



World Day of Prayer
for the *Care*
of *Creation*

Pledge of Commitment

To Protect and Heal God's Creation

We have come to renew our covenant with God and with one another in Christ Jesus, our Lord. We have come to help protect God's creation.

We have come as followers of Jesus to commit ourselves anew to one another and to heal injustice and poverty.

We have come to stand together against all threats to life.

We have come to discover some new beauty every day in God's creation: the sunrise and sunset, birds, flowers and trees, rainbows in the sky, the stars, the many forms of life in the forest.

We have come to listen to the "music of the universe"- water flowing over rocks, the wind, trees bending in the wind, raindrops pattering the roof.

We will remember always that God speaks to us through the beauty of his creation, and we will try our best to answer God's call to reverence all that he has created.

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09/01/2024

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

Week of 09/01/2024

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, August 31 - Vigil Mass for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm Holy Family: In memory of Monique Roy by Tom & Mary Welch
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 4:45-5:00pm]

Sunday, September 1 - Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (World Day of Prayer of the Care of Creation)

8:00am St. Patrick: In memory of the Deceased Members of the George G. Dehner Family by the Estate and Family

8:30am St. Mary: In memory of Margaret Peifer by JoAnn Stuckel

10:00am Holy Family: †In memory of the 68th Anniversary of Anne & Wendell Lowry by Wendell & Brenda Lowry
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 10:45-11:00am]

10:00am St. Thomas Aquinas: In memory of Vincent "Vinny" Trauner by his Aunts & Uncles

Monday, September 2

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Dorothy Donnan by Diana & Stephen Purdue

Tuesday, September 3 - Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Robert "Bob" Farmer's passing by the Family

8:00am St. Patrick: In memory of Doris Eckert by Jim & Karen Seefeldt

Wednesday, September 4

8:30am CCS/Holy Family: In memory of Dorothy Knollenberg by David Knollenberg

Thursday, September 5

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Roman & Eileen Lach by Michael J. Lach

11:00am Vonderleith: Doris Eckert by Sandy & Lynn Aper

Friday, September 6

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Kendall Fitzpatrick by Mary B. Roberts

Saturday, September 7 - Vigil Mass for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm Holy Family: In memory of Dorothy Knollenberg by Gary & Holly Woodhall

[with Drive-Thru Communion from 4:45-5:00pm]

Sunday, September 8 - Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (World Day of Prayer of the Care of Creation)

8:00am St. Patrick: In memory of the Deceased Members of the George G. Dehner Family by the Estate and Family

8:30am St. Mary: In memory of Mark Donath by Ronald L. Koch, Gretchen & Jonathon Bolenbaugh, Amy Whitburn, & Alexander Platt-Koch

10:00am Holy Family: In memory of Diane Buse by Jerry & Janet Langenbaugh

[with Drive-Thru Communion from 10:45-11:00am]

10:00am St. Thomas Aquinas: In memory of Caroline Higgins by Phyllis Hawk

**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: Tues. 7:30-8:00am & Sat. 2:45-3:30pm St. Patrick's Church, Elkhart: prior to Sunday Mass
 St. Mary's 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

9/2: Parish and Diocesan Offices closed in honor of Labor Day

9/4: Registration for CCD Classes, students stay for 1st Class of the year.

9/8: Before Mass - Registration for Tiny Seed classes, Students stay for 1st Class of the year.

9/8: Children's Liturgy resumes 10am

9/8: Holy Family Adult Choir Practice resumes at 9:00am-9:45am

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LADIES AUXILIARY: COME AND JOIN US

Meet: Every THIRD Wednesday from March to November

When: 7:00 pm

Where: The Knights of Columbus Hall

St. Mary Lector Schedule

09/01 - Matt McGhee

09/08 - Laura O'Donnell

09/15 - Laura O'Donnell

09/22 - Ed Jodlowski

09/29 - Ed Jodlowski

St. Mary Altar Society

St. Mary's Altar society invites all members of our parish (male & female) to upcoming meetings. Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 6pm in the church hall, unless otherwise noted.



Through the mercy of God may they rest in peace.

Julie Martin

(sister of Ann LaMothe)



REGISTRATION FOR CCD-9/4/24

It's hard to believe summer is over, school has started, and registration for CCD and Tiny Seed is upon us!

- ◆ **1st-8th grade CCD Students'** registration will be the 1st day of class on **Wednesday, September 4th**
- ◆ **Pre-K & Kindergarten Tiny Seed (3-6 yr Kindergarten)** registration will occur on **Sunday, September 8th**

Lastly, we need a few **CCD teachers** this year. If you are interested, I can be reached at blangley@logancountycatholic.org. Thank you for your consideration. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Britta Langley
 Director of Religious Education

Week of September 1, 2024-September 7, 2024

The **red Altar Sanctuary Candle**

Holy Family is lit this week for the deceased members of the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxilliary.

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 in memory of Vinny Trauner by his Aunts & Uncles.

The **blue candle** at the **Mary Queen of Peace Statue** near the altar at...

Holy Family is lit this week for the special intentions of the Logan County Catholic Community.

The **blue candle** at the **Immaculate Heart of Mary Statue** near votive candles at...

Holy Family is lit this week for the special intentions of the Logan County Catholic Community.

If you would like to sponsor a sanctuary candle for special intentions, and/or, to honor the deceased, please call Alicia Baker at 217-732-4019 or email her, abaker@logancountycatholic.org.

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., Kay Rosner, Deb Jordan, Dwayne Knap, 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, Ann Baunach, Joyce Lichtenwalter, Sally Velasco, Ilene Davis, Tim McCormick, Bonnie Frawley, Jeane Connolley, Cheryl Farney, Jack Sprague, David Sanborn, Kathy Miller, Pat French, Jack Peifer, Johanna Grigsby, Charlie Dumire, Bryan Finchum, Phyllis' family, Steve Panissidi, Larry Wise, 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, Ruthann Harvey, Rachel Santana and family, for families facing medical challenges, and all the members of the armed forces of our country.

If you wish to add a loved one, please call Isabel Vidal at 217-732-4019 or email her at ividal@logancountycatholic.org.

Holy Family Adult Choir Come sing with us in the choir!!

The Holy Family Choir practices on Sundays 9:00 -9:45 AM. If you are in High School or older and love to sing, you are welcome to join. Please contact Sister Lori if you would like to be a member of the Holy Family Choir.

**Rehearsals begin on
Sunday, September 8th**



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, September 2nd

1 Cor 2:1-5 / Ps 119:97-102 / Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday, September 3rd

1 Cor 2:10b-16 / Ps 145:8-14 / Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday, September 4th

1 Cor 3:1-9 / Ps 33:12-15, 20-21 / Lk 4:38-44

Thursday, September 5th

1 Cor 3:18-23 / Ps 24:1bc-6 / Lk 5:1-11

Friday, September 6th

1 Cor 4:1-5 / Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40 / Lk 5:33-39

Saturday, September 7th

1 Cor 4:6b-15 / Ps 145:17-21 / Lk 6:1-5

Sunday, September 8th

Is 35:4-7a / Ps 146:6-10 / Jas 2:1-5 / Mk 7:31-37

The Children's Liturgy



We will resume the Children's Liturgy on **September 8th at the Holy Family 10:00am Mass**. It is open to children up to 9 years old who are attending Mass with their parents.

Just before the readings and sermon, the children will bring up the gifts at that Mass. Then, they will go to the Holy Family meeting room with the teachers. We will pray and talk about the gospel of the day - acting it out, or reading it out loud, in words they can understand. Afterwards, they will do an activity that goes along with the theme. We're looking forward to seeing all our regulars and meeting new participants!

We remind parents that **Tiny Seeds is available at the school for children ages 3-6, 9:50am-11:10am**.

Marcia May, Brittany Sharp, and Charissa Aue

"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14



2025 Year of Hope Jubilee: Pope Francis' *Spes Non Confundit* - Bula de Indicación.

Tradition dictates that each Jubilee is proclaimed through the publication of a Papal (or Pontifical) 'Bull of Indiction'. Each Bull is identified by its initial words. This Bull begins with **SPES NON CONFUNDIT** (*Hope does not disappoint*). The Bull is multiple pages long. A portion will be printed here until completed.

A journey of hope

5. This interplay of hope and patience makes us see clearly that the Christian life is a *journey* calling for *moments of greater intensity* to encourage and sustain hope as the constant companion that guides our steps towards the goal of our encounter with the Lord Jesus. I like to think that the proclamation of the first Jubilee, in the year 1300, was preceded by a journey of grace inspired by popular spirituality. How can we fail to recall the various ways by which the grace of forgiveness had been poured out upon God's holy and faithful People? We are reminded, for example, of the great "Pardon" that Saint Celestine V granted to all those who visited the Basilica of Santa Maria di Collemaggio in Aquila on the 28th and 29th days of August 1294, six years before Pope Boniface VIII instituted the Holy Year. The Church was already experiencing the grace of the Jubilee as an outpouring of divine mercy. Even earlier, in 1216, Pope Honorius III granted the plea of Saint Francis for an indulgence for all those visiting the Porziuncola on the first two days of August. The same can be said of the pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela: in 1222, Pope Callistus II allowed the Jubilee to be celebrated there whenever the Feast of the Apostle James fell on a Sunday. It is good that such "dispersed" celebrations of the Jubilee continue, so that the power of God's forgiveness can support and accompany communities and individuals on their pilgrim way.

Pilgrimage is of course a fundamental element of every Jubilee event. Setting out on a journey is traditionally associated with our human quest for meaning in life. A pilgrimage on foot is a great aid for rediscovering the value of silence, effort and simplicity of life. In the coming year, *pilgrims of hope* will surely travel the ancient and more modern routes in order to experience the Jubilee to the full. In Rome itself, along with the usual visits to the catacombs and the Seven Churches, other itineraries of faith will be proposed. Journeying from one country to another as if borders no longer mattered, and passing from one city to another in contemplating the beauty of creation and masterpieces of art, we learn to treasure the richness of different experiences and cultures, and are inspired to lift up that beauty, in prayer, to God, in thanksgiving for his wondrous works. The Jubilee Churches along the pilgrimage routes and in the city of Rome can serve as oases of spirituality and places of rest on the pilgrimage of faith, where we can drink from the wellsprings of hope, above all by approaching the sacrament of Reconciliation, the essential starting-point of any true journey of conversion. In the particular Churches, special care should be taken to prepare priests and the faithful to celebrate the sacrament of Confession and to make it readily available in its individual form.

In a particular way, I would like to invite the faithful of the Eastern Churches, particularly those already in full communion with the Successor of Peter, to take part in this pilgrimage. They have suffered greatly, often even unto death, for their fidelity to Christ and the Church, and so they should feel themselves especially welcome in this City of Rome that is also their Mother and cherishes so many memories of their presence. The Catholic Church, enriched by their ancient liturgies and the theology and spirituality of their Fathers, monks and theologians, wants to give symbolic expression to its embrace of them and their Orthodox brothers and sisters in these times when they endure their own Way of the Cross, often forced by violence and instability to leave their homelands, their holy lands, for safer places. For them, the hope born of the knowledge that they are loved by the Church, which does not abandon them but follows them wherever they go, will make the symbolism of the Jubilee all the more powerful.

6. The Holy Year of 2025 is itself in continuity with preceding celebrations of grace. In the last Ordinary Jubilee, we crossed the threshold of two millennia from the birth of Jesus Christ. Then, on 13 March 2015, I proclaimed an Extraordinary Jubilee for the sake of making known and encouraging an encounter with the "merciful face of God", [3] the core message of the Gospel for every man and woman of every time and place. Now the time has come for a new Jubilee, when once more the Holy Door will be flung open to invite

everyone to an intense experience of the love of God that awakens in hearts the sure hope of salvation in Christ. The Holy Year will also guide our steps towards yet another fundamental celebration for all Christians: 2033 will mark the two thousandth anniversary of the redemption won by the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. We are about to make a pilgrimage marked by great events, in which the grace of God precedes and accompanies his people as they press forward firm in faith, active in charity and steadfast in hope (cf. *1 Thess* 1:3).

Sustained by this great tradition, and certain that the Jubilee Year will be for the entire Church a lively experience of grace and hope, I hereby decree that the Holy Door of the Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican will be opened on 24 December 2024, thus inaugurating the Ordinary Jubilee. On the following Sunday, 29 December 2024, I will open the Holy Door of my cathedral, Saint John Lateran, which on 9 November this year will celebrate the 1700th anniversary of its dedication. Then, on 1 January 2025, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of Saint Mary Major will be opened. Finally, Sunday, 5 January 2025, will mark the opening of the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls. These last three Holy Doors will be closed on Sunday, 28 December 2025.

I further decree that on Sunday, 29 December 2024, in every cathedral and co-cathedral, diocesan bishops are to celebrate Holy Mass as the solemn opening of the Jubilee Year, using the ritual indications that will be provided for that occasion. For celebrations in co-cathedrals, the bishop's place can be taken by a suitably designated delegate. A pilgrimage that sets out from a church chosen for the *collectio* and then proceeds to the cathedral can serve to symbolize the journey of hope that, illumined by the word of God, unites all the faithful. In the course of this pilgrimage, passages from the present Document can be read, along with the announcement of the Jubilee Indulgence to be gained in accordance with the prescriptions found in the ritual indications mentioned above. The Holy Year will conclude in the particular Churches on Sunday, 28 December 2025; in the course of the year, every effort should be made to enable the People of God to participate fully in its proclamation of hope in God's grace and in the signs that attest to its efficacy.

The Ordinary Jubilee will conclude with the closing of the Holy Door in the Papal Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican on 6 January 2026, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. During the Holy Year, may the light of Christian hope illumine every man and woman, as a message of God's love addressed to all! And may the Church bear faithful witness to this message in every part of the world!

Signs of hope

7. In addition to finding hope in God's grace, we are also called to discover hope in the *signs of the times* that the Lord gives us. As the Second Vatican Council observed: "In every age, the Church has the responsibility of reading the signs of the times and interpreting them in the light of the Gospel. In this way, in language adapted to every generation, she can respond to people's persistent questions about the meaning of this present life and of the life to come, and how one is related to the other". [4] We need to recognize the immense goodness present in our world, lest we be tempted to think ourselves overwhelmed by evil and violence. The signs of the times, which include the yearning of human hearts in need of God's saving presence, ought to become signs of hope.

8. The first sign of hope should be the desire for *peace* in our world, which once more finds itself immersed in the tragedy of *war*. Heedless of the horrors of the past, humanity is confronting yet another ordeal, as many peoples are prey to brutality and violence. What does the future hold for those peoples, who have already endured so much? How is it possible that their desperate plea for help is not motivating world leaders to resolve the numerous regional conflicts in view of their possible consequences at the global level? Is it too much to dream that arms can fall silent and cease to rain down destruction and death? May the Jubilee remind us that those who are peacemakers will be called "children of God" (*Mt* 5:9). The need for peace challenges us all, and demands that concrete steps be taken. May diplomacy be tireless in its commitment to seek, with courage and creativity, every opportunity to undertake negotiations aimed at a lasting peace. **Next Week:** We continue with "*Signs of Hope*" Point 9.



2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal

September 7-8, 2024

"Do everything for the Glory of God."

Next weekend, September 7-8, we will begin our Annual Diocesan Appeal, which is an opportunity to help the Catholic Diocese of Peoria raise necessary funds for many ministries and apostolates that we as a single parish cannot offer.

This week, parishioners throughout the Diocese will receive a mailing asking for a pledge to support the Appeal. The mailing will include a pledge card and a return envelope addressed directly to the Diocese. You can make a one time gift or make a pledge over eight month.

We will also have pledge cards available in the pews next weekend. Thank you for your continuing support of our parish, diocese, and the work of the Church throughout the world.

THE HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY GLOBAL PRAYER INTENTIONS - SEPTEMBER

The Holy Father has entrusted his twelve prayer intentions to the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, an organization that works to encourage Christians to respond to the Pope's appeal and to deepen their daily prayer. You can find more information about the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network on their website.

**In September:
For the cry of the Earth**

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climatic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

Adapted from the *USCCB.org*

**SEARCHING FOR A
QUIET PLACE TO
PRAY?**

**COME TO HOLY
FAMILY AND FILL
THIS NEED**

Join us to for the Rosary at 7:40am before Mass Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The side door is open on these days during normal business hours (8:00am - 3:00pm) when the Rectory is open.

DONATE While You **ENJOY DELICIOUS FOOD**

Wednesday, Sept 18th
Culver's of Lincoln will donate 10% of sales to Carroll Catholic School



Culver's of Lincoln
2530 Woodlawn Road
217-732-7300
10:00am to 10:00pm

Ways to Order:
⇒ Use the drive-thru, for those busy nights.
⇒ Dine inside, it will feel like a family gathering.

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS

Gluten free hosts are available for anyone who needs them. Please come to the Sacristy before Mass and inform the Sacristan if you need a gluten free host. The Sacristan will put them in a special Pyx for the priest to consecrate at Mass.



We have begun!

Those interested in joining the Catholic Church are gathering each week to learn and discern their call to grow and deepen their relationship with God and the church. Evangelization is the first stage of the process. It is during this first period the candidates listen to the scriptures and the ways God is present in their life and in the world. Please pray for the team, the participants and their companions joining them on their journey to Easter and Mystagogy.

For more information contact Sr. Margaret at 217-732-4019 or srmagaret@logancountycatholic.org

MONTHLY DEDICATION - SEPTEMBER

Each month of the year is dedicated to a specific Catholic devotion based on historical events or the liturgical calendar.

September: The Month of the Our Lady of Sorrows whose memorial the Church celebrates on September 15.

Traditionally, the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows commemorates the seven sorrows in the Heart of Mary as noted in Scripture:

- 1) The prophecy of Simeon ([Luke 2:33-35](#))
- 2) The flight into Egypt ([Matthew 2:13-15](#))
- 3) Loss of the Child Jesus for three days ([Luke 2:41-50](#))
- 4) Mary meets Jesus on His way to Calvary ([Luke 23:27-31](#))
- 5) Crucifixion and Death of Jesus ([John 19:25-30](#))
- 6) The body of Jesus being taken from the Cross ([Luke 23:50-54](#); [John 19:31-37](#))
- 7) The burial of Jesus ([Isaiah 53:8-9](#); [Luke 23:50-56](#))

Sorrow does not mean sad, it is one of the Beatitudes, and therefore one of the holiest qualities we can possess. In this context of the Beatitudes, a heart that mourns is a heart that loves.

Adapted from www.mycatholic.life

HOLY ROSARY AND EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Join us at Holy Family in praying the rosary at 7:40am before Mass, Monday through Friday. Come and adore Christ at Eucharistic Adoration Thursdays, 3:00-6:00pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited at 3:00pm.



PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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St. Patrick's: Cheryl Davis, Blane Olson
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Most Reverend Louis Tylka

Diocese of Peoria
Office of the Bishop

August 30, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Do Everything for the Glory of God!" This is the theme for this year's Annual Diocesan Appeal. As disciples of Jesus, we are to live out our mission to "Go Make Disciples" - and we do so not for our own sake, but for the sake of God's kingdom and for the "Glory of God!"

In the coming year, the Church will be blessed with her first millennial saint when Blessed Carlo Acutis is canonized. In his brief life, he showed a heroic witness of faith. He is quoted as saying, "Everything fades, anyway. ... What will make us truly beautiful in the eyes of God is only the way in which we loved him and how we loved our neighbors." To love as Jesus loved is to "do everything for the glory of God!"

To ensure that we as a diocese can carry on our mission, it is vital that we receive the generous support of the faithful across the twenty-six counties that we call home. Our efforts to reach out to others and invite them to encounter Jesus through our parishes, our schools, our Newman Centers on college campuses, and through Catholic Charities are all examples of sharing the Gospel. Our efforts to defend and support human life, from conception until natural death, demonstrate our deeply held belief in the dignity of the human person. Our encouragement and support for those in formation to become priests demonstrates our deep desire that the Church's Sacraments will continue to be available to feed and enrich the life of the faithful. All of these endeavors give glory to God.

I ask you to join with me in supporting the ADA through your prayer and through your financial support. Together, we can make a significant impact spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. Together, we can show that we truly desire to "Do Everything for the Glory of God!"

Know that I daily pray with and for you. I am grateful for the many ways in which you show the love of Jesus right here in the Heart of Illinois - it is what makes our Church so beautiful in the eyes of God!

God love you and God bless you!

+ Most Reverend Louis Tylka
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