



On January 15th, I attended the Digital Church Conference, as a

parishioner representative of Holy Family. I have shared my findings with the Transformation Committee. This eight hour conference was offered for parishes that were interested in increasing their parish awareness through social media. Our first website was designed over 10 years ago and the current design could use some cosmetic updates. Action items that were suggested in improving our social awareness from the Conference were to:

- 1) Identify what our website currently says about our organization. What do we want it to say?
- 2) Who is our audience?: What is the end goal? What do we want to accomplish?
- 3) What 1 to 3 actions can we take right now to improve our website (design or content)?
- 4) What action can we do now to better promote our website?
- 5) What are the key measurements that we want to focus on over the next 3 months?

Other key points were to:

"Tell our Story" via images, parish event videos, with less words

Encourage Social media commenting; use email (email blasts) which we currently do. (Please make sure the parish has your current email address.)

Transforming our website is also an action item of the Parish Transformation process. In the coming weeks Jim Bruton and myself will welcome and begin discussions with parishioners who would like to volunteer their efforts in updating and improving our website.

Please speak to either myself or Jim if you are interested in being involved with this exciting initiative. Thank you for all you do for Holy Family!

Odell Gordon

All are invited to a Lenten reflection gathering

next weekend in the Conference Room of the Parish Center following 9:45 Mass. Marina Parise, an experienced educator and retreat leader, will deliver a dramatic monologue entitled "The Forgotten Child," a creative imagining of another perspective from the beloved Gospel parable "The Prodigal Son." Following the monologue, there will be opportunity for shared reflection on God's boundless mercy and an opportunity for reception of the sacrament of Reconciliation. Please join us in pondering and celebrating God's Mercy through this enriching Lenten gathering.



"God is making His appeal through us." Does a life dedicated to furthering the grace of reconciliation in Christ for others appeal to you? Consider a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life. Call Father Francis Bitterman (312) 534-8298, or write: fbitterman@archchicago.org

2016 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL PLEDGE REPORT
"The Hands of God's Mercy"

The monthly pledge billings for the Archdiocesan Annual Catholic Appeal pledges have been mailed. It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach and, hopefully, exceed our goal.

Once the pledge payments have exceeded our goal, all of the additional funds are returned to our parish for use in our ministries.

PARISH GOAL:	\$9,412.92
AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$6,481.13
AMOUNT PAID:	\$3,605.13
REMAINING BALANCE:	\$2,876.00
**REBATE AMOUNT:	0



Caroline Heldak

Welcome!

Readings for the Week of March 6, 2016

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
 Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-21, 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9-12/Jn 7:40-53
 Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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ONLINE LENTEN RESOURCES

wordonfire.org/resources/browse/season/lent/

americancatholic.org/Features/Seasonal/Default.aspx?id=5

loyolapress.com/lent-activities.htm

JUBILEE OF MERCY

ADMONISH SINNERS

Obviously, with tact and with the best and most effective ways of communicating, we exercise a merciful task when we help people who are on a self-destructive path or are veering sharply away from what God wants of them. *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom.* (Colossians 3:16)



ONE WORD AT A TIME

Liturgy

March 6 at 9:45 am

Presider.....Reverend Michael Gabriel
Lectors.....Dawn O'Holleran
& Erin Shields
Responsorial Psalm.....Marilyn Reidy
Communion Ministers....Dianne Allen,
Sr. Pat Cummings, Jacque Hale, Easter
Booker, Jim Bruton, Dawn O'Holleran
Altar Servers.....Javadia Rylon
& Alaric Rylon
Greeter.....

March 6 at 5pm

Presider.....Reverend Michael Gabriel
Eucharistic Minister.....Christina Gilbert
Lector.....

March 13 at 9:45 am

Presider.....Reverend Chris Kituli
Lectors.....Odell Gordon
& Debra Blake
Altar Servers.....Xavier Rios
& Daveion Hightie
Greeter.....

March 13 at 5pm

Presider.....Reverend John Noga
Eucharistic Minister.....Christina Gilbert
Lector.....

March Ushers

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

Sunday Collection

Goal: \$3,300.00

Feb 14	- 9:45.....	\$1,390.39
	- 5:00.....	\$615.76
Give Central.....		\$691.00
	Difference	-\$602.85
Feb 28	- 9:45.....	\$2,001.00
	- 5:00.....	\$296.00
Give Central.....		\$491.00
	Difference	-\$512.00

Contributions can also be made at
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 at
www.holyfamilychicago.org
Thank you for your support.

Please Remember in your Prayers:

Jesse Aceves, Kay Ansani, Joseph
Assenato, Tracy Beyers, Sandra Smith
Bell, Della Buckner, MaryAnn Burke,
Wilfred Cashman, Brian Chorta, Mary
Cleveland, Ruth Crockett, Mike Crosse,
Michelle DeBlasis, Rene DeLeon, Cort
Esenher, Donna Felman, Betty Ferguson,
Gerald Fitzgerald, Jesse Hernandez,
Lillie Gandy, Matthew Greenfield,
Andreas Kavouris, John King, Alicia
Kramer, Lettece Lee, Rose Lemke, Jim
McNally, Philip Mendoza, Nicole Meyer,
Phillip Miller, Martha Morales, John
Nowicki, Suzan Ochocinski, Christopher
Olkiewicz, Fran Panteleo-Gray, Dr. Sam
Parker, Jamie Roberson, Monica Roberts,
Walter Sierdaski, Christine Stacker,
Denise Summers, Lupe Torres, Irma
Quintanilla, Michael Vukovich, and
Chadwick Walter & Family

Mass Intentions

Evelyn Bogus

PRAYER LIST - If you would like to
have your name removed from the
prayer list, please call Sharon in the
office.

The Gospel today is the story of the
prodigal son, which is really all of our
stories, because we have all fallen
short of the mark at times. God always
waits for us with open, loving arms.
Sign up today to attend one of the
upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Weekends on April 8-10, 2016 or
June 10-12, 2016 or August 12-14,
2016, all at Elk Grove Village, IL.
Early registration is highly
recommended. For reservations/
information, call Jim & Kris at 630-
577-0778 or contact us through
<http://wwme-chicagoland.org>

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Tues, 3/15 bulletin is due for 3/20
Mon, 3/21 bulletin is due for 3/27
Please submit any articles before noon
on the day before.

"Velvet Muff" book sale complete

Thank you to all who generously
participated in the sale of the short
story, "The Velvet Muff," written by
parishioner Mary Breslin, to benefit
victims of domestic violence.

All proceeds will be used to purchase
and install an outdoor play set for
children who live with their mothers at
House of the Good Shepherd, a
Chicago facility that assists families
who are victims of domestic violence.

Totus Tuus 2016 Summer Program Missionaries Needed!

Applications Today!

Applicants:

- College Student
- Practicing Catholic
- Public speaking & organizational skills

Benefits

- \$2,000 Stipend
- Food & Housing Included
- Opportunity to impact the youth

APPLY: www.totustuuschicago.com

Calendar

March 13 - Lenten Reflection after
the 9:45 in the parish
center conference room

March 20 - Palm Sunday 9:45 am
and 5 pm mass with
distribution of palms

March 24 - Holy Thursday 7 pm mass
The church will remain
open until midnight

March 25 - Good Friday 1-2:30 pm
confessions, 3 pm Stations
of the Cross, 7 pm Liturgy
of the Lord's Passion

March 26 - Easter egg hunt 11am - 2pm
Damen Hall - Ages 8 & under

March 26 - Holy Saturday 2 pm
Blessing of food baskets,
7pm mass, Vigil of Our
Lord's Resurrection

March 27 - Easter Sunday 9:45 am
and 5 pm mass,
Celebration of Our Lord's
Resurrection

April 16 - Four Winds Casino trip
Details to follow