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# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



# 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3

# **Mass Schedule**

Saturday Vigil Sunday

Daily Mass (M-F)

Saturday Morning

4:30 PM 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM 12:30 PM, 6:00 PM 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM 8:30 AM

# **Livestreamed Masses**

Daily Mass (M-F)8:30 AMSaturday Vigil4:30 PMSunday9:30 AM

# **Confession Times**

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

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# Building Community · Making Disciples

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**Deacon Jason Stewart** 

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# FROM THE PASTOR:

# Holy Family Shows Itself to be "Generous Family" Once Again!

Your response to the **Michael and Mary LaLoggia Charitable Foundation's \$50,000 match** for a new fire alarm system in our school is truly breathtaking. With the deadline of the end of the year now passed, I can report to all of you the total amount raised. I am pleased to announce that, counting the initial \$50,000 match, the total raised was **\$183,784.** Our principal, Cori Gendron and I were especially touched by one school family that anonymously gave \$50,000. No amount was too small and any gift, especially those given from the heart, are much appreciated. So thank you to all those who contributed to this.

I will keep you posted on the progress of the system as we get ready to put it out for bid and then later install it. As I mentioned when we began this fundraising effort, should we have excess funds to cover the cost of the new system, we will place that extra amount in our school maintenance fund.

I think the generous outpouring in part has to do with the cause it was associated with. There is a real and genuine desire by all of you to keep our Catholic schools viable and equip them with the best equipment, whether that's the latest in technology, such as an IPAD or Chromebook for each student, or its infrastructure improvements, such as our new boiler or this fire alarm system.

We all know that demographics are working against us—not just the smaller family size, but the exodus out of Illinois that has led to shrinking enrollments and many school closings. Our efforts and keeping our enrollment steady during this Covid crisis is in some ways a victory, but we ought not to be satisfied with that. And we are not. Cori and I would still like to see an increase in enrollment and will continue to come up with aggressive and creative ways to draw interest in Holy Family School. Not having to stress about big ticket items like the fire alarm system will go a long way towards allowing us to focus on the learning that is going on in the classroom and how we can improve that and our Catholic identity in the school.

In two short weeks we will begin *Catholic Schools Week*, a time for us to rejoice and celebrate our Catholic identity in the schools. With the craziness and agendas that are being pushed in our public schools, it is even more critical now than ever that our Catholic parents do all they can to send their kids to Holy Family School. I know that for many of you, finances is the biggest barrier. I want to encourage you meet with our principal, Cori Gendron, take a private tour and see if there is a way to make it work.

*Catholic Schools Week* is a great time to re-evaluate the decision of where to send your children and see if in fact your kids can make the switch. You can rest assured that what you teach your kids in the home will not be undermined, but only enhanced by what they pick up at our school. Finally, I would not underestimate the importance of your children being together with likeminded students whose parents are on the same page with you. It can go a long way towards reinforcing the positive messages we wish our kids to learn and live out every day.

Thanks again for your continued generosity and for sacrificially giving to Holy Family as we live out our motto of "Building Community, Making Disciples."

# Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam,

Fr. Kaim, S.T.L.



<u>January</u>

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Becoming Catholic (RCIA)—Frassati Room	11 AM—1 PM
Legion of Mary Meeting—Frassati Room	9:30 AM
The Office will be closed for Martin Luther King Jr's Day	
Singles Group—Frassati Room	6:30—8 PM
Women's Guild Dining Out—Machine Shed	5:30 PM
Molokai Movie Night—see below	6:30 PM
Mass for Life—Bishop Malloy at S. Mary's in Huntley	11:00 AM
2022 Free Throw Championship	12:30 PM

### <u>Holy Family Singles Group</u>

Every Sunday Every Thursday Monday, Jan. 17 Tuesday, Jan. 18 Thursday, Jan. 20 Friday, Jan. 21 Saturday, Jan. 22 Sunday, Jan. 23

The Holy Family Singles Group invites singles-divorced, widow/widowers, and never married—to join our ministry. We come together to share our faith and spirituality. We share fellowship and plan social activities together with safety in mind. Our ministry seeks to create ways to reach out to our fellow singles and other parishioners in our parish. We strive to bring others to know Christ more intimately. The suggested age for this group is 35 and up, but all singles are welcome to join us. We meet year round on the third Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting will be on Tues., Jan. 18th at 6:30 PM in the Frassati Room. Upcoming meetings will be on Feb. 15th, Mar. 15th, and Apr. 19. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Bonnie Harn at 815-980-3580 or at grateful6918@outlook.com

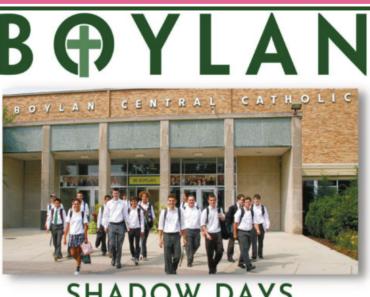
#### Attention

The Harte Center will be closed on Monday, January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr's Day. We will be back on regular office hours, Tuesday, January 18th.

If you think you lost something at Holy Family, the lost and found bin is under the lower part of the welcome desk. Or call the office.

# **Women's Guild**

Join the Women's Guild for dining out on Thurs., Jan. 20 at 5:30 PM at the Machine Shed on State and Bell School Rd. Their "Suppertime Comfort" dinners are all served with delicious family-style sides. We are a friendly, welcoming group of women who love to socialize around good food. Please RSVP by Jan. 17 to Elaine Parrovechio at 815-988-7445 or at eparrovechio@aol.com.



SHADOW DAYS RUNNING ALL 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR REGISTER AT BOYLAN.ORG/SHADOWDAY

# HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT EXAM SATURDAY, JANUARY 22 / 8:00AM- 11:30AM

CHECK-IN: 7:45AM @ STUDENT ENTRANCE (DOOR D)

Incoming freshmen for the 2022-2023 school year can register now for Boylan's High School Placement Test to help determine best course placements. REGISTER AT BOYLAN.ORG/HSPT

Questions? Contact Emily Schubert at eschubert@boylan.org or by phone at 815-877-0531 x226

# **Mass Intentions**

# Monday, January 17, St. Anthony, Abbot

8:30 +Ken Federspiel Tuesday, January 18, Weekday 6:30 ++Dan & Chris Timko 8:30 +John Grodkowski Wednesday, January 19, Weekday 6:30 Int. of Holy Family Priests 8:30 ++Eugene & Jane Brown Thursday, January 20, Weekday 6:30 Int. of Holy Family Parish/School Staff 8:30 +Paul Hinze Friday, January 21, Saint Agnes, **Virgin and Martyr** 6:30 +Richard Zimmerman 8:30 +Elmer Rheinecker +Phyllis Comerford +Bishop Thomas Doran ++Ami & Joseph Nicosia +Matthew Summers Saturday, January 22, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children 8:30 +Lorraine White 4:30 +Albert Miller Sunday, January 23, 3rd Sunday in OT 6:30 For the People of Holy Family

8:00 ++Cecilia & Ed Jefko
9:30 ++Oscar & Mary Johnson
11:00 ++Concettina & Biagio Dipasquale
12:30 +Louise Frost
6:00 Int. of Lucilla G Kennedy
+John T. Pyzynski
+Joanne Schraiber
+++Roberta & George Nethery,

> Robert Furth +Ostella Disanti



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

# Holy Family – Stewardship of Treasure January 2nd, 2022

In-pew Sunday Stewardship	\$8,926.00
Online Giving – EFT	\$8,454.00
Mail-in Sunday Envelopes	\$19.293.00
Total Weekly Collection	\$36.673.00
This week's tithe goes to SVdP	\$1,100.19

# <u>Molokai Movie Night!</u>

Join Fr. Kaim Friday, January 21 at 6:30 PM for Movie Night in the parish hall! We will be showing the movie: **Molokai—The Story of Fr. Damien**. This is the true Story of Fr. Damien, a Belgian priest who risked his life to help the people no one else would touch. In 1872, Fr. Damien, a young Catholic priest served as a missionary on the island of Molokai. Hawaii and worked

missionary on the island of Molokai, Hawaii and worked and lived in a colony for victims of leprosy.

This canonized saint's story is truly amazing and inspiring for us all! This is a BYOB event. Bring any food or beverages that you would like. PS— For those of you who will be traveling on pilgrimage to Hawaii with Fr. Kaim in April, there is an information meeting at 6pm prior to the movie. Contact



marcie.girolamo@comcast.net for more information!

> Jeans for a Reason! We're going casual for a cause!

Holy Family School's Advent Service Project to Benefit the Rockford Rescue Mission

On the following Fridays each student is asked to bring an item that the Rockford Rescue Mission is in desperate need of. They may bring the item in any day that week. Feel free to send in all 6 items at once. If they bring the item in, they earn a jeans day on that Friday. Friday, January 21—travel size lotion

Thank you for your help with our service project!



### **BUILT ON ROCK** YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY! (AGES 18-35)

If you are between the ages of 18 to 35, we invite you to join us two Thursdays a month at St. Bridget for

our Young Adult Ministry. Our goal is to provide ministry and community for young adults in the Rockford area while building up your faith and relationship with the Church. We simply want to help you live life to the fullest. Through forming a strong community, you will be better able to go forth and live the Gospel message with

family, friends, coworkers, and those you encounter daily.

If you have any questions, contact Fr. Downing at adowning@rockforddiocese.org or call 815-633-6311.

#### **Upcoming Gatherings:**

**Thursday, January 27th** ~ Our gathering will be a Teaching Mass by Fr. Grismer. We will meet at 6:30pm in the Church.

In February, we will begin a book study using Living Joy by Chris Stefanick. If interested in this book study, please email Fr. Downing by January 17th, so we can order books.



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.

Upcoming courses:

# JANUARY 16, 23 & 29

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Rare Treasures - Catholic Social Teachings This Catholic Social Teaching Class will walk through the Social Teachings, examining the basic principles, the Sacred Scriptures, and Magisterium foundations. Instructed by Father Kenneth Anderson Location: Cathedral of Saint Peter in Rockford IL

# FEBRUARY 5 & 19

#### Vatican II: What Really Happened

Since 1968 Catholics have debated the "spirit of the Council" vs. "the letter of the Council" Vatican II was the most historic event in Catholic history in the last 500 years. But what was it? What did it really say? Join Father Jonathan Bakkelund as he discusses Vatican II: What Really Happened. Location: St. Peter in Geneva IL

# MARCH 19, 26 & APRIL 2

Pathway to Union with God: The Spiritual Life according to Scripture and the Saints Explore the life of the saints and dive into scripture for a better understanding of the spiritual life as well as practical advice for growing in holiness. This course will be instructed by Father Ryan Browning Location: St. Thomas More in Elgin IL

For more information contact us:



**Father Anderson** 



**Father Bakkelund** 



**Father Browning** 

CALL US AT 815-399-4300

# 2022 FREE THROW **CHAMPIONSHIP**

For: Boys/Girls Ages 9 through 14 (as of January 1<sup>st</sup>)

Date: Sunday, January 23rd

Registration: 12:30 PM (pls. bring birth certificate)

Competition for Age 9 Starts at 1:00 PM

Location: Holy Family School (Meilinger) Gym

Sponsored By: Holy Family Council 13123

Open to All Holy Family Parish Children

Note: COVID-19 Safety Protocols will be in Place

Any Questions: Contact Bob Tetzloff at robert.tetzloff@att.net







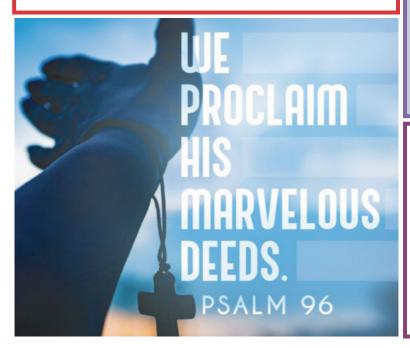


## Men's Night Out on Feb. 11, 2022: Euchre Tournament



If you enjoy beer, pizza, cards, and fellowship, then save this date! Join us at Holy Family in St. Gabriel

Hall at 6:30 PM. Don't know how to play euchre? Don't worry! We'll have a team of guys who will teach you the game. Please reserve your seat by contacting Bill Grzelak at 815-978-3004. We will be following all COVID protocols.







The flowers on the altar were donated to celebrate the Baptism of Joseph Laudadio, And to celebrate the 17th Wedding Anniversary of Kat and Wes.

A candle in the adoration chapel is burning in memory of **Donald Michalek**.





If you would like something to be put in the newsletter, please send it to hfnewsletter@holyfamilyrockford.org; please include the complete ad in a Word document with the picture if applicable. Thank you!

# Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest Winners!

There were 39 entries in this first annual poster contest and twelve students were honored with 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place recognition, as well as honorable mentions (HM). Dennis F., K of C Judge; 4<sup>th</sup> grade HM Charlotte M. and Milania M.; 2<sup>nd</sup> grade HM Clara P.; 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Adriana M.; Fr. Simon; 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 2nd place, Gia S.; 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 1st Place, Stella N.; Kindergarten, 1st Place, Luca V.; Mark F., K of C Judge. Kindergarten HM, Joey L.; 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 1<sup>st</sup> place, Madison H. 8<sup>th</sup> grade, 1<sup>st</sup> place Eva S.; 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Julianna B. 5<sup>th</sup> grade HM, Camilla F. Congratulations to all these artists!

First Place, Kindergarten, Luca V.



Second Place, 2nd Grade, Adriana M.



Second Place, 3rd Grade, Gia Singer



First Place, 8th Grade, Eva Solana



Second Place, 6th Grade, Juliana B.





First Place, 2nd Grade, Madison H.

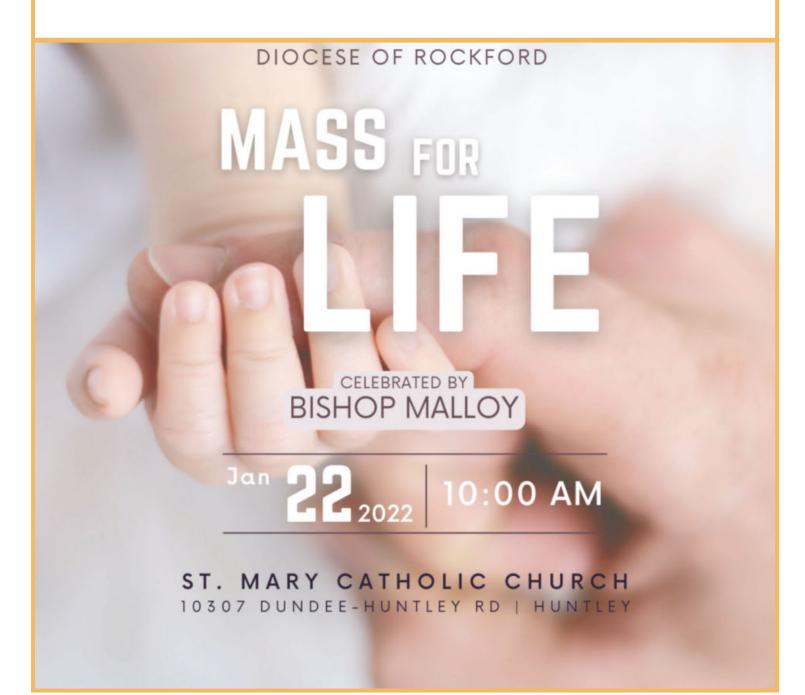


First Place, 4th Grade, Stella N.



# JANUARY 22, 2022 – MASS FOR LIFE WITH BISHOP MALLOY

Pope St. John Paul II declared, "A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world." On January 22, the Church in the United States observes the annual "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." You are invited to join Catholics from throughout the diocese in a special Mass for the respect of human life celebrated by Bishop David J. Malloy on Saturday, January 22, at 10:00am at St. Mary Parish, 10307 Dundee Road, Huntley, IL. If unable to attend in person, the Mass for Life will be live streamed on the St. Mary Catholic Church Huntley YouTube channel. It can be viewed live or at a later time.



A kind and generous heart is a ...

"Heart of Gold"

Holy Family Women's Guild Winter Luncheon

Thursday, February 10, 2022 For the first time in our new St. Gabriel Hall 11:30 AM - Open Seating

Cost: \$15.00 \*Includes delicious catered luncheon of hot Italian Beef Sandwiches, assorted Salads & Dessert Silent Auction and Raffle

Make out your check to: <u>Holy Family Women's Guild</u> Drop off your reservation at the Parish Center, in the Sunday collection basket or mail to: Mary Rita McCarthy, 2202 Churchview Drive, Unit B, Rockford, IL 61107 Due Thursday, February 3

Name:		
Address:		
Phone:	Email:	



*I placed my son for adoption 20 years ago. Words cannot describe what I felt when we met.* - Elisa Fucci, *www.liveaction.org,* "The day of the adoption came. I found myself holding my baby, filled with confusion, indecision, and doubting myself, about to sign all my rights away to someone I hardly knew but who wanted a son so desperately. I had to step back and pray because I could

not physically sign the papers in the state of confusion and despair. As I passed my baby to his adoptive mother, I could see and feel the joy in her as tears ran down her cheeks. The contrast of pain and joy was in that room. The pain of loss for one mother and the joy of another. We must experience both pain and joy in life to know what real happiness is. Twenty-one years later, I was able to meet him. He thanked me for the life I gave him and for the sacrifice I made so he could become the man he is today. There is love and only love when you choose life and adoption. Ends are not bad things. They just mean that something else is about to begin." (<u>https://tinyurl.com/2p8knj7d</u>)

New Hampshire's Fetal Life Protection Act went into effect January 1 - Nancy Flander, <u>www.liveaction.org</u>, "The Fetal Life Protection Act prohibits abortion after 24 weeks except in cases where there is a risk to the mother's health

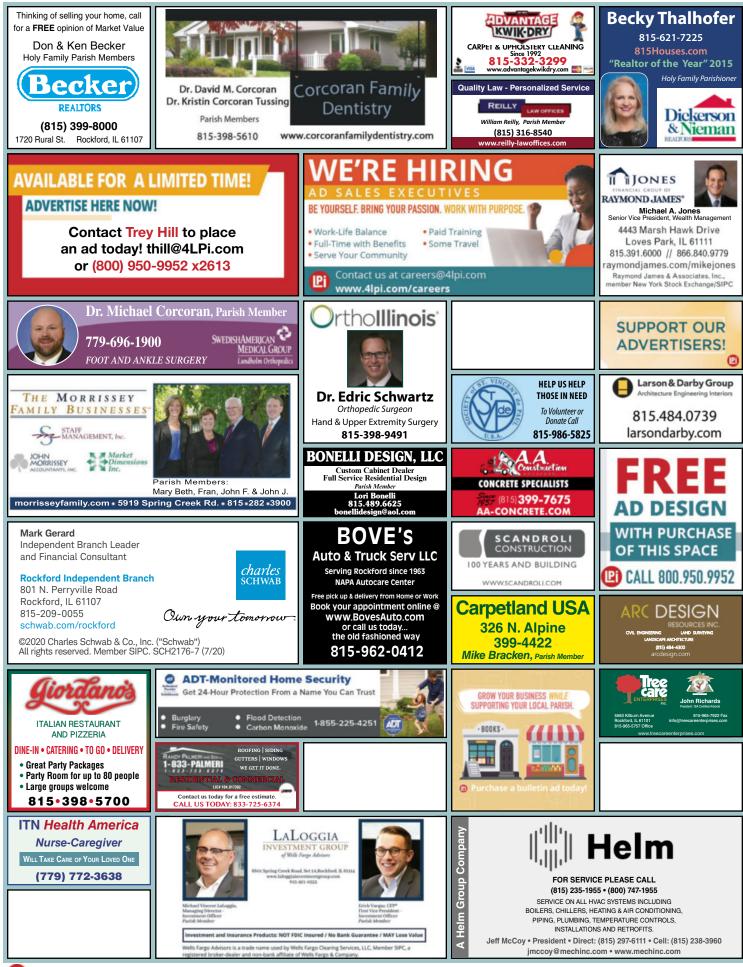
or life, (though intentionally killing a pre-born child is never medically necessary.) There are no exceptions in the law for cases of rape, incest, or a poor prenatal diagnosis. The Act will also require an ultrasound prior to any abortion procedure. An abortionist who violates the law may face up to seven years in prison. With no ultrasound, there is an increased risk of complications for the mother." (<u>https://tinyurl.com/3uvt78n7</u>)

For the second year in a row, abortions have been the leading cause of death worldwide, with more than three times as may people losing their lives to abortion that the second leading cause of death. Approximately 42.6 million abortions were performed worldwide in 2021. As of January 4, 2022, it's estimated that 400,000 abortions had been carried out worldwide. (https://tinyurl.com/43e75ura; https://www.worldometers.info)



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