

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. 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.



Helen Madaus & Christopher Medina
Brandi Tucker & Brian Walsh
Lauren Tesmond & Daniel Lonergan
Congratulations on your marriage!



Happy 25th Wedding Anniversary!
Matthew & Maureen Rossi

A Note from Jim Bruton

This coming September 4th will be five years to the day since my first Sunday on staff at Holy Family. I consider myself richly blessed to have been led to this beautiful community of faith, and am profoundly grateful for the friendships I've found, which I hope will continue for many years to come. Holy Family is truly close to my heart.

I'm thrilled to share with you about a new opportunity which God has recently presented to me. After prayerful consideration, I have accepted a position in the Department of University Mission and Ministry at Saint Xavier University, where I earned my Bachelor's degree. I'll be serving as Coordinator of Mission Programming and Mercy Charism. This position will be an exciting new challenge for me and represents the fulfillment of a long held dream: to work in college ministry in a place which, like Holy Family, is near and dear to my heart.

I am deeply grateful to Fr. Mike for supporting my decision to pursue this new opportunity and for being willing to work with me so that I can continue to minister at Holy Family in a more limited capacity, given the responsibilities of my new position.

Going forward, I will continue to coordinate our parish Religious Education Program, as I have done for the past five years. I will continue to be involved in assisting the Transformation Implementation Committee in their work of moving forward on our long term goals for parish life. Effective immediately, I will be stepping back from many of my responsibilities pertaining to Pastoral Ministry. The staff will be meeting this coming week to plan for a smooth transition of many of the responsibilities I have held.

With rare exceptions, I intend to continue to be here at Holy Family every Sunday to share in worship and community with all of you. Thank you for the support I know I will receive at this time of transition and new opportunity and for the support I have always received as a member of this wonderful community.

Readings for the Week of Aug 14, 2016

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2-4, 18/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
Monday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10-12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35-36/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-9/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7a/Ps 85:9-14/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1-2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

Observances for the Week of August 14, 2016

Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday: Stephen of Hungary
Wednesday:
Thursday:
Friday: John Eudes, Priest
Saturday: Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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JUBILEE OF MERCY RESOLVE

Once the mercy of God really and truly takes hold in our lives, we know clearly what we must do. We resolve to live now in light of that mercy. We cannot carry on as before, when we did not fully know or grasp the dimensions of God's mercy. *"Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much."* (Luke 19:8)



ONE WORD
AT A TIME

Liturgy - Aug 14 at 9:45 am

Presider.....Reverend Michael Gabriel
Cross Bearer.....Virginia Clayton
Candle Bearers.....Maria Vega
& Kellee Athens
Banner Carrier.....Deborah Gaussein
Lectors.....Raquel Flores
& Sabrina Cajandig
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 14 at 5pm

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

Aug 21 at 9:45 am

Presider.....Reverend Michael Gabriel
Lectors.....Dawn O'Holleran
& Erin Shields
Altar Servers.....Amanda Wilson
& Alexandria Wilson
Greeters.....Minnie Lee Moore
& Theresa Walsh

Aug 21 at 5pm

Presider.....Reverend Michael Gabriel
Eucharistic Minister.....
Lector.....Jim Bruton

August Ushers

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

The Monastery of the Holy Cross is offering both an End of Life Seminar and an Open House to view caskets and urns from Abbey Caskets on Saturday, August 20, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon at the Monastery of the Holy Cross, 3111 S. Aberdeen St., Chicago, IL 60608.

Topics include the Catholic Church's teaching on the dignity of the human person and the role of suffering, advance medical directives, power of attorney, funeral planning, pre-need and at-need casket purchases, cremation and Catholic burial. The seminar is sponsored by the Monastery and Abbey Caskets, St. Meinrad Archabbey. Information will be available from Abbey Caskets, the Monastery of the Holy Cross, Catholic Cemeteries, the federal government and the State of Illinois.

For additional information, contact Fr. Edward at Edward@chicagomonk.org or 773.927.7424 ext.206.

Please Remember in your Prayers:

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

 **Mass Intentions**

Francis Thomas Circo

Sts. Anthony & Jude Special Intentions

Religious Education

The Summer months have been flying by, and preparations are underway for the start of the 2016-17 year of Religious Education classes at Holy Family. Classes will begin on Sunday, September 25th, and a Parent Meeting is scheduled for the previous Sunday, September 18th. All of the young people of the parish are invited and encouraged to participate in Religious Education classes.

2nd Grade is considered the typical age to begin preparation for Reconciliation/First Communion, and 7th grade is the youngest age at which preparation for Confirmation can begin. Parents/guardians of children at an appropriate age for the preparation of one of these sacraments are especially encouraged to pick up a registration form from the Parish Office today and return it at your earliest convenience. Please contact Jim Bruton at jim@holyfamilychicago.org with any questions regarding Religious Education classes.



Sunday Collection

Goal: \$3,500.00

July 31	- 9:45.....	\$1,388.45
	- 5:00.....	\$1,260.50
Give Central.....		\$430.00
Difference		-\$421.05
August 7	- 9:45.....	\$1,452.38
	- 5:00.....	\$594.03
Give Central.....		\$1,045.00
Difference		-\$408.59

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

Offerings	\$15,206.06
*Budget	<u>\$21,000.00</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$5,793.94)

*((\$3,500 a week for 6 weeks.)

Contributions can also be made at 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 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 21** - Mission Sunday
- 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