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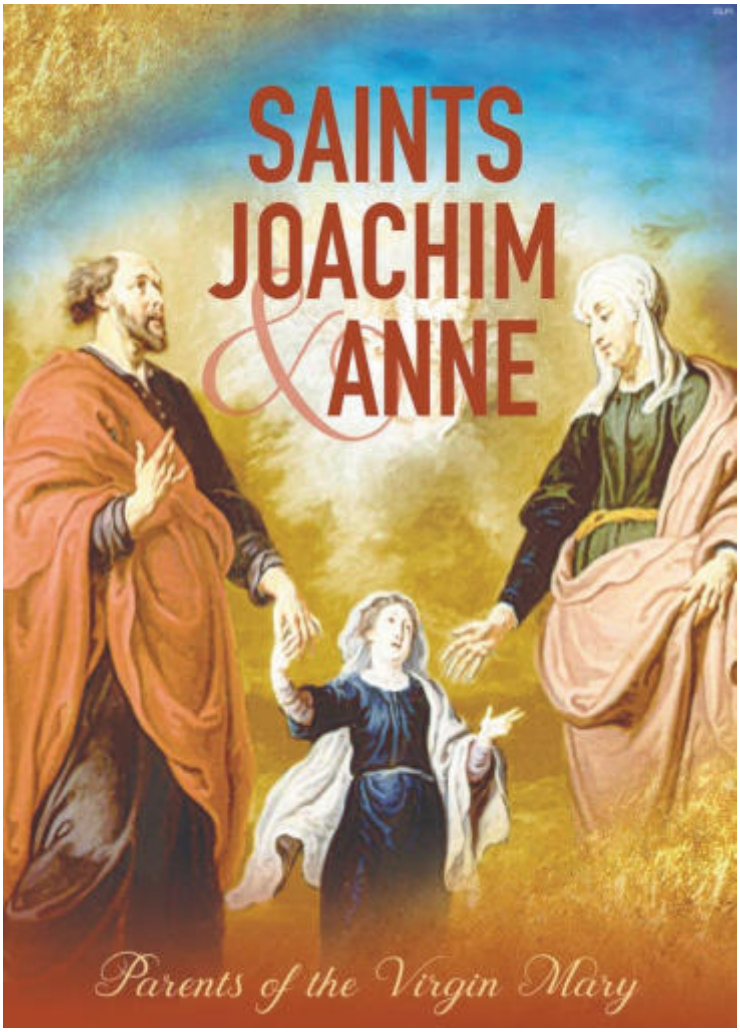
HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil	4:30 PM
Sunday	6:30 AM, 8:00 AM
	9:30 AM, 11:00 AM
	12:30 PM, 6:00 PM
Daily Mass (M-F)	6:30 AM, 8:30 AM
Saturday Morning	8:30 AM

Livestreamed Masses

Daily Mass (M-F)	8:30 AM
Saturday Vigil	4:30 PM
Sunday	9:30 AM

Confession Times

Tuesdays	4:00—5:00 PM
Thursdays	After 6:30 AM Mass
Saturdays	9:00—10:00 AM

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Rev. Kenneth Wasilewski, in residence

Deacon Jason Stewart

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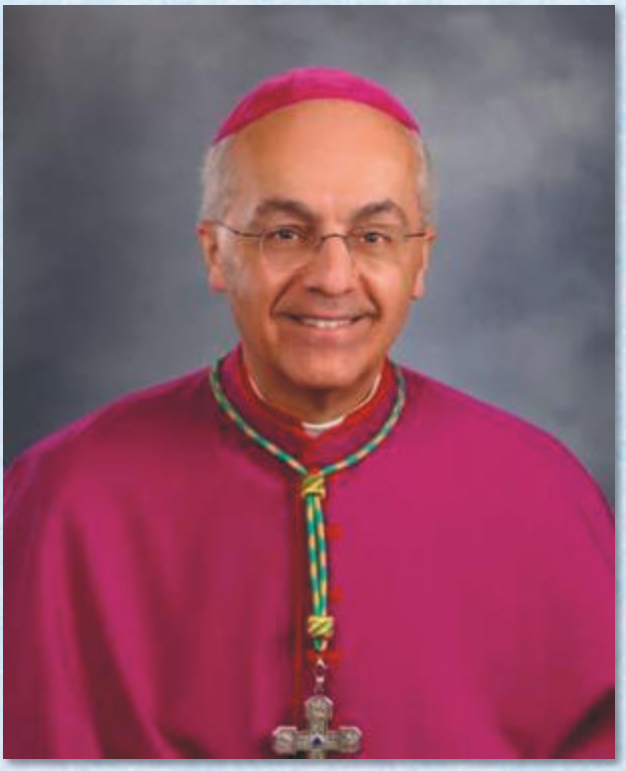
From the PASTOR:

Bishop Kagan Coming Back to Holy Family!

As a part of our "Honoring our Past, Building our Future" capital campaign, I have extended an offer to our former priests to come back and celebrate a Mass with us. It will give them a chance to see our new facilities and more importantly, see all of you one more time. Msgr. Hermes joined us a few weeks ago, Msgr. Barr this week, and soon it will be Bishop David Kagan.



Bishop Kagan will be the main celebrant at the Saturday night vigil Mass at 4:30 PM on August 28. I hope you will be able to join us for that special occasion and say hello to him. He has been doing great things in the diocese of Bismarck. You can read about some of what he is doing there on his diocese's website. Hopefully he will be able to share more about what he is doing.
Be sure to mark this date down on your calendar!

My Air Force Retirement Ceremony this Thursday at 1800 (that's 6:00 PM for you civilians)

You are all invited to attend my Air Force retirement ceremony this Thursday. I think you will really enjoy it if you have never been to one. It's a rather unique experience and I will tell some of my "war stories" (which aren't really war stories, but are interesting nonetheless).

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week July 25 to 31

In light of this most important week, we will be sharing with you in this newsletter a few resources. I encourage you especially to read the frequently asked questions, which explodes a lot of myths about NFP. I always tell my couples that I prepare for marriage that NFP is the best kept secret of the Catholic Church. Of course, it should not be a secret, but I think it retains a stigma out there and is not talked about enough or practiced by couples enough because of all these myths. If you have struggled with the Church's teachings on this, I encourage you to read these FAQ's and take it (and an open mind) to prayer and ask God to speak to you on this.

Natural Family Planning (NFP) Myth and Reality from the USCCB's Website

Myth 1: NFP is based on guesswork: it's what people used before modern science developed contraception.

- Reality: NFP is not based on folktales! NFP is a general title for the methods of family planning that are science-based, accurate, natural, healthy, reliable, and moral. There are many NFP methods and all can be used to achieve, or to postpone, a pregnancy *naturally.*
- NFP is based on scientific research about women's cycles of fertility. Over a century ago, scientists discovered cyclic changes in cervical mucus and their relation to ovulation. In the 1920s, scientists identified the temperature rise that signals ovulation. But it wasn't until the 1950s, that scientists developed programs to teach others how to observe and interpret these fertility signs. NFP methods are grouped according to which signs of fertility are being observed and charted.

Myth 2: NFP can be used only by women with regular cycles.

- Reality: NFP works with menstrual cycles of any length and any degree of irregularity. NFP does not depend on a woman having regular menstrual cycles. NFP treats each woman and each cycle as unique. These methods rely on daily observations of the woman's signs of fertility.
- NFP allows a woman to understand the physical signs her body gives her to tell her when she is most likely to get pregnant (around the time of ovulation). Once the woman understands this information, she and her husband can use the information according to their family planning intentions (i.e., to either achieve or postpone pregnancy).

Myth 3: NFP is too complicated to be used by most people.

- Reality: NFP can be used by anyone who learns the method and is motivated to apply the guidelines.
- NFP information is easy to learn. In fact, the methods have been successfully adapted to suit the needs of people and cultures all around the world. The key to using NFP effectively is for couples to *learn together* the information about their combined fertility, and to *change their behavior*, applying the guidelines according to whether they wish to achieve or postpone pregnancy. This process is learned in NFP education, where the couple can practice observing and charting the wife's signs of fertility. This is not hard to learn but will take effort. NFP couples say that NFP is worth the effort because many benefits will be gained, including stronger communication, mutual responsibility, and greater respect for each other.

Find more myths and realities about NFP on the USCCB's website.
You can also find more information on the USCCB's website dedicated to NFP.

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 26, Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6:30 + Geraldine Stucki
+ Georgia Tussing
+ Marleen Zimmer
+ Jeffrey McCreath
+ Michael Hand
8:30 + Katherine Beckett

Tuesday, July 27, Weekday
6:30 + Debra Palumbo
8:30 + Roy Pitkus

Wednesday, July 28, Weekday
6:30 + Christine Bogdanski
8:30 Int. of Jennie Ciembronowicz

Thursday, July 29, St. Martha
6:30 + Joan Kaim
8:30 For the Health of Dave Fehrle

Friday, July 30, St. Peter Chrysologus
6:30 ++ Art and Marellen King
8:30 + Emma Stieglitz

Saturday, July 31, St. Ignatius of Loyola
8:30 Int. of Joe and Ann Wojewodzki on their 45th Wedding Anniversary

4:30 Int. of Loretta Woodard
For the Ebarle Family
+ Billy Long
++ Robert and Theresa Ditzler
+ Eunice Usedom

Sunday, August 1, 18th Sunday in OT
6:30 ++ Al and Grace Guerrera
++ Mae and Francis Baudhuin
+ Don Hagel
+ Reginald Ring
+ Stan Gillenwater
8:00 For a Special Intention
9:30 + Frank Buttacavoli
11:00 ++ Helen and Chuck Sleight
12:30 For the People of Holy Family
6:00 + Arleen Todd

Holy Family – Stewardship of Treasure
July 18, 2021

In-pew Sunday Stewardship	$12,226.00
Online Giving – EFT	$10,808.00
Mail-in Sunday Envelopes	$7,035.00
Total Weekly Collection	$30, 069.00
This week's tithe goes to Days for Girls	$902.07

The Sanctuary Tabernacle Lamp is burning for the next two weeks in memory of ***Geraldine Stucki.***

Two candles in the Adoration Chapel are burning this week in memory of ***Aludia Dizon*** *and* ***Beth Phillips.***

The flowers on the altar were donated in memory of ***Gene Hlousek.***

Women's Guild

Please join us for morning coffee at Mary's Market on July 27th at 9 AM. We will be outside—weather permitting. If you have a birthday in July, coffee is on us!

Sunday Worship Aid QR Code
Please open the camera app on your phone to scan the code.

Calendar of EVENTS

July

Sunday July 25	Msgr. Barr Presiding at Mass	9:30 AM
Weekend of July 24-25	Food Collection—at the Church	
Tuesday, July 27	Women's Guild—Coffee at Mary's Market	9 AM
Tuesday, July 27	Young Adult Series—St. Bridget Parish Center	6:30—8 PM
Wednesday, July 28	Eat, Drink, and Be Married—St. Gabriel Hall	6:30 PM
Thursday, July 29	Fr. Kaim's Air Force Retirement Ceremony	6 PM

August

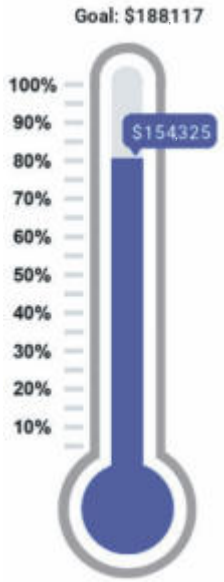
Sunday, August 1	Healing Hearts 815—Frassati Room	4—5 PM
Monday, August 2	Holy Dusters—at the Church after 8:30 AM Mass	9:15 AM
Tuesday, August 3	Young Adult Series—St. Bridget Parish Center	6:30—8 PM
Wednesday, August 4	Women's Guild Board Meeting	9:15 AM
Wednesday, August 4	Birthdays After Mass (BAM)—after 8:30 AM Mass	9:10 AM
Thursday, August 5	Mary's Messengers Rosary Group—Frassati Room	6:30—8 PM

Food Collection

The food collection at will go to the Rock River Valley Food Pantry. Please bring your **non-perishable donations** to church and put them on the table designated for the food collection. Needed items are **canned fruits and vegetables.** There will be envelopes on the food collection table for monetary donations. Please put the envelopes in the Sunday collection. For more information, please contact Dianna. We appreciate your generosity!

2021-2022 Annual Diocesan Stewardship Appeal Update

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have contributed to our Diocesan Stewardship so far. We are $33,792 away from our goal. If you have not yet made a pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so. Any monies not collected will need to come out of our ordinary income.



Do you know a young person who is struggling with the loss of a relative or friend? **Healing Hearts 815** is a grief support group for young people grades 6 and up. We will have our monthly meeting on Sunday, August 1st from 4-5 PM in the Frassati Room. We welcome current and new participants to join in discussion and activities that help young people progress on their grief journey. To register, email Elizabeth Hand at healinghearts815@gmail.com.

Thank you!

The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary are very appreciative and grateful for the success of this year's baby bottle campaign. The campaign raised $5,169. This money will help the Sisters continue their mission of Christ and help young challenged pregnant mothers at the Madonna Renewal Center in Freeport. They greatly appreciate the support and generosity of Holy Family.

Through our insight, which is so much apart of our womanhood, we enrich the world around us and help to make human relations more honest and authentic

Women to Women

For this reason, Women to Women is a ministry that offers fellowship and opportunities to explore topics of faith, family life, and self-care for all women.

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Upcoming Events

Book Study: Love Like a Saint By: Elizabeth M. Kelly
Begins **October 26, 2021**

Advent by Candlelight: The Quiet Strength of St. Joseph
December 3, 2021 6:00 PM St. Gabriel Hall & Sanctuary

Walking with Purpose: Bible Study "Beholding His Glory"
Begins **January 6, 2022 6:30 PM**

Lent 2022: Standing at the Foot of the Cross TBA

SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

With schools opening soon, the Rockford Deanery Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) and Catholic Charities are requesting school supplies which will be collected by the Women's Guild the **weekend of August 7/8 at all Masses.** You may also drop off your donation to the Harte Center prior to that weekend. Among the many items needed are: pink erasers, colored pocket folders, blunt or pointed scissors, glue or glue sticks, water color paints, crayons, colored pencils, pens, new spiral notebooks, notecards, highlighters, markers, rulers, calculators, backpacks, and notebook paper. Monetary donations will also be accepted. The supplies will be made available to those in need at Holy Family first, with the remainder being donated to St. Elizabeth's Center. If you need assistance with school supplies this year, please contact Mary Rita at 815-564-3499 (call or text) or email holyfamily-rockford@rockforddiocese.org. Thank you for your generosity.

Young Adult Ministry @ St. Bridget Loves Park

Built on Rock:
A Young Adult Series

(Ages 18-35)
St. Bridget Parish Center

"Built on Rock" will take place at St. Bridget Parish Center in Loves Park. Our goal is to bring young adults together to build up their faith and their relationship to the Church. The evening will feature a great talk, conversation, and fellowship. The atmosphere will be casual with some light snacks and non-alcoholic beverages provided. For more information contact Fr. Grismer at frgrismer@gmail.com.

Tuesday, July 27, 6:30-8:00pm "What's the Point?" - Fr. Sean Grismer

Fr. Grismer will be speaking about the necessity of religion in a society plagued by confusion. Join him as he explores the spiritual, emotional, and psychological benefits of having a foundation in religion, specifically in Jesus Christ.

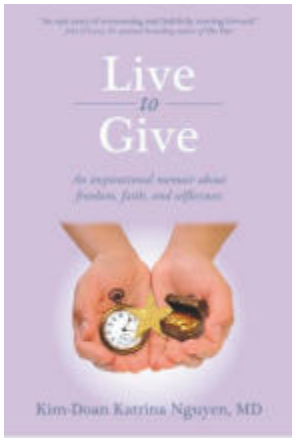
Tuesday, August 3, 6:30-8:00pm "Intentionally Today" - Fr. Bobby Blood

Fr. Blood will share some tips on how to find fulfillment in the now. As the world tries to force us into a perpetual struggle between "remember when" and the fear of tomorrow, the Lord draws us into this very moment, where rest, peace, and genuine hope can be found.

Tuesday, August 10, 6:30-8:00pm "Yes, that Really Happened. Now What?" - Fr. James Linkenheld

Fr. Linkenheld will share how diving into the questions raised in us by the pandemic, and not shying away from them, can lead us into a more dynamic and exciting relationship with God.

Holy Family parishioners, Dr. Katrina Nguyen, wrote a book called "Live to Give." It was just recently published and is now available for purchase. Fr. Kaim has seen the book and met the author at a recent St. Vincent de Paul event.



Katrina will be conducting a 'book signing' on Saturday, August 7th at Crimson Ridge, 735 N. Perryville Rd, from 11 AM—3 PM. She will be using the event to fundraise for all the SVdP Rockford Conferences. A signed copy will be $15, of which $9 will be donated to SVdP.

This is a great opportunity to not only raise funds, but also to continue to raise awareness of SVdP in Rockford and to purchase an interesting book.

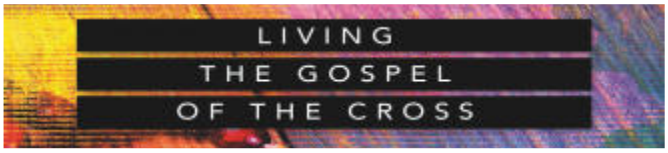
We are looking for volunteers to help livestream weekend and weekday Masses. If you're interested, please contact Barb in the office.

Mary's Messengers Rosary Group

Join us on the 1st Thursday of the month to make rosaries and share stories with each other. Our next get together is **August 5, 2021** from **6—8:30 PM** in the Frassati Room.

Knights of Columbus

The Holy Family Knights of Columbus Council 13123 sponsors several seminarians through its portion of the sale of Illinois State K of C vocation raffle ticket books. There are 15 chances to win in each book, and the books are $15 each. The raffle book supply is running low, so contact Bob Tetzloff at robert.tetzloff@att.net or call 815-633-7002 to get yours and support our future priests.



F3@HF

Family Faith Formation @ Holy Family #CATHOLICSTRONG

F^3@HF is taking registrations for this upcoming school year. Get your family registered now! Visit our website holyfamilyrockford.org, and click on 'Education.' There you will find information about the program, the registration form, and the calendar for this upcoming year. You will also find the ESC (Every Second Counts) Sacramental Prep class calendar for those with children going into 2nd or 8th grade. If your child(ren) needs to receive First Reconciliation, First Communion, or Confirmation, please call Barb at 815-398-4280, and we can get that process started. If your child is not going to a Catholic school, they should be enrolled in our F^3 program. It's fun and rewarding for the whole family.

Is 2021 the year in which you and your spouse celebrate your 25th, 50th, 55th, 60th, 65th, or 70th or more wedding anniversary? Bishop Malloy and the Life & Family Evangelization Office would like to celebrate this milestone with you. Couples celebrating the milestone wedding anniversaries of 25, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, or more years of marriage in 2021 are invited to a special Mass in their honor at St. Mary Parish in Huntley, IL on Sunday, August 22nd at 2:30 PM celebrated by Bishop David J. Malloy. A cake and punch reception will immediately follow. The Life & Family Evangelization Office welcomes your registration by phone (815)399-4300 or online at www.rockforddiocese.org/anniversary by August 10th. Commemorative certificates to mark this special occasion will be available for those who pre-register for this event.

SAVE THE DATE

The annual St. Vincent de Paul 'Walk for the Poor' will be held this year on Saturday, September 18, at the Rock River Recreation Path. More information will be provided in the coming weeks on how you can participate and/or donate.

We are now allowed to take communion to the homebound. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please contact Cindy in the parish office to sign up. Please do so even if you signed up in the past.

meal train

We have resumed the meal train for Fr. Kaim and Fr. Simon for lunches on Tuesday. Please go to our website holyfamilyrockford.org, click on the 'Serve' tab, and choose 'Meal Train.' You will be able to sign up for a date to bring our priests lunch. Thank you in advance!

Birthdays After Mass (BAM)

Stay after 8:30 AM Mass on August 4, 2021 for coffee, donuts, and fellowship in St. Gabriel Hall. We will celebrate all the August birthdays. So happy to be opening up and celebrating each other again.

IT'S ALL IN THE BASKET

St. Therese of Lisieux made a point of going the extra mile in kindness towards those people who really got under her skin. It was part of her own brand of Everyday Stewardship — thanking God for all His creation, even the parts with which, in her own humanness, she struggled to cope.

I think about this a lot when I challenge myself to give thanks for things that bother me and people who challenge me. When I do this, I envision Christ giving thanks over those insufficient loaves. How many of us would see that paltry little basket and kick a rock in frustration because we can't feed all our people? "You didn't give me enough, Lord! You didn't give me enough patience, enough money, enough creativity, enough stamina to be a good steward. If you had given me more, I could also give more!"

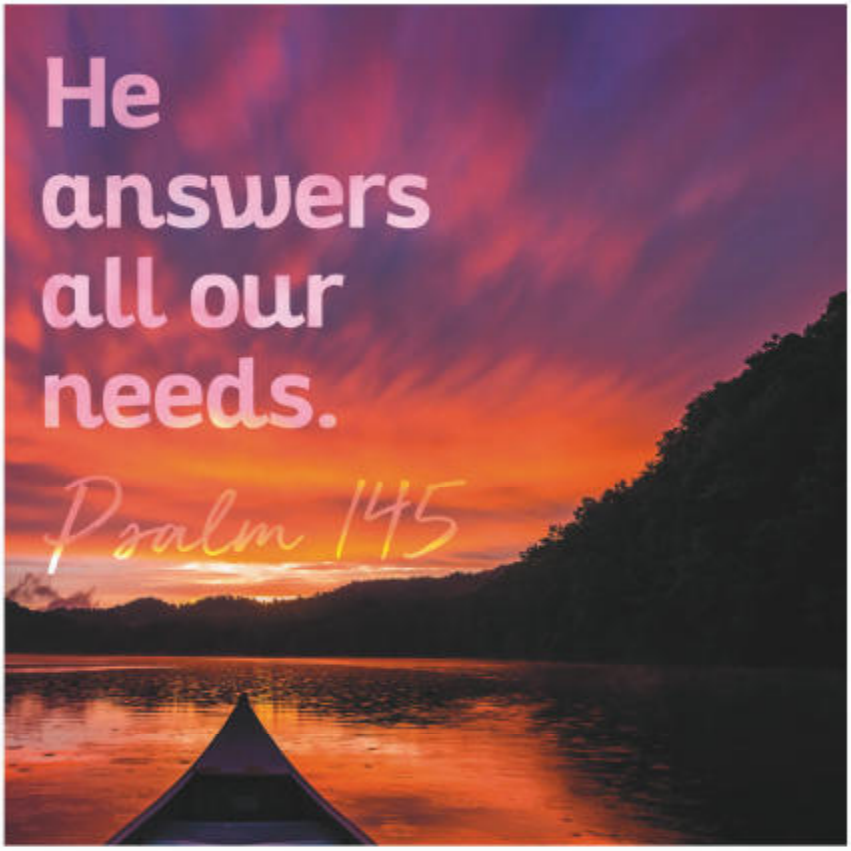
In those moments of despair, we need to take a good look at the life God has given us. We need to look at the trials and the challenges and the shortcomings. The hopes that didn't pan out, the disappointments that keep cropping up. Somewhere therein lies what we need to be the steward God asks us to be, just as St. Therese's own stewardship was defined by the people she simply couldn't stand.

God does not give us all we want. He does not give us all we ask for. He does us one better: He gives us all we need. It's all in the basket.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

LIVE THE LITURGY
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God shows up in unexpected ways! Just when we think we have God's agenda figured out, another surprise comes. Expecting to find God only in some places hinders us from finding Him everywhere. Who would have thought that a young boy's few loaves and fishes would feed thousands of people? The disciples were probably just as amazed as everyone else when this feast appeared before them. Sometimes, we find it difficult to believe that God can do amazing things with something small and simple. Yet, grasping this truth is really at the heart of understanding the power of the Eucharist. Having the Body and Blood of Christ made present for us is one amazing wonder. Actually being fed and nourished by that gift is another. Now being able to become what we have eaten, God can do tremendous things with the simple, humble gifts of our lives. All we have to do is realize that God dwells within us. When we do, then everyone we encounter and everything we do has the power to become a sacramental moment. When done with great love even the smallest gesture can be multiplied exponentially. Now, that's amazing!



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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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To have, to hold, to honor, Natural Family Planning. Supporting God's gifts of love and life in marriage. - July 25-31 highlights the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae (July 25)* which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love, and responsible parenthood. The dates also mark the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother. The teachings of *Humanae vitae* are not manmade. They represent God's gifts to His people, especially to husband and wife. Couples across the country have discovered the simple, natural, and effective means of understanding a couple's fertility. It's no wonder that married couples who practice NFP experience a divorce rate lower by 31-41% to the general American population. Humanae vitae teaches about God's gifts of married love and life, that regulation of births in marriage is a practical and serious responsibility, that contraception and direct sterilization are wrong, and that husband and wife can regulate births in marriage according to God's design. (the encyclical: *https://tinyurl.com/4m5rth8w*) Does this mean couples are to leave their family size to chance? NO! God invites husband and wife to cooperate with Him in their mission of responsible parenthood. Learn more: OSF Women's Health and Fertility*Care* Center-Rockford, contact Mary O'Grady, RN, BSN, CFCP, Joselyn Go-Lim, MD, Edison Lim, MD at 815-332-3015; Erica Kornfeind, FCP, Spirit of Life Fertility*Care* Center@815-721-5988 *(nfp@usccb.org; https://tinyurl.com/e3btchy3)*

Vermont's Proposed Reproductive Anarchy Constitutional Amendment - Wesley J. Smith, *www.nationalreview.com*, "[Like Illinois], Vermont allows abortion through all nine months, depriving babies of any rights, whether or not in a uterus. Proposal 5, Article 22, would give an individual the right to personal reproductive autonomy. It would allow Fetal Farming. A woman would be paid to gestate and abort for experimentation or organ-donation. Commercial surrogacy for any reason would be allowed. 'Three-parent embryos' would be manufactured so that all members of 'throuples' could have a genetic relation to the child. Two-womb babies would be created through IVF, implanting the embryo into one mother, then transferring to another who carries the baby to term. Transgender women would receive uterus transplants so biological males could give birth. Vermont voters vote on the amendment in November." *(https://tinyurl.com/4rpnh6ze)*

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