



**Lord, every nation  
on earth will adore you**



**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 01/05/2025**

*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 4 - Vigil Mass of the Epiphany of Our Lord (Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious)**

4:00pm Holy Family: In memory of Greg "Flako" Feldman by Ann LaMothe  
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 4:45-5:00pm]

**Sunday, January 5 - The Epiphany of Our Lord**

8:00am St. Patrick: In memory of Shirley Cox & Barbara Hardiek by Wayne & Melissa Cox  
 8:30am St. Mary: A Mass for the People  
 10:00am St. Thomas Aquinas: In memory of Rita Faith by Kathy Miller  
 10:00am Holy Family: In memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Patterson by Tom & Mary Welch  
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 10:45-11:00am]

**Monday, January 6**

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of John Plut by Jerry & Janet Langenbahn

**Tuesday, January 7**

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Eleanor Feldman by Teena Feldman & Family  
 8:00am St. Patrick: In memory of Gerald May by Mark & Marcia May

**Wednesday, January 8**

8:30am CCS/Holy Family: In memory of Don Fults by Gary & Holly Woodhall

**Thursday, January 9**

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Louie Fitzpatrick by Diane Farmer

**Friday, January 10**

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Greg "Flako" Feldman by James Franklin  
 8:00am St. Mary: A Mass for the People

**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: 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 Charles Gutzman by Cecelia Wessbecher  
 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]

*\*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.

**Week of 01/05/2025 - 01/11/2025**

The **red Altar Sanctuary Candle Holy Family** is lit this week as a special intention for Melissa Adams by Josh, her Children, Mom and Dad.

**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 our loved ones by Gary & Jean Eimer & Family.

The **blue candle** at the **Mary Queen of Peace Statue** is lit this week in memory of Jamie Wessbecher by her Family.

The **blue candle** at the **Immaculate Heart of Mary Statue** near votive candles at **Holy Family** is lit this week memory of Robyn Aue by her Family.

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



**We greatly appreciate the cards and gifts the Logan County Catholic Community Parishioners sent us and the Parish Office over the Advent and Christmas Season. May you and your families receive continued blessings in 2025.**

*Fr. Joe and Fr. Nicodemus*

**ST. MARY LECTOR SCHEDULE**

- 01/05 - Matt McGhee
- 01/12 - Laura O'Donnell
- 01/19 - Laura O'Donnell
- 01/26 - Ed Jodlowski
- 02/02 - Ed Jodlowski
- 02/09 - 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.

**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

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

### Monday, January 6

1 Jn 3:22-4:6 / Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a /  
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

### Tuesday, January 7

1 Jn 4:7-10 / Ps 72:1-4, 7-8 / Mk 6:34-44

### Wednesday, January 8

1 Jn 4:11-18 / Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 / Mk 6:45-52

### Thursday, January 9

1 Jn 4:19-5:4 / Ps 72:1-2; 14, 15bc, 17 / Lk 4:14-22

### Friday, January 10

1 Jn 5:5-13 / Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 / Lk 5:12-16

### Saturday, January 11

1 Jn 5:14-21 / Ps 149:1-6a, 9b / Jn 3:22-30

### Sunday, January 12

Is. 40:1-5, 9-11 or Is 42:1-4, 6-7 / Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 or Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 /  
Ti 2:11-14 or Acts 10:34-38 3:4-7 /  
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

## 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](http://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](http://Diocesan & USCCB.org)

## THE POPE'S VIDEO FOR DECEMBER 2024

"Pilgrims of hope," the theme of The Pope Video for December, reflects one of the basic pillars of this pontificate. This is why Pope Francis asks the faithful to be witnesses of "Christian hope" in a world dominated by desperation and distrust. "*Christian hope is a gift from God that fills our lives with joy. And today, we need it a lot. The world really needs it a lot!*" the Pope states in his video message entrusted to the [Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network](http://Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network), and produced in collaboration with the [Fondazione Pro Rete Mondiale di Preghiera del Papa](http://Fondazione Pro Rete Mondiale di Preghiera del Papa) and the [Dicastery for Evangelization](http://Dicastery for Evangelization).

Like Abraham, the protagonists of this month's **The Pope Video** set out on a journey, beginning with their own difficulties: the worries of a woman in front of an empty pantry, the doubts of a student regarding the future.

"Day by day, let us fill our lives with the gift of hope that God gives us, and through us, let us allow it to reach everyone who is looking for it," the Pope says in his message that accompanies his prayer intention. And this is exactly what happens to the protagonists in the video: on their journey, both of them meet some "pilgrims of hope" who welcome and comfort them, inviting them to join them on their symbolic journey toward the Holy Door which will remain open during the entire Jubilee year.

### JUBILEE 2025, AN INVITATION TO WALK IN HOPE

Jubilee 2025, whose theme is "Pilgrims of hope", will be a unique moment for celebration and profound reflection. Also called the "Holy Year," it is not only a stop on the journey of faith, but also an invitation to recognize Christ in the everyday. hope and to share it in a world that urgently needs it.

Videos from Pope Francis can be viewed at <https://thepopevideo.org>

### Pope Francis – December 2024 (Copy of the Pope's Video Message)

*Christian hope is a gift from God that fills our lives with joy. And today, we need it a lot. The world really needs it a lot! When you don't know if you'll be able to feed your children tomorrow, or if what you're studying will allow you to get a good job, it's easy to get discouraged. Where can we look for hope?*

*Hope is an anchor – an anchor that you cast over with a rope to be moored on the shore. We have to hold onto the rope of hope – hold on tight. Let's help each other discover this encounter with Christ who gives us life, and let's set out on a journey as pilgrims of hope to celebrate that life. And entering into the upcoming Jubilee is the next stage within that life.*

*Day by day, let us fill our lives with the gift of hope that God gives us, and through us, let us allow it to reach everyone who is looking for it. Don't forget – hope never disappoints. Let us pray that this upcoming Jubilee strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.*



Epiphany's celebration is the ultimate journey of hope: also known as *The Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles*. The Magi, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, brought three unique and foreshadowing gifts to the baby they found by following a bright and unique star in the sky. The gifts were Gold for a king (a precious metal), Frankincense for God (a perfume/incense and a symbol of his yet to come priestly role), and Myrrh symbolic of death (an anointing oil). These three kings had two jobs to fulfill - to find the King of Kings and reveal him to the whole world, not just the Jewish people. Learn more about Advent, Christmas, Epiphany. It all creates a marvelous picture of love and gifts made out of love as we move towards the time of Lent.

**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, David Sanborn, 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, 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](mailto:ividal@logancountycatholic.com).*

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION: The Epiphany of the Lord**

This week Christmas Day is observed in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Ceasar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called "pontiffs" were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named "The Last Year of Confusion." The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

By James Field for *Diocesan*



**Jubilee 2025 Has Begun - Become a  
Pilgrim of Hope This Year!**

For the 2025 Jubilee, according to the Papal Bull issued by the [Vatican](#), the Holy Doors are located at **St. Peter's Basilica** in Vatican City (to be opened on Christmas Eve, closed on Epiphany 1/6/2026 ), the **Archbasilica of St. John Lateran** (to be opened on Dec. 29, closed 12/28/25), the **Basilica of St. Mary Major** (to be opened on Jan. 1, closed on 12/28/2025), and the **Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls** (to be opened on Jan. 5, closed on 12/28/2025).

The **fifth Holy Door** will be located at the **Roman prison - Rebibbia** and will be opened on Dec. 26, 2024 and closed on 12/28/2025. Pope Francis noted that the act of opening a Holy Door at a prison is an invitation for prisoners to "look to the future with hope and a renewed sense of confidence." According to the church's [Dicastery for Evangelization](#), it will be "the first time that, in addition to the Holy Doors opened in the four Roman Papal Basilicas, one will also be opened in a penal institution too."

There are many calendar activities throughout the year if you want to follow, some may be found at the Vatican's website, on the Vatican You Tube Channel, or at its Facebook page.

Information for Jubilee 2025 Preparation and Participation. United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2024, [https://www.usccb.org/resources/Jubilee%20Information%20Sheet\\_0.pdf](https://www.usccb.org/resources/Jubilee%20Information%20Sheet_0.pdf).

'Opening of Holy Door Vatican & Others in Rome'. <https://www.thevaticantickets.com/jubilee-2025/holy-door-vatican/>.



# All Blood Types Needed



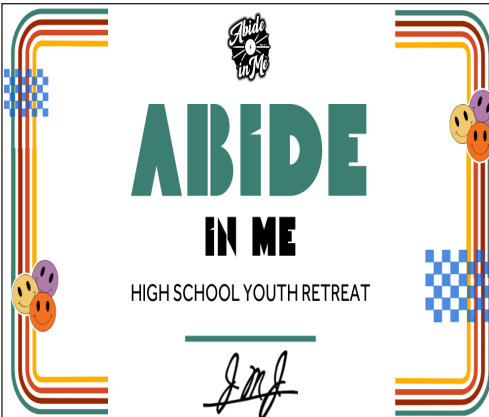
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## Lincoln Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

### 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.**



The Office of Mission Support and those who have helped on the core team of Abide in Me - High School Youth Retreat have come together in collaboration to bring back this special retreat. This 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 associated with the day is \$35 per person, with a \$75 max per family. There is a charge for chaperones of \$15 which may be covered by the parish or passed on to the chaperone.

**Registration as an individual attendee:** This is a Diocesan event and you may register online individually. 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 using the **WeShare link** - please note that payment is due upon registration. Please contact Carla Wizeck ([cwizeck@cdop.org](mailto:cwizeck@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.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

EMMAUS KNIGHTS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL  
SEMINARIAN CHRISTMAS GATHERING  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27TH**  
6:30PM VESPERS AT THE CATHEDRAL  
FOLLOWED BY COOKIES AND CONVERSATION  
AT THE SPALDING PASTORAL CENTER

CATHEDRAL: 607 NE MADISON AVE, PEORIA, IL  
SPALDING PASTORAL CENTER: 419 NE MADISON AVE, PEORIA, IL

### Job Opportunity:

The **Catholic Spirit Radio Network** is seeking to hire a full or part-time individual eager to play a behind-the-scenes role in its growing radio evangelization. This person works with the General Manager to develop, coordinate, and execute major events. The ideal candidate will have outstanding organizational skills and proven experience working with the public, fundraising, and event leadership. More info can be found at [catholicspiritradio.com](http://catholicspiritradio.com).

