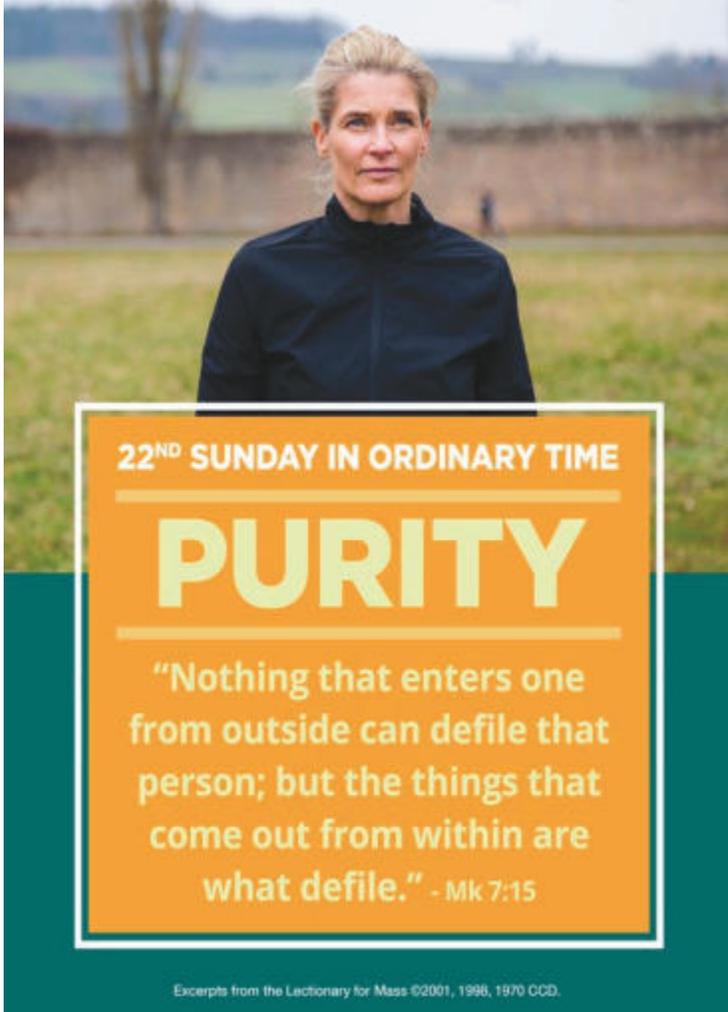


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Mass Schedule

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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FROM THE PASTOR:

Bataan Memorial Death March is Back!

Last year COVID protocols hit the week of our memorial march. We learned that the memorial march was cancelled the day before we were set to fly out. About half the group went anyway, and we made the best of it. Fortunately, *Carlsbad Caverns* was not closed. We also took a walk on the *White Sands*, which is a rather unique thing to see.

This year we are hoping (and praying!) that the Memorial March will resume. Certainly all signs right now are a go and so we will plan accordingly. **Next year's Bataan Memorial Death March is on Sunday, March 20.** If this is something that you are physically able to do and have been thinking about doing it, now is the time! You don't have to commit this early, but if you are interested, you should at least attend my informational meeting about it on **Saturday, November 6.** It's a good impetus to get in shape, if we are not in shape, to honor those who served our country--and a good penance for those who walk it (conveniently always falling in Lent).

And keep in mind that if you are not up to the 26.2 mile walk, you can always do the 14.2 mile version. One of our parishioners actually ran the 26.2 miles, but most of us just walk. It's a scenic view of the mountains and is worth it for that alone. We all start at the same place at the same time. Some just end up at the finish line a little quicker, but many of us walk together and pray the rosary before folks begin to separate to go at their own pace. It's a very powerful experience. Look for flyers in the narthex in the next few weeks.

The Fall of Kabul and a Prayer for the People of Afghanistan

It's been heart wrenching to see the video footage of the chaos that is going on in Afghanistan. It's hard to believe that after some 20 years there that their country's government would collapse so quickly upon our exit. A lot of parishioners have asked me in the aftermath of this if I was ever deployed to Afghanistan. The short answer is no, and it is ultimately the reason that led me to leave active duty and finish up my time in the Reserves.

First let me offer a little background on my discernment to be a chaplain that I did not mention at my retirement ceremony. I told Bishop Doran when I left to begin serving in the Air Force that I felt God was calling me to be one of His chaplains in the Air Force, but I did not have any idea how long that would be. I didn't think it would be 20 years on active duty since I was 43 years old when I began active duty. And just like St. Joseph was never given a "five year plan," but instead was just told to "go to Egypt," I heard God calling me to the Air Force, but I did not know how long that would be. When I was tagged to deploy to Afghanistan, it came at a time when I felt I needed back surgery.

The Air Force was reluctant to give it to me because I was not in a career field that was deemed physical. I tried to explain to them how mine is a ministry of presence and working out with the troops was a big part of what I do, but to no avail.

I talked to the chaplain I was scheduled to replace in Afghanistan, and he said I would be working a minimum of 12 hours a day with no days off. And with the prospect of riding in a Humvee many days, “FOB hopping,” (FOB is Forward Operating Base) as I bring the sacraments to airmen on different bases, I knew that it was not a good idea to put myself in that situation. I looked around at my fellow chaplains in my office, all in their 30’s, and I figured that as a guy who was already north of 50, it was time to get out and finish up in the Reserves. The head chaplain was most gracious and said I could pass over the deployment with no consequences to my career in the Air Force, but I felt that was my sign from God to get out. If I’m not ready to deploy, I reasoned, then I’m not doing justice to the airmen I am called to serve and it’s time to get someone younger than me to take my place.

So I don’t have a personal connection to Afghanistan, but I know many of my friends in the military who did deploy there, and the few I have talked to since the fall of Kabul are devastated by the news. Those who have watched my retirement ceremony on our website (it’s still there if you want to take a look) or were there in person, know that I brought up the first airmen deployed to Afghanistan after the 9/11 attacks occurred. I had lunch with him the day after my retirement ceremony, and he predicted the fall just as it happened. Apparently, it was clear that things were not going well as we were pulling out, which makes it all the more puzzling why so many of our military brass seemed to be caught flat footed when Kabul did fall.

At any rate, I leave you with a prayer that was given to me by one of our parishioners who found it on the internet. It is specifically for the people of Afghanistan who are now in a difficult spot of having to live under Taliban rule and need our prayers.

Lord, we lift up the people of Afghanistan to you right now. We pray that you would take hold of them and help them walk through this fearful time. Protect them under your wing and help them feel the comfort and peace that only comes from your powerful presence.

So many people who have called this place their home have been displaced because of this event. Remind them, Lord, that their true home is in Heaven with you. Give those who believe in you the courage to stand strong in their faith and be a strong witness for you. Also, be with those who do not believe in you – help them to see the peace in your followers and allow the Holy Spirit to stir in their hearts as they witness this.

From the USCCB

The following message was too late to make our previous newsletter, but we are including what the USCCB has asked to pass on to you about our second collection:

The funds collected in this special appeal will become part of the Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund and will be used to support the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church as well as the efforts of Catholic Relief Services and/or Catholic Charities USA, the official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church, as they and their local agencies respond to immediate emergency needs and aid in long-term rebuilding and recovery efforts. Funds will be used in response to the earthquake and Tropical Storm Grace calamities in Haiti and any other disasters that occur and will be distributed where they are most needed. However, if such purpose(s) become unnecessary, impractical, or impossible to fill, USCCB may use such contributions for other emergency disaster relief where it is most needed as determined by the Committee on National Collections using its emergency response protocol.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam,

Fr. Kaim, S.T.L.

Calendar of **E V E N T S**

August

Every Thursday	Legion of Mary Meeting—Frassati Room	9:30 AM
Weekend of August 28/29	Food Collection—Church	
Tuesday, August 31	Women's Guild—Coffee at Mary's Market	9 AM

September

Wednesday, September 1	Women's Guild Board Meeting—St. Anne	9:15 AM
Thursday, September 2	Mary's Messenger Rosary/Knitting Group—Frassati	6:30—8:30 PM



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!

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 30, Weekday

- 6:30 + Roland Bowler
- 8:30 Int. of Ray and Carol King on their 56th Anniversary

Tuesday, August 31, Weekday

- 6:30 + Edwin Moser
- 8:30 + Arthur Wojewodzki

Wednesday, September 1, Weekday

- 6:30 + Tim O'Leary
- 8:30 ++ John Pritz, Sr. and Jr.
++ Ann and Bill Bowler, Deloris Bowler Smith
+ Steven Balzer
+ Kim Lawery
+ Ron Degenhardt

Thursday, September 2, Weekday

- 6:30 Int. of Annie Von Arx
- 8:30 + Henry Close

Friday, September 3, St. Gregory the Great

- 6:30 + Anthony Woods
- 8:30 + Helen Whalen

Saturday, September 4, Weekday

- 8:30 + John Guagliardo

4:30 ++ Joseph and Mary Cacciatore

Sunday, September 5, 23rd Sunday in OT

- 6:30 + Douglas Matthews
- 8:00 + Zeke Giorgi
- 9:30 ++ Ted and Nora Splinter
- 11:00 For the People of Holy Family
- 12:30 + William Hennessy
- 6:00 + John Sheridan
+ Sam Maggio
+ Josephine Morrissey
+ Steven Balzer
++ Marylee and Ken Wilhelmus

Holy Family — Stewardship of Treasure
August 22, 2021

In-pew Sunday Stewardship	\$10,899.00
Online Giving – EFT.....	\$11,288.00
Mail-in Sunday Envelopes	\$7,533.00
Total Weekly Collection.....	\$29,720.00
This week's tithe goes to Miss Carly's.....	\$891.60

Two candles in the adoration chapel are for the intentions of Judy Hodges and Joe Avendano, and one candle is burning in memory of Eileen Brandlein.



The flowers on the altar were donated in memory of Buzz Graham and Eileen Brandlein.

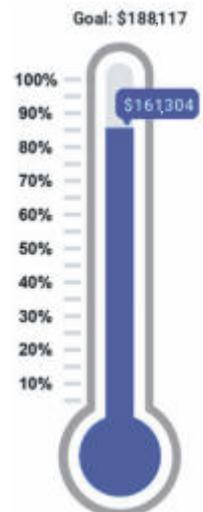
The Mass intention book is full for the rest of the year. The 2022 Mass intention book for January—June will open on November 2.

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!



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 \$26,813 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.



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



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

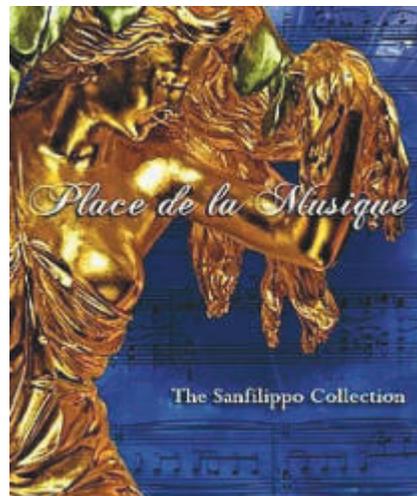
We are taking donations for flowers on the altar. With a minimum donation of \$50, parishioners may remember a loved one or special occasion (such as a baptism, birthday, anniversary, or memorial) with flowers on the altar. Contact Margaret in the office to schedule your flower donation.



OPEN THE DOOR FOR CHRIST

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.



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Mass for Peace & September Luncheon

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

Mass for Peace ~ 10:00 a.m.

Father Jacobs, Celebrant

Holy Family Catholic Church ~ 4401 Highcrest Road, Rockford, IL

Your prayers will be appreciated as we install our 2021~2022 Catholic Women's League Officers.

Luncheon ~ 11:30 a.m.

Social Time & Cash Bar following Mass for Peace

Mauh-Nah-Tee-See Club ~ 5151 Guilford Road, Rockford, IL

Luncheon Menu Options

Honey Roasted Pecan Grilled Chicken Salad, served with rolls

Turkey & Bacon Wrap, served with chips and fruit

(If a gluten free wrap is desired please indicate by Entrée Choice when ordering.)

Roasted Vegetable Lasagna, served with house salad

All luncheon options include dessert, coffee and tea.



Luncheon Reservations due by Friday, September 10, 2021

\$25.00 per person

Mail Reservation and check

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to: Kathy Baker, 603 Trent Lane, Loves Park, IL 61111

Please make the following reservations for the September Luncheon:

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I am enclosing \$ _____ for _____ reservations at \$25.00 each.

I am not able to attend, please accept my donation of \$ _____.

Please list the name & choice of entrée for each person you are paying for:

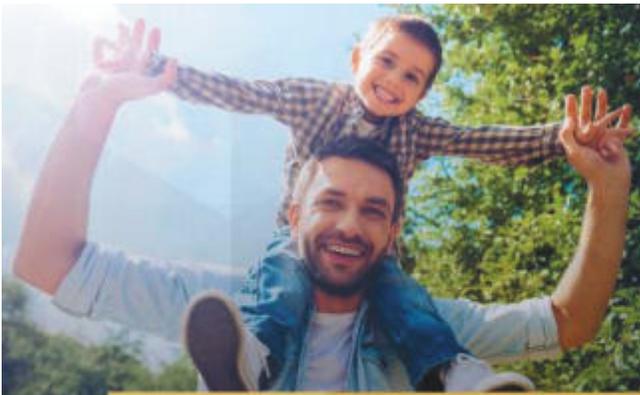
Guest's Name Entrée Choice Guest's Name Entrée Choice

Luncheon Choices: "C" ~ Chicken Salad "T" ~ Turkey Wrap "V" ~ Vegetable Lasagna

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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.
Dixie Ferguson
diferguson1@comcast.net

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. Below is a picture from BAM in August.



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.



Thank you to everyone who attended the Silver Rose prayer service. It was a beautiful service to honor Our Lady. If you were unable to join us or would like to watch it, it is on our YouTube channel under 'Bonus Features.'

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!



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Mother Teresa

New Missouri Poll shows support for Heartbeat Bill - Michael New, www.liveaction.org - "The survey, conducted by two organizations unconnected to the pro-life movement, found that 56% of likely voters believe abortion should be prohibited after eight weeks' gestation. The wording of the question about the bill was not particularly favorable to the pro-life position. The survey also found that women were more supportive of the heartbeat bill than men were." (<https://tinyurl.com/a5mjw6nz>)

Gen Z is Embracing the Pro-life Message and Bringing a 'New Wave' of Activism - LifeSiteNews staff, www.lifesitenews.com, "In a radio interview on the Van Marén Show, Jonathon Van Maren spoke with Cameron Cote, a pro-life activist with the Canadian Center for Bio-Ethical Reform and co-host of the podcast *The Pro-Life Guys*. They discussed why more and more young people are becoming pro-life and how they're effectively changing people's hearts and minds on abortion. Cote trains young people to advocate for life. Cote finds that the more people interact with pro-life groups, the more often they become pro-life. He reveals that Generation Z is waking up to the evil of abortion and is wanting to speak up for the innocent and voiceless Unborn. To learn more about Cameron Cote and his podcast, *The Pro-Life Guys*, click here: <https://prolifeaguys.com>. (<https://tinyurl.com/7xn7fwp5>)

After facing persistent discrimination, pro-life student files a lawsuit against pro-abortion medical school - Kristi Hamrick, www.lifesitenews.com, "Austin Clark was a fourth-year medical student at the University of Louisville, set to graduate May 2021. As a member of Medical Students for Life, he hosted pro-life speaker, Alex McFarland in 2018 and that's when his problems began as the university tried to prevent the event from happening. His views led to professors calling him 'stupid' and questioned if his 'brain was working'. Grades were changed and he was forced to sign a 'professionalism contract' that other students were not required to sign. [Clark's fight continues, hopefully with a positive resolution.] (<https://tinyurl.com/ftspunhp>)



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