Welcome

Holy Family
Catholic Church
and School

United in Christ
Growing in Christ
Serving Christ in one another
Daily Mass………………………………………………7:00 am and 9:00 am
Saturday (Vigil)………………………………………………5:30 pm
Sunday ..................................................8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 5:00 pm*
   *September - May
Reconciliation………………………………………………Saturdays from 4:00 – 5:00 pm
                                        Wednesdays from 6:00—6:45 pm
Holy Days………………………………………………..Refer to bulletin

Pastor…………………………………………………………………..Fr. Timothy J. Cusick
Parochial Vicar………………………………………………………..Fr. Matthew Ibok
Pastoral Associate………………………………………………….Deacon Doug Nullet
Director of Faith Formation……………………………………..Ms. Maria Petrotta
Music Director………………………………………………………Mr. Matthew Daniel
Music Associate……………………………………………………Mr. Jackson Merrill
Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries .........................Mr. Nick Rebbe
Facilities………………………………………………………………Mr. Tim Kennedy & Mr. Brian Kirtley

Finance Council
The Finance Council is an advisory committee organized to provide support and advice to the Pastor in overseeing and maintaining the financial resources of our Parish.

Parish Council
The Holy Family Parish Pastoral Council consults and advises the Pastor concerning all issues relating to pastoral ministry in the parish. It serves as an open forum of discussion for the pastor, representatives of various parish organizations, and other parishioners appointed to the Council.

The following 4 committees support the mission of the Parish Council by encouraging discussion concerning specific issues in the life of the parish; all interested parishioners are invited to participate on any or all of these committees:

- **Evangelization** assists the Pastor and the Pastoral Council in bringing the Gospel to non-practicing Catholics, non-Catholics, and the unchurched.

- **Faith Formation** assists the Pastor and the Pastoral Council in the assessment and implementation of faith formation programs for children, youth, and adults.

- **Prayer and Worship** assists the Pastor and the Pastoral Council in the planning and review of various liturgical functions, and in the liturgical formation of the parish.

- **Social Ministry** assists the Pastor and the Pastoral Council in promoting the mission of the Parish through community-building events and service to those in need.
Refugee Ministry

The Refugee Ministry is a group of Holy Family parishioners who help mainstream newly-arrived families into Jacksonville society. No meetings are required for this ministry. Volunteers are needed to offer a few hours of their time to drive refugees to the airport, doctor appointments, Social Security office, grocery shopping, etc. Donated items to help the families are always accepted. All volunteers for the Refugee Ministry must complete a Protecting God’s Children Training Class and Level II Background Check. Team Coordinator: Pat Nelms, patricianelms@ymail.com or Mr. Dick Berka, 3828berk@bellsouth.net.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

A ministry of prayer, compassion, and love is forming at Holy Family Parish to offer Prayer Shawls to our parishioners in need of comfort or healing! Shawls are made in prayer and with love by parishioners, blessed, and then presented to members of our community. The shawls remind the recipient of the love of God and the caring, support and love of the parish community. Meetings will be held once a month, but attendance is not required to participate in this ministry. If you cannot attend the initial meeting, but would like more information, please contact: Mrs. Dianne Miiller at miiller@comcast.net.

Ministry of Consolation….supporting the bereaved

In keeping with Holy Family’s mission to live the Gospel in service to our parish, we have built on and updated our previous Bereavement Ministry into a Ministry of Consolation (MOC). The purpose of this ministry is to assist our clergy and staff in providing emotional and spiritual support for parishioners who have experienced the death of a loved one. We presently have three volunteers and are in need of more. If you are interested in being part of this important ministry, reaching out to fellow parishioners (in their time of need), please contact the MOC at moc@holyfamilyjax.com. Those who may have a need related to the death of a loved one may use the same email address or call the parish office at 904-641-5838.

The Rosary-Maker Ministry’s mission is to create and teach others to make rosaries which are blessed and distributed as needed. If you are interested in learning or just want to get together for a little while and socialize while making rosaries this is the ministry for you. For more information, e-mail us at rosary@holyfamilyjax.com.

Communications

Parish Bulletin: The parish bulletin is a weekly publication and the primary way to announce important events and activities of the parish. Submissions are due by Monday before the week of publication.

Parish Website: Our parish website, www.holyfamilyjax.com, is another source of information about our parish. Here you can find Mass times; information about Sacraments, Faith formation, and ministries; an Event Calendar; Bulletins; and much more.

Parish App: This app is for iOS and Android devices. It puts parish news and information at your fingertips. It also offers faith-building resources and features, such as daily Mass readings, Confession helps, prayer time reminders, submit prayer requests and much more - all in the palm of your hand.

Importance of Parish Registration

We encourage all who worship regularly at Holy Family to register with us as your church of record. Registration allows us to communicate with you, helps us to serve you, and is required for the celebration of certain Sacraments. Registration forms may be found in the Narthex or the Parish Office, or on-line at www.holyfamilyjax.com.

E-giving

We strongly encourage your participation in Faith Direct's eGiving Program (our electronic offertory program). To get started simply visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code, FL439, or pick up an enrollment form from the Parish Office. A free app for your smart phone or tablet computer is available from the Faith Direct website.

Funerals at Holy Family

The loss of a loved one is a difficult time for family and friends. For assistance in planning a proper Vigil, Funeral, and Committal (Burial), please contact the Parish Office. In addition, our Memorial Reception Committee is available to provide a reception following the funeral.
**Assistance to those in need**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society offers person-to-person service to those in need within the 32256 area. Requests for assistance are submitted by calling the parish office at 904-641-5838, extension 3. Call turnaround is normally within 24 hours. Please emphasize the urgency of the need and give a short explanation of your situation if a more immediate response is required.

**Holy Family Gift Shop**

The Holy Family Gift Shop, located in the Narthex of the Church, welcomes you to stop by after Mass. The Gift Shop offers religious articles and spiritual reading selections at prices below retail. We are your source for Catholic gifts and inspirational reading. Special orders are available upon request. Checks and cash accepted. No credit cards please.

Through Holy Family's video library, the Gift Shop also lends out a variety of quality Catholic movies for our parishioners.

**Church Nursery**

The nursery provides a safe, loving and fun environment for your children, ages toddler to 4. Located in the Parish Hall, our nursery is open during the Sunday 9:30 am Mass. **Nursery service will resume in January, 2016.**

Volunteers who have completed a Protecting God’s Children Training Class and Level II Background Check are always welcome.

Team Coordinator: Gena Schley, genaschley22@gmail.com.

**Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick**

Assist our priests and deacons by distributing Holy Communion to parishioners who are homebound or in the hospital. Call the Parish Office if you have a loved one who is in need of this Sacrament. Team Coordinator: Mrs. Cathy Saraco, saracoc@bellsouth.net.

**Memorial Reception Committee**

Food and fellowship are offered for families immediately following a Funeral Mass. Upon request. Team Coordinator: Mrs. Carol Atkins, cbicka@aol.com.

**Assisted Living Facilities**

Ministers of Holy Communion also assist our priests and deacons in serving the residents of the various retirement facilities within Holy Family Parish. Masses and Communion Services are offered frequently at Regent’s Park, Elmcroft, Sunrise, Camellia at Deerwood, and Brookdale.

**Coffee and Donuts**

Food and fellowship are offered after all Sunday morning Masses (8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am). Volunteers are welcomed and needed to host these gatherings. Team Coordinator: Mr. Tom Lynch, tlynch001@yahoo.com.

**Dinner for 8**

Dinner for Eight is a "social ministry" group which meets several times a year at various parishioners’ homes, allowing us to get better acquainted and enjoy fellowship as we break bread together. Team Coordinator: Mrs. Paula Griesbach, paulagriesbachd48@aol.com.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

Donations for food, money, and services to this ministry are always needed, as are volunteers. All volunteers for the St. Vincent de Paul Society ministry must complete a Protecting God’s Children Training Class and Level II Background Check. Team Coordinator: Mr. Ken Young, knlmyoung@aol.com.
Social and Service Ministries

Men’s Club
The Men’s Club meets the second Monday night of every month from September through May at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. The current membership spans all ages and invites all men of the parish to attend meetings. Annual dues are $40, which entitles you to food and beverages at every meeting. Participation gives you the opportunity and satisfaction of doing the “good works” commanded of Catholic men by our Lord. For more information, contact Mr. Joe Rolince, Men’s Club President, m1313j@yahoo.com.

Women’s Club
The mission of the Holy Family Women’s Club is to aid in the development of the women of the parish by providing the tools they need to grow spiritually, morally, and emotionally. This is done in the spirit of Christ and the awareness of our duties to God and all our sisters and brothers. Meetings are the first Monday night of every month from September through May at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. For more information, contact Mrs. Dawn Wells Genest, Women’s Club President, dawnwellsgenest@comcast.net.

Soup Kitchen Group
Prepares and serves dinner on the second Friday of every month at Mission House Soup Kitchen in Jacksonville Beach, and provides other opportunities to serve the community of Holy Family Parish.

Newcomer Ministry
Telephones new parishioners to personally welcome and answer any questions a new parishioner might have. Organizes, prepares and serves light refreshments at a Meet and Greet for the newly registered parishioners. For more information, contact Mrs. Fran Gullman, fgullman5@gmail.com or Mrs. Cheryl O’Connor, cheryloconnor@bellsouth.net.

Young at Heart
All seniors are welcome—men, women, singles, and couples—to socialize with our church family. We meet every third Sunday of the month at 1:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Refreshments are shared. There are planned programs or presentations at various times throughout the year. For more information, please contact Young at Heart President, Ms. Susie Cattar, heimax1936@yahoo.com.

Church Etiquette
In order to make our Eucharistic celebrations reverent, preserve the sacred character of our liturgies, and make all who gather with us comfortable, these are some gentle reminders of church etiquette:

Conversation: Out of respect for the liturgy and those who wish to engage in private prayer before and after Mass, please maintain a reverent silence in the main body of the church. Conversation should be limited to the Narthex. The Narthex is also the proper place to bring crying children.

Communication Devices: Listening devices are available in the Narthex for those who need them. Kindly remember to silence all cell phones and pagers before entering the church.

Arriving on Time: We ask that you make every effort to be on time for Mass. If for some reason you arrive after Mass has begun, please wait for an usher to seat you at the appropriate time. If you arrive after the Gospel has been proclaimed, please refrain from receiving Communion that day.

Leaving before the Final Blessing: The time after Communion gives us an opportunity to offer thanks for the gift we have received. The Final Blessing is an important part of the Mass. At the dismissal, our commission to go out and spread the good news of Jesus Christ is celebrated. Please remember that the celebrant should be the last person to enter and the first one to leave Mass.

Proper Attire: Please remember to don your Sunday best for church. Dress should be modest and not attract undue attention. This reflects a respect for Jesus, self, and others at Mass.

Please do not bring any food, drink, or chewing gum into the church.
Reception of Holy Communion:

- As you approach the minister, bow your head reverently as a sign of devotion to the Lord’s Presence in the Eucharist.

- You may receive the Host on either the hand or the tongue. Please make it clear to the minister which way you are receiving (e.g., if receiving on the tongue, keep your hands folded).

- If you receive on the hand, hold both hands up, one on top of the other, making a throne to receive your Lord and King. After the minister says, “The Body of Christ,” please respond clearly, “Amen.” Allow the minister to place the Host in your hand. (Please don’t grab it from the minister, receive only using one hand, or do anything else which might cause the Host to drop; it’s a gift – receive it with devotion.) Then use your other hand to place the host in your mouth.

- If you are carrying anything in your hands, please receive on the tongue for the sake of reverence. In addition, if you are holding a small child, it is much safer if you receive on the tongue.

- If you receive on the tongue, say “Amen” first, then extend your tongue out of your mouth. Please do not move until the minister has placed the Host securely on your tongue.

- Please allow the server to place the paten under your hands or your chin as you receive to ensure that no fragments fall to the ground.

- If you receive from the chalice, again bow your head as you approach the minister, say “Amen” clearly, and take the chalice with both hands, being careful not to spill any of the Precious Blood.

- Christ is fully present – Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity – under both species, in the smallest fragment of a Host, and in the smallest drop of the Precious Blood. That is why we take such great care of it, but it is also why it’s acceptable to receive under only one species. We do have low-gluten hosts available; you can request one in the Sacristy before Mass begins.

- If you are not Catholic or if you are unable to receive Communion for any reason, you are still welcome to come forward in the procession. Simply cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing from the minister.

- The Communion hymn allows us to join our voices as a sign of our unity in Christ that we experience through Holy Communion. There will be time for silent prayer after the hymn concludes.

Elizabeth Ministry

The Elizabeth Ministry empowers women to support one another in the spirit of sisterhood as they become mothers. This woman-to-woman support ministry celebrates new life when a child is born or adopted, and shares the pain and sorrow when infertility, miscarriage, failed adoption or infant death occurs.

Team Coordinator: Kim Izzo, kimberly.j.izzo@gmail.com.

CRHP - Christ Renews His Parish

Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP—pronounced “Chirp”) is a spiritual renewal weekend designed to help individuals grow in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ and with others in their faith community.

During the weekend you will listen to presenters speak about the power of Jesus Christ in their lives, and you will have the opportunity to participate in discussions. There will be readings of Scripture, Mass, Reconciliation, and time set aside for prayer and personal reflection. All experiences shared on the weekend are confidential.

Separate Men’s and Women’s CRHP weekends take place in the Spring and Fall.
**Respect Life**

The Respect Life Ministry is an educational, pastoral care, and public policy ministry that seeks to instill respect for human life as a sacred gift from God. Respect Life activities focus on the gift of life from the moment of conception to natural death. The ministry promotes legislation to that effect and works to inspire people to recognize the gift of life in all its stages.

Team Coordinator: Mr. Kevin Gartland, kevin.gartland@navy.mil.

**Bible Studies**

These classes assist adults in their understanding of the Word of God in Scripture. In reading and discussing biblical texts, one gains a greater appreciation of the impact of the Word on our faith life as baptized Christians in today’s world.

Watch the weekly bulletin and website for schedules, or call the Parish Office at 904-641-5838.

**M.O.M.S.  (Ministry of Mothers Sharing)**

M.O.M.S. is a group of grandmothers, stepmothers, empty-nesters, single moms, stay-at-home moms, and working moms who want to develop a greater awareness of their spirituality as mothers and appreciate the ministry of motherhood. M.O.M.S. is designed for women, especially those who hold the role of “Mother”, to take time to focus on themselves and on their own needs.

- Please remain kneeling until the Blessed Sacrament has been returned to the tabernacle.

May our devotion to the Eucharist bear much fruit as this great Sacrament strengthens us to bring Christ’s Presence to a world in desperate need of Him.
Inspired by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Holy Family Catholic School community commits to fostering deepening faith, academic excellence, responsibility for self and concern for others.

Information:
Holy Family Catholic School is located on the campus of Holy Family Parish and enrolls students from pre-Kindergarten (VPK) through 8th Grade.
The curriculum is rigorous, using Common Core Standards.
Maximum class size: 25
National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence 2012

School Advisory Board
The Holy Family School Advisory Board is established by the Pastor and School Principal in conformity with diocesan policy to assist in the governance of the education program in the school.

Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO)
The Parent-Teacher Organization is made up of volunteer parents/guardians who coordinate a number of activities and programs at the school. Together, parents and teachers acquire a profound appreciation of the ideals of Catholic Education. The PTO helps to raise funds for the school to achieve a higher standard of excellence for its students. Meetings are held monthly.

Support Ministries

AA
Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who support each other in order to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. Meets every Monday at 8:00 pm at Deermeadows Baptist Church. For more information, please e-mail: Miles at pyrosr2001@yahoo.com.

Ministry to the Divorced and Separated
If you are experiencing the anguish and confusion that accompanies a marital separation or an impending or recent divorce, and you need guidance and/or compassionate confidential support, we are here for you. The ministry to the divorced and separated is dedicated to providing support, compassion, guidance, and educational opportunities to those who are experiencing the painful disruption of their families. Experienced and dedicated facilitators are available to assist you in dealing with the religious, emotional, financial and parenting issues inherent to separation and divorce. Please join us each Friday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Please call 904-452-8318 for more information.

Home Visitation Ministry (Respite)
If you are a caregiver or know someone who is caring for a loved one at home who could use some time away, consider utilizing the Respite Care Ministry sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society. All volunteers providing this service have undergone training and background checks.
Team Coordinator: Phyllis Schmitz, jandpschmitz@yahoo.com.
Sacristans

Sacristans help “behind-the-scenes” to ensure that vestments, linens, sacred vessels, and other liturgical articles are kept in the most beautiful condition for the celebration of the Mass and other liturgies.

Responsibilities:
Sacristans are scheduled on a rotating basis to prepare the church for worship. Training is required for the proper laundering of altar cloths.

Team Coordinator: Mrs. Alice Kapperman, (904) 733-8245

Martha Committee

If you are able to perform a “Martha” chore with a “Mary” heart, join us to clean the church on Saturdays before the weekend liturgies. We tidy the pews, arrange hymnals and other materials, and vacuum and dust to help make the church spotless.

Responsibilities:
Cleaning for no more than 2 hours on Saturday mornings.

Team Coordinator: Mrs. Bernie Dietzel, BDChurchGirl@aol.com

Church Environment

Church Beautification Committee assists the Pastor in maintaining an atmosphere of beauty in and around our church.

Responsibilities:
The committee plans and implements the decorations and floral designs for the sanctuary throughout the year, and reviews and improves the interior and exterior design of the church (including statuary and other sacred art).

Team Coordinator: Alex Allaire, EC@holyfamilyjax.com

Sacraments

Baptism

For all of us, our journey of faith begins with the Sacrament of Baptism. Baptism forms the basis of the Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other Sacraments.

To present a child for Baptism is a serious obligation and requires a faith commitment on the part of the parents and godparents. This commitment is exemplified by being practicing, active Catholics for at least 6 months at Holy Family Parish. If you have just moved into the parish, a letter from your previous pastor verifying the same is acceptable.

Attendance at a baptismal preparation session is required. Baptism classes are held the second Monday of every other month at 7:00 pm. See the website for the class dates or call the Parish Office to register.

First Holy Communion

Holy Communion, the reception of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist, symbolizes and increases fellowship and union with Jesus and other baptized Christians in the Church.

Reception of First Holy Communion requires preparation through our parish Religious Education program. Please contact the Director of Faith Formation for details.

Confirmation

Confirmation completes the grace of Baptism by a special outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which seal or “confirm” the baptized in union with Christ and equip them for active participation in the worship and apostolic life of the Church.

This Sacrament is typically conferred by the Bishop to eighth-graders, and requires extensive preparation. Please contact the Director of Faith Formation for more information and to register.
Marriage Preparation

The marriage covenant, by which a man and a woman form with each other an intimate communion of life and love, was founded and endowed by the Creator. By its very nature, it is ordered to the good of the couple as well as to the generation and education of children. Christ raised marriage between the baptized to the dignity of a sacrament.

As a life-long commitment between the couple, marriage requires an extended period of preparation. Contact the Parish Office at least 8 months in advance, before setting a date or reserving a venue for your reception. Marriage preparation is required with one of the parish priests or deacons.

Couples must attend an Engaged Encounter Weekend, complete a course in Natural Family Planning, and Prepare and Enrich. Information on these courses will be given to you at the first meeting with the priest or deacon.

Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick unites the sick person to the passion of Christ; gives strength, peace, and courage to endure in a Christian manner the sufferings of illness or old age; may offer the restoration of health, if it is conducive to the salvation of the sick person’s soul; and prepares one for passing over to eternal life.

If you are seriously or chronically ill, or preparing to have major surgery, please arrange to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Either call the Parish Office, or request this sacrament from a priest after any Mass. When a parishioner is hospitalized or homebound, please advise the Pastor, or call the Parish Office at any time, day or night, to arrange visitation. Holy Family offers Anointing of the Sick Masses during the Lenten and Advent Seasons.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation reconciles the penitent with God and the Church; remits the punishment incurred by mortal sins; offers peace of mind, serenity of conscience, and spiritual consolation; and strengthens the penitent in living the Christian life faithfully.

This healing Sacrament is available Saturdays from 4:00-5:00 pm, Wednesdays from 6:00–6:45 pm, First Saturdays immediately following the 9:00 am Mass, upon request, or by appointment. Additional opportunities to celebrate this Sacrament are offered during the Lenten and Advent Seasons.

Prayer Groups and Devotions

The Prayer Network meets in the Chapel Mondays from 7:45 - 8:15 am to pray for all those listed in our bulletin, the souls in Purgatory, and special intentions.

Join the Cenacle of Life Tuesdays at 8:15 am to pray for the protection of the rights and dignity of the unborn, sick and handicapped. We pray two rosaries in the Church, and commit to fasting on that day.

Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the conversion of abortionists, Thursdays from 3:00-3:15 pm in the Chapel.

There is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday from 7:30 - 9:00 am.

Nocturnal Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday after the 9:00 am Mass and continues through the night. On First Saturday, Benediction begins at 8:30 am. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am, followed by confessions.

First Saturday Devotions: Benediction at 8:30 am, followed by the Rosary. Mass is celebrated at 9:00 am. A priest is available to hear Confessions after Mass.

Men in God’s Word is a group of men who meet in the Parish Hall from 6:00-6:45 am every Friday from September to May to reflect on the Sunday readings.

Sunday Scripture Reflection, Tuesday mornings from September through May, at 9:45 am in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.
**Greeters**

Men, women and youth who are the first to interact with parishioners and visitors as they arrive for Mass. First impressions matter.

Responsibilities:
Greeters serve at a weekend Mass of their choice (as well as Holy Days), arriving 20 minutes prior to, and staying 15 minutes after, the celebration of the Liturgy. They greet parishioners and visitors with a warm welcome and, if needed, a helping hand. Families are encouraged to serve together. No training required, just a smiling face and cheerful heart!

Team Coordinator: Mr. John Miklos, jsmiklos@aol.com.

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**Holy Orders (Vocations)**

While all baptized Christians share in the one Priesthood of Jesus Christ, the ordained priesthood confers a sacred power for the service of the faithful. Priests exercise this service through teaching, the celebration of the sacraments, and leadership of the People of God.

If you think God is calling you to be a priest, call the Director of Vocations at 904-262-3200 ext. 101, or e-mail vocations@dosafl.com.

Permanent Deacons are ordained to assist bishops and priests in service to the People of God as ministers of Word, Sacrament, and Charity.

For information about becoming a Permanent Deacon, contact the Parish Office.

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**Ushers**

Men, women and youth are welcome to volunteer their time at Mass to assist in seating, collect the weekly offering, distribute bulletins and tidy up the church after Mass, and assist the priests, deacons and congregants as needed.

Responsibilities:
Ushers serve at a weekend Mass of their choice (as well as Holy Days), arriving 15 minutes prior to, and staying 15 minutes after, the celebration of the Liturgy. They help members of the congregation feel at home as part of the worshiping assembly, and seek to maintain an atmosphere of reverence. Required training is offered on a regular basis.

Team Coordinator: Mr. Tom Atkins, tomjaga1@aol.com.

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**R.C.I.A. (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A) prepares those who wish to become Catholics for Baptism and reception into the Church. It is also a great way for Catholics to learn more about their faith at an adult level.

Are you considering, or have questions about, becoming a Catholic? Do you want to know more about your faith? Are you thinking of inviting a friend or relative to consider becoming a Catholic?

RCIA is for any adult who is not baptized, any adult who was baptized in another Christian faith tradition, or any baptized Catholic who never received their First Communion. RCIA prepares these adults for full communion with the Catholic Church. (If you have received your First Holy Communion but were never confirmed, please contact the Director of Religious Education for information on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation as an adult).

**R.C.I.A. adapted for Children**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is also the norm for the initiation of children of catechetical age (usually age seven and above). The RCIA process is adapted to meet the special needs of children and youth. In the Diocese of Saint Augustine, RCIA for children is a two-year process.
When Jesus said, "Do this in memory of me," He gave us the wonderful gift of the Eucharist. He challenged us to be the living Eucharist: to use our hands, minds and hearts in love and service to others - to share our gifts of time, talent and treasure for the good of the Church and the larger community.

The parish community of Holy Family is dedicated to responding to this call through our many ministries. Please take a moment to read about the various ministries, and prayerfully consider joining those that interest you.

Whether you are new to the parish or a member of long standing, your participation will make a difference in your own faith and relationship to God, and the lives of the people you serve.

Thank you for sharing your time, talent and treasure with our parish family. We need you, and the Lord needs you.

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” 1 Peter 4:10

If you are interested in any one of the following Ministries or Organizations, please call the Parish Office at 904-641-5838, or visit our website at www.holyfamilyjax.com for contact information.

Mission Statement: To provide a faith community comprised of The Blessed Trinity, the Youth, and the Youth Ministers, so that the youth will have the strength and courage to live the Gospel in their lives, making disciples of all nations.

Director of Youth and Young Adults Ministries:
Mr. Nick Rebbe, nrebbe@holyfamilyjax.com

Senior High School Youth Group is a faith- and fun-filled group that mixes spirituality and fellowship to for high school students here at Holy Family. The group meets weekly in the Youth Room for Youth Nights, bi-weekly on Thursday evenings for Bible Reflection, and monthly on Wednesdays for Focus Nights (small groups). Monthly Adoration and service opportunities are also offered. We also enjoy various off-site trips including Catholic Heart, Rock the Universe, Steubenville, and Rebounderz.

Peer Ministry is a special group of High School Youth Leaders. Each year youth are chosen to bring the Gospel to their peers by assisting in the planning and implementation of all Youth Ministry Programs at Holy Family Parish.

Junior High School Youth Group meets bi-weekly in the Youth Room on Sunday afternoons to provide a fun-filled atmosphere of spirituality and fellowship for grades 6-8. The group enjoys activities that help build their community here at Holy Family. Monthly service projects and off-site trips are also offered.

4th and 5th Grade Youth Group provides a fun-filled and faith-filled atmosphere that is unique to Holy Family and the Diocese. This group meets monthly in the Youth Room on Sunday afternoons to provide an opportunity for a deeper understanding of faith and fellowship for an often overlooked age group. The group enjoys various activities, games, and spiritual exercises that enhance their faith and community with one another. Bi-monthly in-house service projects are also offered.

23 Youth Ministry is the youngest and newest Youth Ministry Program at Holy Family Parish. This group offers the opportunity for some of the youngest members of our Parish community to experience the joy of fellowship with one another and dive deeper into their faith. The group gets its name 23 from its special emphasis on the spirituality of Psalm 23.
The Holy Family Choir is the principal liturgical choir of our parish and is open to those in high school and up. This group sings at the 9:30 am Sunday Mass from September-May. In addition, the choir sings for various concerts and special services throughout the year. This choir sings a wide range of music spanning many different centuries and cultures throughout the world. During the choir season, the Holy Family Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm.

Schola Cantorum consists of a smaller group of singers dedicated to Gregorian Chant and Renaissance Polyphony. The Schola Cantorum provides music at selected Sunday Masses, Feast Days, and various other services throughout the year. Although this group specializes in a particular style of music, its primary function is to support the Holy Family Choir and the Choristers. Participation in this group is limited to a small number of singers in each voice part. Those interested in joining the Schola are asked to contact Mr. Daniel for more information.

Choristers: The HF Music Ministry is affiliated with the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM). The RSCM curriculum provides comprehensive music education for young singers. Choristers will learn about the history of the Catholic Church and her teachings regarding Sacred Music. Additionally, the students are taught how to be good worship leaders. Currently, Holy Family offers two children’s choirs. The St. Cecilia Choir is open to students in grades 2-5. The St. Gregory Choir is open to fifth graders with at least 2 years’ experience in the St. Cecilia Choir and students in grades 6-8. The Choristers sing monthly at the 11:30 am Sunday Mass during the school year as well as other services and concerts throughout the year. Rehearsals are on Wednesday afternoons at 5:30 pm.

Youth Ensemble leads music at the 5:00 pm Sunday Mass from September-May. This group is open to all high school students and provides a wide variety of music, ranging from Contemporary Christian songs to traditional hymnody. Rehearsals will be every other Tuesday at 6:30 pm and on Sundays at 3:45 pm.

Resurrection Choir ministers to bereaved families and leads music at Funeral liturgies. This choir is open to all in the parish. There is no standing weekly rehearsal. This choir gathers 45 minutes prior to funerals. Notice is given via e-mail or phone to those who participate.

Instrumentalists: If you play an instrument (brass, woodwind, strings, or percussion), you are invited to participate with the Choirs at Mass on Sundays and major Feast Days.

The Holy Family Religious Education Program is offered to students from pre-K through 8th grade who do not attend Catholic schools. Our dedicated catechists help our young people to grow in faith and come to a deeper awareness of Catholic values and beliefs.

Requirements:
Families must be registered members of Holy Family Catholic Church, and children need to be registered in the Religious Education Program.

A minimum of two years of Religious Education is required by the Diocese of St. Augustine for the reception of all sacraments.

A registration fee is paid when your child is enrolled in the Religious Education Program. For those preparing for the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation, there is an additional materials fee.

Time Commitment:
All pre-K and Kindergarten classes are held on Sunday mornings in the School at 9:30 am. All classes for students in Grades 1 – 8 are held Wednesdays from 6:45 pm - 8:00 pm in the School.

Catechist or Catechist Assistant

Our Catechists (teachers) share the Word of God and our Catholic beliefs with their students. Through their ministry, we pray that all of our children will be brought to a profound love for God, the Church, self, and community.

Description:
Catechists teach regular weekly classes in the fundamental principles of Roman Catholicism from August through May. Course materials and training are provided.

Requirements:
Catechists must be practicing Catholics, be registered parishioners in good standing at Holy Family Catholic Church, and be approved by the Director of Religious Education and Pastor. All volunteers who work with children must complete a Protecting God’s Children Training Class and Level II Background Check. If you are interested, please contact the Director of Faith Formation, Ms. Maria Petrotta, mpetrotta@holyfamilyjax.com.
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Extraordinary Ministers (EMs) represent and serve the unity of the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church, by assisting the priests and deacons in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass and/or to the sick and homebound.

Responsibilities:
EMs fulfill monthly assignments for the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass and special liturgies. Attendance at annual theological and logistical training sessions is required. Additional training is offered to those who bring Holy Communion to the homebound.

Team Coordinator: Linda Graham, em@holyfamilyjax.com.

Lectors

As ministers of the Word, lectors must allow their lives to be deeply rooted in the Scriptures. The lector must also practice the skills of public proclamation. Candidates should be persons who have gifts and skills in public communication and reading.

Responsibilities:
Lectors proclaim the Word of God at Mass and special liturgies as scheduled. Attendance at annual theological and logistical training sessions is required.

Team Coordinator, Mrs. Nina Isla, ninajax@aol.com.

Altar Servers

Altar Servers assist priests, deacons and other ministers in the celebration of the Mass and other liturgies. This ministry provides an opportunity to enter deeply into the mystery of the Eucharist with reverence, dignity and love.

Responsibilities:
Altar Servers must have completed third grade and received First Holy Communion. Altar Servers are scheduled to serve at weekend and Holy Day Masses, school Masses and special liturgies. Servers should arrive at least 15 minutes before their scheduled Mass. Servers must attend regularly-scheduled training sessions.

Team Coordinator: Mrs. Eileen Kosoy, altarservers@holyfamilyjax.com.