

# Holy Family

1080 W. Roosevelt  
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# Parish

We are still celebrating the Year of Mercy through this November. Pope Francis has called all of us to be especially mindful of the gift and practice of mercy throughout this jubilee year of the Church. This past week, I celebrated a funeral liturgy, and in conversation with the family of the deceased, the question came up, “Are we still in the Year of Mercy?”



Do You Pray for Mercy? In answering this question for myself, my immediate response is “Yes.” But I have to admit that since then I have been more aware of praying for mercy. Probably the most frequent prayer for mercy is in the Mass. There is, of course, in the Penitential Act at the beginning of Mass an explicit plea for mercy, the ‘Kyrie, ‘Lord have mercy.’ There is also a prayer to Christ for mercy in the Gloria: ‘You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.’ And in the Communion Rite, we pray the Lamb of God, once more explicitly asking that Christ have mercy on us. The first thing that comes to mind in connection with mercy is probably forgiveness of sin. Only because of his mercy does God forgive. Frequently in the Scriptures, mercy is granted to evildoers, and in the Mass itself, it is directly connected to seeking forgiveness in the face of our own unworthiness. But when I think of mercy, I think of a quality of God that goes far beyond just the forgiveness of sin. In the Scriptures, mercy is often spoken of in connection with the covenant, because ‘his mercy endures forever.’ Oftentimes in the Old Testament, like the first reading, mercy is invoked in sparing someone’s life. And it is often connected with grace, since “grace and mercy are with his elect.” It can also be the source of a favor that is granted, as in when Elizabeth conceived a child in her old age. I suppose if I had to speak of mercy in just a few words, it would be “loving kindness.” But the central quality of God’s mercy that stands out for me, and for which I am eternally grateful, is that His mercy is undeserved. It cannot be earned, we cannot deserve mercy, and it is never something to which we are entitled. Mercy is an expression of God’s Love. Only in mercy is their faith and hope and love and life.

Our Parish Picnic is Sunday, August 28th, beginning with an outdoor Mass at 11AM. Hope to see you there!

*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.



## The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Sessions beginning in late September

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process where you can experience the Catholic faith community. It is an opportunity for questions to be answered and for learning about the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church.

Are you:

\*A person who has not been baptized and would like to learn more about the Catholic faith, with the possibility of becoming Catholic?

\*A Baptized Christian of another denomination who would like to learn about and possibly join the Catholic tradition?

\*A Baptized Roman Catholic who has not received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation and would like to become a full participant in the life of the Church?

The Christian Initiation process offers a comfortable and welcoming environment of support and guidance as you seek to discover how God is working in your life. If you or an adult you know is interested in the RCIA process or have questions, please speak to Fr. Mike or Jim Bruton or feel free to contact Jim at the Parish Office (312-492-8442) or at [jjim@holyfamilychicago.org](mailto:jjim@holyfamilychicago.org). Sessions will be scheduled at the convenience of those wishing to participate, so if interested, please contact us and let us know your scheduling needs.



Alessia Nancy Sage  
&  
Thomas George West

Welcome!

Back in May, Jay Borchert, who many of you know from his time at Holy Family, came to share briefly with us his journey and his gratitude to Holy Family for opening its Doors Wide, when the support was most needed in his life. To show his gratitude he will be giving \$1,000 per year (for the next 10 years), \$500 a semester to help with the cost of books for a parishioner in college.

If you wish to apply for a chance to receive this book scholarship, please submit the following to the parish office:

1. Your name and contact information
2. Where you are enrolled in school
3. Your High School GPA
4. What your major is, if decided
5. An essay explaining how Holy Family has helped to prepare you for college and how your Catholic identity will help you to be successful at school. (maximum of two pages)
6. Documentation that you have financial need.

Please submit the application to the parish office no later than August 21st so we can award the scholarship by September 1st.

Many of you have asked about **Julia Haynes**. You missed seeing her at the 9:45 mass every Sunday. Her son told us that she is now living at Brentwood Nursing Home, and would love to receive your cards and well wishes. BRENTWOOD SUB-ACUTE HEALTHCARE CENTER 5400 W. 87TH STREET BURBANK, ILL 60459 ROOM 204 BED 1 708.423.1200



Congratulations!

Cassidy Pazyniak & Kory Buzin  
&  
Cari Janssen & Greg Shuff

## Readings for the Week of July 31, 2016

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40  
Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-14/Mt 17:22-27  
Tuesday: Ez 2:8--3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-9/Jn 12:24-26  
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21--19:1  
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-6/Mt 19:3-12  
Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-15, 18-19/Mt 19:13-15  
Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2-4, 18/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Observances for the Week of August 7, 2016

Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: Dominic, Priest  
Tuesday: Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr  
Wednesday: Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr  
Thursday: Clare, Virgin  
Friday: Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious  
Saturday: Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs  
Next Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## JUBILEE OF MERCY

### CLAIM

When we stand before God, we can make no claims on him. The only thing that we can claim is our need of his mercy. And if we make that claim with deep sincerity of heart, God will hear us. God will grant us the mercy that we need. *"But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified."* (Luke 18:13-14)



ONE WORD  
AT A TIME

**Liturgy - Aug 7 at 9:45 am**

Presider.....Reverend Michael Gabriel  
Cross Bearer.....Virginia Clayton  
Candle Bearers.....Maria Vega  
& Kellee Athens  
Banner Carrier.....Deborah Gausselin  
Lectors.....Regina Baiocchi  
Responsorial Psalm....Dawn O'Holleran  
Communion Ministers.....Sister Sheila  
O'Brien, Pervis Balthazar, Betty Ferguson,  
Bob Johnson, Vernon Lam, Pearl Luss  
Altar Servers.....Xavier Rios  
& Daveion Hightie  
Greeters.....Minnie Lee Moore  
& Theresa Walsh

**Aug 7 at 5pm**

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

**Aug 14 at 9:45 am**

Presider.....Reverend Michael Gabriel  
Lectors.....Raquel Flores  
& Sabrina Cajandig  
Altar Servers.....Xavier Rios  
& Daveion Hightie  
Greeters.....Minnie Lee Moore  
& Theresa Walsh

**Aug 14 at 5pm**

Presider.....Reverend Michael Gabriel  
Eucharistic Minister.....  
Lector.....Erin Shields

**August Ushers**

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



**The Women's Center**

Looking to join a team of fellow pro-lifers to help save moms and babies from abortion? The Women's Center pregnancy help centers would love to have YOU join our welcoming team anytime Monday-Friday 9am-5pm (mostly at our 5116 N. Cicero Ave. office). 1) We are looking for a new volunteer on Saturdays to assist our counselors at our Des Plaines office. 2) We are always looking for bi-lingual volunteers who are

*Please Remember in your Prayers:*

Brenetta Barrett, Sandra Smith Bell, Mary Cleveland, Eileen Crowley, Alicia Kramer, Lettece Lee, Octavia Miller, Phillip Miller, Sam Parker, Carol Penz, Lorraine Schuler, Jim Sweeney, and Theresa Walsh

*Mass Intentions*

Angela Balthazar

Pat Somers Cronin

The Women's Center (Continued)

conversational in Spanish to help in special areas, particularly Tuesday or Wednesday mornings. 3) We are looking for warm self-starter volunteers with open availability to learn greeting and reception roles. 4) We have a weekday opportunity to clean, tag, and box bottles for our Spare Change Campaigns. This project is perfect for two friends or up to 6 people to help on, and is ideal for student service hours. For more info on these volunteer roles, contact Paige at 773.794.8807 or pscarlett@womens-center.org.

Looking for fun? Up for a challenge? Join our "Pro-Life Challenge: Walk, Wiffle, Bike" on Sunday, September 11th at Caldwell Woods in Chicago and St. Alexander in Palos Heights. New this year-- an actual Wiffle Ball competition professionally run by our friends at Texas Wiffle Ball League! All are encouraged to participate regardless of age or expertise. Details are available on The Women's Center's NEW website---www.GoTWC.org.

We need 2 walkers, 4 toddler beds, 4 strollers, 3 double strollers, 3 bassinets and 6 infant car seat/carriers. It will be a great help if you can deliver these to us. For our address, or if a pick-up by a volunteer is needed, please call 773-794-1313. The families who receive these things are grateful for your generosity.

**Sunday Collection**

Goal: \$3,500.00	
July 24	- 9:45.....\$1,014.33
	- 5:00.....\$536.00
Give Central.....	\$390.00
Difference	-\$1,559.94
July 31	- 9:45.....\$1,388.45
	- 5:00.....\$1,260.50
Give Central.....	\$430.00
Difference	-\$421.05

**FISCAL YEAR TO DATE**

Offerings	\$12,114.65
*Budget	<u>\$17,500.00</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$5,385.35)

\*((\$3,500 a week for 5 weeks.)

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 click on the 'Donate' link on our web page at [www.holyfamilychicago.org](http://www.holyfamilychicago.org) Thank you for your support.

**Like last year, there will be only one mass on August 28, the day of our picnic. Our mass will be at 11am. There will NOT be a 5pm mass that day.**

**Calendar**

- Aug 28** - Parish Picnic
- Sept 18** - Religious Ed parent orientation meeting after 9:45 mass
- Sept 25** - First day of Religious Ed Class 11 am
- Nov 13** - First Reconciliation after 9:45 mass
- May 7** - First Holy Communion 9:45 mass

**July 16, 2017 - Save the date**  
160th Anniversary celebration of Holy Family and the Jesuits in Chicago - more information to follow