You have but one Father in Heaven.

— Matthew 23:9
Welcome to Holy Family

Holy Family Catholic community invites all to new life in Christ. Are you new to Holy Family? Are you considering becoming a registered parishioner? We welcome you to become engaged in carrying out our mission. New members are registered on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month (excluding holidays) immediately following the 9:00 A.M. Mass. Welcome Ministers will be available at the Welcome Desk to walk you through the short registration process. Saint Paul says, “We are the Body of Christ.” We look forward to experiencing that reality with you. Fr. Terry Keehan, Pastor

Schedule

Masses

**Weekdays:**
- Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m.
- Monday & Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.
- First Friday of the month: 9:00 a.m. (with Anointing of the Sick)
- First Saturday of the month: 9:00 a.m.

**Saturday:**
- 7:30 a.m.; 9:00 a.m. (interpreted for the hearing impaired); 11:00 a.m.; 4:00 p.m.

**Sunday:**
- 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**Kid Church** - 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 10:15 in the chapel.

**Holy Days**
- 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**Assisted Listening Devices available in the Liturgical Life Office for use at Masses.**

Eucharistic Adoration

Everyday: 6:00 a.m. to Midnight

Reconciliation (Available upon request)
- Communal Reconciliation with individual absolution First Saturday of the month at 4:00 p.m. in chapel
- Individual Reconciliation (in Reconciliation Room) Other Saturdays from 4:00 p.m.-4:45 p.m.

Nursery Available

Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Anointing of the Sick

Please know that recent hospital privacy laws have significantly limited our knowledge of parishioners who are hospitalized. If you have a loved one who is ill, please contact our Liturgical Life office to request the Anointing of the Sick. The ideal time for anointing is when family is present and not necessarily in the final hours of life. Monthly Anointing of the Sick takes place on the First Friday of the month at 9:00 a.m. Mass.
Every year at this time the Archdiocese of Chicago honors parishioners who give of themselves and their talents to serve in parish ministries across entire Archdiocese. These honors come in the reception of the Christifidelis Award, which takes place at Holy Name Cathedral in a ceremony led by Cardinal Cupich. He, along with the six Auxiliary Bishops, congratulate all awardees. This past Sunday I was honored to accompany Holy Family’s recipient, Kristen Berryhill, her husband David, her son Andrew and daughter Lauren as she received the 2017 Christifidelis Award. Kristin and her family have served primarily in our Music and Worship Ministering Community. She not only sings, but she helps to coordinate much of our worship music and assists brides and grooms on the selection of, and often the singing of, their wedding music. Kristin adds her warm smile and generous spirit to just about everything musical here at Holy Family and exudes a sense of prayerfulness to every liturgy she sings in. David serves as a Eucharistic Minister. Andrew serves in the loft and Lauren often sings with her mother.

In addition, at the same ceremony there are a group ministers who are given the Bishop Quarter award. Where Christifidelis honors parishioners in each parish, only one person in each of the six vicariates receives the Bishop Quarter award. Marta Robak from our staff was one of them. Marta ministers in our Family Faith Ministering Community, but through both Holy Family and her parish, St. Ferdinand on the north side of Chicago, she has used her many talents and boundless energy to serve the poor. She has traveled to Jamaica each of the past nine years with containers of supplies for the most needy. She has also directed outreach programs here in Chicago to benefit the 120 students attending Divine Mercy School in Kenya. All totaled, Marta has organized and participated in 28 mission trips to foreign countries in the past 11 years and is the leader of Chicago Missionaries for the Poor Support Team. We congratulate her, her husband Mariuszcz, and her children Alex and Emelia. Join me in thanking both Kristen and Marta, who are strong examples of the tradition that they represent, but he strongly encourages his disciples NOT to follow their example. The final line of the passage helps distinguish between personal humility and personal exaltation. But this statement builds on the previous line that connects greatness and service. As a good friend of mine often says about life, “Just work as hard as you can and the rest will take care of itself.” Obviously, we can all work as hard as we can and in the process ignore our family or loved ones, and thus live a life that is out of balance. The gospel message encourages us to serve and be humble and not even worry about titles such as ‘Great’ or ‘Exalted.’ In other words, let’s do what we can to serve humbly and let the rest take care of itself. The rest, I believe, is in God’s hands.

Mass EVERY Wednesday at 7 pm. We will continue to offer Form B (a Reconciliation Service similar to what we offer in Advent and Lent, which includes a scripture reading, brief homily, group Examination of Conscience and praying the Act of Contrition, and then individual confession and absolution) on the first Saturday of each month in the chapel at 4 pm. THIS FORM IS FULLY APPROVED BY THE CHURCH AND IS THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION. In addition, the Sacrament is always offered by appointment and as a group service during the seasons of Advent and Lent. In addition, other local parishes offer the sacrament at various times on Saturdays, but no other parish will offer it at 6 pm on Wednesdays. Please note that our current Reconciliation schedule will remain in effect until January 1. After that THERE WILL BE NO SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION OFFERED ON THE SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH AND FIFTH SATURDAYS OF EACH MONTH AT 4 PM.

It is not too early to mark your calendars for our 2018 Gala on Saturday, February 24 at Concorde Banquets in Kildeer. This year’s theme is “La Grande Ball de Versailles.” The evening will spark images of 18th century France and will feature spectacular entertainment, great food and drink, dancing, exciting live and silent auction items, a cash class or Paris raffle, plus a live auction. All of these express the vibrant spirit of Holy Family and proceeds benefit all aspects of the mission of our Academy and parish. Please consider supporting the Gala in many ways, including attending, donating an item to the auction, becoming a sponsor, becoming a table captain to fill out a table of 10, and collaborate with friends to pool your resources to bid on one of the spectacular live auction items. If you are curious as to what to wear and for more information, go to our Gala website at www.holyfamilygala.org.

Our Gospel passage according to Matthew this weekend tells of Jesus’ direct criticism of the behavior of the religious authorities of his time. He respects the tradition that they represent, but he strongly encourages his disciples NOT to follow their example. The final line of the passage helps distinguish between personal humility and personal exaltation. But this statement builds on the previous line that connects greatness and service. As a good friend of mine often says about life, “Just work as hard as you can and the rest will take care of itself.” Obviously, we can all work as hard as we can and in the process ignore our family or loved ones, and thus live a life that is out of balance. The gospel message encourages us to serve and be humble and not even worry about titles such as ‘Great’ or ‘Exalted.’ In other words, let’s do what we can to serve humbly and let the rest take care of itself. The rest, I believe, is in God’s hands.
The Liturgical Life

creates a vibrant prayer and worship experience so that all may participate in a fully conscious and active way in the liturgy. This includes different forms of prayer and worship experiences, for all attending Holy Family, whether on campus, the homebound, nursing, rehab facilities and hospitals.

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PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Watch our weekly LBSCC reflection @ https://www.youtube.com/user/HFInverness/videos. Click on reflections for Sunday Readings 11-12-17 and listen to Dr. Peg Hanrahan, Director of Family & Teen Faith, reflect on the readings.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. Our first reading tells us: “Wisdom is found by those who seek her.” What wisdom have you sought and found? How have you used your newfound wisdom?
2. Paul reassures us that death is not the end. How are we encouraging one another with these words?
3. Paul seems to imply that the second coming of Jesus would occur in his lifetime. Two thousand years later, do we now think it’s imminent?
4. In the Gospel, what does the parable of the bridesmaids teach us about the importance of preparation?
5. What does the Gospel’s parable tell us about Judgement Day?

Save the Date!!!!

Eucharistic Ministers Training for New ministers & Current EM’s to be re-mandated

November 27 and 28 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Thanksgiving Morning Mass

10:00am

Please bring a candle to Mass with your family name on it.

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Does Cake taste better with icing? Of course!

Are Holy Family’s great liturgies even better by being part of a Small Christian Community? Yes!

Like a cake with icing, enrich and enhance your church experience by joining in the following:

> Discuss the weekly readings in a friendly, informal setting
> Reflect on how the Scriptures truly relate to your daily life and our complex world
> Share God Sightings, and how you’ve experienced His presence and support
> Find practical ways to bring the message of the Scriptures to life
> Connect with others – find the group that’s right for you – expand your faith life …

And hopefully … enjoy some cake and coffee in fellowship with others too!

Contact Holy Family’s LBSCC leaders for more information!

Peter Pappas
pmpbears@comcast.net
815-670-3734

Cari Pappas
pdtcarl@comcast.net
815-382-3851

November’ing:
Remembering Our Loved Ones

We began November with the Feast of All Saints on November 1, followed by the Feast of All Souls on November 2. These two days overlap each other as we remember and celebrate those who live now within the Communion of Saints. Beginning this weekend, and throughout the month of November, photos of those who have passed during the past year are displayed in the worship space. The Book of the Names of the Dead is placed by the Paschal Candle and baptismal font, symbolizing their Baptism into New Life. During this month, you are invited to write the names of your deceased loved ones in the Book, symbolizing our communion of one “Holy Family.”
Monday, November 6
9:00AM  Kathleen Kasner (Holy Family Parish)
7:00PM  Judd Constantino (Mel Dianis)

Tuesday, November 7
9:00AM  Bruce Ventura (Stephanie & Tyler)
9:00AM  Sophie Dziacko (Family)

Wednesday, November 8
9:00AM  Patricia Keehan
         (Stanley & Christine Komperda)
7:00PM  Suzanne Donahue (Holy Family Parish)

Thursday, November 9
9:00AM  Marianne Ochwat (Family)

Friday, November 10
9:00AM  Harry & Elizabeth Pawlowski (Family)
9:00AM  Charles Cermansky (Family)
9:00AM  Neema Thundathil (Family)

Saturday, November 11
5:00PM  Thomas Postema II (Family)
5:00PM  Emmett & Nancy Fleming
        (Vera Hart & Cindy Muse)
5:00PM  Gene Byrne (O’Brien Family)

Sunday, November 12
7:30AM  Ned Russells (Donna & Frank LaBanca)
7:30AM  John Wober (Bob & Adele Muncey)
7:30AM  Frances Swintek (Crowley Family)
9:00AM  Kathy Mauer (Jean Mauer)
9:00AM  Girolamo Toniolo (Manfredini Family)
9:00AM  Peter & Lee Sesko (Sesko Family)
11:00AM  Stefania Niedospial (Wally)
11:00AM  Joseph DePaolis
         (Jack & Cathy Drollinger)
11:00AM  Elizabeth Kenny (Cindy & Randy)
4:00PM  Pietrina Rabbeni (Daughter)

Mass intentions are available
by contacting the Parish Office

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them...

★ Marie Aylward
★ Randal Butchness
★ Lorraine Poczatek

“I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.: John 11: 25

In a Special Way We Remember Those Who Are Ill...

Bonnie Marturano  Russell Schlote
Salvatore Pizzuto  Lauren Scienski
Sarah          Neema Thundathil

Wedding Banns

Aneta Piorek & Thomas Mruz - III

We Pray for Family Members in Service of Our Country

Lt. Colonel David J. Benjamin III - US Army
Capt. Sean P. Benjamin - US Army
Lt. Anne Louise Graft - US Air Force
Ensign Patrick J. Kennelly - US Navy
Major Brian Malloy - US Army
Lt. Colonel Jade Patrick Miller - US Army
Capt. Nick Lewis-Walls - US Army

Weekly Readings

Monday, November 6
Romans 11: 29-36
Luke 14: 12-14

Tuesday, November 7
Romans 12: 5-16b
Luke 14: 15-24

Wednesday, November 8
Romans 13: 8-10
Luke 14: 25-33

Thursday, November 9
Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12
1 Corinthians 3: 9c-11, 16-17
John 2: 13-22

Friday, November 10
Romans 15: 14-21
Luke 16: 1-8

Saturday, November 11
Romans 16: 3-9, 16, 22-27
Luke 16: 9-15

Sunday, November 12
Wisdom 6: 12-16
1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
Matthew 25: 1-13
Parish Support & Services

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The Parish Support & Services Community... oversees the parish business and infrastructure activities to ensure they operate efficiently.

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Holy Family Online Giving
We’re all in this together!

Help us to Strengthen Our Mission - While Simplifying Yours...

You
• Plan your budget in advance
• No Sunday scramble for checks or cash
• Guilt free travel–your donation will always arrive on time
• Convenient and secure
• Efficient: saves time, stabilizes budget, is consistent

Us
• Assists us in planning our budget
• Reduces administrative tasks
• We can count on your donation
• Convenient and secure
• Efficient: saves time, stabilizes budget, is consistent

Join the hundreds of parishioners using Online Giving and sign up today on the parish website, www.holyfamilyparish.org. Click on the upper right hand corner and follow the instructions.

Sign Up Today and you could win a Cross of New Life!

Help us reach our goal of 600 online givers by November 30!
All parishioners enrolled in online giving at the end of November will be entered into a raffle to win one of three Cross of New Life statues!

Have questions? Contact Bernadette Konopka in the parish finance office at 847-907-3438 or email bkonopka@holyfamilyparish.org.

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SUNDAY ATTENDANCE & COLLECTIONS

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Year to Date Sunday Collections: $673,424
Year to Date Budget: $680,000
Year to Date Attendance 2017: 36,253
2016 Year to Date Attendance: 36,994

* Includes online giving
The Adult Faith Community...
supports the mission of lifelong learning by providing educational, spiritual, and formational activities for the parish and the community.

Our RCIA candidates are entering into the Period of the Catechumenate. This is a time of formation, guidance and reflection, leading to enlightened faith and deeper understanding of how faith gives meaning to the story of our lives. Please join us on December 3, 2017 at the 11:00 Mass for the Rite of Acceptance. Our candidates will express and the Church will accept their intention to respond to God’s call and to follow the way of Christ.

Please contact Bonnie Rooney if you would like more information at bonroon@aol.com or 847-977-4715

Annulment Ministry
If you would like to speak to someone who has experienced an annulment or have someone walk the journey with you as you complete the annulment process, we hope you will consider contacting our Annulment Ministry leaders.
For more information, contact Jan at jromanowski@sbcglobal.net or 847-504-6924 or Rosemary at r tspinner@gmail.com or 847-991-7833

Bible Journey – Fall Session
“The Gospels and Jesus of Nazareth”

Presented by Jerry Leitner

Wednesdays, 9:45-11:45
(one hour of small group discussion and one hour of lecture)

Final Class: November 8

Come check out Bible Journey and see what it’s all about!
Winter session will begin in January.
Stay tuned for details.
Adult Faith

Beloved Retreat
Led by Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson and Mike O’Gara
Dates: January 19-21, 2018
Location: University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, IL
Cost: $175

We are happy to announce that the Beloved Retreat led by Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson and Mike O’Gara will be offered again in January and we hope you will consider joining us! If you are in transition in your life, or if you are just looking for renewal to help guide you through the day to day challenges and rewards of daily life, this retreat is for you!

We all know we WERE baptized, but have we explored whether we ARE baptized? Let’s LIVE it together! This retreat is for all adults, male or female, single or married, young or “young at heart,” religious or skeptic, hurt or healing…Come and be refreshed.

Here are just some of the many positive comments from last year’s Beloved Retreatants:

“…I felt I was at an oasis of warmth and light.”

“Very beautiful experience. Full of love, kindness, joy and peace.”

“A comfortable, non-threatening relaxed atmosphere to be able to let your guard down and speak your true feelings. I would do it again in a minute. The support was real, not forced.”

“It was the most spiritual moment/weekend of my life. I will truly never forget it! I would highly recommend it to others.”

“What an expressive, life-giving and loving weekend!”

“It is one thing to know God’s love, but it is an entirely different thing to FEEL God’s love.”

“Joy giving, life filling, prayerful and uplifting!”

Contact Marsha Adamczyk madamczyk@holyfamilyparish.org or 847-907-3458 for registration information.

Registration forms are also available on the narthex counters.
Engaged Couples, mark your calendars!

We will be having a Wedding Orientation to help walk you through the process of getting married at Holy Family. Staff will be available to answer questions and you may pick up your wedding manual at this event. Choose one of the two dates below to attend. If you are not able to attend, you may send a family member or bridal party member to attend for you.

Saturday, January 27, 2018, 3:00 pm-4:30 pm
Thursday, February 8, 2018, 7:00 pm -8:30 pm

To register, contact Eileen Neal at 847-907-3448 or eneal@holyfamilyparish.org

Mark your calendar!

Mass 101
Wednesday, January 24, 2018
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Join Fr. Terry in the church as he walks us through the parts of the Mass and explains why we do what we do!

If you would like a better understanding of our worship experience, this is for you!

No need to register, just come!

Mark your calendar!

Lots of great things are coming in the New Year!
Mark your calendar now for these programs (registration will begin in January):

Parish Mission with Fr. Jim Clarke – February 11, 12, and 13, 2018, 7:00-8:30 pm
(No registration required for the Parish Mission)

Holy Week Retreat led by Fr. Terry Kehan – Saturday, March 3, 2018, 9:00 am-2:00 pm

“Four Commandments of Contentment” presented by Fr. Ed Shea – Thursday, April 26, 2018, 7:00-9:00 pm

“Forgiving Ourselves” presented by Fr. Britto Berchmans – Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 7:00-9:00 pm

The Family & Teen Faith Community offers faith formation and catechesis to preschool through elementary school aged children and high school teens and their families.

FAMILY AND TEEN FAITH – NOVEMBER 2017

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FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATION

**Session #1**

November 11th – 4:45-6:30pm OR December 2nd – 4:45-6:30pm

No RSVP needed. Parent/child Session Meet in the Chapel BEFORE the 5pm Mass.

Contact Isabella McPherrin with any questions: 847-907-3426 or lMcPherrin@holyfamilyparish.org
The Parable Festival was designed to help children and adults understand what a parable is and how it works. Engaging, hands-on, experiences for understanding the Prodigal Son, The Pearl of Great Price, Jonah and the Whale, The Lost Sheep, and the Sower and the Seed were offered. Each child received a take home packet, along with their beautiful creations so they could share what they learned with their family and continue to study the parables at home.

What was the most exciting part of the festival? Many think it was the original parables our 4th-6th graders wrote and illustrated. These will be displayed in this coming week in the hallway leading to the Rectory. Check out the kids’ amazing work and be inspired.

Mary Schiffer & Laura Ferlita for planning and coordinating the festival, to our catechists, parents and Family Faith staff who made sure everything ran smoothly, to our Maintenance staff and to the kids who made all the work worth it.

Parents if you came and helped but did not sign-up ahead of time make sure Laura Ferlita has your name.

See for yourself how the LIVING WORD thrives at Holy Family proclaimed enthusiastically in so many ways with people of all ages responding wholeheartedly to God’s invitation of friendship.
I heard that the Gospel has nothing to do with being ‘nice’. But isn’t being nice the same thing as kindness?

**a:** The truth is, Jesus never said anything to us about being “nice.” To be nice is to be pleasing or agreeable, which can be accomplished without helping others. Scripture instead talks about kindness as one of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. Kindness is not a passive trait but is actively exhibited by doing good. Grandparents are great examples of biblical kindness: they can’t wait to be with their grandchildren so they can spoil them with goodness and then send them on their way. I was told many years ago that a loving grandparent is the closest thing we have on earth to an experience of God’s kindness.

Such unlimited generosity speaks to us of the presence of God, whose very nature is to shower abundant blessings on his children. One of the healthiest things you and your children can do spiritually is to take time to literally count your blessings. Then, as followers of Jesus, we are compelled to do the same for others: to actively and generously spread kindness.

Joe Paprocki is national consultant for faith formation for Loyola Press and author of *A Church on the Move* (Loyola Press, 2016).

**New Table & Light Ministers**

138 Family Faith students (grades 4, 5, & 6) have been trained to serve as Table & Light Ministers at our weekend liturgies. For the next two months these young people will be serving for the first time. Please be patient and encouraging as they grow into this new role. Thank them for their commitment to serve in this very public ministry as you are leaving the Church after attending Mass.

We want to congratulate and thank Rocco Aliotto, Dominic Scipione, Emily & Amanda Pinto, Obinna Ekwenwa, Jacqueline Genet, Sabrina & Anelise Manogura for their service on October 21/22 AND Audrey Gerdzunas, Kyara Alvarado, Audrey Lyons, Jackson Jasper, Justin Gurvitz, Sabrina & Anelise Manogura, Sofia Stern, Edyta Platek and Audrey Lyons for their service on Oct. 28/29. You all did a wonderful job. Any other young people who wish to be trained contact Dr. Peg Hanrahan at phanrahan@holyfamilyparish.org

**HOLY DESPERATION**

**We Are Enough**

To set aside the other person’s wrong and look only at our own doesn’t mean that the other person, or the system, or the world, is 100 percent right, good, and true.

So culturally geared are we toward worldly results—winning, being number one—that many people see the idea of looking only on our part, and leaving aside the other’s wrongdoing, as an abdication of responsibility: a failure to “stand one’s ground.” But to turn the other cheek, or when a man asks for your cloak to give your tunic as well, is not to be a doormat. It’s to freely choose generosity. It’s to say I can afford to let you think I’m a loser because I so firmly know I’m acting from love. On the other hand, when we act from love, we love ourselves, too. “Give till it hurts” is a good idea as far as it goes, but if it veers into self-depletion rather than self-giving, something’s wrong. To be grounded in Christ is also to know that if we are sincerely doing our best, we are doing enough, are giving enough—that we are enough, period.

Excerpt from *Holy Desperation* by Heather King (Loyola Press, 2017)
Teen Faith’s Landmark Faith-based Outdoor Adventure Program

After an amazingly successful first year, our Journey’s program opened with our first ever Adventure challenge, which was a huge success (see the update below). Now we are off to our Fall events - mountain biking and an Environmental Stewardship experience. Teens, being an environmental steward is a great way to earn community service hours for Faith classes or school requirements.

Adventure challenge update

Our October 1st Journeys kick-off event was a big success. We had 23 participants (16 teens) from Holy Family. We also had 18 volunteers help run the event with some doing both! Teams were challenged with obstacles such as the hale bale wall and Don’t Spill the water bucket challenge along with running and canoeing to an island and back. Eldar Shanahan and Grant Ham (see picture) posted a time of 50 minutes, 33 seconds – winning their heat and having the second best team time for the entire day! Being on the cross country team comes in handy! Way to go fellows.

Upcoming Journey’s Events

November 4th mountain biking @ Deer Grove Forest Preserve.
Come join the Journeys team on our mountain biking adventure on Nov 4th from 11A until 230P. Deer Grove is the oldest forest preserve in Cook County and offers the best off road experience in the northern suburbs. Come explore oak and hickory forests by bike. Go to http://www.chicagovoyagers.org/mountain-biking/ for the permission form. All participants must have a signed permission slip to participate.

November 25th Environmental Stewardship 9A-12P
Join us as we do good to help restore God’s creation. We will be cutting Down Buckthorn (an invasive species) and making the biggest bonfire you have ever seen! There might just be hot chocolate and s’mores to roast. You are guaranteed to have fun while working hard. The difference we can make in just three hours will be very noticeable and get you service hours for your work! Go to http://www.chicagovoyagers.org/environmental-stewardship/ for the permission form. All participants must have a signed permission slip.

Be part of this amazing program. Parents if you are interested in helping out with this program we can always use a few more folks. For more information contact mtomal@holyfamilyparish.org or bernie@chicagovoyagers.org. Yes, this will count toward your family’s five hour volunteer contribution to Family & Teen Faith.
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Another FIRST for HFCA!

We are excited to announce that on Tuesday, October 24, HFCA became the first STEM Certified middle school program in Illinois.

HFCA earned this distinction by demonstrating adherence to the AdvancED STEM Standards as reflected by our performance across 11 rigorous STEM Indicators.

The certification process provides an extensive evaluation and continuous improvement process, supported by research-based tools and resources. HFCA achieved high scores across the indicators which certified that students have been equipped and trained to be innovative, creative and systematic problem-solvers across disciplines.

In announcing our certification, the AdvancED review team shared the following:

We congratulate Holy Family Catholic Academy for achieving AdvancED STEM Program Certification. The AdvancED STEM Certification Team was impressed with the school's inquiry-based learning environment which prepares the middle school learners to jump into the STEM program with confidence, curiosity, and enthusiasm! Kudos to HCFA's learners, educators, parents, and partners whose pursuit of excellence has resulted in this distinguished status!
Habitat Appreciates Holy Family Catholic Community

Through the collective generosity of Holy Family and the six other churches of the Spring of Life Partnership, our recent fundraising event was a success. We now have sufficient funding for our upcoming project. We greatly appreciate your support. The new construction project will provide a home for a family of four in Des Plaines. Construction volunteers and lunch volunteers are always welcome.

Learn more at www.springoflifehabitat.org or call Larry Buettner at 847-438-1468.
Human Concerns

THANK YOU, HOLY FAMILY,
for your financial support for the victims of the recent hurricanes. The Archdiocese of Houston/Galveston, Catholic Charities USA and Puerto Rico received your generous support of more than $15,000 combined. The people of Puerto Rico received items that were desperately needed yet unavailable on the island or through rescue relief agencies as they focused on providing food, water, clothing and shelter. Samples of items sent to Puerto Rico are shown below.

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Holy Family’s
One in Love LGBT Ministry
invites you to our next
MINISTRY LISTENING SESSION
Saturday, November 11th 10am-noon

This session will be one of sharing stories and experiences. The general theme will be: Share your story or whatever is on your heart that day, or just come and listen to others as they share their stories. Share your thoughts on what you would like to see the church do to be more welcoming and inclusive of the LGBT community and their families.

One in Love is a friendly and safe place for:

- Parents to share stories and experiences with other parents of gay children
- LGBT community to share stories and insights
- Friends and allies to come together with the common goal of love, acceptance and support.

All are invited to come for safe and respectful conversation. Light refreshments will be served.

If you plan to attend or have questions please contact Chris Evon at: chris.evon@yahoo.com.
(RSVP appreciated, but not necessary!)

Next session: Saturday, December 9th. One In Love Listening Session 10am – noon
3 year anniversary party 12:30-3pm.

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Helpful Resources
Moving Forward after a Mental Health Crisis

NAMI (The National Alliance on Mental Illness) invites you to learn about resources to help you or a loved one move forward after a mental health crisis. Topics to be covered include recovery planning, housing, jobs and government assistance. We hope you can join us:

Wednesday, November 15th
6:30-7pm: NAMI Barrington Area Annual Open Meeting
7-8:30pm: Speaker Panel
Barrington Area Library
505 N. Northwest Highway

RVSP requested but not required:
847-496-1415 ornamiba.org

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Human Concerns

Holy Family Partnerships and Support Groups

**Partnerships**

**Catholic Charities**
Provides food, clothing, shelter, counseling and other services to those in need, bringing hope to the hopeless.
Mike Waters, NW Regional Director
Des Plaines
mwaters@catholiccharities.net
847-376-2100

**Habitat for Humanity Spring of Life Partnership**
Nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry. Provides interest free loans to families who qualify for affordable housing
Larry Buettner
Larrybuettner@comcast.net
www.springoflifehabitat.org

**Journeys the Road Home**
At Journeys, we work to provide intervention and support to address the root cause of homelessness, and lead people back to a stable environment. Shelter through the PADS program October through April: job support, case management, food pantry, clothing room, Pathway Housing Readiness Program are a few offerings.
www.journystheroadhome.org
847-963-9163

**Mision San Juan Diego**
Holy Family partners with this local Hispanic parish encouraging intercultural exchange.
http://www.misionsanjuandiego.org

**St. Joseph’s Home for the Elderly**
Staffed by Little Sisters of the Poor, provides assistance as they minister to the elderly economically disadvantaged in Palatine.
www.littlesistersofthepoorpalatine.org
847-358-5700

**Support Groups**

**Chicago Voyagers**
An affiliate of Trips for Kids®, a nonprofit whose mission is to empower at-risk youth through outdoor experiential adventures that foster healthy relationships and responsible behavior in order to grow into successful, healthy adults.
www.chicagovoyagers.com

**WINGS (Giving Flight to Hopes and Dreams)**
The mission of WINGS is to provide a continuum of integrated services in an effort to end domestic violence and homelessness one family at a time.
www.wingsprogram.com
847-519-7820

**AMITA Health Behavioral Medicine**
One-on-one counseling. Meets on various days and times. Contact them directly at 855-383-2224.

**Job Support**
A vibrant networking group designed to support those who are searching for a new position or career. We encourage all attendees to share talents, advice and contacts. The group meets Saturday mornings from 7:30 to 9:30am in room Lower Level 3. Contact: Kathy Kvitek: kathykv2@gmail.com 630-697-1655

**Mental Health Support**
Referrals to local support agencies for anyone with a mental health diagnosis as well as friends and family members.
Dan & Trudy Mickey: 847-991-6255
mickeydan@comcast.net

**One In Love (LGBT)**
Educate, Advocate, Ally and Serve the LGBT community by exploring issues surrounding sexuality, gender, and our faith in a safe, loving environment. Meets the second Saturday every month from 10:00am-noon.
Chris Evon 847-271-6030 or chris.evon@yahoo.com

**Rising from Divorce**
A support group for individuals facing separation, divorce or annulment. This open and ongoing support group who will help you heal and cope. Faith sharing, speakers and social activities are offered throughout the year.
Contact: Elaine at 847-705-9886
Bob Boho at 847-438-2884

**To Be Joyful Again**
Supporting and assisting people whose spouses have died. We meet on the first and third Thursdays of every month at 7:00pm, and also provide other opportunities for connection. Contact:
Elaine at 847-705-9886
Bob Boho at 847-438-2884

**US TOO International**
(prostate cancer support)
For men and couples who are dealing with prostate cancer. Information, resources and support are available at the monthly meetings which are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month from 5:30-7:00pm and 6:30-9:00pm.
Cliff Whall - 630-718-1304
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