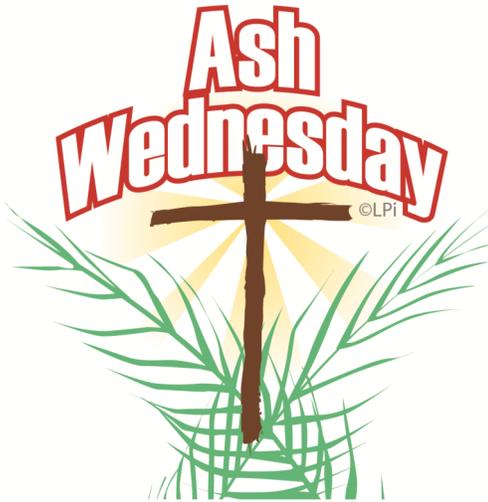


# Holy Family

1080 W. Roosevelt  
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## Parish



I read about a homily that a priest once gave, it was three sentences; "We ain't where we ought to be. We ain't where we used to be. We ain't where we're we gonna be."

Those few words, in their own grammatically incorrect way, say a lot about the virtue of Christian Hope. And Hope is essential to the season of Lent, which begins Wednesday, Feb 14<sup>th</sup>. As we celebrated New Year's Day a few short weeks ago, many of us embraced a certain kind of hope,

which we expressed in our resolutions. A month later, I wonder how many of those resolutions are still active. Kudos to those who have kept them, but there's a major difference between those resolutions and the hope that lies at the heart of Christian faith. Resolutions are rooted in our personal will power, our self-discipline. And that is a good thing. But self-discipline simply isn't enough. Christian hope is different in the fact that it's not about what I want to do with me, but rather about what God wants to do with me. This demands a certain kind of surrender, given to us by Jesus, "not my will, but your will, be done." That is a surrender that we must return to over and over again. How easily our own will creeps up asserting itself as pride, selfishness, arrogance, lust, gluttony. Christian hope is about God doing for and in us what we cannot do for ourselves.

Let's face it, "We ain't where we ought to be", recognize that a life of faith is a journey and we are all on the way. We follow one who always calls us forward, who invites us to enter ever more deeply into His Love.

"We ain't where we used to be"; recognizing all that God has already done for and in us, far beyond our capabilities. From the moment we take that first breath of life, God is breathing through us.

"We ain't where we're gonna be": No matter how often we have fallen, or how far astray, God doesn't give up on us, but continues to call us forward. All of us have done Lent before. We prepare to do it again. By God's grace and only by God's grace can it be different this year. Let us start, by asking God, "What do you want me to do this Lent.?"

*Fr Mike*

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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.



**Feb. 11 at 9:45 am**

Presider.....Rev. Michael Gabriel  
Candle Bearers....Jerrilyn Young and  
Cynthia Holden  
Lector.....Debra Blake  
Communion Ministers.....  
Vernon Lam, Debbie Gausselein, Dawn  
O'Holleran, Easter Booker, Sr. Pat  
Cummings, Joyce Addo  
Altar Servers.....Javadia and Alaric  
Rylon  
Greeter.....Christine Pugh

**Feb. 11 at 5 pm**

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

**Feb. 18 at 9:45 am**

Presider....Rev. Michael Gabriel  
Candle Bearers.... Jerrilyn Young  
and Cynthia Holden  
Lector.....Odell Gordon  
Communion Ministers...Vernon Lam,  
Debbie Gausselein, Dawn O'Holleran,  
Easter Booker, Sr. Pat Cummings,  
Joyce Addo  
Altar Servers.....Xavier Rios and  
Daveion Hightee  
Greeter.....Christine Pugh

**Feb. 18 at 5 pm**

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

**Ushers:**

Eastside..... Ivory Hill  
East Center.....Tyler Romer  
Westside.....Duane Crockett  
West Center.....Antwan Wilson

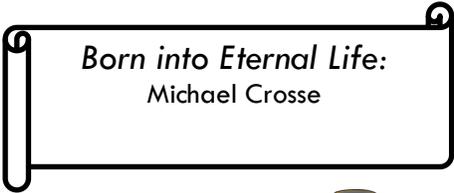
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“Never underestimate the power of  
dreams and the influence of the  
human spirit. We are all the same in  
this notion: The potential for  
greatness lives within each of us.”  
- Wilma Rudolph, first American wom-  
an to win three gold medals at a  
single Olympic Games

*Please Remember in your Prayers:*

Kay Ansani, Mary Breslin,  
Bonnie Cannon, Mary Cleveland,  
Madelynn Jacobs, Lettece Lee, Phillip  
Miller,  
Janet Miskus, Tom O'Malley,  
Joel Rivera, Charlene Stacker, Denise  
Summers, Jim Sweeney, Endy Turner,  
and  
Dorothy Wrobel



Ed and Evelyn Bogus



**Wednesday, Feb. 14**

9:45 AM - Mass and distribution  
of ashes with St. Ignatius students;  
Noon - Prayer Service with  
distribution of ashes;  
6:00 PM - Mass and distribution of  
ashes at Our Lady of Pompei.  
Ashes will be available at Holy  
Family until 3:00 PM for anyone  
unable to attend one of the  
services.  
Ash Wednesday and Good Friday  
are obligatory days of fasting and  
abstinence for Catholics. In  
addition, Fridays during Lent are  
obligatory days of abstinence. The  
norms on fasting are obligatory  
from age 18 until age 59. When  
fasting, a person is permitted to  
eat one full meal, as well as two  
smaller meals that together are not  
equal to a full meal. The norms  
concerning abstinence from meat  
are binding from age 14 onwards.  
Although Valentine's Day coincides  
with Ash Wednesday this year, the  
obligation of fast and abstinence  
must naturally be the priority in the  
Catholic community.

**Sunday Collection**

Goal: \$3,500.00

Jan. 28 -9:45.....\$1443.36  
-5:00....\$1088.21  
Give Central.....\$395.00

(Difference -\$573.43)

Feb. 4 -9:45.....\$1,547.00  
-5:00....\$ 254.00  
Give Central.....\$ 440.00

(Difference -\$1259.00 )

**FISCAL YEAR TO DATE**

Offerings \$86,163.89  
\*Budget \$108,500.00  
Surplus/(Deficit) (-\$20,095.11)

\*( \$3,500 a week for 31 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](http://givecentral.org) Call Sharon in the 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](http://www.holyfamilychicago.org)

Thank you for your support.

**Calendar**

**Feb. 14, 2018**  
Ash Wednesday

**Feb. 18, 2018**  
**12:00**

Circle of Peace  
Support Group

**February 25—3:00 -**  
We're Still Here

A Talk & Tour of Holy Family by  
Chicago historian, Ellen Skerrett

**April 1, 2018**  
Easter Sunday

**April 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 -**  
Celebration for all those married at  
Holy Family

**July 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 -**  
Closing of our 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



## INVITATION FROM POPE FRANCIS

### Worldwide Day of Prayer and Fasting for peace February 23

Pope Francis invites Roman Catholics and members of all other religions on Friday, Feb 23 to observe a day of prayer, fasting and initiatives for peace, urging everyone to 'say no' to violence and conflict.

Feb. 23 is a Friday in the first full week of Lent, during which fasting from food and extra acts of charity are encouraged as a sign of penitence.

He said "everyone, in their own consciences, before God, should ask 'what can I do for peace?'"

Surely, we can pray but not only: each one of us can say 'no' to violence in their own way, because victories obtained through violence are false victories, while working for peace benefits all," he said.

He specifically invited non-Catholics and non-Christians to join the initiative in any way they saw fit,

*In Mike*



The Apollo Chorus of Chicago will return to Holy Family Church on Saturday, March 10 at 7:30 pm to present its Choral Classics concert, performing Verdi's *Requiem*. The Apollo Chorus is honored to perform at Holy Family Church as the parish celebrates 160 years in the community. As the longest running choral group in Chicago, the Apollo Chorus salutes Holy Family's strong history of serving their neighborhood, as Apollo continues to provide a rich cultural service to the city's many neighborhoods and suburbs with its wide-ranging season. Holy Family parishioners receive a special discount by using promo code **HOLY FAMILY** at checkout; visit [apollochorus.org](http://apollochorus.org) to reserve your seats today. \$30 adult/ \$15 student with discount.

## CATHOLIC APPEAL 2018

**The Catholic Appeal 2018 is in progress. Our gratitude to those who filled out a pledge card and/or sent in a donation. If you have not done so yet, you can still fill out a pledge card or give in one of these three ways. If you give online, by phone or by mail, please be sure to designate Holy Family—Chicago as your parish.**

**Our parish goal is \$9408**

Funds collected during the Catholic Appeal support many ministries throughout the Archdiocese—including those in the areas of:

### HUMAN DIGNITY AND SOLIDARITY

Activities promoting respect for life at all stages, Kolbe House prison ministry, and Peace and Justice initiatives

### COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Support for Chicago Fire and Police department chaplaincies and other community ministries.

### FAMILY MINISTRIES

Programs for marriage preparation, marriage support and family ministry.

### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Assisting the poor and vulnerable overseas

## WE'RE STILL HERE



### A Talk & Tour of Holy Family by Chicago historian, Ellen Skerrett

**SUNDAY, FEB, 25  
3:00 PM**

Please join us for a lively, informative talk and an opportunity to tour the church with an expert historian and parishioner of Holy Family.

Following the presentation and refreshments, guests are also welcome to join us

for our regular  
5:00 Sunday liturgy.

## ONLINE

Go to [www.givecentral.org/aca2018/](http://www.givecentral.org/aca2018/) to make a credit card gift or set up Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) from your checking account.

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Call 312.534.7959 to make a credit card gift, or set up a pledge to be billed monthly.

## GIVE BY MAIL

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Still thinking about it?

What have you done for your church recently? Have you helped bring about the kind of liturgy you want to have at Holy Family, or are you hoping someone else does what needs to be done each week?

Holy Family is and has always been a special kind of place. People from all walks of life come together each week to share the word of God, to meet each other as brothers and sisters, to share joys and troubles, to make friends across societal lines that are historically divisive. We should never let go of the special qualities of this Holy Family church community.

But it doesn't just happen without any effort. We all need to see what we can do to continue to make our liturgies meaningful, interesting, challenging to our souls and comforting to our spirits.

The Holy Family choir has served this community for many years, singing God's praise. Many of the choir members have been in the choir for decades. But now the choir is reaching out to the community for the addition of new membership.

Don't sit on the fence - try it! There are no specific requirements and rehearsal is immediately after Mass each week for about 1 hour. You could do this! And in doing so, you would be helping to preserve the wonderful reality of the Holy Family community - a special community. If you are thinking about joining the choir, stop by and talk with Clive Phinn, the choir director, after Mass. He can answer any questions you may have.