

“Life As It Should Be”



**40 Years of
Holy Family Lutheran Church History**

-A dream is born

On the floor of the convention that brought together three Lutheran bodies to form the American Lutheran Church in 1960, delegates passed a proposal to begin three new mission congregations in honor of the three ALC predecessor bodies. They intended that one of these new mission starts be African American. The ALC chose Rev. Fred J. Downing, a recent graduate of Capital Seminary, to be the mission developer for this new congregation in Chicago.

Pastor Downing began visiting possible members on the city's West Side. After attracting a good number of West Siders, the ALC heard a building was available at 542 W. Hobbie on the Near North Side. Pastor Downing agreed that this was a wonderful opportunity to begin a ministry with people living in the Cabrini-Green housing projects. Some people from the West Side followed Pastor Downing to this new location.

I told Pastor Downing, 'Thank God we've finally got a Lutheran Church. I don't have to go all the way to the West Side to church anymore.'

Lila Gaines

The new congregation experienced several landmark "firsts."

December 16, 1962	Holy Family's first service
March 3, 1963	Our first baptism
March 31, 1963	Our first adult confirmations
April 7, 1963	Our first worship service with Holy Communion
April 5, 1964	Our first confirmation of youth (in a class of 14)

Barbara Gosberry was a member of Holy Family's second youth confirmation class, one of 18 young people confirmed June 6, 1965.

I remember walking to church with my mother. I became a part of the Saturday 9 A.M. young peoples' confirmation class. There I learned about God's goodness, love and forgiveness. Pastor Downing would come to visit my family and we'd all sit in the living room or have tea in the kitchen. I attended Green Wing [Amboy, Ill.] and Lutherdale Camp [Elkhorn, Wisconsin].

Barbara Gosberry

Holy Family realized that more space would be needed for our rapidly growing congregation. On July 11, 1965, we broke ground for an addition that doubled the available space. Today we worship and have a computer lab in that 1965 addition. The new sanctuary included the beautiful pews, altar rail, pulpit and baptismal font that we continue to enjoy. We hired an artist, Thomas M. Hibben, to create the candle holders, the crucifix, the baptismal basin and lid with wings of the Holy Spirit, and the Afrocentric sculpture of the Holy Family over the altar. (Before the dedication, Cleon and Mae Berry were among the first to be married in the new sanctuary.) We dedicated the new addition July 2, 1967, with the help of ALC President Dr. Fredrik Schiotz.



The congregation gathers outside of the church after our first worship service. Notice James Smith (in a dark suit), Barbara Hill (light-colored fur coat) and Lila Gaines (dark coat with a fur collar) in the middle of the front row. Mae Whitaker stands to the right of the cross behind a lady with a white hat.

The Holy Family stands as a symbol of the Church, the family of believers made holy by God through the action of his son Jesus Christ who gave his life for the world. It was in baptism that God, our Father, adopted us into the Holy Family. It is in the Bible that we read our family history made up of the mighty acts of God. It is the Word of God which directs us to meet together often as a family in reunion to be served by God as we listen to his forgiving words and celebrate the coming of God to men by sharing the sacrament of the altar. It is from this celebration and service that the members of God's family are enabled to go about their business of giving the life to the world, which Jesus Christ gave to us.

Rev. Fred J. Downing

On July 18, 1965, Holy Family Lutheran Church officially became a congregation of the American Lutheran Church. It had 331 baptized and 119 confirmed members. Rev. Fred J. Downing was installed as pastor on January 30, 1966.

The dream grows

Worship has always been the most important part of Holy Family. Receiving the Word and Sacrament gives us strength for the week ahead. From the beginning Holy Family has followed the tradition of sharing Holy Communion every Sunday.

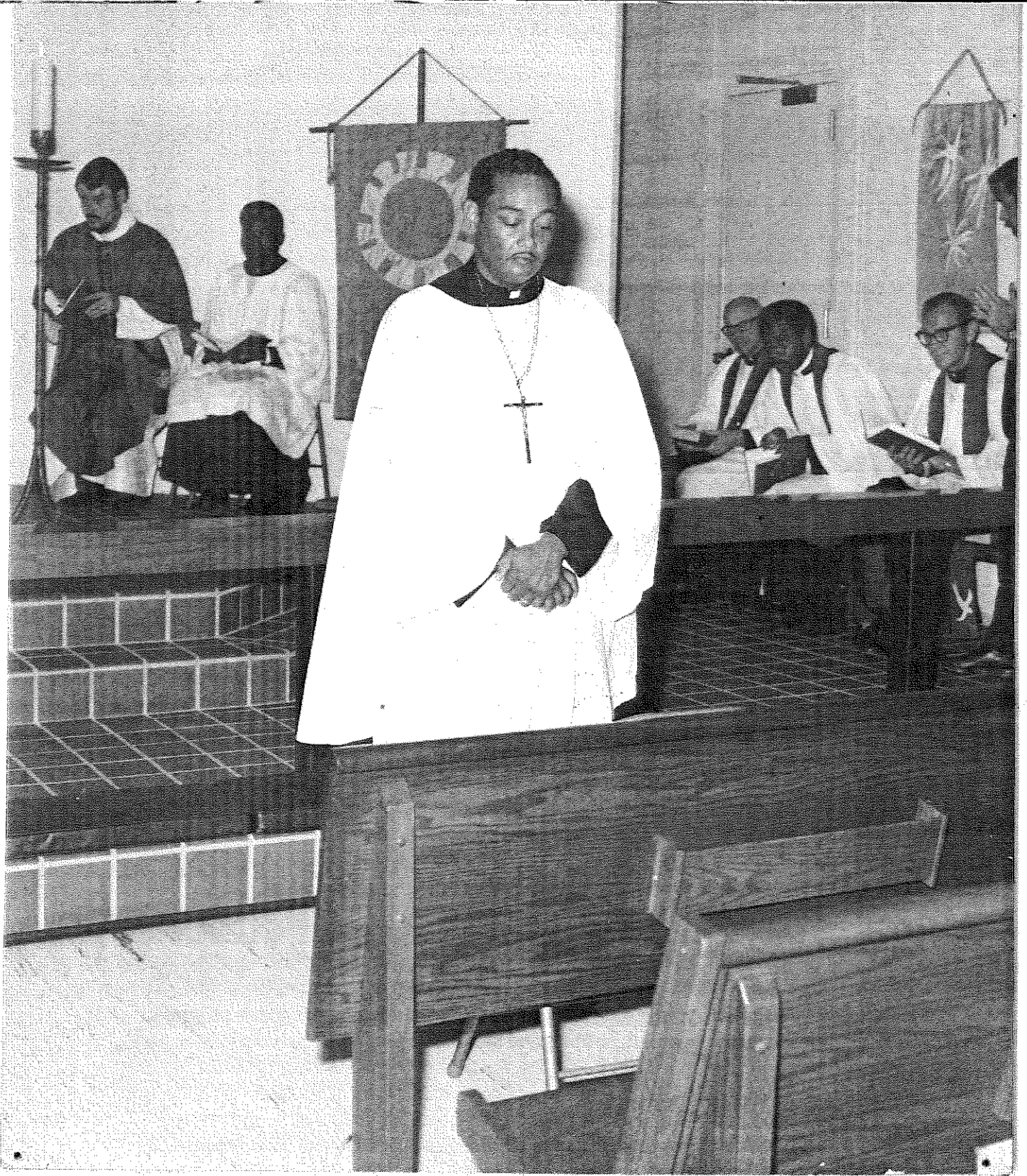
When Martha Williams and I first came to Holy Family we didn't know how to follow the service and were put off by hymns with six verses. Then the Lord spoke to me and said, "Pay attention to what's happening around you, the words of the music and what the pastor says." Then I began to understand!

Dolores Wilson

Pastor Downing began the Waverly, Iowa, youth exchange in 1964. Youth from St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waverly visit Holy Family each spring. Each summer children from Holy Family stay with families in Waverly for nearly a week. Many members have fond memories of the families with whom they stayed.

John Stumme and Kendrick Suter served as full time lay assistants to Pastor Downing. Both went on to become ordained ministers in the ALC, then later in the ELCA.

In the early years, many young men were drawn to the church by the sports program. Holy Family sponsored baseball, softball and basketball programs, playing first in park district and then in Lutheran church leagues. Pastor Infelt coached teams at Holy Family the summers of 1965 and 1966 during his undergraduate years at St. Olaf. With the help of George Thomas at Seward Park he organized 14 baseball teams of neighborhood youth. These fourteen teams marched with Dr. King in July of 1966. James Harris was another early coach of softball and basketball teams.



The Rev. Lonnie Branch is ordained at Holy Family. On the left are Rev. Howard Kreiselmeyer and Roy Hampton.

Pastor Downing helped me raise my kids. He was like a father to the kids. He was the one who tried to get them into Lutheran schools.

Jestine Norman

In order to reach out to the wider church, Pastor Downing sent out panels of Holy Family members to churches throughout the Midwest. During panel discussions, members shared their experiences at Holy Family, inspiring many people to actively live out their Christian faith.

Pastor Downing encouraged congregational member, Lonnie Branch, to answer God's call to be a pastor. After Rev. Branch completed seminary training he served in a prison ministry in Iowa. He went on to pastor congregations in Atlanta and Minneapolis. Rev. Branch is now retired.

After the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it became increasingly hard for Pastor Downing to interest new members in the church. For a year and a half, he made an enormous number of home visits with very little response from people in the community. He came to the conclusion that the congregation needed an African American pastor to effectively serve in Cabrini-Green. Pastor Downing resigned in December 1969.

We survive unsettling years

Holy Family issued several letters of call to African American pastors, without success. One pastor that the congregation wished to call wasn't approved by the Illinois District. After seven months of supply pastors and eight months of an interim pastor, Rev. Ned Elsass, the call committee gave up the search for an African American pastor. In April 1971, Rev. Howard Kreiselmeyer accepted our call to this challenging ministry. He served here until March of 1974. Rev. Marc Gravdal was the interim pastor for the next year.

Holy Family has been a part of my life, for the simple reason that my kids grew up in this church. It's a part of me.

Charles Jackson

Pastor Infelt accepts our call

This was my dream and my call!

Rev. Charles D. Infelt

Dr. Don Johnson installed Rev. Charles D. Infelt at Holy Family April 13, 1975. Holy Family's ministry had been flagging between 1970 and 1975. Seeing the need to overcome the deterioration in our Christian community, Pastor Infelt decided to help the congregation dream new dreams. To initiate this, he organized our first retreat at the

Oxford House with Vivian Jenkins Nelson as the keynote speaker. Whole families attended and left united, inspired and willing to make a difference in our community.

If I couldn't offer something, there wasn't any use in my being here. The more involved I got in church the more I wanted to attend.

Dolores Wilson

Pastor Infelt wanted to re-energize the congregation. His goal was to have an organizational structure that was responsive. He envisioned that everything would revolve around the church council and committees (which would report to the council). Members established goals at congregational retreats and formed committees around these established goals.

Church Council carries out the vision

The Church Council consists of 10-12 members elected at the annual congregational meeting. They meet monthly to make decisions related to just about everything, whether it's a congregational event, a new front for the church, or synod or church-wide business.

State Representative Robert L. Thompson was council president at the time of our church dedication. Lillian Swope was one of the longest-serving Church Council presidents in Holy Family history. She had a strong connection with the Cabrini community, and a zeal for improved housing for all Cabrini residents. Diane Simpson and Tina Ware also served with dedication as council president. Belinda Hill, the current president, helps us look ahead to the changes that will come as the projects come down and the area is transformed.

Worship and music are central

The Worship and Music committee began meeting every Tuesday to review the previous Sunday's worship and plan for the next Sunday. When this committee meets, they read and discuss Bible texts, choose hymns and pray together. Church leaders find this experience invaluable for sermon preparation. For those of us in the congregation, such planning has unified our whole worship experience.

I like the sermons. They're just so powerful!

Jordan Collins-Brown

Pastor Infelt saw that our worship needed a stronger musical presence. He proceeded to hire some of Chicago's top musical people: Joseph Brewer, Gracie Herron, Lucius Bell, Mike Logan, Carmen Stokes, Wilbon McClerkin.

Joseph Brewer directed the Chicago Lutheran Youth Choir, founded by Holy Family and other Lutheran congregations. This choir toured throughout the Midwest. Joe pushed

Holy Family's choir to master even the most complicated music, from Robert Ray's Gospel Mass to Amahl and the Night Visitors, Gian Carlo Menotti's Christian opera. Encouraging nearly every choir member to sing a solo, he strove to find just the right piece for each voice.

Gracie Herron continued Joe's work with the choir, working through the vocal parts. Choir members appreciated her care in teaching. She was an excellent organist and soprano soloist as well.

Lucius Bell has helped the choir develop a musical ear. He makes members listen to each other, watch for his direction, and pay attention to such elements as tone and vowel sounds. Not only a consummate pianist, Lucius improvises spontaneously and appropriately throughout the worship service. He has also shared his gifts for drama during Black History Month.

Viola Collins-Brown became our vocal coach, patiently working through parts with each of the vocal sections. She directs the choir on fourth Sundays. Viola has also developed the Holy Family Youth Choir, which involves young members of the congregation and the school. They have performed during worship, graduations, fundraisers and other special events.

Endowed with amazing talent and the ability to step in when needed, Mike Logan, Carmen Stokes and Wilbon McClerkin serve Holy Family as fourth Sunday musicians. Mike Logan, Jr., has served as a talented young drummer.

We welcome everyone

It's a very community church. When I first became a part of this church everyone welcomed me with open arms.

Leesa Lovett

In the 1990s Mrs. Henry Johns began greeting people at the front door with a broad smile and a warm hug. Today Ruth Harris helps recruit volunteers of all ages to continue this tradition.

During the passing of the peace, we greet, hug and share our concern for each other. It is a favorite part of worship for many members.

I like the peace. When you come in everybody knows your name.

Trevor Hill

I was just a visitor at first. It was so peaceful I would cry. It's a home away from home. You don't get looked at in a different way because you're not dressed up.

Tina Ware

Holy Family makes a special effort to include children in worship. The entire congregation loves and participates in the children's sermon. We welcome all children at the altar, either to receive a blessing or the sacrament. Youth do an excellent job as acolytes. Older high school youth assist as ushers. During Black History Month career development students make worship memorable.

When I first came here Dr. Chuck was preaching and said something about the Cubs. I said, 'Amen! Everybody turned around and looked at me. Pastor came to me after church and said it was OK to say Amen if that was the way I wanted to express myself.

Viola Collins-Brown

Another way Holy Family welcomes all worshipers into the family is by sending birthday cards. Since 1974, Holy Family attendees have received these reminders that we celebrate each other and God's gift of life.

The love spread by each member overwhelmed me. It's what has made me stay until today.

Debra Wilson

Usher board enhances worship

Many thanks are due to the hard working usher board, which insures that Sunday morning worship services are orderly and respectful. Today the board encourages high school youth to serve as ushers. The current chair is Charles Jackson. Holy Family remembers with gratitude the service of Fannie Swanigan as head usher.

Sunday School is for everyone

Holy Family has offered Christian education for children and adults since the first worship service. Myrtis Warren and Juanita Williams served notably as Sunday School superintendents. Since 1999 Leslie Hunter has led the youth Sunday School with the assistance of Carolyn Lee and Debra Wilson. Leslie's incredible enthusiasm and energy inspire children of all ages to sing and learn together about God's love and creation.

The first time I started coming to Holy Family it was in the summer. I enjoyed church and had a great time. I loved the pastor. I'm glad that I have my kids in church too.

Carolyn Lee

In the early years Holy Family hosted a Bethel Bible class. Later adults attended Lenten Bible studies. Today the adult Sunday School class delves deeply into scripture, studying Genesis, Revelation, Matthew, Romans and the Gospel of John.

I really didn't read the Bible until I came here.

Mae Berry

Vacation Bible School is a summertime jewel

Vacation Bible School is central to our summer program. In recent years Holy Family has recruited groups such as South Park Church to lead VBS for 2-4 weeks. Children learn Bible stories, make crafts, enjoy puppet shows and participate in games and other activities that make the Gospel come alive.

Career Development prepares our youth

LCCD made a difference. I wasn't giving much thought to jobs and college before I joined LCCD.

Andrea Berry

With six other congregations, Holy Family organized Lutheran Congregations for Career Development in 1978. LCCD worked to help our young people succeed in school and prepare for careers. Members met regularly to prepare for presentations, learn from guest speakers, visit college fairs and plan for summer employment. The LCCD Bakery gave employment experience to youth too young for regular summer jobs.

In 1998 Holy Family began its own career development program under the professional leadership of Barbara Gosberry. Year after year the program helps our youth stand tall, speak out and make important decisions leading to successful careers.

My mother wanted all of us to be baptized. My best memory of Holy Family early on was the strong men's presence, not excluding the matriarchs who kept us in line. Holy Family members exemplified the saying, "It takes a village to raise a child."

John Hill

Men's group takes a leadership role

One of the small groups at the 2004 retreat spoke of a new dream: a Holy Family men's group. That dream caught on, and the group organized at the church picnic that summer. On October 3, 2004, the men sponsored the first Men's Leadership Sunday. Throughout 2005, they have come together for special presentations of song, drama and more.

Stewardship committee encourages giving

When the ALC merged with two other Lutheran bodies to form the ELCA, annual mission support for Holy Family plummeted from \$43,000 to \$28,000 in just two years. The stewardship committee initiated temple talks that encouraged members to give joyfully from all the wonderful gifts that God has freely given. Members responded with a steady increase in congregational giving year after year. Holy Family has been self-supporting since 2001.

The Stewardship committee plans the stewardship banquet every fall. Guest speakers inspire us to give freely of our time, talents and resources, as we enjoy a delicious soul food feast.

Members of the stewardship committee faithfully count the Sunday offering. Holy Family thanks Mae Johnson for her careful stewardship of funds during the many years she has served as church treasurer.

Holy Family builds staff

In the 1980s Holy Family was trying to build up staff. By ourselves we couldn't afford to pay a full salary for an associate pastor. We worked out a shared arrangement with Lutheran Social Services of Illinois to hire first Pastor Mark Selbo in 1981 and then Pastor Maxine Washington in 1987 as associate pastors. Pastor Selbo worked in a criminal justice program while Pastor Washington began a women's prison ministry.

I told Leslie he was going to be a preacher and now he is!

Beatrice Johnson

Leslie Hunter joined the staff as a student intern in 1992 and became our full time youth minister in 1998. Over the years he has shared his gifts of sermons, stories and poetry, energizing the Holy Family youth program. He strengthened the Boys in the Hood program to reach young men who might not otherwise be involved with the church. Leslie connected with SLAM (Saving Lives through Athletic Ministry) to involve our high school youth in a Christian athletic experience. Each year he takes a group of high school youth to Kids Across America Camp. Leslie also teaches first year confirmation and serves as the chaplain at Holy Family Lutheran School. He is the inspirational leader of Faith and Fellowship, a faith sharing group which meets regularly during the year.

Over the years several people served as church secretary, including Janelle Downing, Jean Daniel, Willie Mae Simpson and Paultetta Simpson. Often the secretary was the first person to see someone in need. We were blessed with women of wisdom and compassion.

Current full time staff include:

Rev. Dr. Charles D. Infelt	Pastor
Leslie Hunter	Youth Minister
Janet Stewart	After School, Senior and Volunteer Programs
Stanley Davis	Building Manager

Holy Family interns prospered

Holy Family from the early years until 1998 had a call to help prepare men and women for the ministry. At least 22 regular interns and 9 SCUPE interns received an exceptional internship experience. Holy Family immersed them in a bottom-up approach to ministry that emphasized sociology, psychology and theology. A lay-intern committee met regularly with the interns to make sure that their connection to the congregation remained strong. (For a list of interns, see the appendix.)

We work for better housing

Throughout his years at Holy Family, Pastor Infelt worked hard to build ecumenical relationships. With LaSalle Street Church, Fourth Presbyterian and St. Matthews, Holy Family formed Chicago Orleans Housing (COH). With this as momentum, the same four churches created the Near North Community Organization (NNCO). Both organizations aimed to help establish the emerging character of the Near North side as mixed income/mixed race. They also wanted to establish a bridge community between Cabrini-Green and the Gold Coast neighborhoods. The group planned the successful construction of Atrium Village, which was completed in 1979. COH made several fruitless attempts to purchase adjoining land to expand Atrium Village.

Pastor Infelt led Holy Family in its next goal: to attempt to save public housing. In about 1978, CHA changed rent policy in Cabrini and other projects from an income cap with fixed rents to 30% of whatever a tenant's income was. Raising rents for many residents, this move led to a mass exodus of leadership from the community. Apartments and common areas deteriorated. Pastor Infelt saw that we needed a bigger ecumenical base to tackle the problem. Cabrini Alive was born out of efforts of the newly formed Near North Ministry Alliance in 1989. Over the years as many as 19 local churches have participated in the alliance. Cabrini Alive volunteers cleaned and painted CHA apartments and common areas.

Between 1989 and 1991 all vacant apartments in the 1015-1017 N. Larrabee building were rehabbed (a total of more than 100 units), raising the occupancy rate from 33% to 100%. Holy Family hired two social workers to help all the families meet their unique goals. As a result the building went from having no tenants working to having 49 working in regular full-time jobs. It's one of Holy Family's greatest successes.



We break ground for Atrium Village in 1978. Pictured from left to right are: Bill Leslie, McKinley Franklin, Alderman Burt Natarus, 42nd Ward Committeeman George Dunn, Rev. Charles D. Infelt, Jean Daniel, two unknown men (probably representing HUD and ILDA), Dolores Wilson.

When the program moved beyond the confines of Cabrini it was renamed Hope Alive and continues today under the direction of Holy Family Ministries with the Bridge Builders program. Without advertising, over the years 28,000 volunteers have come to Cabrini Green to participate in Cabrini Alive and Hope Alive.

Together with NNCO we formed Clergy United for Community Care in the mid 1980s. CUCC acted to take back the play lots. Adult supervision during the afternoon allowed children to again go outside and play. Crack cocaine entered Cabrini-Green in 1993, which meant that Holy Family had to further deepen its ministry to drug-addicted people and the gang affiliated community. At that point we were one of the last bastions of hope and stability in the community.

Headstart and after school programs nurture our children

Holy Family hosted LSSI-sponsored Headstart and after school programs from 1968 to 1996. Many children in the community benefited from these high quality educational opportunities over the years. After school programs have continued since 2002 under the Hope Alive program. School age children now not only have help with homework and after school care, but they participate in trips, attend camp and log onto a world of online resources in a state of the art computer lab. The best part of the new program is that the staff is able to work so well with parents. The goal is to wrap all these experiences around the children, providing exemplary role models for them to follow.

Holy Family School keeps a Christian environment with a focus of hope for the children and families, always letting them know that God loves them.

Marilyn Hawkins

Holy Family Lutheran School grows and prospers

In the early 1980s Holy Family dreamed of having a school that would give our children a quality education in a Christian setting. From 1982 to 1985 we cooperated with First Bethlehem School, sending students and sponsoring a teacher, Tammy Lewinski. In September 1985 Holy Family Lutheran School opened at Josephinum High School, with 40 students in kindergarten through fourth grade. Early teachers were Kim Webster, Shirley Wilson and Janet Prater-Soni.

In 1990 the school moved to rooms at the American Islamic College on the North Side. Needing a more stable space, Holy Family School moved to Rose of Sharon Community Church in 1997. The school continued to grow and prosper, and Holy Family continued to dream--this time about owning our own school building. Holy Family Ministries investigated several buildings available for purchase, but found them lacking. Holy Family Ministries began seeking land for new construction.

In 2004 Holy Family Ministries purchased land to build our own school building in

Homan Square. The advantage of building in this location is that so many resources are already present; resources such as a swimming pool, health care, and community services.

We are now raising money to construct a school building that will provide our children with a first-class Christian elementary school education.

Take Our Daughters to Work Club

Holy Family organized Take Our Daughters to Work Club to help 7 to 15 year old girls prepare for employment. Group leaders dedicated themselves to nurturing girls in the community. The group was active through the end of 2004.

Holy Family seniors celebrate life

Folks at the 2003 congregational retreat wanted Holy Family to have a seniors group. Since that time, group leader Janet Stewart has planned many trips, speakers and parties. The goal is to keep seniors vitally connected to ministry, community and to life.

Holy Family Ministries Foundation pulls it all together

Thanks to the Holy Family Ministries Foundation, we've been able to accomplish an unbelievable amount of ministry. As a congregation, Holy Family doesn't have a lot of money. The financial resources of members are augmented by the outstanding generosity of other congregations, foundations, corporations and individual donors who have become our partners. Together we've expanded our ministry to new levels. Holy Family Ministries CEO Susan Work has been a driving force behind much of the development work, leading a dedicated staff, volunteers and a board of directors that help to guide our huge, shared dreams, and find creative ways to fund and implement those dreams.

Amicus Certus Award

Pastor Infelt received the Amicus Certus Award in 2004. He credits the whole congregation with leading the larger Lutheran church on social issues. Holy Family helps interpret what it means to be Lutheran, showing our understanding of grace through our worship, our welcome and our life together.

Begun as a unique seed planted at the ALC constituting convention, Holy Family has touched the lives of members, other congregations, future pastors and friends throughout the ELCA. Holy Family will continue to serve the community with heart, mind and soul. We pledge to include a broad spectrum of society in helping to heal our community, nation and world.

*What I love most about being a part of Holy Family is watching the generations.
I am in awe of Holy Family Church and how we've grown over the generations.
Barbara Gosberry*

Appendix

Holy Family Interns

Year	Regular intern	SCUPE intern
66-67	Bill Thompson	
67-68	Ralph Rasmussen	
77-78	David Belnap	
78-79	Rich Collier	
79-80	Mark Selbo	John Hanish
80-81	Eric Jorstad	Harry Lehotsky
81-82	Dana Nissen	Ken Bechtel
82-83	David Knapp	Paul Grahovac
83-84	Greg Schaeffer	Mark Rath
84-85	Dan Hoeger	Jim Wiener
85-86	Warren Williams	Bryan Kittner
86-87	P. Michael Gerholdt	Howard Van Dam
87-88		Richard Jackson
88-89	Mark Menacher	
89-90	Fritz Brandenburg	
90-91	Andrew Hinderlie	
91-92	Jan Wiersma (Halverson)	
92-93	Sonja Hagander	
93-94	Larry Clark	
94-95	Gary Boschee	
95-96	Curtis Baker	
96-97	John Berg	
97-98	Karen O'Malia	

Holy Family Timeline

Dec.16, 1962	First service
March 3, 1963	First baptism
March 31, 1963	First members received
April 7, 1963	First full service of Holy Communion
April 5, 1964	First youth confirmation class
July 11, 1965	Groundbreaking for new addition
July 18, 1965	Organized as a congregation
January 30, 1966	Rev. Fred J. Downing installed as pastor
July 2, 1967	Building dedicated
April 1968	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. assassinated
December 1969	Pastor Downing resigns
1970-1971	Rev. Ned Elsass serves as interim pastor
1971-1974	Rev. Howard Kreiselmeyer serves as pastor
1974-1975	Rev. Marc Gravdal serves as interim pastor
April 1975	Rev. Charles D. Infelt accepts call to serve as Holy Family's pastor
1977	Joseph Brewer hired as Holy Family Choir Director
1978	Began Chicago Lutheran Youth Choir with other Lutheran congregations
1978	Lutheran Congregations for Career Development founded
October 29, 1978	Holy Family owns the building free and clear
1979	Atrium Village erected
1980	Near North Community Organization founded
1981	Rev. Mark Selbo accepts call as associate pastor
1982	Sent Holy Family students to First Bethlehem
September 1985	Started Holy Family Lutheran School at St. Josephenum
September 1985	Celebrated Holy Family's 20 th Anniversary with a Homecoming
1987	Rev. Maxine Washington accepts call as associate pastor
	Lucius Bell hired as music director
1988	Church Merger forms Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
1989	Cabrini Alive begins
1990	Moved Holy Family Lutheran School to the American Islamic College building on the North Side
1992	Leslie Hunter joined staff part time
1993	Crack cocaine begins to affect Cabrini community
1994	Take Our Daughters to Work Club goes to the White House
	Boys in the Hood begins
1997	Cabrini Alive becomes Hope Alive
1997	Moved Holy Family Lutheran School to Rose of Sharon building on the West Side of Chicago
1998	Leslie Hunter hired as full time youth minister
1999	Holy Family Ministries formed
2002	Started Bridge Builders program
2004	Began fundraising to build our own school
2005	New front of church installed