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HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

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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:

We Say Our Goodbyes to John Summers

Our very talented and dedicated Director of Music and Liturgy, John Summers, has chosen to step down after 24 years of faithful service to both Holy Family and the Cathedral of St. Peter. He can explain it better than I, but essentially it became too much when he went part time for us. He took on a full time position as a UPS truck driver and hoped to make both work, but it proved too great a cost to his family time. So we entirely understand his decision and makes the most sense for him and his family.

He is a “dinosaur” in some ways—he is a youthful and talented organ player. As I’m finding, that is becoming more and more of a rare breed these days and most organ players seem to be near the retirement age. I do hope the younger generation picks up the torch so that churches are not forced to exclusively play the piano. So John will be very hard to replace.

I certainly want to cast the net wide since this is a field I am not familiar with. If you know of someone who is interested in this part time position, don’t hesitate to contact me. I hope that we can cover with some of our volunteer base of pianists and organists until a permanent replacement is found.

John will not be going anywhere in the sense that he will remain a parishioner, along with his wife Kim and their kids, which are now mostly grown. He may be helping out from time to time or you might just see him in the pews. When you do see him next, be sure to thank him for using his unique talents in the service of the Church for the greater glory of God.

Replica of Infant Jesus of Prague Coming to Holy Family!

As those who frequent our adoration chapel know, we have a statue of the Infant Jesus of Prague displayed. As we were beginning our building campaign a few years ago, I entrusted our success to the Infant Jesus. Of all the saints as well as the titles of Jesus, why did I single out this image? Because there has been a long history of requesting financial stability and abundance among priests and our lay faithful. And so our first overnight nine hour novena (we now do them twice a year) was dedicated to the Infant Jesus.

It might be helpful to explain some of the history behind all this. Devotion to Christ as a young child dressed as a king has its roots in the Carmelite order of Spain. According to tradition, in 1555, Saint Teresa of Avila gave a statue of the Christ child, dressed in actual royal robes to a noblewoman who was marrying into an aristocratic family in Bohemia.

Taking it with her to what is now the city of Prague in the Czech Republic, her daughter, the Princess Polysena inherited it. In 1623, Princess Polysenia was widowed and chose to devote the rest of her life to charitable causes.

When she saw the need that the poverty stricken Carmelite order had, she donated the statue to them, saying, "I give you my dearest possession. As long as you venerate this image, you will not lack anything." It's not the statue, of course, that makes the devotion possible or its success. It's our heart's devotion, manifested in the prayers that are said.

The monks credited this image with the immediate upturn of their fortunes. When they were forced out of their monastery due to a war in 1631, they left the statue behind and the invading army threw it in a rubbish heap.

Within seven years the Carmelites were back in their monastery in Prague, desperately attempting to rebuild it. One monk, Father Cyril, who had a particularly strong devotion to the Divine Infant found the little wax statue among the rubble. The only damage done to the statue was its crushed hands.

It was decided that the scarce funds the community had should go to more practical things than the repair of a statue. As the monks struggled to rebuild their former home and church, Father Cyril heard the words: "Have pity on me and I will have pity on you. Give me my hands and I shall give you peace."

After the statue was repaired, the monks again displayed it in the main church. As the city of Prague suffered an epidemic, parishioners began invoking the little statue for aid. The quick answer to their prayers brought many in the surrounding region to seek help.

Gradually, the devotion spread to many other countries. Today, the church in Prague built to hold the statue, *Our Lady of Victory*, is a site of pilgrimage with visitors from all over the world paying their respects to the Divine Infant. I had a great privilege to celebrate Mass there as a newly ordained priest when I studied in Rome.

All of this history is what motivated me to begin our building campaign in nine hours of prayer, entrusting our parish needs to the Infant Jesus. Now \$8.5 million later, we will be placing a permanent statue of the Infant Jesus next to the St. Peregrine statue in gratitude for prayers answered. I encourage you to light a candle and say a prayer for your own needs, which need not be financial related.

Finally, I want to thank our anonymous donor who came forward to pay for the statue. The Infant Jesus is a passion of his and he was eager to pay to have it displayed in our church. Ours is not the only church he has done this for. We are most grateful for his generosity.

For your own personal devotion, I am including the novena that we prayed during that nine hour novena that you may wish to pray for your own needs or those of our church.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam,

Fr. Kaim, S.T.L.

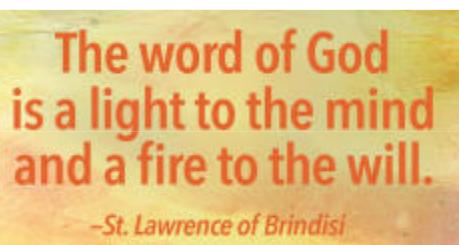
Nine Day Novena to the Infant of Prague

O Infant Jesus, I run to You, begging You through Your Holy Mother to save me in this need (you may name it here), for I truly and firmly believe that Your Divinity can defend me. Full of trust I hope in You to obtain Your holy grace. I love You with all my heart, I am painfully sorry for my sins and on my knees I beg You, O Little Jesus, to free me from them.

My resolution is to improve and never more to offend You. Therefore, I offer myself to You, ready to suffer everything for You and to serve You faithfully. I will love my neighbor as myself from my heart for the love of You.

O Little Jesus, I adore You, O Mighty Child, I implore You, save me in this need (you can mention it here), that I may enjoy You eternally, with Mary and Joseph see You and with all the angels adore You.

Amen.



Mass Intentions

Monday, August 23, St. Rose of Lima

- 6:30 + Frank Vogrinc
8:30 + Henry Close

Tuesday, August 24, St. Bartholomew

- 6:30 + Reginald Ring
8:30 + Jasper Guarino

Wednesday, August 25, St. Louis and St. Joseph Calasanz

- 6:30 + Delores Kuberka
+ Don Hagel
+ Ron Degenhardt
+ Steven Balzer
++ Kathy Marinelli and Cathy Caruana

- 8:30 ++ Ellen and Ann Parlapiano

Thursday, August 26, Weekday

- 6:30 + Georgia Tussing
8:30 + Arthur Wojewodzki

Friday, August 27, St. Monica

- 6:30 + Anthony Woods
8:30 + David Piercy

Saturday, August 28, St. Augustine

- 8:30 + Nicolette Kowalski

4:30 Int. of Jason Woodard

Sunday, August 29, 22nd Sunday in OT

- 6:30 + Martha Weber
8:00 + Jim Erickson
9:30 + Janet Benjamin
11:00 + Deacon Frank Zammuto
12:30 + Gaby Lee Ramirez
+ John Sandona
+ Arleen Todd
+ Henry Close
+ Tom Goble
6:00 For the People of Holy Family

Sunday Worship Aid QR Code

Please open the camera app on your phone to scan the code.



Holy Family – Stewardship of Treasure

August 15, 2021

In-pew Sunday Stewardship	\$9,552.00
Online Giving – EFT.....	\$8,368.00
Mail-in Sunday Envelopes	\$6,125.00
Total Weekly Collection.....	\$24,045.00
This week's tithe goes to HF Youth Ministry.....	\$721.35



*The Sanctuary Tabernacle Lamp
is burning for the next two
weeks in memory of
Deacon Frank Zammuto.*

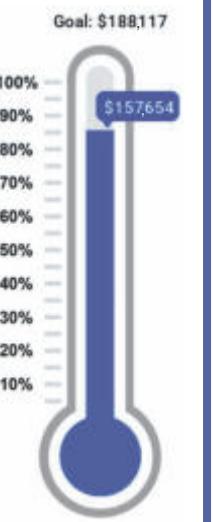
Two candles in the adoration chapel are burning in memory of Thomas Crock and Eileen Brandlein, and two candles are burning for the intentions of Joe Avendano and Fr. Ken Wasilewski.



*The flowers on the altar
were donated in memory of
Larry Slick.*

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 \$30,463 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.



Calendar of EVENTS

August

Every Thursday	Legion of Mary Meeting—Frassati Room	9:30 AM
Tuesday, August 24	Singles Group—Frassati Room	1—2:15 PM
Saturday, August 28	Bishop Kagan Celebrating Mass	4:30 PM
Weekend of August 28/29	Food Collection—Church	
Tuesday, August 31	Women's Guild—Coffee at Mary's Market	9 AM

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womanhood, we enrich the world
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ministry that offers fellowship and
opportunities to explore topics of faith,
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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

The Harte Center offices are open
Monday—Friday from 9 AM—4:30 PM.

Please join the Women's Guild for morning
coffee at Mary's Market on August 31 at 9
AM. We will be outside—weather
permitting. If you have a birthday in
August, coffee is on us!



Holy Family Singles Group

We invite singles who are divorced,
widows/widowers, or never married to join us at Holy
Family. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month from
1—2:15 PM in the Frassati Room. Our next meeting is
August 24th. We share fellowship and our faith. We plan
social activities and seek ways to share our faith with
others. For more information, please contact Bonnie
Harn at 815-980-3580 or at blharn@hotmail.com.



Food Collection

The food collection will
go to the St. Elizabeth
Center. Please bring your
non-perishable donations
to church and put them
on the table designated for
the food collection. Needed items are
spaghetti sauce, Alfredo sauce, boxed
scalloped potatoes and au gratin potatoes,
seasoning packets, cream of mushroom,
celery and chicken soup, toiletries, and
cleaning products. 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!

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.

Do you like to knit?

We are looking to expand our rosary group. We meet in the Frassati Room on the first Thursday of the month from 6:30—8:30 PM. Our next time together is Thursday, September 2. Come with your knitting supplies and work alongside us. We can donate the knitted items to local hospitals and places of need. If you have extra supplies, bring them! There may be a lady or two who want to learn the craft of knitting. Let's grow our rosary group to include knitters. We are all doing the Lord's work; let's do it together and meet some new people! If you have any questions, please contact Barb at 815-398-4280.



Decorating the Altar with Flowers

We are taking donations for flowers on the altar. With a minimum donation of \$50, parishioners may remember a loved one or special occasion (such as a baptism, birthday, anniversary, or memorial) with flowers on the altar. Contact Margaret in the office to schedule your flower donation.

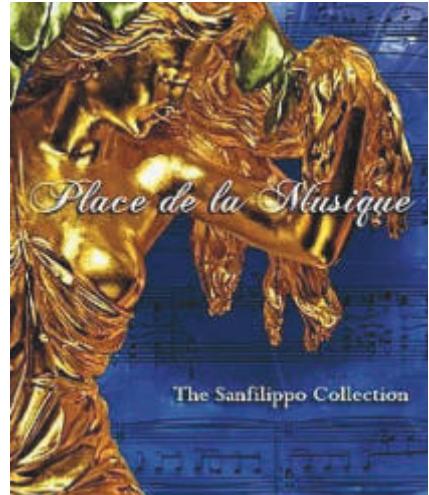


Birthdays After Mass (BAM) - 2nd Wednesday of the Month

Stay after 8:30 AM Mass on Sept. 8, 2021 for coffee, donuts, and fellowship in St. Gabriel Hall. We will celebrate all the September birthdays.

Holy Family Women's Guild Fall Bus Trip

Join the Women's Guild on our first adventure in over 2 years on Wednesday, September 8! The Sanfilippo, "Place de la Musique," is known worldwide for its magnificent collections of beautifully restored antique music machines, phonographs, arcade and gambling machines, chandeliers, art glass, the world's largest restored theatre pipe organ, and the most spectacular European salon carousel in existence. We will also have lunch and shopping time at the upscale and unique Arboretum Shopping Center. For more details, contact Patrice Vecchio at 815-621-7374 or patricevec@comcast.net.



THANK YOU!

The Holy Family Women's Guild and the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women would like to thank all the wonderful parishioners who participated in the recent school supply drive. The school supply drive was wonderfully successful and once again demonstrated that Holy Family parishioners are so very generous. The Holy Family teachers came on Monday, Aug. 9, to choose items they needed for their students after the volunteers had sorted all the items on the tables.

The Guild team boxed up everything which was then delivered to St. Elizabeth Center. They were very grateful as the families they serve could never afford all the necessary items. There was also a total of \$996.00 collected. These funds are to be used only for school items that might still be needed or were in short supply.

Thank You,

Mary Rita McCarthy and the Women's Guild



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PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Open to all Men whether you are former attendees or new to this program.

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SCHEDULE:

Starting September 11, 2021 @ 7:00 - 8:00 a.m.

REGISTRATION:

Church Information table at all masses starting August 14 or Margaret at the church office.



The St. Peregrine Cancer Support Group meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month in the Frassati room from 1-3 PM. Those dealing with cancer, grief, and depression are welcome in this group. Because of the continuing COVID situation, I will continue to also meet with individuals on an "as needed" basis. Masks are required if you are not fully vaccinated and social distancing will be observed.

My prayers are with you always. God bless.
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Thank you in advance!



SAVE THE DATE

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

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'Instantly Fatal': Medical Journal Promotes Timed Euthanasia Implant for People with Dementia - Cassy Fiano-Chesser, www.liveaction.org,

"Professor Margaret Battin, a medical ethicist' and assistant professor Brent Kious are proposing the idea of an 'advance directive implant' which would allow people to use a timer-based implant to commit suicide on the appropriate time schedule rather than inconvenience those around them. The authors take euthanasia activism to a new level with these automated devices." (<https://tinyurl.com/7sb2zf64>)

Meet Baby Olivia - Nancy Flanders, www.liveaction.org, "Live Action recently released a groundbreaking video featuring Baby Olivia, the world's most realistic and medically accurate animated representation of a child developing in her mother's womb. Baby Olivia can be seen from the first moment she came into existence at fertilization through her entire prenatal development." (view video - <https://tinyurl.com/u6apnj8m>)

Determined Mom makes Medical Breakthrough for Children with Down Syndrome - Cassy Fiano-Chesser, www.liveaction.org, "Austin Carrig's daughter, Melanie, was born with Down Syndrome. Melanie wasn't reaching developmental milestones like other Down Syndrome children. She couldn't hold up her head or sit on her own. She slept all the time and continued to get sicker, falling into a coma brought on by low blood sugar and high ketones. Diagnosed with ketotic hypoglycemia (KH), the solution was to give her cornstarch. Melanie began meeting her milestones. Carrig discovered KH is somewhat common to children with Down Syndrome and reached out to Ketotic Hypoglycemia International. After a research survey, it was the first time a connection between Down Syndrome and KH was determined, thanks to Mom's gut instinct." (<https://tinyurl.com/n4hsczhs>)



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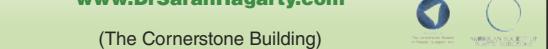
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