



*Drawn to Christ
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Knowing & Living Our
Mission as Catholics



Forming school of prayer in the new millennium

SFX HOME MASSES 2009

In the early American church, a priest would head out across the countryside on horseback to celebrate Mass at homes of believers. Those living nearby were invited to break open the word and share in the Eucharist with the family hosting the liturgy. These were typically small gatherings and offered the faithful a chance to become closer to each other and the Lord.

Many years later, in Wilmette, we are asking ourselves how to renew our liturgies and make our community stronger, so all may come and receive the abundance of God's blessing knowing that they are loved, needed and cared for! One of the answers is to go back to the apostolic times when the Apostles visited different houses in order to "break the Bread" and make various local communities stronger. With the same home Fr. Sheridan and Fr. Peter are deciding to offer in the spring, summer and the fall of 2009 home masses for those who are willing to experience this unusual setting. The home masses will serve as spiritual forums for participants to ask themselves and each other: "What is the Church?" and "What are we as the Church"? The home masses are intended to be opportunities for people to pray, to talk and to spend time with each other. The small setting could also present a unique closeness to God that a large church building with its various distractions sometimes cannot offer. We hope that all members of our parish family will have a chance to attend at least one of those masses, we also hope that this joyful celebration will renew our parish and attract others to join us in our journey toward Jesus! Please, as you are considering to be a part of this evangelization project pray for all who will open their homes to our parish family.

The suggested times for the home mass celebrations are Saturdays and Sundays afternoon or evening starting with Mercy Sunday celebrated a week after Easter.