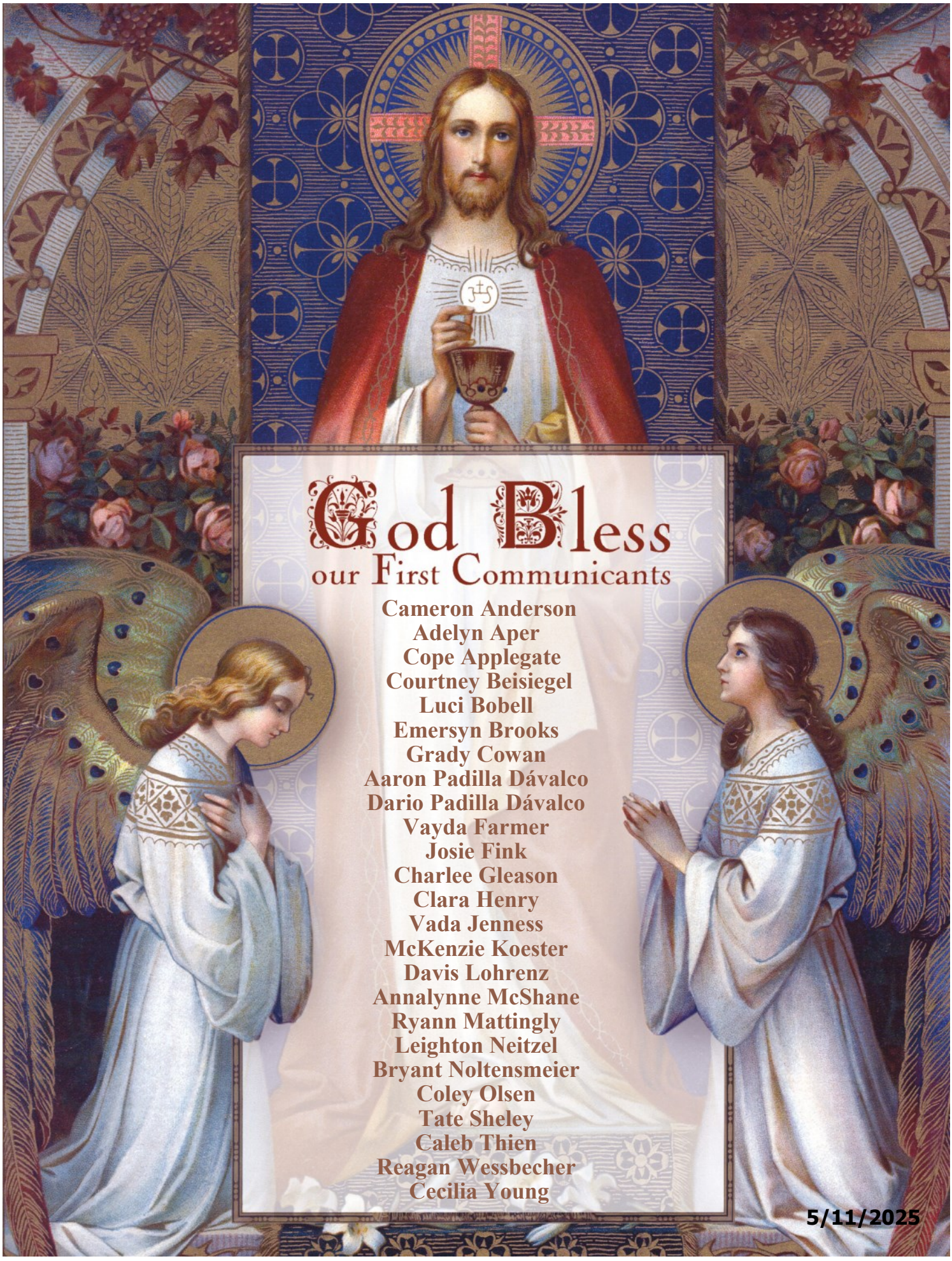
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5/11/2025

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 5/11/2025

Having a Mass said for a loved one, consider taking the Gifts up at Mass

Saturday, May 10 - Vigil Mass of the 4th Sunday of Easter
4:00pm Holy Family: In memory of Kenneth E. Ebelherr by the Ebelherr Family
[with Drive-Thru Communion from 4:45-5:00pm]

Sunday, May 11 - 4th Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day, World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Good Shepherd Sunday
8:00am St. Patrick: In memory of Agnes Durchholz by the Durchholz Family
8:30am St. Mary: In memory of Agnes O'Donoghue by Tim & Shirley O'Donoghue
10:00am St. Thomas Aquinas: In memory of Doris Eckert by Jerry & Janet Langenbahn
10:00am Holy Family: In memory of the deceased members of the May Family by Mark & Marcia May
[with Drive-Thru Communion from 4:45-5:00pm]

Monday, May 12
8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Ruth Young by Gary & Holly Woodhall

Tuesday, May 13
8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Roman & Eileen Lach by Michael Lach
8:00am St. Patrick: A Mass for the People

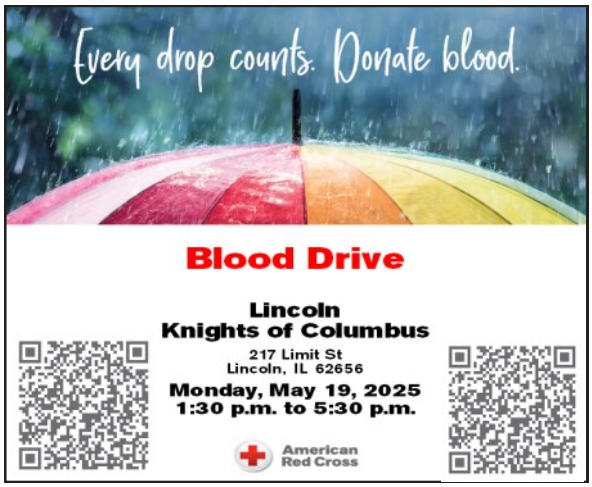
Wednesday, May 14 - Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle
8:30am CCS/Holy Family: In memory of Mary Wright by Dave & Nan Lockenour

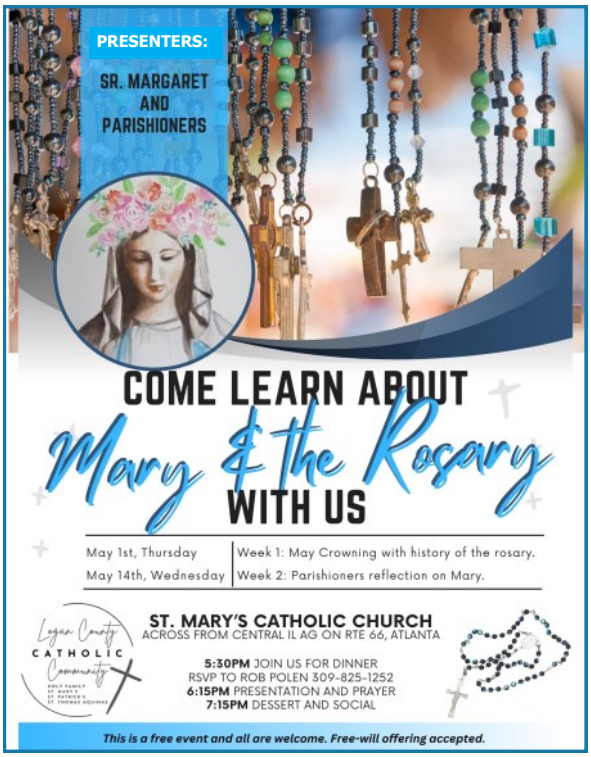
Thursday, May 15 - Feast of the Dedication of the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Peoria
8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Diane Sisk by Diane Farmer

Friday, May 16
8:00am Holy Family: In celebration of Bob & Pat Sullivan's 68th Anniversary

Saturday, May 17 - Vigil Mass of the 5th Sunday of Easter
4:00pm Holy Family: In memory of Joseph Reichle's 75hth birthday by Polly Reichle
[with Drive-Thru Communion from 4:45-5:00pm]

Sunday, May 18 - 5th Sunday of Easter
8:00am St. Patrick: A Mass for the People
8:30am St. Mary: In memory of Punk O'Donoghue by Tim & Shirley O'Donoghue
10:00am St. Thomas Aquinas: In honor of Dennis & Sue VanMiddlesworth by the Eddie Pharis Family
10:00am Holy Family: In memory of Sallie Marcotte by the Bill Marcotte Family
[with Drive-Thru Communion from 4:45-5:00pm]





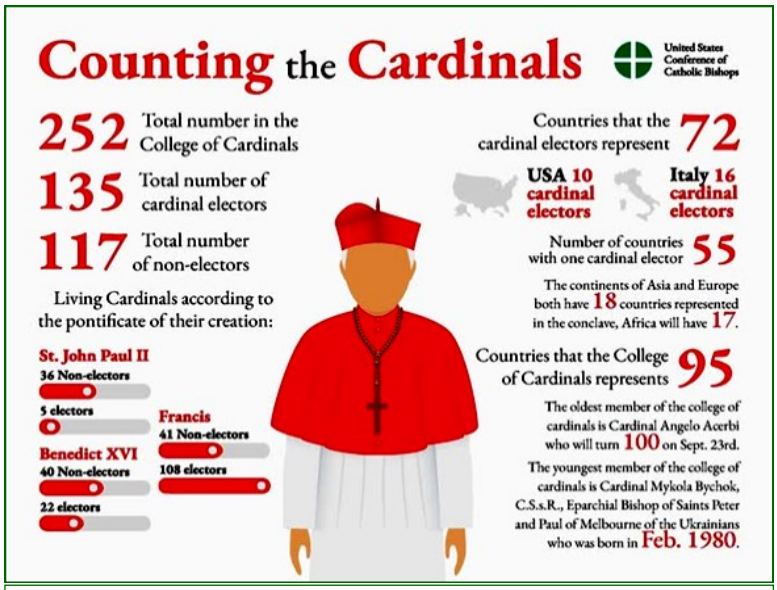
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LADIES AUXILIARY
Meet: Every 3rd Wednesday March to November
Where: KOC Hall
When: 7:00 pm

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Class resumes on Sunday - May 11th

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.

ST. MARY LECTOR SCHEDULE
5/11 - Matt McGhee
5/18 - Laura O'Donnell
5/25 - Laura O'Donnell
6/01 - Ed Jodlowski
6/08 - Ed Jodlowski
6/15 - Matt McGhee



You can learn more about the Conclave process and how a new Pope is chosen on our website: https://ow.ly/q4ew50VNzFB

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025 IS SURE TO BE AN ADVENTURE!!!

June 16th ~ 20th
Knights of Columbus Hall
217 Limit Street, Lincoln, IL
8:30 am ~ 11:30 am.

Children ages 4 years old through 5th grade are invited to join us. Students in 6th grade & up are encouraged to register as a volunteer.

Please visit our website to sign up to join in this year's fun as we strengthen our faith and friendship with God!!!
www.logancountycatholic.org

To offset the cost of t~shirts this year, we are asking for a $10 donation/shirt.

Thank you for your continued support and look forward to having your children join us this year!!!

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, May 12
Acts 11:1-18 / Ps 42:2-3, 43:3,4 / Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday, May 13
Acts 11:19-26 / Ps 87:1b-7 / Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday, May 14
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 / Ps 113:1-8 / Jn 15:9-17

Thursday, May 15
Acts 13:13-25 / Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27 / Jn 13:16-20

Friday, May 16
Acts 13:26-33 / Ps 2:6-11ab / Jn 14:1-6

Saturday, May 17
Acts 13:44-52 / Ps 98:1-4 / Jn 14:7-14

Sunday, May 18
Acts 14:21-27 / Ps 145:8-13 / Rev 21:1-5a / Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Please note: The time has changed for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Join us *Thursdays from 3:00pm to 5:00pm*.

GLOBAL PRAYER INTENTIONS - MAY

2025 monthly prayer intentions (For more information, go to Home - Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (popesprayerusa.net).

For working conditions:

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

Adapted from USCCB.org

MONTHLY DEDICATION - MAY

The month of May is devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. This devotion began in Rome at the end of the 18th Century. Fr. Latomia of the Roman College of the Society of Jesus is credited with starting this to counter infidelity and immorality among the students. It spread to the rest of the Church and now is publicly celebrated.

Adapted from covenantcatholic.org

GENERAL & SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

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

St. Patrick Church, Elkhart: prior to Sunday Mass

St. Mary Church, Atlanta: before Sunday Mass

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

Adoration: Adoration is held on **Thursdays** at Holy Family from **3:00pm-5:00pm**, beginning with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm.

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

Marriages: Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance for the desired wedding date. Phone the parish office to reserve your special date & get more information.

Rosary: Join us at Holy Family to pray the Rosary at **7:40am** before Mass, **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday**. If the CCS Mass is said on Wednesday, we begin at 7:50am.

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, the Barrios Family (Mirtha, Nicolas & Michael), Kimm & Steven, Adalynn Williams, Angela Piglia, Raeleigh Bess, Eric Ewald, Faith Stagnolia, Donna Bolton, 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, baby Candice Rose, Nathan Cravatt, Wil Buse, Jane Logan Perry, Fr. Thomas Taylor, Stephanie Adams, Nick Barrios, Cheryl Sampson, Todd Newberry, Shelly B., Jean B., Joel Grigsby, Jessica Boatman, all children & families facing medical challenges, and all the members of the armed forces of our country.

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

Week of 5/11/2025 - 5/17/2025

The **red Altar Sanctuary Candle at**

Holy Family is lit this week for the health and safety of all mothers in the Logan County Catholic Community, thank you for all you do.

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

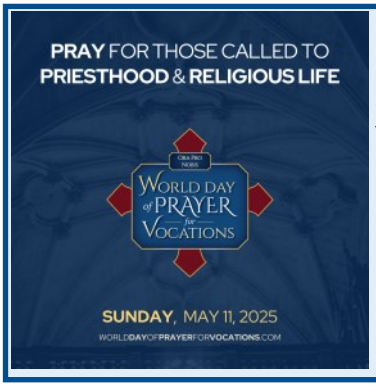
St. Patrick is lit this week for the intentions of the Logan County Catholic Community.

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 honor of Aunt Linda Myers on Mother's Day.

The **blue candle** at the **Immaculate Heart of Mary Statue** at **Holy Family** is lit this week for the intentions of the Logan County Catholic Community.

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



On **May 11, 2025**, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, the **62nd World Day of Prayer for Vocations** will be held. The theme: **"Pilgrims of Hope: the Gift of Life."**

"A vocation is a precious gift that God sows in our heart, a call to leave ourselves behind and embark on a journey of love and service."

Pope Francis

Attention St. Patrick Parishioners:

- **We'd like to form a flower committee. If interested, please attend a short meeting immediately after Mass on Sunday, May 18th. We will gather in the basement.**
- **Join us every Sunday in the month of May we will recite the Rosary at 7:30am before our 8:00am Mass.**

It's Here - Adult Faith Formation on 5/14!

Topic: Adult Faith Formation Session Parishioners' experiences visiting official sites where the Blessed Mother appeared.

Where: St. Mary, Atlanta, IL

When: 5:30 pm on Wednesday, 5/14/25 5

Meals: Call Rob Polen to reserve a meal 309-825-1252

COMMUNITY PRAYER TIME

Join us on **Thursday, 5/22 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, come join us!

Prayer Group

CONGRATULATIONS!

2025 KC Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship Winner

Emma Adams

Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary

Carroll Catholic & Carson Graue Honored

It was such an honor to attend the IESA Celebration of Excellence Awards Ceremony today with the Graue family. Carson Graue was one of sixteen student athletes in the state of Illinois recognized as a recipient of the Scholar Attitude Award. Carroll Catholic School was also recognized as one of nineteen schools in the state for outstanding sportsmanship with the Division Sportsmanship Award. Congratulations to Carson and Carroll Catholic School and our co-op schools for very deserving recognitions.

Michelle Fuiten, Athletic Director

The Annual Letter Carrier Stamp Out Food Hunger Food Drive is May 10th!

On Saturday, May 10th, we urge members of our churches and communities to place food items out for your letter carrier to pick up as they deliver mail. A list of items to consider donating includes:

- Canned soups (cream of mushroom/broccoli/cheddar, veggie, beef, chicken, etc.)
- Canned meats (Chili with beef, tuna, pork n' beans, chicken, *SPAM*)
- Canned veggies (green beans, any beans, corn, peas, carrots, sweet potato, etc.)
- Canned fruit
- Dry pasta (penne, spaghetti)
- Broth (cubes, liquid, paste, - chicken, beef, any flavor)
- Pasta sauce (Alfredo, tomato paste)
- Ready to eat microwavable meals (shelf stable)
- Cereals, oatmeal, cream of wheat
- Rice Roni
- Rice
- Mashed potatoes
- Hamburger helper
- Mac & cheese
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Cooking oil
- Pancake mix, corn bread mix

Carroll Catholic School

Thank You for Your Service

If you run into Brooke Ciaccio, Cyra Buttell, and Amanda Vaini, thank them for their service on the Carroll Catholic School Club. Their time and talent served the school well!

At a recent School Club Meeting, the new School Club Leadership team was elected. Help us welcome and please offer 100% of your support to the new officers of the Carroll Catholic School Club:

- **Kayla Davis,** President
- **Angie Lessen,** Secretary
- **Josaphine Shivers,** Treasurer
- **Danielle Young**, Head of Fundraising

Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope

FALL 2025 PILGRIMAGE WITH BISHOP LOU!

Celebrate the Diocese of Peoria's 150th Anniversary with Bishop Louis Tylka on an *11-day pilgrimage to Italy* for the *2025 Jubilee Year*, themed "Pilgrims of Hope." *Travel dates: October 5 - 15, 2025*.

A few highlights include: Daily Mass, Opportunity for a Jubilee Plenary Indulgence, Rome's Jubilee of Marian Spirituality on Oct. 11th, Passage through 4 major Holy Doors (Rome), Passage through 2 minor Holy Doors (Assisi), and Visits to numerous UNESCO Sites in Italy to name a few. Contact *Pentecost Tours, Inc. at (812)933-0730/(800)713-9800*.

We are excited to capitalize on a *free* commercial opportunity through WLCN 96.3 FM given to us by an alumna parent. All we need is your VOICE! Please use this link to the app: https://apps.apple.com/.../voice-recorder.../id685310398

We need your Voice!

All you need to do is:

- Download the Voice Recorder App, click record, send via email – it's that simple!
- Share your name and connection to CCS
- And then just talk....for 5 seconds or longer, no pressure for length of time
- Talking point ideas...
  - How is CCS vital to our community?
  - Why do/did you send your child to CCS?
  - Why would you recommend CCS?
  - Do you have any Crusader athletic memories?
  - How do support CCS? financial, volunteering, etc.
  - What positive impacts has CCS played in your life?

Carroll Crusaders

Email your recording to jcraig@carrollcatholicschool.com

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Parish Council Members

Holy Family: Bob Barger, Peggy Morrow, Jim Wessbecher
St. Mary: Joe Bell, Jan Bicknell, Zachary Craig
St. Patrick: Cheryl Davis, Blane Olson
St. Thomas Aquinas: Karen Edgecombe, Kathy Miller

God Bless our First Communicants

Fr. Joe, Cope Applegate, Coley Olson, Cameron Anderson, and Adelyn Aper - 4/27/2025 at St. Patrick

Aaron & Abraham Padilla Dávalco will receive their First Communion Sacrament in Mexico. Keep them in your prayers!

Fr. Joe & Clara Henry - 4/20/25 at St. Mary

Fr. Joe, Grady Cowan, Luci Bobell, and Caleb Thien - 4/27/25 at St. Thomas Aquinas

Fr. Joe, Holy Family First Communion Class on 5/4/2025 at Holy Family from back to front): Leighton Neitzel, Charlee Gleason, Reagan Wessbecher, McKenzie Koester, Cecilia Young, Annalynne McShane, Courtney Beisiegel, Tate Sheley, Emersyn Brooks, Vayda Farmer, Ryann Mattingly, Davis Lohrenz, Vada Jenness, Bryant Noltensmeier, and Josie Fink.

We Still Hear Jesus' Voice

"My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me."

I have to admit for many years I had a certain idea of what Jesus' voice sounded like. My assumptions came from the first verse of this Gospel. Sheep are not very intelligent animals and need a shepherd to protect them, make sure they are fed and healthy, and lead them to safe pastures. When I "heard" Jesus' voice in my heart, it was always gentle, meek, caring, a "what can I do for you" type of voice.

When I made my thirty-day Ignatian retreat I heard another type of voice when Jesus spoke to my heart: it was clear, firm, and understanding. It was the voice of authority that wanted the very best, and only the best for me. Sometimes that meant I had to confront areas of my life that needed repentance and healing. Other times I needed to know that I was loved even in my poverty and weakness. Still other times Jesus needed me to realize that he was the one who does things, not me. It was the voice of the One who died that I might live forever in communion with God. It was a voice of urgency and patience.

Jesus' voice in the Gospels has many of these characteristics. Think of his words to Mary Magdalen in the garden of the resurrection. I would have expected Him to reach out to her, tell her that everything was going to be okay, and express his sympathy with what she had suffered. Instead, He calls her by name, tells her not to cling to Him, and to go and tell His brothers that He had risen. Clear, strong, real, amazing, urgent; the voice of authority, the voice of love.

Think of Zacchaeus, the Sermon on the Mount, or His words to Peter at various times during the three years of the public ministry. Remember how Jesus spoke to the Syrian Phoenician Gentile woman and His commanding words to the spirit that possessed the boy who was deaf and mute. What about the 5,000 people scattered across the fields listening to Jesus' preaching. "You feed them yourselves," He said to his disciples. And His words to His apostles at the Last Supper, "This is my body. This is my blood." And in His appearance to His apostles after the resurrection, "Peace be with you."

There are a thousand different variations of tone and intent and desire and command and mercy in the voice of the Good Shepherd.

We, the sheep, still hear Jesus' voice today. "I absolve you from your sins." "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." We hear his voice as we read the Scriptures. Our soul may be illuminated by a gesture that moves us deeply or by an unexpected kindness. How sweet and strong and true is the voice of our Shepherd!

By Sr. Kathryn Hermes for Diocesan

Fourth Sunday of Easter - A Lot of Nerve

Last week we saw how the disciples rejoiced to suffer for their faith. This week we see them turn away from their persecutors and begin preaching to the Gentiles. Even though they are thrown out of town, they still are filled with joy (Acts 13:50–52). Rejected by their own people, they are happy that the pagans not only listen to them, but also spread the word of the Lord. What I find interesting is that the disciples' joy comes from their failure to convert the Jewish leaders in Antioch. If those Jews had become believers and had not rejected Paul and Barnabas, the disciples probably would never have thought to preach to non-Jews about Jesus.

I think that failure to convert their own people allowed them to see how God's power was working for them. That's why their joy was so great. They were not just congratulating themselves on how well they were preaching. No, they saw how God was doing the real work. That took the pressure off of them. They could stop worrying about every word of their preaching, wondering if they looked holy enough to impress people, or afraid that someone might make fun of them (or do a background check: "Isn't that Saul, who used to persecute Jesus' followers? He's got a lot of nerve thinking he could now be one of them."). None of that mattered, because they knew that the Spirit was leading them, as our second reading says, "to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe every tear from their eyes" (Revelation 7:17). They knew they were in God's hands, as we heard in the Gospel (John 10:28).

Can we be like those disciples? Instead of getting angry at frustrations, can we see them as an opportunity to experience God's grace? Do we let our failures get us down, or do we let God bring us through them, teaching us to rely on the Lord? When people reject us, do we give up, or do we trust God to help them? Are we ashamed of our past sins, or grateful for God's forgiveness?

Of course, the disciples didn't go around looking for ways to suffer. But they did look for ways to share their great news that Jesus is risen from the dead. Let us ask the Lord to send us the Spirit to show us how we can spread that same news.

By Tom Schmidt for Diocesan