

TIME & TALENT

How shall I make a return
to the Lord for all the
good He has done for me?



HOLY FAMILY

Building Community ~ Making Disciples

2021—2022

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Dear Holy Family Parishioner:

I recall reading in one of Ralph Martin’s books: “Very rarely is a human able to grow in union with God without considerable help and support from others. The most many can manage is a kind of holding action—not moving forward but desperately clinging to whatever relationship with God they already have...As our commitment to Him grows, our commitment to others grows. As we love Him more, we love others more. Community is not an optional part of God’s plan, for those “so inclined,” but something at its heart...Some feel they simply do not need community to function as Christians. You may not need it to function on the level at which you are now functioning, but God wants much more from you and for you. Community is His way.”

I must say Ralph, is spot on. He has been a lay leader in the Catholic Church for decades, and he knows of what he speaks. I hope you agree, and I hope this resource proves a valuable tool for you to get to know your fellow parishioners, to serve alongside your fellow parishioners.

Our mission statement is “Building Community - Making Disciples.” That says it all, doesn’t it? When it comes to what we should expect out of our parish, those two things are at the core of what we do. But, of course, they are not just flowery words on paper that sound good, but rather is an action statement for all of us. It’s a challenge to take our faith seriously.

Also, let me encourage you to join any of our ministries or organizations at any time of the year. The “time and talent fairs” we host in September are not the only times to join. When you are moved by the Holy Spirit, look in this directory, pick up the phone, and call the parish office. These ministries would be most happy and even thrilled to accept a new member in the “off season.” So be sure to keep this directory in an easily accessible place.

Please take advantage of this Time and Talent booklet and flip through it often as you do your part to build community and make yourself and your family even stronger disciples of Christ.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam,
Father Kaim

Campus Facilities

Buildings and Grounds Committee

The buildings and grounds committee is a team of volunteers supporting the parish by assisting with special projects that improve the function and aesthetics of our buildings. We also help out with the spring and fall cleanup of our outside grounds. Examples include painting and repairs needed in our buildings.

Church Beautification Committee

The purpose of this committee is to beautify and create a more welcoming experience in the narthex and sanctuary, thus enhancing the worship environment for the congregation. Seasonal decorations will be created for Christmas, Lent, and Ordinary Time.

Gardening Angels

Members “adopt” flower areas around the church to help beautify our gardens. Volunteers are also needed to help maintain church property by weeding, watering, and helping during fall and spring cleanup.

Holy Dusters (Women’s Guild)

Join our great team of volunteers to clean the church on the first Monday of each month after the 8:30 AM Mass.

Community Service

Funeral Lunch Committee

Volunteer to donate your time to serve at a funeral luncheon.

Holy Family Home & School Association

Our Mission is to encourage active parent involvement in volunteer service of school, support fundraising activities as approved by the Pastor and Principal, and increase the quality of education at Holy Family.

Knights of Columbus

Meet once a month and assist the parish in various ways: preparing pancake breakfasts, hosting coffee and donuts on the 1st Sunday of the month, as well as various community events, e.g., Special Olympics, Coats for Kids, Food for Families, March for Life.

Ladies Auxiliary

Organizes fundraisers throughout the year to help our parish and community and assist the Knights of Columbus in their various programs. They also take orders for Easter Lilies and poinsettias to decorate the altar. You do not need to be married to a Knight to be a part of this ministry. Meets on the second Wednesday of the month.

Meals for Families in Need

Provides meals for parishioners who are in need due to illness, accident, or grief.

Meal Train for Priests

Make a lunch for our priests on Tuesdays. Go to holyfamilyrockford.org, click on the 'Serve' tab, choose 'Meal Train' to sign up for a date to bring the priests lunch.

Office Volunteer

Assist the parish office with answering phones from noon to 1:00 PM during the lunch hour and/or Thursdays from 1:30 to 3:00 PM during the parish staff meeting.

St. Joseph and Sons

A men's ministry that restores and maintains places of worship and learning in the Rockford Deanery. A combination of project management, fundraising, and spiritual development helps men live their faith in a meaningful way.

Scouts

Holy Family School and Parish is host to many scouting activities.

Women's Guild

The Women's Guild welcomes parishioners 18 years of age and older to join. Our mission is to encourage devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary through prayer; to promote spiritual, service, and social activities; and to provide opportunities for women of our parish to get to know one another.

Faith Enhancement

Adoration Chapel

Holy Family's Adoration Chapel is open 24 hours, 7 days a week. All are welcome to spend time with Jesus in prayer.

Awaken and The Light of the World Retreats

Attendees of these retreats will learn what the clear message of the Gospel means to them and how they can move ahead in their journey of faith.

Legion of Mary

Legion of Mary is a spiritual ministry devoted to our Blessed Mother to bring others to her Son, Jesus. They meet once a week at 9:30 AM in the Bl. Frassati Room.

Mary's Messengers Rosary & Knitting Group

Learn the skill of making a Rosary or come to knit. Rosaries are given to funeral homes, placed in the chapel, and sent all over the world. Knitted items are donated to local hospitals or places in need or work on your personal project. It's fun to be together! Meets the first Thursday evening of each month.

Seven Sisters Apostolate

Are you a woman of prayer? Our priests need your prayers! Would you like to pray an hour a week for a specific priest? You can do this from home on any day.

That Man Is You!

Meets on Saturday mornings at 7:00 AM to help men become better Christian leaders, fathers, and husbands.

Women to Women

A ministry that offers fellowship and opportunities to explore topics of faith, family life, and self-care for all women.

Advent by Candlelight - Start your Advent off with an evening of prayer, light dinner and fellowship. Table hosts are needed.

Elizabeth Ministry - Helps support women in their child bearing years and welcomes new babies with a rosebud beside the Altar.

Bible Study for Women

Lenten Gathering

Young Adult Men's Group

We are a community of young men who support each other in our Catholic Faith, as we grow in Christian brotherhood. We build each other up through prayer, fellowship, and accountability.

We meet Tuesday nights from 7-9 PM.

Hospitality

Ambassador

Build community within our parish through a neighborhood outreach program. Volunteers needed to help contact neighbors.

Coffee and Donuts

Join us on the first weekend of the month after the 9:30 AM Mass for coffee and donuts sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Volunteers are always welcome to help.

Greeter

As the Body of Christ assembles for worship, greeters welcome all who come to the feast, extending a warm smile and friendly "Hello."

HeBrews Coffee Ministry

Coffee is served in the narthex of the church after all the Sunday morning Masses.

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Server

Children in 4th grade and up are invited to serve at Mass. Training for new servers is done yearly.

Baptism Ministry

We have various areas where you can assist. Helping set up on the day of the Baptisms or cutting, sewing and embroidering the Baptismal bibs and stoles.

Eucharistic (Extraordinary) Ministers of Holy Communion

Distributing Holy Communion at Mass is one of the most precious and special privileges a layperson can have. Any confirmed individual 16 years of age and older is welcome to join this ministry.

Eucharistic Ministry to Sick

Distribute Holy Communion to the sick in nursing homes, those who are homebound and at the Javon Bea Hospital on East Riverside.

Lector

Ministers of the Word serve at liturgical celebrations. Lectors perform this role and also lead us in praying the intercessions at Mass. Anyone high-school age and older is welcome to join this ministry.

Usher

Ushers help all those worshiping to enter more fully into the Eucharistic celebration. Duties include greeting, seating, collecting the offertory collection, assisting with the preparation of the gifts, and the Communion Processions.

Sacristan

Sacristans are responsible for assisting the priest before and after Mass. Duties include setting out the vessels, preparing the gifts for Communion, and making sure the other liturgical ministers have arrived.

Mass Live-Streaming Volunteer

Would you like to volunteer to live-stream the Mass? Available times to volunteer are daily at 8:30 AM, Saturday at 4:30 PM, and Sunday at 9:30 AM.

Liturgical Music Ministries

Cantor

As the Body of Christ assembles for worship, cantors lead the congregation in song.

Contemporary Mass Vocalist and/or Instrumentalist

Vocalists, guitarist, and instrumentalists participate at 11:00 AM Mass.

Traditional Adult Choir

Sings at the 9:30 AM Mass.

Youth Choir and Ensemble

Service hours will be offered for students who participate. The kids become well acquainted with all styles of music, such as contemporary, traditional, and Latin.

Marriage and Family Building

Mentor Couples for Marriage Preparation (Fully Engaged)

Their purpose is to serve couples in discernment and preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage in the Catholic Church. Responsibilities include building fellowship and meeting with an engaged couple before their marriage. Training is provided.

Special Event Planning Team

Be part of a team engaged in supporting and strengthening marriages at Holy Family - from newlyweds to golden anniversaries and beyond.

Religious Education

Becoming Catholic (RCIA)

This is a ministry of formation to those who are exploring the Catholic faith or for those who wish to complete their Sacraments or enter into full communion from another faith tradition. It meets on Sundays at 11:00 AM.

Every Second Counts (ESC) Sacramental Preparation Program

Catechists gather with second and eighth grade students from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM on two Sundays a month to teach and prepare the students for their upcoming Sacraments.

Family Faith Formation (F³@HF)

For Preschool through 8th grade - we gather one Saturday a month for the Vigil Mass and family dinner. Then we move to the sanctuary for family catechesis, a family activity, and family prayer time. The evening is finished with "Sweets and Social" for a half hour to visit and mingle with fellow parishioners in the program.

We welcome anyone who wishes to join the Catechist team (the "C" Team).

Seasonal Ministries

Festival of Lights Display

Set up and take down our Christmas display at Sinnissippi Park; it's a wonderful way to promote our Catholic identity in the community.

Giving Tree

Provides gifts for Christmas to those in the Rockford area who are in need, beginning the weekend of Thanksgiving. Help is needed sorting weekly items for agencies and helping prepare tags for the trees.

Seasonal Church Decorating

Help with decorating the church for Easter (Holy Saturday morning) and Christmas (varies on date, but generally in the evening).

Social Groups

BAM-Birthdays After Mass

Held once a month on the 2nd Wednesday. Enjoy coffee and donuts with fellow 8:30 AM Mass goers and any celebrating birthdays in that particular month.

Senior Lunch Group

Meets monthly at various restaurants for lunch.

Singles Group

Singles, divorced, widows/widowers, and never married are invited to join this ministry. Catholic singles are brought together for fellowship, socialization, spirituality, and volunteerism. Ages 35 and up.

Family Movie Nights

Coordinators needed for these fun family gatherings for community building.

Social Justice

Donation Drives

A school supply drive is done in August and a Lenten Giving project in spring.

Drivers for the Elderly/Homebound

Pick up one of our homebound parishioners and bring them to Mass. The schedule is on a rotating basis.

Monthly Food Collection

Donate non-perishable items or monetary donations on the last weekend of each month to go to local food pantries.

Pro-Life/Respect Life

The Respect life Committee currently meets on an as-needed basis to support the respect for life teachings of our faith and to promote public awareness of the importance of supporting life from the moment of fertilization until the moment of natural death. The Committee sponsored and built the Memorial to the Unborn garden with the statue of Our Blessed Mother holding a new baby. Past activities include supporting the Life Chain, 40 Days for Life, the Rockford Walk for Life, and a Respect Life Banquet.

Soup Kitchen

Holy Family has joined with several churches in the area to feed the disadvantaged in Rockford every Saturday. We have volunteered to serve six weeks per year. We meet at the Jubilee Center downtown to cook and serve a hot meal to roughly 75-100 people. It's very humbling and rewarding. This ministry also fills service requirements for students.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Members of the Society (known as Vincentians) are individuals who strive to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to neighbors in need. The aid provided by the Vincentians may take the form of home visits or direct financial or in-kind service. An essential principle is to provide help while maintaining the confidentiality and dignity of our neighbors in need.

Support Groups

Healing Hearts 815

This is a grief support group for youth grades 6 and up. It is led by Elizabeth Hand, a Holy Family parishioner and local educator. Elizabeth experienced the loss of her sister at age 15 and knows first hand the importance of a support group for young people to process their grief. Healing Hearts meets from 4-5 PM on the first Sunday of the month. For more information, email Elizabeth Hand at healinghearts815@gmail.com.

Men's Prayer Group

Meets Tuesday mornings immediately following the 6:30 AM Mass.

Prayer Chain

Join the prayer chain to pray for those prayers sent in by email or called into the parish center. Call the parish office at 815-398-4280 to be a prayer partner or to have a prayer intention added to the chain.

St. Peregrine Cancer/Grief Support Group

The group meets from 1-3 PM on the third Thursday of the month for support and resources for people fighting cancer, survivors, and caregivers. Individual meetings are available as needed.

Youth Ministries

Middle School Ministry (MSM)

Focused on 6th –8th graders. The goal is to help our youth to understand the beauty of our faith and the importance of prayer and building a relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Vacation Bible School/Totus Tuus

Many adult, junior high, and high school volunteers help our younger generation experience a joyful encounter with our Catholic faith.

Youth Ministry Core Team

The youth of our parish need strong, faithful leaders to share the treasures of our faith with them.

Holy Family Parish

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Parish School

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Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/HolyFamilySchoolRockford/

Mass Schedule

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

Holy Days of Obligation

6:30, 8:30 AM
12:10, 5:30 PM

Vigil for the Holy Day

5:30 PM

(Except for New Year's, Easter, and Christmas)

Reconciliation

Tuesday	4:00—5:00 PM
Thursday	After 6:30 AM Mass (until all are heard)
Saturday	9:00—10:00 AM

If you are interested in signing up for a ministry or want more information,
please call the Parish Office.

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