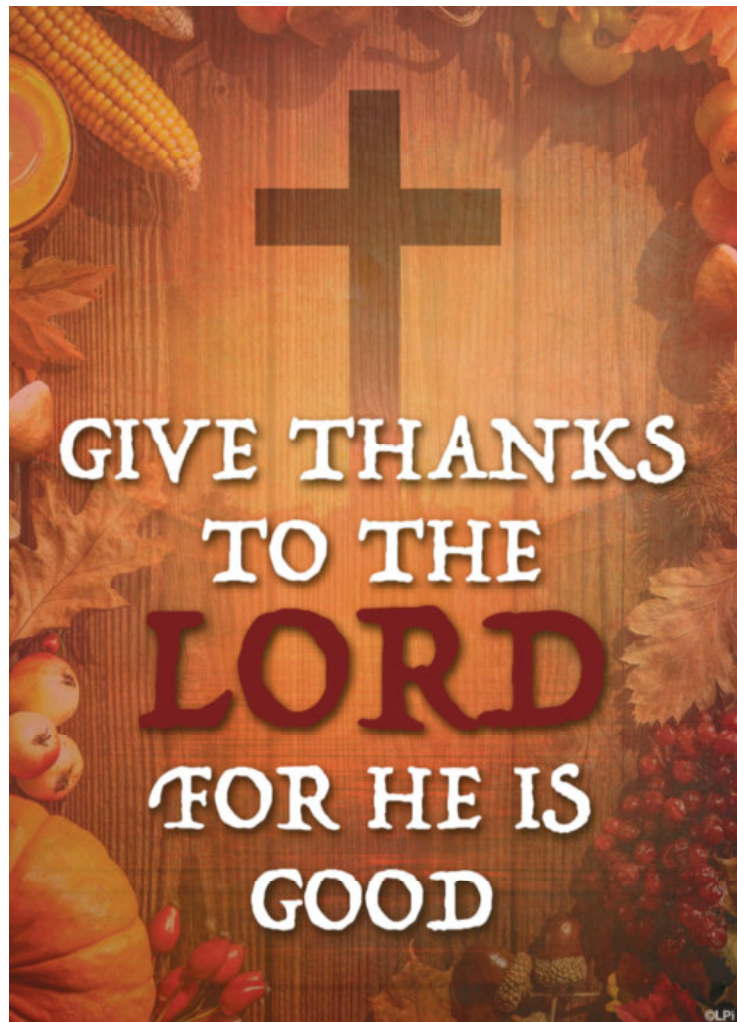


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November 21, 2021



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—until all are heard
Saturdays	9:00—10:00 AM

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FROM THE PASTOR:

Thanksgiving Mass...Be There!

Don't miss our Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 AM! Next to First Communion, it is my favorite Mass of the year. And it comes from the recognition that we do not have to be there (it's not a Holy Day of Obligation), but we *want* to be there. And that's based on our desire to give thanks to God for all the blessings He has given us.

If we are born in the United States, well, we have a lot to be thankful for. Philosophers call it the "lottery of birth." We like to think that we are in control of our lives. That we are responsible for our successes and failures. But are we? What if we were born in sub-Saharan Africa? Would we be as successful as we are now? Would we have the size house we have now? Would we be driving the same car? Maybe, but I think likely not.

The fact is that for a whole host of reasons, we have much to be thankful owing to things outside our control. That's one of many reasons to come this Thursday (turkey preparations can wait!) and give thanks to God. Do not let a 30 second prayer of thanks at meal time be the main thanks to God on Thanksgiving Day for all He has done for us. Come to Mass, receive Jesus in the Eucharist, and in the quiet of your soul after receiving Him, thank Him for His many blessings. It's the least we owe Him on this great holiday.

New Adoration Tabernacle!

Have you seen the new tabernacle?! Spoiler alert: It's the most beautiful tabernacle you have ever seen! Many thanks are in order to our generous donor, Ann O'Malley. While she is not actually a parishioner, nor even live in Rockford, she has ties to the city of Rockford and our diocese. Her brother is Fr. Matthew Rudden, a priest of our diocese for over 50 years who has since passed away, spending his final days at nearby Presence St. Anne's Center. His last assignment was at St. Bernadette's here in Rockford, where he was the pastor there for a decade. While his legacy is in the people he served and ministered to, for those of us who do not know him, he has a lasting legacy in a most beautiful tabernacle. Please remember the family in your prayers, especially when you pay Jesus a visit at our adoration chapel. Ann made the donation in his honor as well as her other brother, John. John lived in Rockford and for a time did work for his brother at St. Bernadette's. There is a small plaque on the left side of the tabernacle that recognizes that the tabernacle was donated in their honor.

We also have another generous adorer who paid for an enhanced security system to help protect our new treasure. Praise God for such wonderful generosity!

May this wonderful addition be an opportunity for many of us to visit Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament! Maybe you were an adorer and have stopped going. Maybe you were an adorer, but COVID hit and you got out of the habit. Maybe you never went. Let this be an opportunity to give adoration a try. If an hour of mostly silence is too much for you, just come in for ten or fifteen minutes. Start small and let the Lord lead you.

Pay Him a visit and let Him speak to you. Pour out your heart to Him. Give Him your heart, and He will give you back so much more in return! Try it and you will see what I mean. So many GREAT seeds were planted in this adoration chapel that we will not know about this side of the veil. But in the next life when the veil is lifted, we will see what a treasure this chapel is to each and every one of us. Even to those who do not regularly come. It's that powerful!

As a guide to your prayer in our adoration chapel, I encourage you to keep in mind the four types of prayer, under the acronym **ACTS** as in *Acts of the Apostles*:

- **A** is for Adoration. Adoring God for being God. It's the least common type of prayer, but one we'd well served to practice more often. Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament is a great opportunity to do that.
- **C** is for Contrition. We express our sorrow for sins. We do this in confession, but we don't only have to wait to do it then. We can express our regret for sins any time.
- **T** is for Thanksgiving. Enough said above.
- **S** is for Supplication. This is the one we do the most. We ask God for things. It's okay to do so. In fact, He wants us to ask Him for things. So ask away!

Ultimately, if we can balance our prayer life amongst these four types of prayer, we will have made a good attempt at balanced prayer. So give it a try and check out our new adoration tabernacle!

*Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam,
Fr. Kaim, S.T.L.*

November

Every Sunday	Becoming Catholic (RCIA)—Frassati Room	11 AM—1 PM
Every Thursday	Legion of Mary Meeting—Frassati Room	9:30 AM
Tuesday, November 23	Singles Group—Frassati Room	1—2:15 PM
Thursday, November 25	Thanksgiving Day—Mass	9 AM
Weekend of November 26/27	Food Collection—see below for needed items	
Tuesday, November 30	Women's Guild—Coffee at Mary's Market	9:15 AM
Wednesday, December 1	Women's Guild Board Meeting—St. Anne Room	9:15 AM
Thursday, December 2	Mary's Messenger Group—Frassati Room	6:30—8:30 PM
Friday, December 3	Holy Dusters—after 8:30 AM Mass	9:15 AM
Friday, December 3	Advent by Candlelight—St. Gabriel Hall	6 PM
Saturday, December 4	Boylan Placement Exam—see below	8 AM—11:30 AM
Sunday, December 5	Holy Family Bridge League—Frassati Room	1:30 PM
Sunday, December 5	Healing Hearts 815—St. Anne Room	4—5 PM

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 22, St. Cecilia

6:30 Int. of Fr. Simon

8:30 + Mma Theophila Smn Etim

Tuesday, November 23, St. Clement I,

St. Columban, and Bl. Miguel Agustin Pio

6:30 + Russell Costello

8:30 + Carshon Evans

Wednesday, November 24, St. Andrew

Dung-Lac and Companions

6:30 ++ Dan and Chris Timko

+ Laura Ingrassia

+ John Hamacker

+ Lorraine White

+ Jim Finch

8:30 + Catherine Burt

Thursday, November 25, St. Catherine of Alexandria

9:00 ++ Pat and Harold Wolfe, ++ Mary and Brick Pauwels

Friday, November 26, Weekday

6:30 NO MASS

8:30 ++ Anne Solar and Sr. Marilyn Brown

Saturday, November 27, Weekday

8:30 + Georgia Tussing

4:30 + Lloyd Heiser

Sunday, November 28, 1st Sunday in Advent

6:30 + Martha Weber

8:00 + Tom Goble

9:30 + John Patrick Taphorn

11:00 Int. of Joyce Erb

+ Matthew Erb

+ Deacon Robert Bracken

+ Gaby Lee Ramirez

+ Julie Stadtmueller

12:30 For the People of Holy Family

6:00 + Dennis Ohman

A candle in the adoration chapel is burning in memory of John Sandona, one is burning in memory of James Harrison, and two are burning in memory of Eileen Brandlein.



Please call or stop by the office between 9AM—4:30PM to schedule Mass intentions for January—June 2022.

Holy Family Singles Group

We will be meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 23 from 1—2:15 PM in the Frassati Room. Please join us! For more information, please contact Bonnie Harn at 815-980-3580 or at grateful6918@outlook.com.

Women's Guild Coffee

On Tuesday, Nov. 30 after 8:30 AM Mass, we will once again meet at Mary's Market in the Edgebrook Center. Members: if it's your birthday month, this one is on us! Come join us! Masks and social distancing will be observed. For reservations, call Elaine at 815-988-7445.



Mary's Messengers Rosary and Knitting Groups

We will meet again on Thursday, Dec. 2 in the Frassati Room from 6:30—8:30 PM. If you have extra

knitting supplies, bring them! There may be a lady or two who want to learn the craft of knitting. Let's do the Lord's work together, and meet new people! If you have any questions, please contact Barb at 815-398-4280.



Sunday Worship
Aid QR Code

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



We'll be having another blood drive on Monday, Dec. 6 from 1—6:30 PM in St. Gabriel Hall! Call the office or scan the QR code above to schedule an appointment to give!



Parents Night Out

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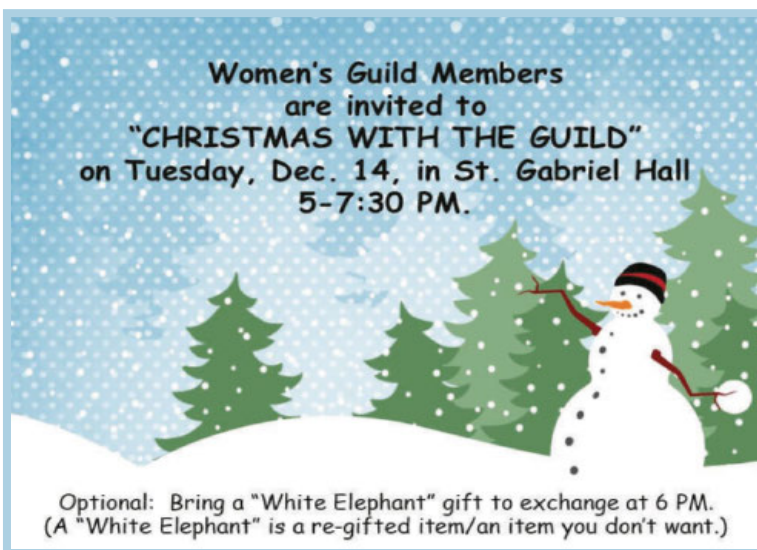
Ugly Sweater Party at RBI

Join the Crusader Crush Planning Committee in supporting Holy Family Catholic School! All ticket proceeds go directly to Holy Family! Holiday bites included in admission!

Thursday, December 9th, 2021
 5:00 - 9:00 PM
 RBI
 3870 N Perryville Rd

Tickets: \$15 in advance /\$20 at the door

To purchase tickets in advance, please visit:
hfxmaspopup.eventbrite.com



Women's Guild Members are invited to
"CHRISTMAS WITH THE GUILD"
 on Tuesday, Dec. 14, in St. Gabriel Hall
 5-7:30 PM.

Optional: Bring a "White Elephant" gift to exchange at 6 PM.
 (A "White Elephant" is a re-gifted item/an item you don't want.)

Advent Morning of Reflection

Come the Women's Guild in ushering in the Advent season on December 8 after the 8:30 AM Mass. We will be in the St. Anne Room. Our speaker, Janell Vogrinc, will inspire us with her topic 'Born in a Barn: Sanctifying the Hay at Christmas Time,' The event is complementary and includes a continental style breakfast. Masks are required. Invite a friend, all are welcome!



Wine and Wreaths

Ladies Night out!

Monday, November 29
 7:00 to 8:30 pm
 St. Anne's Room



Cost: \$40, supplies provided.

Join us for wine and snacks while creating a fresh green Advent Wreath (or just a fresh green wreath centerpiece.)



Limited to 30 ladies.
 Make your check out to:
 Holy Family Women's Guild
 and drop it off
 at the HF Parish Center.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have contributed to our Diocesan Stewardship so far. The goal of \$188,117 has been pledged, with \$26,182 remaining on those pledges. 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. If the paid pledges total is more than the goal amount, the excess amount is given to Holy Family. This list is as of November 9, 2021.

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This Christmas season to honor or remember someone special, you are invited to purchase a poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary.

The Holy Family Ladies Auxiliary is offering the parish a convenient way to decorate the altar and celebrate Our Lord's birth. Our church has been so beautiful at Christmas in the past years with your help. Please consider filling out this form to purchase a poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary. You can pay by check or online. If you write a check, please write the check out to 'Holy Family Ladies Auxiliary,' put 'Poinsettia' on the memo line, and put it in the Sunday collection, bring it to the Harte office, or mail it to the office with 'Attn: HF Ladies Auxiliary' on the envelope. If you pay online, go to the Holy Family website, choose the 'Give' tab, choose 'Ladies Auxiliary Poinsettia Sale,' choose the quantity and size, and who you would like to remember in 'Special Intentions.' Thank you for all your help!

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At Christmas we remember / celebrate



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Adoption of four siblings from foster care made family complete - Bridget Sielicki, www.liveaction.org, "November is National Adoption Month. Dawn and Mike Brostowitz never imagined that saying yes to foster care would ultimately result in doubling their family size, but that's exactly what happened when they added four siblings to their family through adoption. Planning to foster one child with hopes of adding a third child to their family, a social worker called and asked if they would consider adopting four siblings who needed a forever home. The family eventually purchased a small farm where the kids help run a family business selling produce. They continue to welcome foster children into their home." (<https://tinyurl.com/4jpk2u8m>)

Preemie born at 28 weeks was so tiny that even doll clothes were too big - Nancy Flanders, www.liveaction.org, "Lacey Murray was born weighing one pound, one ounce. Doctors had to use bubble wrap to help keep her warm. Premature babies born as young as 21 weeks are capable of surviving outside the womb when given proper medical care." (<https://tinyurl.com/7rbj4629>)

US Judge Recognizes Hippos as Persons, while Preborn Humans still have no rights - Laura Nicole, www.liveaction.org, "US courts have recognized the four hippos owned by a late Colombian cocaine kingpin, Pablo Escobar, as *juridical persons* while preborn human babies lag far behind in terms of rights recognized by the federal judiciary. After the death of Escobar, the animals were left undisturbed on his property. Now numbering 120 hippos, they are destroying the local ecosystem and have attacked local farmers. The Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF) managed to convince Judge Karen Kirkovitz to identify the animals 'juridic persons,' a distinction the judge has denied to preborn babies in the womb. Preborn humans are not granted the same legal status as these hippos in US federal court and in many states, babies can be aborted through all nine months of gestation. In the establishment of *Roe v. Wade*, Justice Harry Blackmun recognized that 'if prenatal personhood could be established, then children in the womb would be guaranteed the right to life by the 14th Amendment of the US Constitution.' Even the most basic protections for babies in the womb are considered highly controversial. The Born-Alive Abortion Protection Survivors Act has failed to pass the US Senate. These policymakers cannot even agree to grant legal protections to babies who survive abortion attempts." (<https://tinyurl.com/mjp2c4a8>)



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