

DEDICATED NOV. 21, 1875 • CELEBRATING 150 YEARS AS CHICAGO'S CATHEDRAL

October 25, 2026

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your mind."**



150th
Anniversary
AS THE **Cathedral**
of the Archdiocese of Chicago

Holy Name Cathedral

A CORNERSTONE TO A WORLD IN COMMUNION WITH JESUS CHRIST

Our Mission

Holy Name Cathedral, as a Catholic parish and the seat of the Archdiocese of Chicago, forms a community of disciples who inspire, nurture, and join people on their faith journey to encounter and grow in Jesus Christ.

Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday: 7:00am, 8:00am & 12noon*; Wednesday evenings at 5:15pm

Saturday: 8:00am* & 5:15pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:00am, 8:30am, 10:30am*, 12:30pm, 5:15pm

Saturday Reconciliation:
8:00am to 11:00am

*livestreamed Mass

Reflections from Our Rector



Dear People of God,

Life is full of surprises, drama, joy, victory, defeat, agony, frustration, and humor. Life is also filled with unexpected moments and events. Read the following and pass it on...

A young man goes to buy the best car on the market: a brand-new Ferrari GT.

It is also the most expensive car in the world, and it costs him \$500,000. He takes it out for a spin and stops at a red light. An older man on a bicycle, about 90 years old, pulls up next to him. The old man looks over at the sleek, shiny car and asks, "What kind of car ya' got there, sonny?"

The young man replies, "A Ferrari GT. It cost half a million dollars!"

That's a lot of money," says the old man. "Why does it cost so much?"

Because this car can do up to 320 miles an hour!" he states proudly.

The old bicycle driver asks, "Mind if I take a look inside?" "No problem," the owner replies.

So the older man pokes his head in the window and looks around. Then, sitting back on his bicycle, the older man says, "That's a pretty nice car, all right...but I'll stick with my bicycle!"

Just then the light changes, so the young guy decides to show the older man what his car can do. He floors it, and within 30 seconds the speedometer reads 160 mph. Suddenly, he notices a dot in his rear-view mirror. It seems to be getting closer! He slows down to see what it is, and suddenly, whoosh! Something whips by him, going much faster!

"What on earth could be going faster than my Ferrari?" the young man asks himself. He floors the accelerator and takes the Ferrari up to 250 mph. Then, up ahead, he sees the older man on the bicycle! Amazed that the bicycle could pass his Ferrari, he gives it more gas and passes the bicycle at 275 mph.

WHOOOOOSH HHHHH! He feels pretty good until he checks his mirror and sees the older man gaining on him AGAIN! Astounded by the old guy's speed, he floors the

gas pedal and takes the Ferrari all the way up to 320 mph. Ten seconds later, he sees the bicycle bearing down on him again! The Ferrari is flat out, and there's nothing he can do!

Suddenly, the bicycle plows into the back of his Ferrari, demolishing the rear end. The young man stops and jumps out; unbelievably, the older man is still alive! He runs up to the mangled older man and says, "Oh my God! Is there anything I can do for you?"

The older man whispers... "UNHOOK....MY.... SUSPENDERS....FROM....YOUR....SIDE....VIEW....MIRROR!"



Life is filled with unexpected moments and events. Gerard Manley Hopkins once stated: "The world is charged with the grandeur of God." Do we see God present in all the moments of life? Do we see the Lord speaking through our hearts in the ordinary and routine moments of daily living? All is a gift. We need to believe that God gives all gifts, and give thanks and praise! And always sprinkle it with humor and joy."

I leave you with these thoughts, written by children and spoken from the heart.

✠ Dear God, Thank you for the baby brother, but what I asked for was a new puppy. I never asked for anything before. You can look it up. — Joyce

✠ Dear God, I read the Bible. What does "beget" mean? Nobody will tell me. — Love, Alison

✠ Dear God, I bet it's very hard for you to love everybody in the whole wide world. There are only four people in our family, and I can never do it. — Nancy

✠ Dear God, My Grandpa says you were around when he was just a little boy. How far back do you go? — Dennis

✠ Dear God, In Bible times, did they really talk that fancy? — Matthew

✠ Dear God, Maybe Cain and Abel wouldn't have killed each other if they each had their own rooms. It works out OK with my brother and me. — Larry

✠ Dear God, I didn't think orange and purple went together until I saw your sunset last night. Cool! — Thomas

God's blessings always,
Fr. Greg

Upcoming Events



Sunday, October 25

Children's Formation Ministry	8:00 AM
15-minute Cathedral Tours	9:30 & 11:30 AM
OCIA Session	10:30 AM

Monday, October 26

Knights of Columbus Meeting	6:30 PM
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Tuesday, October 27

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	6:00 PM
Young Adults Bible Study	6:45 PM

Wednesday, October 28

Eucharistic Adoration	12:30 PM
Frassati YA Small Groups - Fall 2026	6:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Bible Study - Rectory	6:30 PM

Thursday, October 29

Thursday Morning Scripture Study Ministry	10:00 AM
CBC Meeting	1:30 PM
Young Adults Event	6:00 PM
<i>The Chosen</i> Viewing Session	6:30 PM

Saturday, October 31

Confessions on the Lower Level of Cathedral	8:00 AM
Bible Institute Gathering	9:30 AM
Frassati YA Small Groups	11:00 AM
Consecration of Virgins Mass	11:00 AM

Sunday, November 1 (All Saints Day)

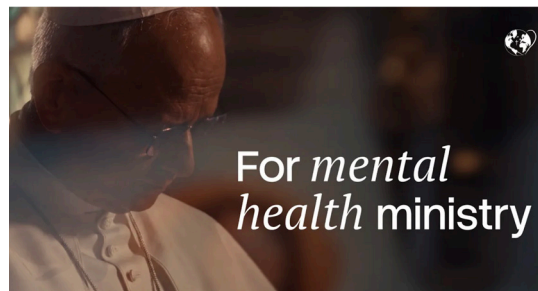
Children's Formation Ministry	9:15 AM
15-minute Cathedral tour	9:30 & 11:30 AM
OCIA Session	10:30 AM
Full Cathedral Tour — 1 hour	1:30 PM

On the Cover

From November 1953. Chicago Catholic Photo archive

Singers rehearse in preparation of the 50th anniversary of Pope Pius X's Encyclical on Church music. More than 40 Chicago-area choirs consisting of 1,400 boys and men sang at the Mass celebrated by Cardinal Samuel Stritch on Nov. 7, 1953.

Pray with the Pope: October



OCTOBER: For Mental Health Ministry

God of life, You know the innermost depths of our hearts — the light and shadows within us, the silent wounds that sometimes no one sees.

Today we bring before you our brothers and sisters who struggle with challenges to their mental health, who suffer in solitude with anxiety, depression, or any other mental illness. You call them by name, with tenderness, and in You they find dignity and hope.

Forgive us for the times we have looked the other way, feeding the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses. May your Church be an open house, a safe space where everyone has a place — a community that accompanies and never excludes, that listens without judging and draws near without fear.

We pray to you, Lord, for those who care: professionals, family members, volunteers — men and women who, with patience and love, build bridges of understanding and comfort. Give them strength and compassion to sustain others.

Send your Spirit upon us, that we may learn to welcome and integrate care for mental health into the life and ministry of our communities and of the whole Church, and thus become a living sign of your mercy, which never abandons and always restores.

Amen.

➡ Scan to watch video to pray with Pope Leo XIV for this month's intention.





Remember Those Who Have Died The Feast Of All Souls

All Souls Day — Monday, Nov. 2 at 5:15pm

When someone we love passes from this world, we feel a great loss and may experience a time of darkness. All Souls Day is a reminder that death is not the end. We believe in eternal life, and our earthly death is just the beginning of our eternal journey which is to be united with God.

This All Souls Day, we encourage you to come to Mass to pray for our deceased family members, relatives, friends and all the faithful departed. You, your family and all the faithful departed are in our prayers. May our dearly departed find eternal peace and happiness. The souls we have lost may be gone, but they are never forgotten. They live in our cherished memories and in the love they have left behind. For the believer, when we die life is changed not ended-eternal life with God. May God bless you always.



If you would like to request a prayer intention for the Feast of All Souls, please use the QR code or go to: tinyurl.com/AllSouls26.



Sign up for our newsletter!

Weekly Rector's Update
(delivered to your inbox every Friday)



Save the date!

Join us for these upcoming celebrations at Holy Name:

- ✠ **Thursday, Oct. 29 at 12pm:**
Archdiocesan Mass for Deceased Clergy
- ✠ **Saturday, Oct. 31 at 5:15pm:**
Vigil Mass for All Saints Day
- ✠ **Sunday, Nov. 1:** All Saints Day Masses (*Holy Day of Obligation - Sunday Mass obligation*): Regular Sunday Mass schedule
- ✠ **Monday, Nov. 2:** All Souls Day (note: 7am, 8am, 12noon Masses are considered Daily Masses). All Souls Remembrance Mass - 5:15pm

Gift Cards Needed for Families in Need

Cabrini Ministries is collecting Aldi gift cards and CTA bus passes (Ventra) to assist migrant families with children who are experiencing food insecurity and need help with transportation. Please bring cards to "Holy Name Cathedral Rectory Office, Attention: Sister Katie Mitchell."



Thank you for your generosity and compassion. Your kindness is making a meaningful difference in the lives of families as they work to build a new life with hope and dignity. May God bless you for your generosity!

Catholic Illuminations

Pray for St. Peregrine's Intercession for Pope Leo's Illness

By Fr. Andy Matijevic

Our tradition includes many saints, known and unknown. Over this year, I have talked about various saints whose lives bear witness to each of us and help us on our journey of discipleship. With the recent diagnosis of lung cancer for Pope Leo, another saint comes to mind to support the Holy Father and us with their intercession. And that saint is St. Peregrine, patron saint of those with cancer.



Peregrine Laziosi was born in Forlì, Italy, in 1265, and died in 1345. As a young man, his town, then within the Papal States, followed the anti-papal movement and tried to break its alliance with the Pope. In 1267, St. Philip Benizi, the general superior of the Servite Order, traveled to Forlì at Pope Martin IV's request to bring peace to the region. During his visit, Peregrine threw a stone at Philip and hit him in the face. As Philip was leaving the town, Peregrine ran after him and apologized. Forgiven, Peregrine changed his life and, a few years later, joined the Servite Order in Siena and was ordained a priest.

After several years, Peregrine was sent back to his hometown to found a Servite house. He was known as a talented preacher, generous confessor, and protector of the poor. Because of his lifestyle before his encounter with Philip Benizi, he imposed a penance on himself that some scholars argue he did not sit for over 30 years, even though he could have stood instead.

Later in life, Peregrine developed an infection in his foot/leg, and the doctor said it needed to be amputated. The night before the surgery, it is reported that as Peregrine was praying before the crucifix, Jesus reached down and touched the wound and was miraculously healed, thereby not needing the amputation. After he died in 1345, faithful in Forlì and beyond have sought Peregrine's intercession and found healing and relief.

Surprisingly, the National Shrine to St. Peregrine is here

in Chicago: the Basilica of Our Lady of Sorrows in East Garfield Park, one of the few parishes in the Archdiocese run by the Servite order; the other is Assumption Parish in River North.

As our own Chicago son, Pope Leo, begins to work through his lung cancer diagnosis, as Catholics we turn to the Lord in prayer and petition, asking for the Lord to heal our Holy Father from this disease. We also pray through St. Peregrine, the patron of those who have cancer, for our Holy Father and everyone throughout the world suffering from cancer at this moment. Our faith reminds us that, no matter what we are going through, the Church is with us through the many saints who have kept the faith and intercede for us in heaven.

We should also remember, in this time, the Venerable Augustus Tolton, the first Black priest of the United States, who served here in the Archdiocese of Chicago in the late 19th century and died at age 44 in 1897. Let us pray through Fr. Tolton's intercession for the miraculous healing of Pope Leo, another Chicago priest, and his continued good health. In the upcoming weeks, the Cathedral will continue to keep Pope Leo and his health in our weekly intercessions, and offer votive masses for the health of the Holy Father and all who suffer from cancer.

Tours After 8:30, 10:30 Masses

Learn more about the history of Holy Name Cathedral through one of our weekly tours. It's perfect for parishioners or for visitors. Our Cathedral Docents are excited to share with you the art, architecture and history of the Cathedral.



Each week, our Docents lead a short, 15-minute tour following the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses. Those who are interested in this free tour are invited to sit in the front rows along the center aisle after Mass.



Help Those in Need for World Day of the Poor

Pray – Give – Serve: Putting Our Faith into Action, Nov. 7 to 15

Each year, the Catholic Church observes World Day of the Poor, inviting us to recognize the dignity of those living in poverty and respond with compassion, generosity, and love. This year's theme, chosen by Pope Leo XIV, is "The Lord is the refuge of the poor" (Psalm 14:6), reminding us that we are called to be instruments of God's care for those most in need.

At Holy Name Cathedral, we put our faith into action by preparing Winter Care Packs for our neighbors experiencing homelessness and hardship. These packs will include personal hygiene essentials, gift cards, warm winter accessories, and handmade hats lovingly created by our Knitting and Crocheting Ministry. We will also partner with Lawson House, which provides housing for individuals transitioning from homelessness, for a special Day of Service on Nov. 14.

We invite our Faith Community to participate in three meaningful ways:

PRAY

Remember in your prayers those experiencing poverty, homelessness, and housing insecurity, especially as Chicago's cold winter approaches.

GIVE

Make a donation before or after Masses on Nov. 7-8 in the Cathedral Vestibule. Your generosity, combined with support from the Cathedral, will help purchase essential items for our Winter Care Packs.



➡ Make a donation here

SERVE

On Saturday, Nov. 14, from 10:00am–2:00pm, join us at Lawson House for a Day of Service. Volunteers will assemble Winter Care Packs and support Lawson House's Fall Festival with a clothing bazaar, resident craft booths, food and beverages, and distribution of essential items.



➡ Volunteer for Day of Service on Nov. 14-15

On Sunday, Nov. 15, World Day of the Poor, the Winter Care Packs will be brought to the 10:30am Mass for a blessing by Fr. Greg before being distributed to people experiencing homelessness in the neighborhoods surrounding the Cathedral. Additional packs will be shared with Lawson House residents.



➡ Volunteer to help with Nov. 7-8 collection

Volunteers are also needed to assist with the Nov. 7–8 collection. Please scan the QR code to sign up. Through prayer, generosity, and service, we can bring warmth, dignity and hope to our neighbors in need.

"Were not our hearts burning within us... while he opened the Scriptures to us?" — Luke 24:32

Join Us and Dive Deeper into the Scriptures

A 16-Session Journey — 'Road to Emmaus' Starts Saturdays, Oct. 31 through May 8

Have you ever wanted to understand how the whole Bible fits together? How do Creation, Covenant, Exodus, the Prophets, Christ, the Cross, Resurrection, and Holy Spirit form one extraordinary story — and where do you fit within it?



Holy Name Cathedral is excited to offer a new opportunity for deeper biblical formation through a special collaboration with Loyola University Chicago's Institute of Pastoral Studies (IPS).

Join us for Road to Emmaus, a 16-session journey through the great story of salvation, presented by Ricky Moreno of Loyola IPS. We'll meet on Saturdays, starting Oct. 31 through May 8 from 10:00am to 1:00pm in the Club Room.

It's more than a Bible study. It brings together the academic and pastoral formation of Loyola IPS with the faith and community life of Holy Name Cathedral, helping participants not simply study Scripture, but encounter Christ through Scripture and become disciples formed by the Word of God.

Holy Name Cathedral will cover the Loyola IPS instructional fee, making this formation opportunity accessible to our community. Participants contribute only toward the program materials and resources: Complete 16-Session Institute — \$100, which includes textbook and additional resources. There is an option for a five-session segment — \$35 plus a textbook purchased separately. Scan the QR code to register and pay the book and supplies fees.



Find Your Path: What is God calling you to?

Sessions Start in November, 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Perhaps you are at a crossroads. Maybe something in your life is changing. You may be considering a new direction, wondering how to use your gifts, discerning a vocation or ministry, or simply sensing that God may be inviting you to something more. How do you recognize that invitation?

Find Your Path is a guided discernment journey at Holy Name Cathedral, created to help you discover more deeply who you are in God, what He has entrusted to you, and where He may be leading you next. You do not need to have your life figured out. You do not need to know your calling before you begin.

Faith: Who Am I and Whose Am I?

Every calling begins not with what we do, but with who we are in God.

✠ **Nov. 3:** Fr. Louis Cameli on "Baptism: Called by Name, Sent with Purpose"

✠ **Dec. 15:** The Theology of Discernment: Learning to Recognize God's Call

Purpose: What Has God Placed Within Me?

✠ **Nov. 17 & Dec. 1:** Fr. Ken Simpson on "Discover Your God-Given Strengths"

✠ **Jan. 12 & 19:** Discover Your Spiritual Gifts

Direction: Where is God Leading Me?

Knowing your gifts is only part of the journey Discernment asks: Where is God inviting me to use them now?

✠ **Feb. 2 & 9:** Fr. Jaroslaw Mikuczewski, SJ on "Jesuit Discernment for Everyday Life"

From Discernment to Mission

✠ **March 20:** Find Your Path Holy Spirit Retreat.
Step away from the noise and make space to listen.
Bring together everything you have discovered.

Scan the QR code for more details and register.



Young Adults

Called for More: Young Adult Leadership Formation

Monday, Nov. 16; 6:00pm–8:30pm

What If God Is Calling YOU to Lead — and You're the One He's Waiting For? You don't need a title. You don't need experience. You just need the courage to say YES!

Join us for Called for More, an inspiring and interactive evening designed to help young adults discover their purpose, grow in confidence, and explore how faith can become action. Together, we'll explore how to:

- ✦ **Discover Your Calling** – Recognize God's unique purpose for your life.
- ✦ **Unlock Your Gifts** – Identify your strengths and discover how they can make a difference.
- ✦ **Lead Like Jesus** – Embrace leadership rooted in humility, courage, and service.
- ✦ **Turn Faith into Action** – Build meaningful relationships and inspire others to encounter Christ.
- ✦ **Become Part of Something Bigger** – Help shape the future of Young Adult Ministry at Holy Name Cathedral.

Our Presenter is Olivia Ahlberg, Director of Marketing and Communications, JPPI Newman Center – UIC. Olivia will lead an engaging evening of faith-filled reflection, practical leadership insights, and meaningful conversation. We will meet in the Parish Club Room.

- ✦ **6:00–6:30pm:** Food, fellowship & connections
- ✦ **6:30–8:10pm:** Interactive leadership formation
- ✦ **8:10–8:30pm:** Young Adult Core Team gathering

Whether you're already serving in ministry, thinking about getting involved, or simply exploring what God may be calling you to next, this evening is for you!

You don't need to be a member of the Core Team or have previous leadership experience. Just bring an open heart and a willingness to grow.



The Church needs your gifts, your energy, your faith, and your YES! Scan the QR code to register.



Young Adult Theology on Tap

Beyond the Pew – The Mass. The Mystery. Your Mission.

Sunday, Nov. 8, 6:15pm in Club Room

You go to Mass. But do you really know what's happening? Why do we stand, sit, and kneel? What do prayers and rituals really mean? And how can the Mass transform not only our Sundays but the way we live our faith every day?

Join us for an inspiring and interactive evening with Fr. Andy Matijevic, Associate Pastor and Director of Worship at Holy Name Cathedral, as he takes us behind the scenes of the Catholic Mass. Discover the deeper meaning of the liturgy, explore its sacred mysteries, and see the Mass through fresh eyes!

What if your next step in faith is moving from the pew into ministry? Hear powerful personal testimonies from young adults who serve as lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Discover why they said YES, how serving has transformed their faith, and how YOU can become more involved in our Cathedral community. Our evening together:

- ✦ **5:15pm:** Sunday Mass (optional)
- ✦ **6:15pm:** Food, fellowship & connections
- ✦ **6:45pm:** Discover the Mass with Fr. Andy
- ✦ **7:45pm:** Young Adult testimonies: Why I Said YES
- ✦ **8:00pm:** Questions, conversation & opportunities to serve

Please use the QR code at right to register in advance.





A LETTER FROM OUR RECTOR

"A true parish is where we all learn to say 'welcome,'
not just in words, but in a spirit of hospitality,
opening the door and welcoming everyone."

Pope Leo XIV

My dear friends in Christ,

Pope Leo XIV, in ways very real to me, is defining our Holy Name Cathedral Faith Community from its inception in 1849, through its rebuild after the Chicago Fire in 1875 and to our present day.

We are indeed a 'true parish.' Every day I see the spirit of hospitality conveyed through our liturgies and ministries. So many call Holy Name Cathedral their spiritual home. We receive the Eucharist, and as Father Andy proclaims at all his masses- "See what you believe in and become what you receive." His challenge is for all of us to become disciples of Jesus Christ loving this world back into life.

For over ten years, I have been the humble recipient of your love and graciousness as your Rector. I look positively to the many challenges in our future confident that we will continue to work together in His Holy Name.

This Annual Report is our way of being both accountable and profoundly grateful. We acknowledge your sacrifices and generosity which allow us to keep our doors open to all. We have a responsibility to be good stewards of your great gifts. This report also gives me an opportunity to say "thank you" from the bottom of my heart for the time, talent and treasure contributed by so many.

So together we now move forward grateful for the vision and giftedness of those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. May our spirit of hospitality always be the hallmark of this Faith Community of Holy Name Cathedral, remembering that "You are the Church and together we are the Body of Christ."

Gratefully yours in His Holy Name,

Very Rev. Gregory Sakowicz
Rector

As Wayne Magdziarz concludes nearly nine years of dedicated service to our Finance Council, including his years as Chair, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for his extraordinary commitment to Holy Name Cathedral. Wayne has been so much more than a trusted adviser. His wisdom, sound judgment, and exceptional ability to listen have helped guide us through both challenges and opportunities. He has given generously of his time and talents, always bringing thoughtful counsel, a wonderful sense of humor, and a genuine love for our Cathedral. I am personally grateful for his great friendship, his leadership, and the countless ways he has made Holy Name Cathedral a stronger community. Wayne, you have made a lasting difference, and we are deeply blessed by your years of faithful service.

I am also delighted to welcome John Hennig as our new Finance Council Chair. John's deep commitment to Holy Name Cathedral and extensive leadership experience will serve us well as we build upon the strong foundation Wayne has helped establish. I look forward to working closely with John in the years ahead.



SUMMARY OF OUR FISCAL YEAR 2026 OPERATIONS



October 2026

Dear Holy Name Cathedral Faith Community,

On behalf of the Finance Council of Holy Name Cathedral, I am pleased to present the Cathedral's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2026. These strong operating results are encouraging and a testament to your unwavering generosity, the careful stewardship of resources by Cathedral leadership and staff, and the growing spiritual renewal in the Catholic Church worldwide.

While our church receipts and expenditures continued to show an operating deficit, that shortfall fell by nearly two-thirds, primarily because of significant increases in our collections and fundraising. This past year saw increased Mass attendance, especially during the first two quarters following the election of Pope Leo. Our Rector's Appeal saw robust growth, boosted by a single donor's matching contribution. Additionally, the Cathedral staff continues to carefully scrutinize operating expenses to ensure the generous financial support we receive is only spent on important and necessary ways to advance our mission and ministries.

Even more encouraging is that, after we consider our investment income, our portion of the Annual Catholic Appeal, and other receipts, we ended FY'26 with a healthy financial surplus.

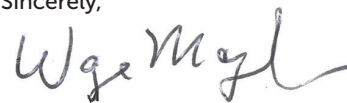
Holy Name Cathedral is extremely blessed with a vibrant and engaged faith community, strong and committed leadership, and a selfless group of dedicated volunteers who give their time and talent to support the Cathedral in countless ways. This favorable financial momentum will be a strong foundation for our future, and we should all be proud of the results. While there will be additional work to do, we are now in a position of financial strength.

Finally, after nearly nine years as a member and chair of the Cathedral Finance Council, I will be stepping down at the end of this calendar year. As a firm believer that "fresh eyes and ears" on an organization's financial operations support good governance, Fr. Greg and I agreed that now would be a good time for me to step away. I am especially grateful for this opportunity to serve and to the members of the Finance Council over the years. They were, and are, a dedicated group of parishioners who ask challenging questions, set reasonable expectations, and provide wise counsel to Fr. Greg and the staff on the Cathedral's financial matters.

John Hennig, a long-time Cathedral parishioner deeply involved in several ministries and volunteer roles here, will take over as chair of the Finance Council effective January 1, 2027. John is a highly skilled, thoughtful, and experienced financial leader and deeply committed to the Cathedral. We are in good hands!

Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for Holy Name Cathedral. May God bless you and your loved ones.

Sincerely,



Wayne Magdziarz,
Chair, Cathedral Finance Council

Holy Name Cathedral
Statement of Operating Activities
For Twelve Months Ending June 30, 2026

	Year Ended 6/30/26	Year Ended 6/30/25
CHURCH RECEIPTS		
Collections - including Christmas and Easter	\$ 3,186,563	\$ 2,823,788
Fundraising	\$ 818,200	\$ 413,684
Religious Ed Fees, Mass and Stole Fees	\$ 407,627	\$ 283,892
TOTAL CHURCH RECEIPTS	\$ 4,412,390	\$ 3,521,364
CHURCH EXPENDITURES		
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 2,224,385	\$ 2,280,539
Operating Expenses	\$ 1,785,632	\$ 1,676,203
Archdiocesan Assessments	\$ 528,339	\$ 469,927
Parish Ministries & Activities (Net)	\$ 244,719	\$ 249,547
TOTAL CHURCH EXPENDITURES	\$ 4,783,075	\$ 4,676,216
NET OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ (370,685)	\$ (1,154,852)
OTHER INCOME/(EXPENSE)		
Interest Earned and Gain/(Loss) on Investments (a)	\$ 954,827	\$ 360,973
Annual Appeal Rebate	\$ 383,383	\$ 297,704
Lease Income	\$ 303,574	\$ 298,839
Other Receipts	\$ 249,783	\$ 225,325
Archdiocesan and Other Second Collections	\$ 291,285	\$ 306,311
Archdiocesan and Other Second Collection Payments	\$ (290,965)	\$ (306,311)
TOTAL OTHER INCOME/(EXPENSE)	\$ 1,891,887	\$ 1,182,841
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF RECEIPTS OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,521,202	\$ 27,989
EXTRAORDINARY INCOME/(EXPENSE), CAPITAL (EXPENSE) & CAPITAL CAMPAIGN INCOME		
Extraordinary and Capital Expenses (Net)	\$ (170,242)	\$ (250,791)
Bequests, Estates & Memorials	\$ 418,076	\$ 1,481,881
To Teach Who Christ Is Campaign-Proceeds	\$ 30	\$ 80
Generation To Generation Campaign-Proceeds	\$ 421,890	\$ 338
TOTAL EXTRAORDINARY INCOME	\$ 669,754	\$ 1,231,508
NET TOTAL SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	\$ 2,190,956	\$ 1,259,497

(a) For year ended 6/30/2025 the Investments for Holy Name Cathedral, held in the Arch Bank, had a net gain of \$344,944 and the Interest Earned is \$16,029 and for year ended 6/30/2026 net gain in Investments is \$919,374 and Interest Earned is \$35,453

Holy Name Cathedral
Statement of Financial Position
For Twelve Months Ending June 30, 2026

	Balance as of 6/30/26	Balance as of 6/30/25
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Unrestricted Funds		
Bank (Local) Deposits	\$ 310,304	\$ 89,544
Archdiocesan Bank	\$ 874,259	\$ 907,236
Archdiocesan Bank	\$ 460,992	\$ 439,516
Partially Restricted Funds		
Archdiocesan Courtyard Account	\$ 572,930	\$ 207,351
Archdiocesan Building Reserve Account	\$ 2,004,077	\$ 1,882,022
Archdiocesan To Teach Who Christ Is Account	\$ 40,251	\$ 39,945
Restricted Funds		
Wintrust Bank - Mass Stipend Account	\$ 121,443	\$ 115,273
Wintrust Bank - Parishioner Assistance Account	\$ 547,493	\$ 552,591
Wintrust Bank - Certificates of Deposit ERC	\$ 8,907	\$ -
Archdiocesan Generation to Generation Account	\$ 422,702	\$ 338
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 5,363,358	\$ 4,233,816
INVESTMENTS AT FAIR MARKET VALUE		
McVey Bequest	\$ 1,432,108	\$ 1,221,416
Schmidt Bequest	\$ 1,898,369	\$ 1,619,079
E.A. Lavaty Endowment	\$ 1,132,879	\$ 957,191
Jean Donovan Endowment	\$ 1,214,360	\$ 1,026,815
Parish Liturgy Endowment	\$ 431,115	\$ 365,195
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	\$ 6,108,831	\$ 5,189,696
OTHER CURRENT ASSETS	\$ 5,018	\$ 11,250
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 11,477,207	\$ 9,434,762
LIABILITIES & NET OPERATING ACTIVITY		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable & Other Current Liabilities	\$ 315,886	\$ 459,299
Unspent Parishioner Assistance Account	\$ 547,493	\$ 552,591
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 863,379	\$ 1,011,890
NET OPERATING ACTIVITY		
Retained Operating Activity	\$ 10,613,828	\$ 8,422,872
TOTAL NET OPERATING ACTIVITY	\$ 10,613,828	\$ 8,422,872
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET OPERATING ACTIVITY	\$ 11,477,207	\$ 9,434,762



Holy Name Cathedral

ANNUAL REPORT 
FISCAL YEAR 2026

Holy Name Cathedral

Rector's Annual Appeal



Dear Friends in Christ,

There are no coincidences. Rather, they are God's way of remaining anonymous.

Throughout my 47 years of priestly ministry, I have been humbled to see God's hand at work in the many "little miracles" I have been privileged to witness. The stories of our faith journeys challenge us, inspire us, and, most of all, bring us hope.

Recently, someone shared with me a story that I would like to share with you.

There was a young man, a successful corporate professional in our area, whose life was filled with many questions and doubts about his success, his faith, and his future.

One day, as he walked past Holy Name Cathedral, he noticed that the doors were open. He entered a place he had never seen before. He knelt in the front pew, surrounded by the silence and peace of our Cathedral, and placed his many questions in God's hands.

Then, he is convinced, he heard a voice say, "You are home." At that moment, he experienced a serenity he had never before known in his life.

For 175 years, the sacrifices, faith, and generosity of so many have allowed the doors of Holy Name Cathedral to remain open to welcome strangers seeking God, our regular worshipers, and all those who simply need a quiet place to pray and find peace.

Today, I ask you to continue our great Holy Name Cathedral tradition of stewardship through your generous support of the 2026 Rector's Appeal.

This past year, because of the generosity

of so many of you, we met our Sunday collection goals. For that, I offer my heartfelt thanks. And to those who have made an exceptional gift to our Cathedral Cornerstone Campaign, I am deeply grateful for your extraordinary generosity.

To contribute to the Rector's Annual Appeal, please scan the QR code below.

At this time, let us be the hands and heart of Christ for one another. Together, let us write the next chapter of our journey, rejoicing in the courage, generosity, and unwavering faith of our Holy Name Cathedral Faith Community.

Keeping the doors of Holy Name Cathedral open comes with increasing costs. Your continued support of the 2026 Annual Rector's Appeal is essential in helping us meet the rising costs of operating our Cathedral and in bridging the gap between our resources and our needs.

Please remember always: You are the Church, and together We are the Body of Christ.

Thank you for your faith, your generosity, and your love for Holy Name Cathedral. May our doors always remain open to those searching for God, for peace, and for a place they can truly call home.

My prayers are with you and your families.

With profound gratitude,

Very Rev. Gregory Sakowicz
Rector



Honoring Our Loved Ones

Ministers of Care Available to Visit You with Communion

Our Ministers of Care have been trained to visit with, pray with, and bring communion to those in our parish who are sick and unable to attend mass; those who are homebound, in the hospital or in a nursing home. Email Ken Henriksen at khenriksen@holynamecathedral.org or call us at (312) 787-8040 and one of our Ministers of Care will be in touch.



Light a Prayer Candle

Lighting a candle for your family and friends or for a personal prayer is an important Catholic tradition. We know many of you may not be able to come into the Cathedral to light the candle yourself. It would be our honor to have one of our resident priests light a Cathedral Candle on your behalf. They will pray to our Lord to intercede on behalf of your personal intention. Scan the QR code to complete the request form.



Wedding Banns



- I Kirby Julian & Sarah Papirnik
Adam McCarthy & Caroline Mroz
Brian McMullen & Maria Conversa
- II Connor Cook & Taylor Mitchel
Ryan Reichert & Sophia Ricciardelli
James Weiss & Amanda Ferraro
- III Alex Wu & Joanna Ramos
Collin Nolen & Taylor Gallagher
Jacob Menacacci & Nicole Carlevato
Sameer Qaryo & Gina Vitae

Mass Intentions

Colored dots represent the priest's vestment color

Week of October 26 to 31

● Monday, October 26 (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

- 7 AM + Richard & Arlene Small
- 8 AM + Vincente Reyes
- 12 PM + John Jakala Jr.

● Tuesday, October 27 (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

- 7 AM Carlo & Chona Arong
- 8 AM + Serena Chambers
- 12 PM + Diana Woznak

● Wednesday, October 28 (Saints Simon & Jude)

- 7AM + Dr. Cyriac Pullapilly
- 8AM + Kathleen Gleason
- 12 PM + Robert J. Zeegers, + Rachel R. Hanna
+ Richard & Arlene Small
+ Francine Fitt Mundy, + James Decorevont
+ Robert Mondragon, + James Mulvaney
+ Natasha Brown, + Don Rio Gianneschi
Robert Callan
- 5:15PM Ruben Martinez & Family

● Thursday, October 29 (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

- 7AM + Linda Hejl
- 8AM + Henryk Patejko
- 12 PM + Rick Marshall

● Friday, October 30 (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

- 7 AM + Allanah Aubrey Patangan
- 8 AM + Madeline Moriarty, + Gerald Matyus
+ Richard & Arlene Small
+ John Martinez, + Hugh Naughton
+ Len Rebeck, + Peregrine "Sonny" Padilla
+ Paolo Guanco, Haidar Hattar Family
Kathleen Sheehy
- 12 PM Jack & Allie White

● Saturday, October 31 (Weekday in Ordinary Time)

- 8 AM + Jon Mark Stanford

A Little Humor from the Rector



“I’ve found marriage to be very educational. For example, I had no idea there was a wrong way to put milk in the fridge.”

Celebrate ‘An Irish Christmas’ at Holy Name

Saturday, Dec. 5, 6:30pm in Auditorium

All are invited to celebrate the many Irish contributions to Holy Name Cathedral at “An Irish Christmas,” on Saturday, Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cathedral Auditorium. This special, free holiday concert will feature the Chicago Irish Singers and Chamber Choir, fiddler Sean Cleland with Irish Musician’s Association, a sing-along with an Irish Santa and remarks by the Irish Consulate.

Tickets are free, but we welcome a free-will donation that will go to the Cathedral Music Department. For tickets, please scan the QR code at left. If you have questions, please email christine@chicagoirishsingers.com or text (312) 972-1838.



Join us for the Rector’s 7th Annual Christmas Concert

Sounds of the Season: Friday, Dec. 11

This festive evening of holiday music and entertainment features Rich Daniels and members of the City Lights Orchestra performing many of your favorite holiday songs.



The concert begins at 7pm followed by hot chocolate and cookies. Tickets are free of charge as a gift from our Rector, Fr. Greg. You can reserve your tickets online. Limit four tickets per person.

Please consider supporting this event as a sponsor or with a donation. Proceeds from the event will go to the mission and ministries of Holy Name Cathedral. Thank you for sharing your gifts with others.

Use the QR Code below or tinyurl.com/2026sounds to register or learn more about the sponsorship levels and their benefits. Deadline to be included in the program book is Nov. 16. Please contact Regina Zielinski at rzielinski@holynamecathedral.org or (312) 573-4432 with questions. Thank you for your support.



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New Audio Assistance at Holy Name Cathedral

We are pleased to introduce our new Audio Listening System, ListenWiFi, that you can use with your smartphone. Here's how to connect to the wireless Assisted Listening System with your Smart Phone. We have an updated QR code for you to use.

Step 1

On your smartphone (iPhone or Android), open your camera app and scan this QR code at right to connect to the church Wi-Fi network:



Step 2

Scan the QR code at right to download the free Listen Wi-Fi App – if you already have the app, skip to step 3:



Step 3

Open the app on your phone and hit the play button when it appears! (once the app is downloaded, you need only turn it on and hit the play button on your screen)

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Holy Spirit, you who makes me see everything and shows
me the way to reach my ideal, you who gives me the Divine
gift to forgive and forget all the wrong that is done to me
and you, who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this
short dialogue, I want to thank you for everything, and affirm
once more that I never want to be separated from you, no
matter how great the material desires might be. I want to be
with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory. To that
end and submitting to God's
Holy will, I ask from you. (Mention your Request)
Amen. Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days.

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Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity.
Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me here you are my
mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, queen of Heaven
and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my
heart to succor me into my necessity. (Make request).
There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary,
conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to
thee (three times).
Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hand (three times).
Say this Prayer for 3 consecutive days.

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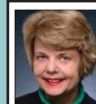
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Prelude

Prelude in C Major BWV 531 J.S. Bach

Entrance Hymn

Christ, Be Our Light! #584

Gloria

Storrington Mass #257

First Reading

Exodus 22:20-26

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51ab

I love you, I love you, Lord, my strength.



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Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40

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Offertory Motet (10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.)

If Ye Love Me Thomas Tallis

Offertory Hymn

Love One Another #693

Holy, Holy

Storrington Mass #260

Memorial Acclamation

Storrington Mass #261

Amen

Storrington Mass #264

Lamb of God

Storrington Mass #265

Communion Antiphon

**We shall rejoice in your salvation, and place
our pride in the name of our God.**

Communion Hymn

Ubi Caritas #702

Communion Motet

Ave Maria (Sat. 5:15) Simon Lindley

Ave Maria (10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.) Franz Biebl

Recessional Hymn

Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace #697

Postlude

Fugue in C Major J.S. Bach



Cathedral 150th Anniversary Prayer

God of abundant goodness, compassion and mercy, we give you thanks
for the 150 years of Holy Name Cathedral.

May this church be seen as a welcoming Faith Community open to all people, a place
of praise, petition, and thanksgiving, a place of comfort, healing, and inspiration
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Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.