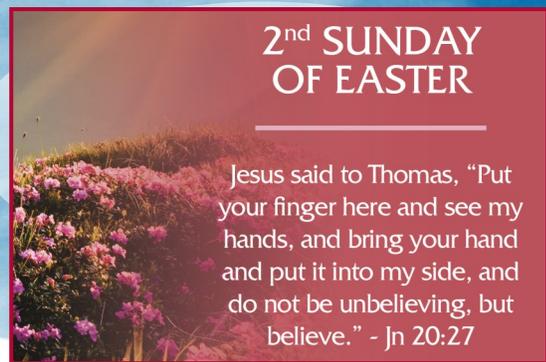


Holy Family

C H U R C H
Our Doors Are Open Wide



2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:27

Alleluia He Has Risen!!

It was wonderful again to celebrate with big crowds, the church full of flowers and candles and glorious music. Thanks to Clive, Gerry and the choir...to our the catechumens. Thanks to Jim and Dave.

All because He has Risen, Alleluia.

We are reminded that the heart of Easter is that God's promise to his people has been kept. In Jesus rising from the dead, God has shown his love for us is stronger even than death. That is what we in joy and peace, fear and trembling, hold in our hands and hearts. Because of Jesus' action of rising from the dead everything in our lives must change. We can no longer wonder if God has forgotten us or abandoned us. No longer can we look in the faces of our sisters and brothers and not find the face of Jesus. Every time we encounter gentleness, peace, generosity and self-sacrifice we know that it is because He first loved us. What we must do is simply embrace that kingdom which is taking shape in our very midst. It simple but not easy. Remember his love will not fail us. We need to greet each day with resolve to live a resurrected life. As we continue in this Easter season, keep in mind the peace and joy that comes to us through the Resurrection.

Just a few things you should be aware of:

Next Sunday we celebrate First Communion. Make every effort to come, as we want these 23 children to feel our joy and support for them.

Starting the next day, I am going on retreat. As you know this process of RMC has affected me ministerially and physically. I am going to take 11 days to walk it off and hope to replenish some energy. The next few months are going to be difficult for all of us as we close Holy Family and merge with Notre Dame. I ask for your prayers more than ever before.

June 23rd, we are planning a Holy Family day. Sunday morning mass followed by a breakfast in Damen Hall. So mark your calendars.

Many have been asking about their personal information, such as emails addresses, envelopes, addresses telephone numbers, and give central information, not wanting it shared with the merged parish. Respecting your right to privacy—if you do not wish to have your information shared with the merged parish, either fill out the form in the bulletin or email Marina at marina@holyfamilychicago.org On June 30, 2019 your information will be taken off and will not be sent to the merged parish.

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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:

April 28 at 9:45 am

Presider....Rev. Michael Gabriel
Candle Bearers....Kellee Athens, Theresa Hawk
Lector..... Raquel Flores
Eucharistic Ministers.....Taylor Yemm, Maria Massey, Steve Yemm, Sr. Emelyn Malecki, Bob Johnson, Jim Bruton
Greeter.....Christine Pugh

April 28 at 5 pm

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

May 5 at 9:45 am

Presider....Rev. Michael Gabriel
Candle Bearers.....Jane Justic and Angie Delgado
Eucharistic Ministers...Debbie Gausselin, Dawn O'Holleran, Bob Johnson, Sr. Pat Cummings, Pervis Balthazar
Lector.....Erin Shields
Greeter.....Christine Pugh

May 5 at 5 pm

Presider.....Rev. Michael Gabriel
Lector.....

May Ushers:

West Side.....John Blyth
Center West...Mike McIntyre
Center East...Joyce Addo
East Side.....Paul Canino

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, Fannie Canino, Sr. Mary Therese Freymann, BVM
The Gibson Family, Spencer Hooper, Sawyer Hunter, Madelynn Jacobs, Leteece Lee, Neil Radocha,, Sam Tripp



Michael Crosse
The Reidy Family

Easter Flower Memorials

John King



Observances for the week of April 28, 2019
Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter
Monday: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
Tuesday: St. Pius V, Pope
Wednesday: St. Joseph the Worker
Thursday: St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church; National Day of Prayer
Friday: Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
Saturday:
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter; Cinco de Mayo

Sunday Collection

Goal: \$3,200.00

April 14 9:45.....\$1311.15
5:00.....\$ 311.00
Give Central.....\$ 595.00
(Difference -\$982.85)
Easter Vigil....\$393.00
Apr 21 9:45.....\$4552.57
5:00.....\$1684.00
Give Central.....\$475.00
(Difference +\$3904.57)

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

Offerings.....\$132,389.41
Budget..... \$134,400.00
Surplus/(Deficit)(-\$2010.59)

*((\$3,200 a week for 42 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.

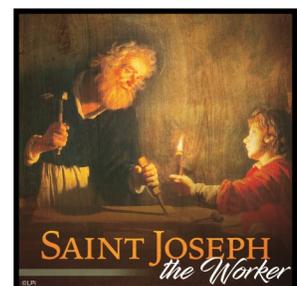
You can also click on the 'Donate' link on our web page. www.holyfamilychicago.org
Thank you for your support.

Calendar



Sunday, May 5, 2019

FirstCommunion—9:45 Mass



“May the God of hope who has raised his Son, fill all hearts with the desire for peace.”

With profound sorrow, we offer our prayers to the Christian community of Sri Lanka, and all those devastated by the horrific acts of violence and killings carried out while Christians offered their own prayers of gratitude on the great feast of hope, Easter Sunday.

In solidarity with the survivors and their loved ones, we grieve the dead and pray for God to heal the wounded, comfort the mourners, and instill ever more deeply in all peoples a commitment to peace, which our creator fervently desires for all his children.

Seeking Totus Tuus Missionaries

The Vocation Office is seeking two college-aged men and women to be missionaries for this Summer’s Totus Tuus program from May 26 – July 27. Missionaries will travel with their group to a different parish in the Archdiocese of Chicago each week to catechize youth and young adults. They will receive a \$2,000 stipend plus meals and lodging for the summer. If you know of any college student that is looking for an opportunity to deepen his or her faith while catechizing Chicago-area youth, please have them contact Shawn Lucas at shlucas@archchicago.org or 312.534.8292 or complete the application at <https://vocations.archchicago.org/events/totus-tuus/chicago->



Prayer for Our Nation

This year, the **National Day of Prayer** for our nation falls on **May 4**. This observance was created by Congress in 1952.

Today, we see that religion in the public arena may have become a backseat participant in our national discussions. Our country was founded by immigrants who fled their home countries for many reasons. However, one of the most important reasons for emigration was for religious freedom. We as people of faith need to keep our faith lives in the forefront of our moral decision making.

Let us pray...

God of freedom and liberty, you have created us a little less than the angels and, in doing so, have given us the ability to make moral choices. Continue to bless our country and give us the wisdom to know your will.

Celebrate Religious Brothers Day on May 1

Wednesday, May 1, 2019, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, is the annual international day in recognition of Religious Brothers throughout the world. Brothers, although much smaller in numbers than religious Sisters, have also made many contributions to the Church even though their efforts are often overlooked because of being mistakenly identified as priests. Brothers have labored quietly and humbly within the Archdiocese of Chicago for many years. Help us celebrate by praying for and thanking our Brothers, and by promoting awareness to this vocational calling. Visit <https://www.vocationscava.org/religious-brothers->

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I do not wish to have my personal information—name, address, phone number, email, etc. given to the newly merged parish of Holy Family and Notre Dame deChicago. As of June 30, 2019, my name will be taken off the parish list and not sent to the merged parish.

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SIGNATURE _____

IF YOU USE GIVE CENTRAL, YOU WILL HAVE TO CLOSE OUT THAT ACCOUNT YOURSELF.

We implore you to grant wisdom to our leaders. We implore you to grant wisdom to individuals who vote. Give patience to us when patience is needed. Give us the knowledge to know when action needs to confront evil. We ask all this in the name of Jesus, our brother and savior.

