

RELIGIOUS GIFT SHOP AT QUEEN OF HEAVEN



What began as Queen of Heaven Pastor David R. Durkee's idea to create a new and used book store and a free lending library for spiritual reading, has turned into a multi-purpose religious gift shop.

From a book shop, the scope expanded into a way to recycle beautiful religious articles. Individuals, who have been gifted an overabundance of religious items or no longer have a need or desire to keep them, have donated them. Donated items have included religious art, figurines, crucifixes, books, planters, candles and rosaries.

New inventory has included nativity sets and advent calendars in stock during the past Christmas season, necklaces, T-shirts, gifts for the sacraments of baptism, first communion, confirmation, and marriage as well as the Bible and many other books. One book, "4" *the Balance of Life* available at the gift shop, was recently released and written by parishioner Jerry (Gerard) Brown.

Reverend Durkee's enthusiasm for the gift shop has expanded it into a card shop too, with a multitude of greeting cards for all occasions.

The 10' x 17' gift shop, double that of a prior gift shop, opened just in time for the 2010 Christmas season. It is managed by Margaret Zeis, Director of Religious Education, and is located in the northeast corner of the Church's gathering space. Hours of operation are after weekend masses and open by request during the work-week hours. Gift certificates are purchasable at the gift shop. Any profit realized from the shop will be used to purchase new inventory and support the youth ministry. For further information, call 330-896-2345.

(Photos attached: Image 1459 has Pastor David Durkee proudly standing by the gift shop checkout counter and with Manager Margaret Zeis discussing a book with Evan Gatte in the background.