

Holy Family Catholic Church

Building Community · Making Disciples

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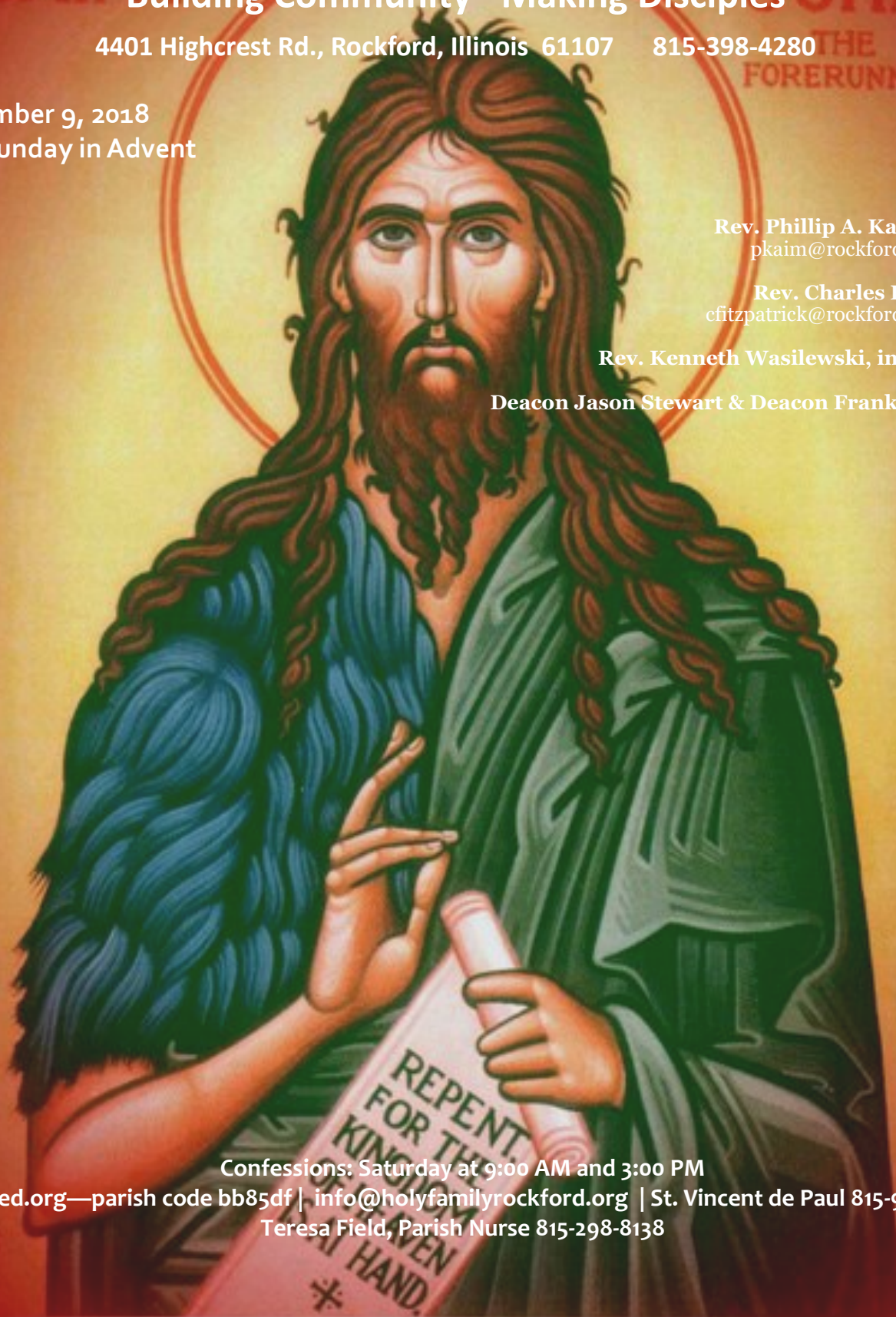
December 9, 2018
2nd Sunday in Advent

Rev. Phillip A. Kaim, Pastor
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Rev. Kenneth Wasilewski, in residence

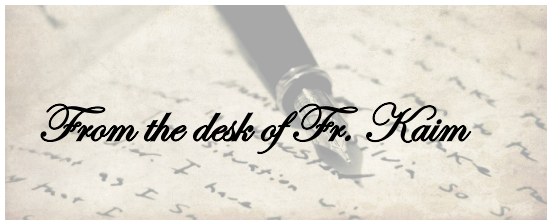
Deacon Jason Stewart & Deacon Frank Zammuto



Confessions: Saturday at 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM

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Advent Book Giveaway

Whenever I baptize a child, I often tell the parents “Don’t drive the Volkswagen, drive the Cadillac!” What I mean by that is that our Catholic faith has so many features, “bells and whistles,” so to speak, and we should not overlook our great Catholic heritage as we bring our kids up in the Faith. Don’t give them the minimum, but the maximum of our Catholic faith. I guess I should update my metaphor by saying, “Don’t use your smart phone as if it were a flip phone!”

This Advent the book we have purchased for each family is *Signs of Life: 20 Catholic Customs and Their Biblical Roots*. The book is written by noted Catholic author, Scott Hahn. He’s in great demand on the lecture circuit and was actually here at Holy Family several years ago. It’s not every day we are given the opportunity to buy his book in bulk. It was an offer I couldn’t refuse! So take advantage of this great opportunity and grab one for your family. Dr. Hahn talks about where you can find in the Bible very Catholic practices, customs and instruments of our Faith, such as: holy water, the Sign of the Cross, Advent and Christmas, incense, candles, the sacraments, intercession of the saints, the rosary, scapular and more.

As we continue in Advent on our journey toward the coming of the Christ child, I like what he had to say about this season of preparation: “With the birth of Jesus came the fulfilment of all the holy desires of all those many centuries. That is the joy we mark in Christmas, but it’s difficult for us to experience the joy unless we first undergo the longing.

“That is why the Church leads us first through a season not of shopping, *but of longing*. Advent is sometimes called the little Lent, because it is a season of preparatory fasting and self-denial. It is not as long as Great Lent. In fact, it can be as

short as twenty-one days. Yet it still should be a time of some small, daily sacrifices. The apostles fasted to prepare for worship in the Lord’s presence (Acts 13:2). We should, too. That empty feeling should serve as a sensible sign of our spiritual need.”

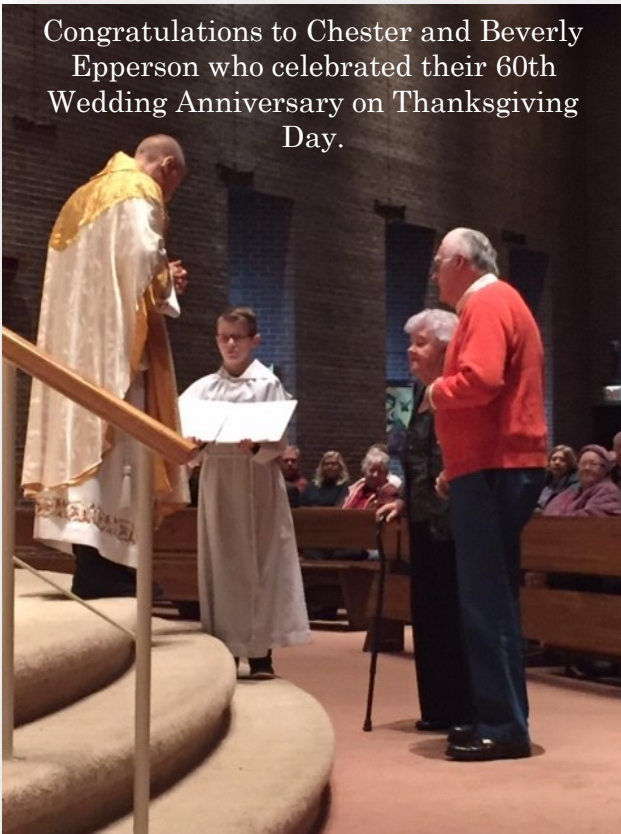
RCIA class is growing!

What has been called the “Summer of Shame” in our Church has no doubt affected those who might be thinking about joining the Catholic Church. I do wonder what the numbers will be like throughout our country at the next Easter Vigil given the self-inflicted wounds of some of our clergy and hierarchy. That’s why it’s so great to see the job Deacon Frank Zammuto is doing in recruiting and catechizing our RCIA class. He told me from the start that his goal is 20. And I’m happy to report we are pretty close to that number! We are sitting at 16 or so, which would represent one of our largest RCIA classes in some time. Given the difficulties of the Church, this is a great sign that the Spirit is still moving in the Catholic Church and at Holy Family. Praise God! And if you know of someone thinking about entering the Church, don’t hesitate to contact me or Deacon Zammuto and we would be happy to sit down with them and discuss it. You can be that catalyst that gets us to 20! Because when it comes to bringing in people into the Catholic Church, we are all recruiters!

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam,

Fr. Kaim, S.T.L.

Congratulations to Chester and Beverly Epperson who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Thanksgiving Day.



A very heartfelt *Thank You* to Holy Family parish from over 200 local children who benefited from our Coats for Kids drive this year. Their looks of joy and gratitude cannot be adequately described. This year, Holy Family parishioners donated a record number of coats. Almost all coats went to Christian refugees (some to local adults). On behalf of all parish Knights, thank you for allowing us the privilege of serving these kids and their families in such a rewarding way.



Advent by Candlelight




Monday, December 10, Advent Weekday

6:30 +Diane Milos
+Chris & Jack Ruckman

8:30 ++Marilyn & Le Roy Garbe

Tuesday, December 11, Advent Weekday

6:30 Int. of Edna Romero

8:30 +Elenor Messersmith

+LeRoy Becker

Wednesday, December 12, Advent Weekday

6:30 +Emma Stieglitz

8:30 ++Dr. Kurt & Elenor Kalweit

+Vic Giovingo

Thursday, December 13, St. Lucy

6:30 +George Rice

8:30 +Billy Long

Friday, December 14, St. John of the Cross

6:30 +Anne McQuillan

8:30 +Arnold Hintzman

Saturday, December 15, Advent Weekday

8:30 Deacon Bob Bracken

+Efrain Trejo

December 16, 3rd Sunday of Advent

4:30 +Fr. Edward Seisser

+Mike Pinter

Sunday, December 16, 3rd Sunday of Advent

6:30 For the People of Holy Family

8:00 ++Mary Ellen Goble and Paul Kelly

+Myrna Hagel

9:30 +Ed Koscak

+Gardenia Van Kessel

11:00 +David Ferguson

12:30 +Mary Cunningham

6:00 +Marie Turiciano

Holy Family- Stewardship of Treasure December 2, 2018

In pew Sunday Stewardship	\$25,789.00
Online Giving	\$6,275.00
Mail in Sunday Envelopes	\$3,822.00
Totally Weekly Collection	\$35,886.00



MARK your CALENDAR

December

Sunday, December 16

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Wednesday, December 19

Thursday, December 20

Monday, December 24

Tuesday, December 25

Wednesday, December 26

December 29/30

2019 Calendars available

Knights of Columbus

Pancake Breakfast

Advent Confessions

W.G. Christmas Party

Christmas Eve Masses

4:00, 4:15 (Gym), 6:00 & 10:00 PM

Christmas Day Masses

7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Coffee at Mary's Market

Monthly Food Collection

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 PM

4:15 PM, Gym

6:00 PM

9:30 PM—Hymns and anthems

10:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY

7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 AM

Can you help us decorate the
church for Christmas?

Please join us on Thursday, Decem-
ber 20 at 6:00 PM to help prepare
the Church for Christmas!

Join us next

Sunday, December 16 from
8 AM until 11 AM for the

Knights of Columbus
Breakfast with Santa

Pancakes, sausage, fruit, coffee and juice!!

Welcome!!!

Please welcome the following people who registered at Holy Family in
November...

John and Jacqueline Jubeck
Edward and Stella Klich

RESPECT LIFE

respect • love • protect

end. Amen." *St. Francis of Assisi*

"Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways of Thine only-begotten Son, that through His coming we may be worthy to serve Thee with purified minds, who lives and reigns, with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without

Looking for pro-life feminism? - Nancy Flanders, www.liveaction.org, writes, "Amy Coney Barrett is a Catholic mom of seven children, including two adopted from Haiti and one with special needs; she is also a federal judge. She should be considered the picture of true feminism, but pro-abortion feminists want her gone. If you are a woman and you believe abortion is the destruction of innocent human life, you are considered the enemy. [Liberal] feminists believe pregnancy and motherhood are obstacles to true success. But Judge Barrett stands as proof that children are not stumbling blocks on a woman's path to success. Abortion-supporters tell women they aren't good enough or smart enough to have it all. Judge Barrett's life stands in direct opposition to the lies of modern feminism. True feminism seems to have abandoned the United States. In its place, we have feminism that leaves room strictly for women who believe they can only reach success by killing their own children." (<https://tinyurl.com/y7t94sgu>)

Teens targeted by animated Netflix 'Big Mouth' show promoting abortion & Planned Parenthood -

James Risdon, www.lifesitenews.com, writes, "The vulgar animated *Big Mouth* TV series promotes Planned Parenthood (PP) with an episode devoted to America's largest abortion provider. PP is a political movement, not a healthcare organization. In 2017, PP committed over 321,000 abortions. Their political arms spent approximately \$30,000,000 against pro-life politicians in the fall 2018 midterm elections." **Parents, what are your children watching?** (<https://tinyurl.com/yaw8ywy7>)



What do Curves International (women's only fitness centers) and My Pillow companies have in common? They support life-affirming organizations.

- Nancy Flanders, www.liveaction.org, writes, "Pro-lifers often hear about businesses they may want to avoid because those businesses support organizations like Planned Parenthood, but there are others who donate their money to life-affirming organizations. Take some time to read the list of just a few of these companies." (<https://tinyurl.com/yae7dnwo>)

Women's Guild Bake Sale Recap

Thanks to all bakers, volunteers and lovers of all things homemade, we took in over **\$2,100** at this year's bake sale. Approximately 68 members baked their hearts out.

If you aren't a member, we would love to have you join us. Please contact the Harte Center at 815-398-4280! We are over 300 women strong. We have such great fun at our events, while at the same time supporting our parish with funds for projects. Baking or donating or buying a cupcake may seem like a small thing, but when we add it all together it becomes a grand thing! Strength in numbers! See you next year!!

815 Catholic - Gathering young adults (18-35ish) from all over the 815 and surrounding areas

On the 3rd Monday of the month, please join us at Carlyle Brewing Co. from 7:00-9:00 PM for some beer, friendships, and a little formation.

The next Brew Night will be Monday, December 17th. We hope to see you there! Do you know anyone 18-35ish? Please share this invitation with them. More information is available at www.815catholic.com and on social media @815Catholic.

Holy Family Seniors Lunch Group

We will meet on Wednesday, December 12 at 12:15 PM at Capri Pizza, 313 E. State St. All are welcome!!! Please contact Gary at 815-541-6549 for your reservation.

Christmas Concert



Please join us for our School Christmas Concert on **December 13 at 6 PM**, or join us for rehearsal at **1:15 PM**. All are welcome!!

Holy Family Catholic School

Working to make our every thought, word and action pleasing to God...



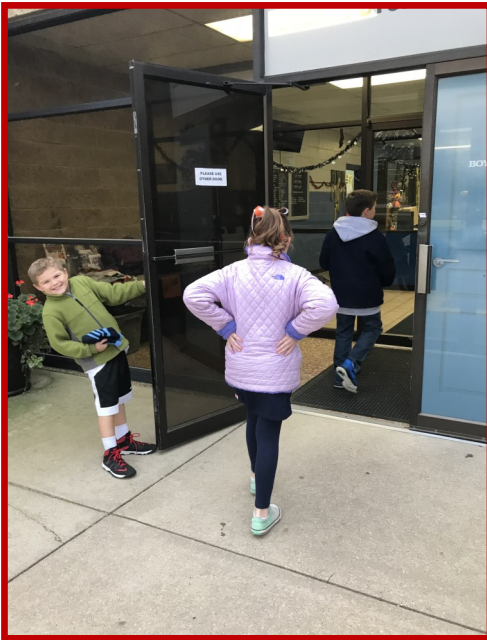
Virtue of the Week: **Courtesy**

The virtue of the week is COURTESY. Whatever we do, treat other people with respect, recognize that all are made in God's image and likeness.

Scripture: "Do unto others what you would have done to you. This is the law and the prophets." Matthew 7:12

Prayer: Dear Jesus, Help me to show respect towards others in my words, manners, and body language.

Why is it important to treat other people with respect? Why does recognizing other people's dignity show respect for God?



For more information or a tour of Holy Family Catholic School, please contact our Principal, Mrs. Cori Gendron, at 815-398-5331 or via email at cgendron@holyfamilyrockford.org .
<http://school.holyfamilyrockford.org/>

The Giving Tree Program

We are also looking for \$25 gift cards from local grocery stores, (Aldi, Save-A-Lot, Walmart, Meijer, etc.) to help offset or provide a Christmas dinner for a family in need, and gas cards.

Walmart, Meijer, Woodman's and Target cards are available at the Harte Center Offices *OR* you can drop your \$25 check in the Sunday collection with Giving Tree on the envelope and we will take care of it for you!

Other items needed:

- LARGE Christmas gift bags and/or tissue paper.
- **Donate items on one or more of the following weekends**
 - **Week 4—Dec. 15-16non-perishable food**

These items will be distributed by Catholic Charities, St. Elizabeth Center, and St. Vincent de Paul Society to individuals in need.

Holy Family parishioners have a reputation for caring and sharing. Thank you for your generosity to those less fortunate.

Thank you to EVERYONE who contributed to our Giving Tree!!

We have been able to assist our St. Vincent de Paul Conference with gift cards to help those in need, totaling over \$1,100.00.

Your generosity has come at such a difficult time for so many people and we can't thank you enough!!

Giving to Others ~ Community Service

Our Holy Family School student, Iris Harradine, will be collecting items for **Rock House Kids** who are in need of small items such as: matchbox cars, play doh, cards, lip balm, coloring books and crayons. Items can be placed in the red bin by the Christmas trees.

Holy Family Youth (6th-8th)

Christmas Party!

Christmas Games! White Elephant Ugly Sweater Contest
Cookie Decorating (\$5 gift exchange) Snowball Fight!

December 16 - 3:30 to 5:30 PM

followed by 6:00 PM Sunday Mass

St. Vincent de Paul Holy Family Conference Update

We just completed our second full year of operations and are pleased to report the following activity by our 29 active volunteer parishioners:

752 individuals were assisted

\$47,665 of financial assistance was provided

\$6,023 of 'in-kind' goods was provided

Our ability to serve was based solely on the generosity of the Holy Family community, with a significant portion coming from the parish tithe.



As you may be aware, our conference SVdP has several volunteer opportunities as follows:

Home Visitation Team - along with another SVdP volunteer, visits our friends in need (FIN) at their home to provide a 'hand up' not a 'hand out'. **THIS IS THE HEART OF WHAT WE DO AND OUR BIGGEST NEED!**

Phone Team - takes phone messages from the FINs, inputs data into a data base, and shares with the Home Visitation Team.

Nursing Home Team - coordinated with the facilities, visits to certain residents in nursing homes with an emphasis on St. Anne's.

Prayer Team monthly rosary gathering, offering prayer for our FINs, members, and the society as a whole.

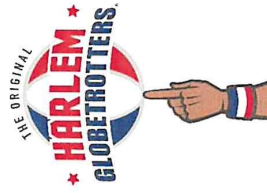
Fundraising Team - conduct fundraising events to support SVdP efforts, i.e. Walk for the Poor, Applebee's Pancake breakfast, Rummage Sale and others. Works with 3 other conferences in Rockford.

Technology - much of our work is documented, and computer support, training, etc. is coordinated by this committee.

Publicity - promotes the activities of our organization and educates people on who we are and what we do.

If you are looking for a rewarding experience, while at the same time giving back to the community, please consider the St. Vincent de Paul Holy Family Conference. If you'd like to learn more, please contact Stan Owens, at 815-654-2474 or email stan.owens@comcast.net.

Holy Family's School Choir will be singing the National Anthem at the game.
Please come support our students!!



December 30th @ 4:00p.m.

To secure your tickets and save money on your order contact:

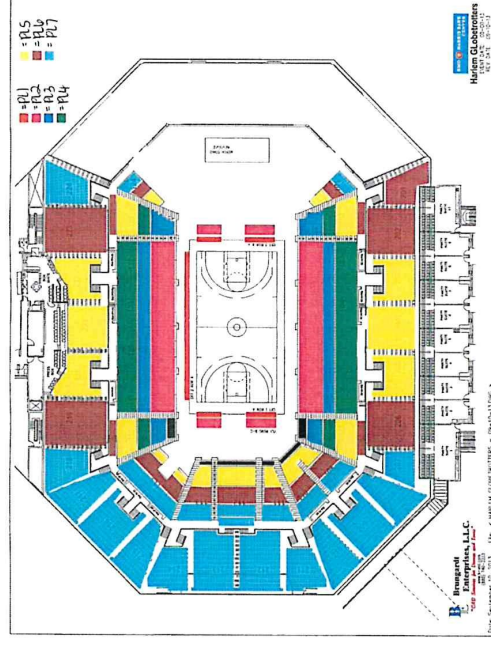
Brittany Faulkner at 678-497-1883

Or email

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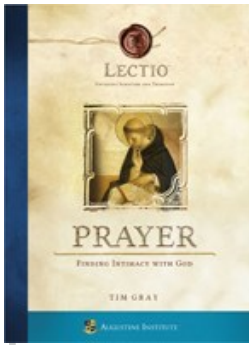
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	Online Price	Your Price!
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	\$ 75.25	\$ 73.00
	\$ 64.75	\$ 63.00
	\$ 53.75	\$ 45.00
	\$ 43.25	\$ 35.00
	\$ 32.25	\$ 25.00
	\$ 25.25	\$ 19.00

All tickets and seat locations are subject to availability. Tickets must be purchased in advance by mail, phone, email or fax. Orders will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. No refunds or exchanges. Children under 2 do not require a ticket provided they sit on adult's lap.



Adult Faith Formation *Prayer* Starts January 7, 2019

Our winter program is: *Prayer: Finding Intimacy with God* by Tim Gray. It is a 6-week series and will begin **Monday, January 7, 2019 at 7:00 PM** or **Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 9:15 AM**. This beautiful workbook is \$20.00.

BAM (Birthdays After Mass)

Join us on **December 13** as we celebrate all December birthdays **after the 8:30 AM Mass**. Please stay after and enjoy a donut and some hot coffee or tea.

Religious Education

On Sunday, December 9 & 16, we will have two priests hearing Confessions for our students. Having a clean soul is a beautiful way to experience the Advent Season and welcome the newborn baby Jesus. Nothing makes Him happier than clean souls to dwell in.



Festival of Lights

Sinnissippi Park

Friday, Saturday and Sunday
6-10 PM

The lights will be on display all evening on Christmas Eve.

There is no charge for admission, but free-will offerings are accepted.