragility of our lives, and again we are reminded of our common humanity — that the peoples of this world are our brothers and sisters, that we are all one family under God.

God does not abandon us, he goes with us even now in this time of trial and testing. In this moment, it is important for us to anchor our hearts in the hope that we have in Jesus Christ. Now is the time to intensify our prayers and sacrifices for the love of God and the love of our neighbor. Let us draw closer to one another in our love for him, and rediscover the things that truly matter in our lives.

United with our Holy Father Pope Francis, let us pray in solidarity for our brothers and sisters and around the world who are sick. Let us pray for those who have lost loved ones to this virus. May God console them and grant them peace.

We pray also for doctors, nurses, and caregivers, for public health officials and all civic leaders. May God grant them courage and prudence as they seek to respond to this emergency with compassion and in service to the common good.

In this time of need, I invite all the faithful to seek together the maternal intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and I share this prayer with you:

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.

We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana. Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust. In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.

Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts. We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

GCFD Produce Mobile Distribution Thursday, April 9, 8:30am-noon

Holy Family Parish will be distributing fresh produce from the Greater Chicago Food Depository in the remote parking lot on Thursday, April 9 from 9:30-11:30am. If you would like to help with the distribution, contact Sue at 847-907-3443 or sgeegan@holyfamilyparish.org by Friday April 3. We need helpers at 8:30am unloading pallets and setting up before the distribution and people to clean up until about noon. Distribution is outdoors rain or shine.

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