

ASH WEDNESDAY



A Clean Heart Create For Me, GOD;
Renew Within Me A Steadfast Spirit.

Psalm 51:12



3/2/2025

HOLY FAMILY ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH, 316 S. Logan St., Lincoln, IL
ST. MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH, 808 NW Pearl St., Atlanta, IL
ST. PATRICK ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH, 213 S. Bogardus St., Elkhart, IL
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH, 321 S. Lafayette St., Mt. Pulaski, IL

Week of 3/2/2025

*Mass Intention for your loved one? Please consider bringing up the gifts.
 Contact an usher 10 minutes prior to Mass.*

Saturday, March 1 - Vigil Mass of the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm Holy Family: In memory of Ryan McShane by Carolyn Webster
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 4:45-5:00pm]

Sunday, March 2 - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am St. Patrick: In memory of Don Owens by Phil & Linda Koeberlein
 8:30am St. Mary: In Celebration of Ken & Pat Conlin's 70th Wedding Anniversary by their Family
 10:00am St. Thomas Aquinas: In memory of Margaret Peifer by Pam Coogan
 10:00am Holy Family: In memory of Elizabeth May by Mark & Marcia May
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 10:45-11:00am]

Monday, March 3

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Tom Sawicki by the Schick Family

Tuesday, March 4

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Teresita DeJesus' Birthday by Faye Arulfo
 8:00am St. Patrick: No Intentions

Wednesday, March 5 - Ash Wednesday

7:00am St. Patrick: In memory of Norma Olson by John & Ann Olson
 7:00am St. Mary: In memory of Boone O'Donoghue by Tim & Shirley O'Donoghue
 8:30am CCS/Holy Family: In memory of Mary Wright by Ray & Judy Vonderahe
 5:30pm Holy Family: In memory of Marie & Kenneth B. Ebelherr by the Ebelherr Family
 5:30pm St. Thomas Aquinas: In memory of Doris Eckert by Linda Van Hook

Thursday, March 6

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Ruth Young by Diane Farmer
 11:00am Vonderlieth: In Celebration of Jeane Connolley's 100th Birthday by the Family

Friday, March 7

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of George Dowdle by the Dowdle Grandchildren
 5:30pm Lenten Stations of the Cross Begin at Holy Family & St. Patrick

Saturday, March 8 - Vigil Mass of the First Sunday Lent

4:00pm Holy Family: In memory of Kenneth Hardiek by Wendell & Brenda Lowry
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 4:45-5:00pm]

Sunday, March 9 - First Sunday Lent

8:00am St. Patrick: A Mass of Thanksgiving by Lois Olson
 8:30am St. Mary: In memory of Chris Owens by Sharon Alberts
 10:00am St. Thomas Aquinas: In memory of Patrick Boyle by Mom & Dad
 10:00am Holy Family: In memory of Frank A. Welch's Birthday by Dr. Elizabeth Anne Welch Carroll
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 10:45-11:00am]



Through the mercy of God
 may they rest in peace.

*Phyllis Danosky
 Dan Wheat*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR LENT

Wednesdays -

8:30 am Mass @ CCS/Holy Family
 (Children's Stations follow the CCS Mass)
 (None on 4/16/25 as CCS on Easter break)
 6:00 pm Stations @ St. Thomas Aquinas

Thursdays -

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet @ Holy Family
 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm Adoration @ Holy Family

Fridays -

5:30 pm Stations @ Holy Family
 (Not on Good Friday)
 5:30 pm Stations @ St. Patrick
 (Not on Good Friday)



Next Sunday, March 9, at the 10:00 am Mass (Holy Family) we will celebrate the "Rite of Sending". This rite is our opportunity, as a community, to express our acceptance of the catechumens and candidates for the Easter sacraments. They have been preparing for the Easter Sacraments since September.

After the morning rite, they will travel to our cathedral in Peoria for the "Rite of Election" during which Bishop Tylka will "elect" them for the sacraments, approving their request to celebrate the sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Please continue to pray for our catechumens (Erika Applegate, Elizabeth Bauer, Abbey Mattingly, Carla Mattingly) and candidates (Calvin Faith, Sara Wessbecher, Heather Woodhall).

ST. MARY LECTOR SCHEDULE

3/02 - Laura O'Donnell
 3/09 - Ed Jodlowski
 3/16 - Ed Jodlowski
 3/23 - Matt McGhee
 3/30 - Matt McGhee
 4/06 - Laura O'Donnell

ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY

St. Mary's Altar Society invites all members of our parish to meetings held the FIRST Monday at 6pm in the church hall.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, March 3

Sir 17:20-24 / Ps 32:1-2, 5-7 / Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday, March 4

Sir 35:1-12 / Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23 / Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday, March 5

Jl 2:12-18 / Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17 /
2 Cor 5:20-6:2 / Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, March 6

Dt 30:15-20 / Ps 1:1-4, 6 / Lk 9:22-25

Friday, March 7

Is 58:1-9a / Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19 / Mt 9:14-15

Saturday, March 8

Is 58:9b-14 / Ps 86:1-6 / Lk 5:27-32

Sunday, March 9

Dt 26:4-10 / Ps 91:1-2, 10-15 /
Rom 10:8-13 / Lk 4:1-13

THE HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY GLOBAL PRAYER INTENTIONS - MARCH

The Holy Father has entrusted his 2025 monthly prayer intentions to the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. You can find more information about the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network for the USA on their website at [Home - Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network \(popesprayerusa.net\)](http://Home - Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (popesprayerusa.net)).

For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Adapted from USCCB.org

MONTHLY DEDICATION - MARCH

The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph, our Lord's earthly father.

Since the 15th century, we have celebrated the feast day of St. Joseph on March 19th, leading to celebrating him the entire month of March. He was an excellent example of obedience and a faithful father. The Church urges us to honor him and pay particular attention to his life and example.

Parish Office, 316 South Logan Street, Lincoln, IL 62656 217-732-4019 www.logancountycatholic.org

Rev. Joseph Dondanville, Pastor | **Rev. Nicodemus Muithi, Parochial Vicar** | **Deacon Wendell Lowry** | **Sister Margaret Schreiber O.P.**, Spiritual Life Coordinator | **Britta Langley, Religious Education Coordinator** | **Alicia Baker & Isabel Vidal, Secretaries** | **Sister Lori Kirchman O.P.**, Director of Music | **Carroll Catholic School 217-732-7518 - David Welch, Principal** | **Jennifer Craig, Secretary** | **Holy Cross & St. Mary Cemeteries 217-871-0266 - Kenneth "Scott" Jones, Sexton**

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

3/5/25: Ash Wednesday Services, the beginning of Lent.

3/5/25: No CCD Classes, it is Ash Wednesday

3/20/25: Community Prayer Time

3/19/25: The Solemnity of Saint Joseph, the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated at the Cathedral

3/25/25: The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord will be celebrated at the Cathedral.

4/15/25: Chrism Mass at the Cathedral.

4/18/25: Novena of Divine Mercy which will begin on Good Friday, the 18th of April

4/17/25-4/20/25: The Sacred Easter Triduum of the Lord: His Last Supper, His Crucifixion, His Burial, and His Rising

4/27/25: Divine Mercy Sunday on the Second Sunday of Easter

4/27/25: St. Thomas Aquinas First Communions

4/27/25: St. Patrick First Communions

5/4/25: Holy Family First Communions

God did not send his Son into the world
to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.

— John 3:17

⇒ GENERAL CHURCH SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

⇒ **Reconciliation:**

Holy Family Church: Tuesday 7:30-8:00am before the 8am Mass & Saturday 2:45-3:30pm before the 4pm Mass

St. Patrick Church, Elkhart: prior to Sunday Mass

St. Mary Church, Atlanta: prior to Sunday Mass

St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Mt. Pulaski: prior to Sunday Mass

⇒ **Adoration:** Holy Family Church, Lincoln: Thursday 3:00-6:00pm, Divine Mercy Chaplet recited at 3:00pm

⇒ **Infant Baptism:** Parents are asked to attend a baptism preparation session before the Baptism of their child. Please phone the parish office to register.

⇒ **Marriages:** Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance for the desired wedding date. Please phone the parish office to receive further information and to reserve your special day.

Please "Pray for the Sick"
by remembering the
following people in your
prayers:



Mike Lowry, Paul Lowry, Terri Lowry, Laura Lowry, Sean Lowry, Elijah Cox, Guinevere Decker, Rodney Alberts, Jill Alberts, Linda Wright, Steve Schmidt, Ryan Butler, Donna Burr, Paula Rutherford, Gavin Fox, Rita Johnson, Adelyn Jones, McKayla Nye, Gavin Shuler, Phillip Brown, Christina Clementz, Mike Kavanaugh, Linda H., Mark L., Deb Jordan, Dwayne Knapp, Esme Avart, Rita Scanavino, Thomas Siegel, Asher Phillips, Kristin Wright, Melinda Spangler, Alexa Cunningham, Mary Masterson, Marcia Bidwell, Sandra Buttell, Debi Hardin, Ann LaMothe, Teresa Tripplett, Curt C., Eddie Pharis, Shirley Davis, Mike Young, Shirley O'Donoghue, Dan Dankosky, Bridget Dutcher, Tinley Rubenacker, John Barrick, Tom Berta, Eric Faith, Jerry Boyle, Dave Morrow, Caroline & Mike Spaniol, Steve "Hacker" Aue, Jennifer Roedz, Dan Riccolo, Diana Purdue, Anne Baunach, Joyce Lichtenwalter, Sally Velasco, Ilene Davis, Tim McCormick, Bonnie Frawley, Jeane Connolley, Cheryl Farney, Jack Sprague, Kathy Miller, Pat French, Jack Peifer, Johanna Grigsby, Charlie Dumire, Bryan Finchum, Phyllis' family, Steve Panissidi, Bob McCue, Carol & Bob Barger, Aria Tramontano-Grigsby Spitnale, Ron Nye, John Hebenstreit, Tina Huff, and Family, Nurse Lancaster, Cindy & Kenny Frericks, Ann Knuffman, Greg Harmon, Pam Baker, David Vale, Lois, Mirtha, Nicolas, & Michael Barrios, Kimm & Steven, Adalynn Williams, Angela Piglia, Raeleigh Bess, Eric Ewald, Faith Stagnolia, Donna Bolton, Pat Dugan, Nancy Stevens & sons, the Salas Family, Becky Maestas, Cheryl Davis, Mike Shay, Bandy Aye, Sherry Miles, Linda Barrick, Karen Lowery, Cheryl Moscardelli, Rachel Santana & family, Marty J Clementz, Jr., Bridget Chiodo, Carol Ann Connelly, the Newton family & their twin newborns, Candice Rose, Nathan Cravatt, Wil Buse, Jane Logan Perry, Fr. Thomas Taylor, Stephanie Adams, Nick Barrios, Cheryl Sampson, Todd Newberry, all children & families facing medical challenges, and all the members of the armed forces of our country.

To add a loved one, call or email Isabel Vidal at 217-732-4019 or ividal@logancountycatholic.com.

Week of 3/2/2025 - 3/8/2025

The **red Altar Sanctuary Candle** at

Holy Family is lit this week in memory of Ken & Barb Hardiek by Wendell & Brenda Lowry.

St. Mary is lit this week for the intentions of the Logan County Catholic Community.

St. Patrick is lit this week for the intentions of the Logan County Catholic Community.

St. Thomas Aquinas is lit this week for the intentions of the Logan County Catholic Community.

The **blue candle** at the **Mary Queen of Peace Statue** is lit this week in memory of Teresita DeJesus by Faye Arulfo.

The **blue candle** at the **Immaculate Heart of Mary Statue** at **Holy Family** is lit in memory of Hunter & Jacob James.

To sponsor a candle, email abaker@logancountycatholic.com or call Alicia Baker at 217-732-4019.

Return to Me

I was on retreat several years ago and found myself standing alone next to a still pond surrounded by trees. Across the pond from me was a crucifix raised on a pole such that I could look straight at it. I felt God calling to me with the words at the beginning of our first reading today: "return to Me with your whole heart." This simple request sank deep into my soul.

Return to Me. Give yourself entirely to Me. Trust Me. Let Me care for you and pour Myself out for you. Don't let your worries and concerns stand between us. Don't let your desire for approval make you forget who you are living for. You are Mine.

It was there that I gave myself more completely to God, where I made a commitment to Him that I would continuously dedicate myself to Him. We hear this same call in the Gospel today, on this Ash Wednesday as we enter into Lent. May we return to God with all our hearts. May our hearts not be divided, but may we give them entirely to God.

It is so easy for us, as we live this life in the flesh, to do what is asked of us but for the wrong reasons, such as seeking approval from others. Perhaps we allow others to see us piously carrying out our Lenten obligations so that we may be counted among the holy or admired by them.

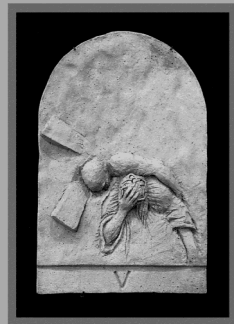
We are called to give ourselves to God and to live our lives for Him, including fasting, giving alms, and praying, making sacrifices to Him out of love rather than for any other reason. When we do things for others, it is to be for the sake of God and those He has put in our lives, not to serve our own egos.

This illustrates a larger point. Giving ourselves to God involves two main movements which go hand in hand. One is turning away from the things of the flesh. The other is turning toward God. Repentance from sin leads to reconciliation with God. Detachment from worldly things creates space for Him to abide in us.

This summons to return to the Lord with our whole heart requires both movements, fueled by His grace. It is to turn away from the desires and lures of the world in order to give our entire heart, our entire selves to God. Undivided and unreserved. This is a lifetime endeavor for most of us, myself included. But Lent is the perfect time to step further into it.

This Lent, I encourage you to offer each sacrifice up for God. Offer them in outward silence and in love to the One who sees all and who abides with you in your inmost being, to the One who delights in you, longs for you, and gives Himself up for you.

By Kimberly Andrich for *Diocesan*



STAY WITH ME

Lenten Prayer for Disciples

VIRTUAL EVENT

Registration now open for *Stay with Me: Lenten Prayer for Disciples*

All are welcome for this virtual prayer for the six Wednesdays of Lent

Springfield, Ill.—Women and men everywhere are invited to join the Dominican Sisters of Springfield for *Stay with Me: Lenten Prayer for Disciples*. The virtual sessions, scheduled for 7:00 pm Central Time on the Wednesdays of Lent starting March 5, will allow space for participants to attune their hearts and minds

to the struggles of those Jesus most often accompanied during his life on Earth: widows, orphans, and persons cast out.

The title draws on Jesus' request in Matthew's gospel that the disciples accompany him to Gethsemane while he prays, just before his arrest.

Hosted by the Dominican Sisters' Vocation Office, participants can expect to hear reflections on the theme from Dominican sisters, enjoy periods of silence and sharing, and build a community of prayer and mutual support for their Lenten practice.

The liturgical season of Lent includes six weeks before Holy Week. It is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving in preparation for the celebration of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. The baptized are encouraged to use this time to prepare for the renewal of their baptismal promises. Parish communities may also be accompanying those who intend to join the Church. For them, Lent is considered a six-week retreat in preparation for their baptism or profession of faith. Customarily, then, these new Catholics are welcomed into the church during the services on Holy Saturday, during the Triduum.

Stay with Me: Lenten Prayer for Disciples runs weekly March 5-April 9. Participants are welcome to join all six sessions, or choose a few according to their own schedule and needs. Register once for participation in any or all of the sessions at springfieldop.org/events.

Stay with Me: Lenten Prayer for Disciples, 7pm Weds. Mar 5-Apr 9, 2025. Free and Online. Register at springfieldop.org/events. For questions call 217-787-0481. Ask to speak with Sr. Denise Glazik, OP. Sponsored by the Dominican Sisters of Springfield.

SPIRIT



BIBLE STUDY with Catholic Spirit Radio (Attend in-person or via Zoom)

St. Leo the Great said, "What was visible in our Savior has been passed over into the mysteries." In the Eastern Church the sacraments are often referred to as the mysteries. Learn how the mysteries of Christ incarnate life become present today in the sacraments. Learn how these mysteries have been woven into the very fabric of salvation history. See how they are foreshadowed into the Old and revealed in the New Testament. Join us at Catholic Spirit Radio starting Thursday, March 13 at 6:30 PM for this 11-part series each Thursday. \$20. For more information or to register, contact Anthony Pecora at 309-750-9062 or perio2000@frontier.com

LENT

PRAYER PENANCE ALMSGIVING

Ways to Give This Lenten Season

- *Holy Family Food Pantry
- *Carroll Catholic School
- *Carroll Catholic School Capital Campaign
- *Love Repeated
(Aid to the Rulenge-Ngara Diocese of Tanzania, East Africa)
- *Diocesan Annual Development Appeal
- *Mission Appeal for the Catholic Diocese of Kitui, Kenya
- *Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA
- *St. Mary's Cemetery
- *Holy Cross Cemetery
- *Holy Family Building Fund
- *St. Mary's Building Fund
- *St. Patrick's Building Fund
- *St. Thomas Aquinas Building Fund
- *Dominican Sisters of Springfield, IL
- *Rotary Foundation
- *Zonta Foundation for Women

Remember the Blood Drive on 3/17/25 at KOC from 1:30-5:30



American Red Cross

COMMUNITY PRAYER TIME

Join us on **Thursday, March 20th from 7:00pm to 8:00pm**. We will meet in the Bride's Room at Holy Family for prayer. We will come together to pray for your needs and thank God for your blessings. We will gather together to pray for each other, our community, and the world.

All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you!



LENTEN

Fish Fry



Friday Lenten Fish Fry at the Knights of
Columbus

From 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Dine-In or Carry Out

Join us: March 7th, March 21st, April 4th,
and April 18th.



© Diocesan



*Kindness is
in your blood*

Lincoln Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

**Lincoln Knights of Columbus
Hall**

217 Limit St
Lincoln, IL 62656

**Monday, March 17, 2025
1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**



**American
Red Cross**

2025 LENT/HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE

HOLY FAMILY, ST. MARY, ST. PATRICK & ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCHES

Ash Wednesday, March 5

7:00 am Mass @ St. Mary
7:00 am Mass @ St. Patrick
8:30 am Mass @ CCS/Holy Family
5:30 pm Mass @ Holy Family
5:30 pm Mass @ St. Thomas Aquinas



Lenten Weekdays

Monday-

8:00 am Mass @ Holy Family

Tuesday-

8:00 am Mass @ Holy Family
8:00 am Mass @ St. Patrick
6:00 pm Stations @ St. Mary

Wednesday-

8:30 am Mass @ CCS/Holy Family (with Children's Stations following) except 4/16/25 (CCS on break)
8:00 am Mass @ Holy Family on 4/16/2025
6:00 pm Stations @ St. Thomas Aquinas

Thursday-

8:00 am Mass @ Holy Family
Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 pm @ Holy Family
Adoration 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm @ Holy Family

Friday-

8:00 am Mass @ Holy Family
8:00 am Mass @ St. Mary (most 2nd & 4th Weeks)
5:30 pm Stations @ Holy Family (Not Good Friday)
5:30 pm Stations @ St. Patrick (Not Good Friday)

Weekly Confessions (below or by appointment)

Holy Family-

7:30 am, Tuesdays

2:45 pm, Saturdays

St. Mary, St. Patrick, & St. Thomas Aquinas - Before Sunday Masses

Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service (Confession)

6:30 pm, **Thursday, April 10** Reconciliation Service for all four parishes at Holy Family, only.

Weekly Confessions remain the same at each church.

HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday, April 17

7:00 pm Mass of The Lord's Supper followed by **Eucharistic Adoration** until Midnight @ Holy Family, only.

Good Friday, April 18

12:00 pm Stations @ Holy Family, only
3:00 pm Veneration of the Cross - Traditional Good Friday Service @ Holy Family, only.
Confessions 4:30-6:00

Holy Saturday, April 19

8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass @ Holy Family, only
(TODAY - NO Confessions and NO 4pm Mass)

Easter Sunday, April 20

8:00 am Mass @ St. Patrick
8:30 am Mass @ St. Mary
10:00 am Mass @ Holy Family
10:00 am Mass @ St. Thomas Aquinas

—The Resurrection—
THE GREATEST OF MIRACLES

REGULATIONS FOR LENT AND THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year. Priests, religious and laity are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial, attentiveness to prayer, and especially to works of charity and mercy.

† Everyone of 14 years of age or over is bound to *abstain from meat* on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025, and each Friday during Lent.

† Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025 and Good Friday, April 18, 2025. On these two days of fast and abstinence, *Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, you may only consume one full meatless meal.* Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

† To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is a serious matter.

**This schedule is subject to change based on the availability of clergy.
Please check the weekly bulletin or the parish website calendar for any changes or additions.**