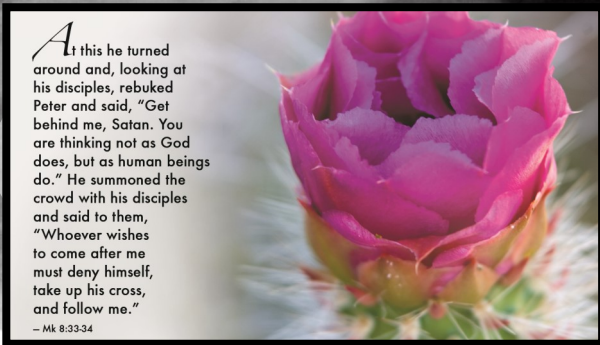


# Holy Family

C H U R C H  
*Our Doors Are Open Wide*



At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."  
— Mk 8:33-34

**RENEW MY CHURCH  
FIRST PARISH SESSION  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23  
IN CHURCH  
FOLLOWING 9:45 MASS**

**ALL ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

Renew My Church is a faithful response to Christ's call to renew His Church in Chicago; it is a journey that is both spiritual (to re-encounter Jesus Christ as disciples and parish communities) and structural (to ensure our have adequate resources for vitality).

Through Renew My Church initiatives, the Archdiocese will re-commit our local Church to our gospel commission to make disciples, build vital communities of faith and inspire witness to bring the light and hope of Christ to a world in need. These mission imperatives guide all that we do in and through the spiritual and structural efforts of renewal.

One initiative of Renew My Church is focused on increasing the vitality of our local communities. Cardinal Cupich has asked our parish to come together with the other parishes in our grouping to start a process of reflection, discernment, and planning to consider how we can collaborate and combine resources so that we are better equipped to bring Jesus Christ to the world today.

Our journey from now through December will entail collaborating with our neighbors to:

- \* Assess the current situation in our community,
- \* Understand the criteria and principles for our planning efforts,
- \* Discuss possible scenarios for how our grouping's parishes and schools could be structured in the future, and
- \* Compile our feedback to share with Archdiocesan leadership and Cardinal Cupich

During this session we will:

- \* Discuss Renew My Church and the process we are beginning together,
- \* Review important information and questions about our community such as the strengths and challenges that exist in our grouping, and
- \* Answer any questions you may have.

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

*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.



**MINISTRY SCHEDULE:**

**Sept. 16 at 9:45 am**

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

**Sept. 16 at 5 pm**

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

**Sept. 23 at 9:45 am**

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

**Sept. 23 at 5 pm**

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

**September Ushers:**

West Side.....Vernon Lam  
Center West...Cynthia Holden  
Center East....Cheryl Bowie  
East Side.....Ray Walsh

**HOLY FAMILY CHURCH WEBSITE**

[www.holyfamilychicago.org](http://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](mailto: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, Joseph Perry King, Letece Lee, Sr. Mary Ellen Mackey, BVM, Raymond Milton, Denise



Michael Crosse  
Brant Shepherd



**Annual Sock Drive**

Holy Family's annual sock drive kicked off this weekend. 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.

**Get Your Flu Shot!**

**FREE FLU SHOTS AT HOLY FAMILY**

Once again, Walgreens will be sponsoring flu shots here at Holy Family

Sunday, September 30, 2018 For more information see Jerri Young ( after Mass) 708-895-6246

**Sunday Collection**

Goal: \$3,200.00

Sept. 2 9:45.....\$1569.00  
5:00.....\$971.00  
Give Central.....\$655.00  
(Difference - \$5.00)

Sept. 9 9:45.....\$1480.00  
5:00.....\$1270.00  
Give Central.....\$1330.00  
(Difference + \$880.00)

**FISCAL YEAR TO DATE**

Offerings.....\$32,007.77  
Budget..... \$35,200.00  
Surplus/(Deficit) (-\$3192.23)

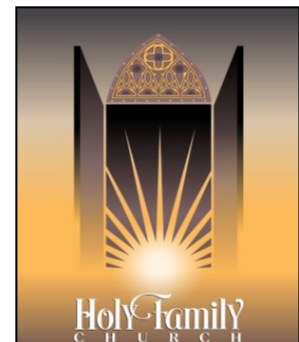
\*((\$3,200 a week for 10 weeks)

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 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](http://www.holyfamilychicago.org)  
Thank you for your support.

**Calendar**



**Sunday, Sept. 23 11:00—1:30**  
Women of the Spirit  
**Sunday, Oct. 14**  
Hospitality after 9:45 mass

HOSPITALITY

Thank you to Angie Delgado and Joan Weaver for hosting the inaugural monthly Hospitality gathering after last Sunday's 9:45 Mass. Angie and Joan put together a lovely spread and created a comfortable environment for camaraderie and fellowship. Our next monthly hospitality gathering will be on Sunday, October 14th and will be hosted by Laura and Matthew Guzman.

**33rd Annual Hunger Walk-- Thank You!!!**

Thank you to the 48 participants who walked in the Hunger Walk last Saturday, September 8th, to support the Holy Family Food Pantry. The Team included 27 parishioners of Holy Family, 2 teachers from Saint Ignatius, and 19 Saint Ignatius students. Their participation at the Walk raised \$576 for the Food Pantry (a \$12 credit per walker).

Thank you also to those who've generously donated in support of the Food Pantry. As of September 9th, over \$4,000 has been raised for the Food Pantry through online and on-site donations and the participation of the 48 walkers representing Holy Family. The fundraising page will continue to accept donations through the month of September. God bless you for your support of the Food Pantry and the people it serves! will continue to accept donations through the month of September. God bless you for your support of the Food Pantry and the people it serves!



**SEMINARIAN  
EDUCATION  
FUND  
COLLECTION—  
SUNDAY, SEPT.  
23**

GROUPING TEAM RETREAT

Thank you for your prayers as our Renew My Church Grouping Feedback & Discernment Team attended a full-day retreat at the Cardinal Meyer Center last Saturday. The day was filled with prayer, reflection and opportunities to share with one another our hopes, concerns and ideas as we work together to help shape the future of our faith communities. Cardinal Cupich was able to join us for an hour and share his own thoughts about the renewal underway in our Archdiocese.

Spending time together in prayer and hearing from the Cardinal was so important because on the surface all of our Renew My Church efforts can seem solely focused on the structural changes of our parishes. The perception that what we're doing is all about buildings and finances is a view point held by many, but it is not the reality – it is not the core of what Jesus Christ is calling us to do. Spiritual renewal of our parishes and our Archdiocese is at the heart of Renew My Church. When you consider the facts -



**RCIA**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process of welcome, learning and community for those interested in becoming Catholic or those who have not yet completed their initiation into the Catholic faith. It is an opportunity to learn about the teachings and traditions of the Catholic faith in a comfortable and supportive environment.

**RCIA Sessions will begin on Wednesday, September 26th at 6:30pm in the Conference Room of the Parish Center.** If you or an adult you know (age 18+) is interested in the RCIA process or have questions, please speak to Jim Bruton or contact Jim at [jim@holyfamilychicago.org](mailto:jim@holyfamilychicago.org).

GROUPING TEAM RETREAT  
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- \* Mass attendance has decreased by 27% over the past 20 years
- \* Approx. 20% of children baptized in the Catholic Church do not receive 1st communion
- \* Approx. 40% of children baptized are not confirmed
- \* 85% of children confirmed stop practicing their faith by age 21
- \* 36% percent of Millennials (people born between 1982 and 2004) claim no affiliation with organized religion

it is easier to understand the sense of urgency and why the structural and spiritual renewal must go hand-in-hand. How, where and when we spend our energies, resources, dollars and time has a very real impact on our abilities to develop the creative evangelizing plans that will bring more people into an encounter with the Risen Lord, with His Word and Sacraments proclaimed in our parishes and through our ministries.



A Parent Orientation Meeting for the 2018-2019 year of Religious Education will be held this morning in Damen Hall immediately following the 9:45 Mass. Students can still be registered for classes at this meeting. Classes will be held on Sunday mornings from 11 AM to 12:30 PM in Damen Hall beginning Sunday October 14. The fee for the full year of classes is \$100 per student.

For further information, please contact Jim Bruton, Coordinator of Religious Education.