

Baptism of the Lord

*I have
baptized
you with water;
he will
baptize you
with the
holy Spirit.*

Mark 1:8

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 01/12/2025

If the Mass Intention is in memory of your loved one, please consider bringing up the gifts. Contact an usher 10 minutes prior to Mass or call the parish office.

Saturday, January 11 - Vigil Mass of the Baptism of the Lord
 4:00pm Holy Family: In memory of Margaret Peifer by Tom & Patty Peifer
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 4:45-5:00pm]

Sunday, January 12 - The Baptism of the Lord
 8:00am St. Patrick: **Communion Service - Only**
 8:30am St. Mary: In memory of Janet Bell by Joseph Bell
 10:00am St. Thomas Aquinas: **Communion Service - Only** (*The Mass Intention in memory of Charles Gutzman by Cecelia Wessbecher rescheduled to 2/16/2025*)
 10:00am Holy Family: In memory of Owen Thomas Carroll, Jr. by Dr. Elizabeth Ann Welch Carroll
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 10:45-11:00am]

Monday, January 13
 8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Ann Lowry by Wendell & Brenda Lowry

Tuesday, January 14
 8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Inez Mitchell by Jerry & Janet Langenbahn
 8:00am St. Patrick: Mass Cancelled

Wednesday, January 15
 8:30am CCS/Holy Family: In memory of Susan May by Mark & Marcia May

Thursday, January 16
 8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Joe Ruenzi by the Grandkids

Friday, January 17 - Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot
 8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Bob Rawlins by Lynn & Sandy Aper
 8:00am St. Mary: Mass Cancelled

Saturday, January 18 - Vigil Mass of the Baptism of the Lord
 4:00pm Holy Family: In memory of Helen Dalpoas by Lynn & Sandy Aper.
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 4:45-5:00pm]

Sunday, January 19 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00am St. Patrick: A Mass for the People
 8:30am St. Mary: In memory of Janet Bell by Joseph Bell
 10:00am St. Thomas Aquinas: In memory of Vincent "Vinnie" Trauner by the Rentmeister Family
 10:00am Holy Family: In memory of Margaret Peifer by Bill & Kay Armbruster
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 10:45-11:00am]

**Based on the availability of clergy, this schedule may change. Please check the parish website calendar for any changes or additions.*

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.



Through the mercy of God may they rest in peace.

Phillip "Phil" Dehner
David A. Sanborn
Leo Logan
Geneva Douglas

COMMUNITY PRAYER TIME

Join us on **Thursday, 1/23/25 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. Together, we will pray for each other, our community, and the world.



Week of 01/12/2025 - 01/18/2025

The **red Altar Sanctuary Candle Holy Family** is lit this week in memory of Mimi Kay Brown by her Grandchildren.

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

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

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

The **blue candle** at the **Mary Queen of Peace Statue** is lit this week in memory of Connie McCullough by her Daughters.

The **blue candle** at the **Immaculate Heart of Mary Statue** at **Holy Family** is lit this week for prayers for Peace in the New Year.

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



You may have noticed a different piano in the church. We would like to give a big thank you to Sharon and Mike Johnson who donated it from their home. The

electronic piano has been taken back to the choir loft and now Sr. Lori has the option of playing the piano upstairs or downstairs. It will make it easier when there's not a lot of time between different parts of the liturgy. Thank you for your generosity, Sharon and Mike!!

ST. MARY LECTOR SCHEDULE

- 1/12 - Laura O'Donnell
- 1/19 - Laura O'Donnell
- 1/26 - Ed Jodlowski
- 2/02 - Ed Jodlowski
- 2/09 - Matt McGhee
- 2/16 - Matt McGhee

ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY

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



On 12/29/2024, **Isabella Ernst**, daughter of Rigoberto and Raffaella (Durand) Ernst, was baptized at Holy Family Catholic Church by the Rev. Joseph Dondanville. We welcome them into our Logan County Roman Catholic Community. Congratulations!



On 1/4/2025, **Elyanna Nguyen**, daughter of Justin Nguyen and Benea Schuler, was baptized at Holy Family Catholic Church by the Rev. Joseph Dondanville. We welcome them into our Logan County Roman Catholic Community. Congratulations!

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, January 13

Heb 1:1-6 / Ps 97:1 & 2b, 6 & 7c, 9 / Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 14

Heb 2:5-12 / Ps 8:2ab & 5-9 / Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 15

Heb 2:14-18 / Ps 105:1-4, 6-9 / Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 16

Heb 3:7-14 / Ps 95:6-7c, 8-11 / Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 17

Heb 4:1-5, 11 / Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-8 / Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, January 18

Heb 4:12-16 / Ps 19:8-10, 15 / Mk 2:13-17

Sunday, January 19

Is 62:1-5 / Ps 96:1-3, 7-10 / 1 Cor 12:4-11 / Jn 2:1-11

**The Baptism of the Lord
Fear Not**

Did the first reading from Isaiah sound familiar? We also hear it on the first Sunday of Advent every few years. I suppose it could be a reminder that John the Baptist appears at the beginning of the Advent/Christmas season and at the end. In Advent we were preparing for Jesus' coming at Christmas. Now we are preparing for his coming at any time.

The reading from Isaiah talks about the Lord coming in mercy to the people whose "guilt is expiated" (Isaiah 40:2). The mountains and hills will be leveled, symbolic of making an easy way to the Lord. In other words, the Lord is approachable. With our sins forgiven we need not fear asking God for help: "Fear not to cry out" (Isaiah 40:9). The Lord comes in power, not to strike sinners down but to shepherd them and lead them.

In the second reading, St. Paul has a similar theme. Jesus gave his life for us on the cross so that we could be free from sin and able to reject evil desires. We are free to give ourselves in love as he did. And he does this, not because we did anything to deserve it, but from his own love and mercy for us. Think about that. No matter how bad I was in the past, the Lord loves me enough to forgive it all, and even better, to give the Spirit to help me stay close to God.

How do we prepare for this? We can start by hearing the words of the readings today, letting them sink into our hearts and minds. Read them again at home, and remind yourself that you have been forgiven, that you can live as a person "eager to do what is good" (Titus 2:14). Ask the Spirit to help you see what things are keeping you from being like Jesus and to give you the strength to say no to them. And look for ways you can be more loving with your family, then with your friends, and eventually with anyone who needs your help. When we let that Spirit guide us, we become like Jesus in that we can listen for God to say, "You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased" (see Luke 3:22).

Tom Schmidt for Diocesan

**THE HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY
GLOBAL PRAYER INTENTIONS - JANUARY**

The Holy Father has entrusted his 2024 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 the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Adapted from USCCB.org

MONTHLY DEDICATION - JANUARY

January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.

The feast of the Holy Name of Jesus originated in the 1500's and was celebrated on the second Sunday of the Epiphany until it was removed in 1969 since the name of Jesus was already celebrated at Christmas. It was restored in 2002 as an optional memorial on the first free day after January 1st. We will celebrate on Friday, January 3, 2025.

The *Litany of the Holy Name* is a prayer in honor of the Name of Jesus. While it probably dates back to the beginning of the 15th century as a private devotion, it was not formally approved for public recitation until 1862 when it was approved by Pope Pius IX. Other prayers dedicated to his name are the *Novena in Honor of the Name of Jesus* and the *Chaplet of Our Lord*, some of the many devotions made known by the Society of the Holy Name, a confraternity of laity under the care of the Dominican Order.

Adapted from Diocesan & USCCB.org

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

1/13/25: Blood Drive at Lincoln KOC 1:30pm-5:30pm.

1/23/25: Community Prayer Time, Brides Room 7:00pm-8:00pm.

2/9/25: Emmanuel Knights, 4:30pm - 6pm, Emmanuel House 2327 W. Heading Ave. West Peoria.

2/15/25: Abide in Me Retreat at the Sacre-Coeur Retreat Center, 8508 County Road 100 N, Magnolia, IL 9:30am-8:00pm.

Bishop Louis Tylka published the 2025 Festival Calendar announcing dates for observing fasts and feasts in the 2025 Liturgical Year. Below are dates in Feb. & March.

2/12/25: Diocese of Peoria Sesquicentennial of its founding with a Mass at the Cathedral at 4:00pm. All are invited.

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

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.

More dates to be shared in future Bulletins.

**NOTICE: REGARDING NAMES ON THE
"PRAY FOR THE SICK" LIST**

**MAY WE REMOVE ANY NAMES FROM THE
PRAYER LIST? REACH OUT TO ISABEL
VIDAL AND LET HER KNOW AT:**

IVIDAL@LOGANCOUNTYCATHOLIC.ORG

**PHONE NUMBER IS: 217-732-4019, EXT.
2202**

**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, Ruth Young, 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, Phil Dehner, 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 Barrios, Kimm & family, 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, Carol Grunder, Sherry Miles, Linda Barrick, Karen Lowery, Cheryl Moscardelli, Rachel Santana and family, Marty J Clementz, Jr., Bridget Chiodo, Carol Ann Connelly, the Newton family and their twin newborns, Candice Rose, Nathan Cravatt, Dan Durchholz, Wil Buse, Jane Logan Perry, Fr. Thomas Taylor, all children and 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.*

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION: The Baptism of the Lord

Merry Christmas! Share that cheerful greeting with some folks today. They may wonder if you have had any Elvis sightings lately, attended Star Trekkie conventions, or were Cleopatra in a previous lifetime. Despite the skeptics, today is solidly within the Christmas season. In fact, in some strands of the Christian tradition it represents the clearest manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation. On Christmas Day, for example, the Gospel reading is the Prologue of John's Gospel, which reveals the glory of Christ shining through our humanity precisely in his baptism.

At any rate, this is an ancient feast, celebrated first in Egypt sixteen centuries ago. More than most other ancient people, the Egyptians understood the life-giving properties of water. On this day, they drew water from the Nile, so central in the history of their people, and reserved it in honor. Many other places copied the custom, so that St. John Chrysostom wrote of people in Antioch gathering at midnight to collect flowing water into vessels they brought from home since "today there is a blessing on the water." At home for dinner tonight, decorate the table with beautiful bowls of water and white candles, toast one another with goblets of sparkling water, and light a Christmas candle in the window one last time.

By James Field for *Diocesan*

WITH WATER AND FIRE

John tells us in today's Gospel that the long-awaited Christ would baptize not only with water but also with fire. Some of us may have been baptized as infants, some as adults, and while we have fresh, living water poured over us, no one talks about the fire that inevitably comes, testing our spirits and our faith.

"[W]ith you I am well pleased." What lovely words that our hearts long to hear, whether from parents, spouses, teachers or friends, our humanity craves affirmation, which often leads us to look for it in unreliable things. Some of us do find this affirmation in the places we search for it: money, successful careers, likes on social media, until we need so much that nothing will ever be enough. Like inching closer and closer to a cliff without ropes to catch us, a fall will come. A parent might pass away, a child could stop speaking to us, a friend could betray us, and the people we so often rely on for affirmation become the sparks of our trials by fire.

These flames of purification can seem unending, unbearable, and cause our hearts to question: how can this be the "love" Christ wants for my life? We see other Christians who pick and choose what they stand for, who only embrace their baptismal vows when it is most convenient and comfortable, and who never survive their personal trek through the desert.

However, for those who cling to Christ, through the fire, through the questions, through the struggles of detachment from worldly goods, and fulfill our baptismal vows, there is a life-saving and refreshing river, where Christ waits for us with words that only fulfill our hearts when they are spoken from His mouth: "You are my beloved...with you I am well pleased."

By Lily McKeough for *Diocesan*

All Blood Types Needed

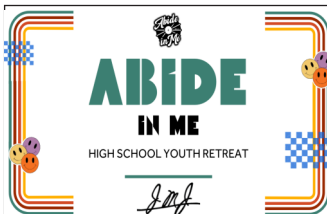


Lincoln Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

Lincoln Knights of Columbus Meeting Room

217 Limit St
Lincoln, IL 62656

Monday, January 13, 2025
1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.



Abide in Me - High School Youth Retreat is a great moment of encounter for our high school aged parishioners to gather together to learn, pray, connect, and be inspired to live a Eucharist centered life. This day-retreat will feature great speakers, vibrant praise and worship, a spotlight on sacred vocations, opportunities for the sacraments, and much more that will culminate with Eucharistic Adoration.

The event will be held at the Sacre-Coeur Retreat Center on Saturday, February 15, 2025 from 9:30 AM thru 8:00 PM. The cost is \$35/person, with a \$75 max/family. Charge for chaperones is \$15.

Registration: This is a Diocesan event and you may register online. You will be assigned to a small group for the day and will be connected with a chaperone accordingly. Attendees turn in registration and payment online through the **WeShare link** reached by using the QR Code. Payment is due upon registration. Please contact Carla Wizieck (cwizieck@cdop.org) or 309-677-7015 with questions about this year's retreat.



PRAYERS, PENANCE, & ALMSGIVING DURING ADVENT & CHRISTMAS TIME

As we gather to celebrate the greatest gift we can receive, the Son of God born to us in time, we are mindful of the joys and blessings in our lives, and we give thanks to God for all of them. We are also aware that many of our loved ones have gone before us, still leaving an emptiness in our hearts.

One way we continue to remember them is by having Masses offered for them. The prayers we offer for them at Mass brings us peace and draws them closer to union with God.

All of our parishes could use more Mass Intentions. If you'd like to have a Mass said for a loved one, please use the envelopes in the pews, or on the tables as you enter the Church and drop them into the Collection Baskets.

You can also bring them by the Parish Office or call Isabel Vidal at 217-732-4019 and she will schedule them for you.



EMMAUS KNIGHTS FOR YOUNG MEN GRADES 7-12

SPRING DATES: 2/9; 3/9; 4/13

FROM 4:30PM - 6:30PM

Join Fr. Chase for a Sunday night of faith, fraternity, and formation at the Emmaus House
2327 W. Heading Ave., West Peoria

EMMAUS KNIGHTS IS AN EXPERIENCE FOR YOUNG MEN WHO DESIRE TO GROW IN FRIENDSHIP AND FAITH WITH SOME FOOD AND SOME FUN. IF YOU LOVED EMMAUS DAYS, COME AND CHECK OUT EMMAUS KNIGHTS.

FATHERS, DROP YOUR SONS OFF AND STAY FOR A TIME OF FRATERNITY

Scan the code to let us know you are coming and to have your parent fill out a digital permission form!



HOLY FAMILY FOOD PANTRY

for Logan County Families in Need

Many thanks to everyone for their generosity, to our parishioners in the Logan County Catholic Community, all the Logan County residents, and the Service Groups who donated to the Holy Family Food Pantry in 2024. We look forward to continuing our mission with your help in 2025 as the need still exists.

Through your support, we:

- Served 3,407 Families in our county
- Gave out 6,232 bags of groceries
- Served 212 Veterans in Logan County
- Served 1,111 local Seniors

Many families in our area are facing food insecurity. Your contributions make a real difference. We welcome non-perishable food items to help restock our pantry, as well as fresh fruits, vegetables, meat, and eggs. Bags and egg cartons are good for now.