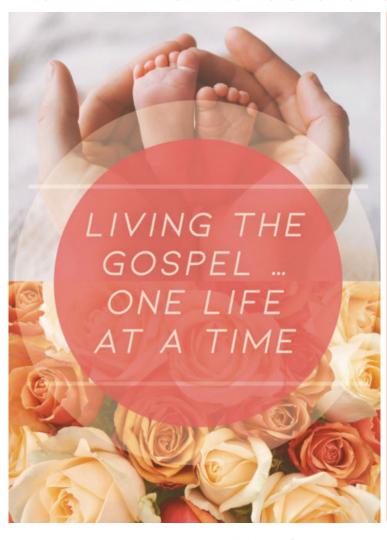
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**January 23, 2022** 

### 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 AMSaturday Vigil4:30 PMSunday9:30 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:

### Commemorating Roe v. Wade This Weekend

As we remember the tragic anniversary that has caused the senseless killing of so many unborn children in America, I thought I would share something from a woman who regretted her decision. Patricia Raybon in her book *I Told the Mountain to Move: Learning to Pray So Things Change,* honestly shares the regret and grief she carried after aborting two children. She writes, "I had told myself that an abortion would end my problems, not complicate them by bringing an innocent life into my own upheaval. I swallowed Satan's lie, that is, then spit it out again, saying it with my own mouth."

Then she shares the following letter she wrote to her two aborted children:

#### Dear Babies:

This is Mama. You will know my voice, I think, even though we were together for such a short time. I did a bad thing. I didn't trust God. I didn't understand that God would have made everything okay. I was like Peter, [who] ... looked at the waves, not at Jesus. And when he looked at the waves, he started to sink—down, down.

That's how I felt, like I was sinking down. When the doctors said you were growing inside of me, that's how I felt, so I didn't ... know how to love you. I was afraid. Oh babies, I had made so many, many mistakes. And I was afraid. So I let fear convince me that more babies would just make things worse.

Instead, look what I did. I robbed us. First, I robbed you—taking your own lives ... I didn't think I was strong enough. So I robbed myself of all the joy you would've brought me too. Brought all of us, your sisters, your family, and for each of you, your daddy. I thought we'd have more problems. That we didn't have enough money. That we didn't have enough lime. That we didn't have enough love. But I just didn't know then that God is bigger. And God would make everything all right. I didn't know ...

I know you are in heaven, waiting for us—waiting for me. I know you've been waiting, looking every day, wondering when I would get there. Oh, babies, I'm trying to get there ... to learn what God wants me to learn, so I can make it to you.

Very powerful, isn't it? A candid admission that I hope will help guide other women in their decision when they find themselves unexpectedly pregnant.

Please keep our U.S. Supreme Court in your prayers in these critical days before a decision is rendered on the court cases before them that may lead to the protection of the unborn in the womb. Pray especially for all those who identify as Catholic on the Court, that in the most consequential decision they will ever make on the Supreme Court, that they would all be one in choosing life.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam,



## Calendar of EVE

#### **January**

**Every Sunday Every Thursday** 

Saturday, Jan. 22 Sunday, Jan. 23 Tuesday, Jan. 25 Thursday, Jan. 27 Monday, Jan. 31

Becoming Catholic (RCIA)—Frassati Room Legion of Mary Meeting-Frassati Room

Ladies Auxiliary Snowflake Party 2022 Free Throw Championship Bible Study at the Frassati Room or St Gabriel Hall St. Bridget's Young Adult Ministry Gathering Beginning of School Registration for new students

11 AM-1 PM 9:30 AM

5:30 PM 12:30 PM 9:15 AM or 6:30 PM 6:30 PM



### 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



### **Mass Intentions**

### Monday, January 24, St. Francis de Sales Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:30 +Peter Buttacaroli

8:30 +Alvin Cooper

### Tuesday, January 25, Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

6:30 Deceased Members of Heiser & Blau Families

8:30 Int. of Calacci Twins on their 100th Birthday

### Wednesday, January 26, St. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

6:30 +Georgia Tussing

8:30 +Anna Guagliardo

### Thursday, January 27, Weekday

6:30 +Mary Vella

8:30 +Lola Cortese

### Friday, January 28, Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Religious and Doctor of the Church

6:30 Int. of Miller Family

8:30 Int. of Phillip H Roehrig

### Saturday, January 29, Weekday

8:30 Int. of Thomas Schwier

+Ginny Smith

+Rosario A. Gaziano

+Anne Hue Thi Nguyen

+Ostalia DiSanti

### 4:30 Deceased Members of Hodges & Hibbard Families

- +Mark Gustafson
- +Betty White
- +Mike Pinter

++Matthew & Theresa Blaszczyk

### Sunday, January 30, 4th Sunday in OT

6:30 For the People of Holy Family

8:00 ++Ellen and Ann Parlapiano

9:30 ++Frances and William Burke

11:00 +Frank Contrino

12:30 +Gaby Lee Ramirez

6:00 +Pauline Pirages

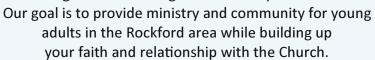
### Holy Family — Stewardship of Treasure January 9th, 2022

In-pew Sunday Stewardship	\$11,869.00
Online Giving – EFT	\$14,099.00
Mail-in Sunday Envelopes	
Total Weekly Collection	\$37,688.00
This week's tithe goes to Shelter Care Ministries	\$1,130.64

### 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.



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.

### We are gathering:

**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.



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### Sunday Worship Aid OR Code

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

# **Ladies Auxiliary**

#### SNOWFLAKE PARTY

On Saturday, January 22, after the 4:30 PM Mass, we will meet for our Annual Snowflake Party in the St. Gabriel room. Bob is making his "Delish" Pulled Pork. Bring a dish to pass and your drink of choice. The cost is \$5.00. We'd thought we would play a game or two of Binao!!

All members are welcome and feel free to bring a Knight, spouse, or friend!

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### YOU'RE CATHOLIC AND HAVE NEVER BEEN **CONFIRMED? WELL. IT'S TIME TO FIX THAT!**

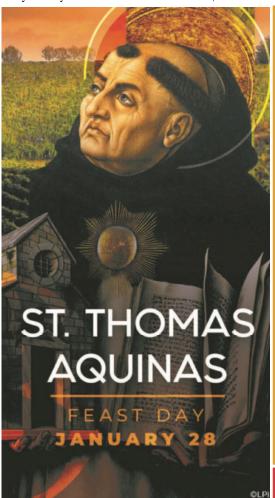
We are offering a 4 week study for individuals who are in need of Confirmation. Maybe you made your First Communion and moved or something came up and you never received the Sacrament of Confirmation. We are offering a 4 week study to prepare you for the Sacrament. We will have Confirmation on March 6, 2022 at 1:00 PM with Bishop Malloy.

Please call the office and talk with Barb about getting your Sacraments up to where they should be.

Dates of classes: 2-2, 2-15, 2-21, 2-28 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. Confirmation practice will be held on March 3, at 6:00 PM in the church. Confirmation, March 6, 2022 at 1:00 PM

Interested or have questions please call Barb at 815-398-4280





### SAINT OF THE WEEK

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aguinas (1225 -1274) is well-known by many for his theological work, "The Summa Theologiae." Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today.

### **Volunteers needed to be Ambassadors**

We are looking for people to reach out to their neighbors in an effort to build community.

Our goal is to create neighborhood support groups and an outreach program to increase communications within the parish. If you have not been contacted by someone, chances are we do not have an Ambassador for your neighborhood.

Consider volunteering.

We ask that you contact parishioners in your neighborhood four times a year.

If you are willing or want to hear more information, please attend our training:

Thursday, February 10

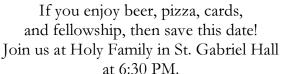
6:00 New Volunteers 6:30 All Ambassadors

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Walls at 815-543-0010 or kwalls@holyfamilyrockford.org.

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











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.

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.



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.

### Holy Family Singles Group

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., Feb. 15th at 6:30 PM in the Frassati Room.

Upcoming meetings will be on 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

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



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.







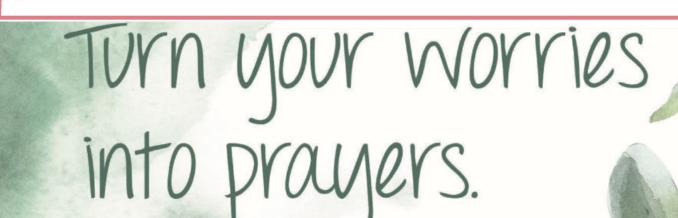


March 25, 2022

WZW EMBRACING LENT

Talk at 5:30 PM. Light Dinner at 6:15 PM. More information to come.

Please email bbecketta holyfamilyrockford.org or call 815-398-4280 to reserve your spot.



### A kind and generous heart is a ...

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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: Holy Family Women's Guild
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

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The Roe v. Wade Deception - January 22, 1973 the United States Supreme Court, ruling in favor of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton, declared that any baby in the womb may be aborted through all nine months of gestation. Since then, approximately 65,000,000 babies lives have been aborted in the United States. (https://tinyurl.com/yckrsx6w)

America needs no words from me to see how your decision in Roe v. Wade has deformed a great nation. The so-called right to abortion has pitted mothers against their children and women against men. It has shown violence and discord at the heart of the most intimate human relationships. It has aggravated the derogation of the father's role in an increasingly fatherless society. It has portrayed the greatest of gifts - a child - as a competitor, an intrusion, and an inconvenience. It has nominally accorded mothers unfettered dominion over the independent lives of their physically dependent sons and daughters. And in granting this unconscionable power, it has exposed many women to unjust and selfish demands from their husbands or other sexual partners. Human rights are not a privilege conferred by government. They are every human being's entitlement by virtue of his humanity. The right to life does not depend, and must not be declared to be contingent, on the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent or a sovereign." - St. Mother Teresa

Fears that pre-born babies with autism may be screened out' - Right to Life UK, www.liveaction.org, "A study, led by University of Cambridge, the Wellcome Sanger Institute, and the University of California Los Angeles, has collected data from 10,000 participants with the stated aim to 'investigate genetic and environmental factors that contribute to the wellbeing of autistic individuals.' The National Autistic Society (NAS) has been critical of the study fearing research may lead to the development of tests to 'screen out' unborn babies on the autistic spectrum. Routine prenatal testing has been disastrous for people with Down's Syndrome who can legally be aborted at any point up to birth. People with autism are right to be wary of the same fate."



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