

# PRAY, PRAY, PRAY for The Legal Protection of Unborn Children

This Tuesday, January 22, 2018 will be the 45th anniversary of legalized abortion in our country. Many activities are being planned to mourn the millions of children killed by abortion since the heart-breaking January 22, 1973, Roe vs Wade decision. We ask your help to plead for the humanity of the unborn person and to call upon the community to protect and care for the unborn and their parents.

## Living out Christmas in the New Year

How do we live out the message of Christmas in the New Year?



How do we live out the message of Christmas in the New Year, rather than pack it away with the ornaments? Each year the Octave Day of Christmas falls on the first day of the New Year, on which we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Her open heart and courageous "yes" to God show us how to live year-round—with hearts open to the Lord, following where He leads. We are called to place our trust in Him, to enter compassionately into the suffering of others, and to love one another as Christ loves us. Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance. One way to live out the message of Christmas and follow Our Lady's example is to join 9 Days for Life, a digital pilgrimage of prayer and charitable action. The U.S. Catholic bishops invite you to join thousands of Catholics nationwide from **Thursday, January 18 – Friday, January 26**. Join today at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)!

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The Sanctity of Human Life Walk and Rally will take place **this Monday, January 22** at 6:30 pm beginning at the Riverside Church parking lot, 207 NE Monroe Street, Peoria 61603, and will proceed to the Federal Courthouse. After the Vigil, the group will return to Riverside Church for the Rally with a remarkable speaker Jason Jones, a film producer, author, activist and human rights worker also known for his pro-life film Bella.

## Mass and Eucharistic Adoration for the Unborn:

Bishop Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C, D.D. invites all clergy, religious, and faithful to partake in the celebration of the Mass and Eucharistic Adoration for the Unborn. This event will be held **this Wednesday, January 24, 2018, at 7 PM at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception, 607 NE Madison Avenue, Peoria, IL**. For more information contact Suzie Meisner at (309) 966-0385.

## PRAYER

God our Creator, we give thanks to you, who alone have the power to impart the breath of life as you form each of us in our mother's womb; grant, we pray, that we, whom you have made stewards of creation, may remain faithful to this sacred trust and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

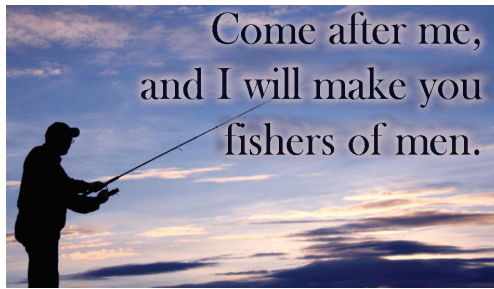


This child is 8 weeks old in its mother's womb.



This child is 19 weeks old in its mother's womb.

This weekend you will find empty baby bottles at the main entrance of each of our four parishes. These baby bottles are for your use to take home and fill with your spare change. When your bottle is filled, please place it in the Sunday collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office. The monies collected from your spare change will go toward supporting the Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center of Lincoln that serves all of Logan County. See the flyer stuffed into this Sunday bulletin this weekend for more details and contact information. **Please make a donation to this life-changing/life-saving ministry!!**



### MASSSES FOR THIS WEEK

#### Monday, January 22

7:00 am Jerry Overby by Ron & Doris Hart (Holy Family)

#### Tuesday, January 23-St. Vincent & St. Marianne Cope

5:00 pm George Mitchell & a Special Intention [Inez & Family] by the Thursday Scripture Group (Holy Family)  
 [followed with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena]

#### Wednesday, January 24-St. Francis de Sales

7:00 am Fred Eckert by Diane & Howard Sheley (Holy Family)  
 8:30 am Virginia Laible by Lillian Twiss (Holy Family)

#### Thursday, January 25-The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

7:00 am Sarah Alberts by Dorothy Westerfield (Holy Family)  
 12 Noon Recitation of the Rosary (Holy Family)  
 2-5:30 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament [with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament] (Holy Family)  
 5:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet Meditation with Benediction following (Holy Family)

#### Friday, January 26-St. Timothy & St. Titus

7:00 am Kristi Piatchek by Immediate Family (Holy Family)

#### Saturday, January 27-St. Angela Merici

4:00 pm Alvin Rohlf by Family (Holy Family)  
 4:00 pm Rev. Robert O'Connor by the Estate (St. Patrick's)

#### Sunday, January 28-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Nancy Overby by Donna & Lee Burr (Holy Family)  
 8:30 am Agatha Koeberlein by Phil & Linda Koeberlein (St. Patrick's)  
 9:00 am Michael L. Fox by Mary Lou Wilkins (St. Mary's)  
 10:00 am Nancy Long by the Schick Family (Holy Family)  
 10:30 am Mom by Pam & Steve Coogan (St. Thomas Aquinas)

**NOTE:** Reconciliation at Holy Family Church, Lincoln, is held each Tuesday from 4:30-4:55 pm and each Saturday from 2:45-3:30 pm.

Reconciliation at St. Mary's Church, Atlanta, is held prior to the 9 am Sunday Mass.

Reconciliation at St. Patrick's Church, Elkhart, is held each Saturday from 3:15-3:45 pm.

Reconciliation at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Mt. Pulaski, is held prior to the 10:30 am Sunday Mass.

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

### 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle B

There is a certain urgency in today's Gospel as Jesus calls His first disciples — Andrew and Simon, James and John. Each one follows Jesus *immediately*, unhesitatingly abandoning nets and boats and father and fellow-workers. To what is Jesus calling me — *at this* moment, in *these* circumstances? What will I need to abandon in order to follow Him?

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

#### Monday, January 22

2 Samuel 5:1-7,10 /  
 Psalm 89:20-22,25-26 /  
 Mark 3:22-30

#### Tuesday, January 23

2 Samuel 6:12-15,17-19 /  
 Psalm 24:7-10 /  
 Mark 3:31-35

#### Wednesday, January 24

2 Samuel 7:4-17 / Psalm 89:4-5,27-30 / Mark 4:1-20

#### Thursday, January 25

Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22 /  
 Psalm 117:1-2 /  
 Mark 16:15-18

#### Friday, January 26

2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5 / Psalm 96:1-3,7-8,10 /  
 Mark 4:26-34

#### Saturday, January 27

2 Samuel 12:1-7,10-17 /  
 Psalm 51:12-17 /  
 Mark 4:35-41

#### Sunday, January 28

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 /  
 Psalm 95:1-2,6-9 /  
 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 /  
 Mark 1:21-28



**Epic, A Journey Through Church History**, remaining sessions will be held on the Wednesdays of **January 24 & 31, February 7, 21, 28 and March 7, 14 & 21** at **10:30 in**

the morning and **7 in the evening** at the K of C Hall, Lincoln.

### MARRIAGE INFO NEEDED

If you and your spouse will be married 25 or 50 years during 2018, please email [mklohrenz@logancountycatholic.org](mailto:mklohrenz@logancountycatholic.org) or call (217) 732-4019 with your information.

The Peoria Diocese requests this information and, if you wish, a congratulatory announcement will be placed in the Sunday bulletin.



## ST. MARY'S, ATLANTA

### ~Ministry Schedule for Sunday, January 28:

Reader-Matt McGhee; Servers-Andrew O'Donnell & Zachary O'Donnell; Greeters & Gift Bearers-Hilde Kampf & Pauline Owens

~**Our Postponed Christmas Buffet** will now be held after Mass on **Sunday, February 11**. Please bring a dish to share. Milk, juice and coffee will be provided. Plan on joining us for wonderful food and fellowship!

~**Valentine's Gifts for the Military:** Do you have a family member or friend who is in the military stateside or overseas? We are teaming up with the Atlanta Christian Church to send Valentine's Day gifts to them. Please text Jennifer Craig at (217) 871-9820 with the soldier's name and address **no later than February 6th**. Monetary donations to help purchase items/shipping will be collected in the near future. A special thank you to the American Legion for covering the overseas shipment fees. Packing dates will be February 9<sup>th</sup> and February 10<sup>th</sup>, times will be announced soon.

~**Cleaning/Coffee & Donuts Committee** for January Marcia Pipp, John & Rose Hamlin and Rosalee & Gail Hamblin February Marcia Pipp and Mo & Teresa Tierney.

## ST. PATRICK'S, ELKHART

~**Coffee & Donuts** will be held **next Sunday, January 28**, after the 8:30 am Mass.

~**Cleaning Schedule:** January 28 Larry & Lori Bobell and Ben & Haylee Bobell / February 11 Theresa Moore & Breeze Urish. Please clean the week before the Sunday you are assigned.

## ST. THOMAS AQUINAS,

MT. PULASKI

~**Next Coffee & Donuts** will take place on **Sunday, February 4** after the 10:30 am Mass.



### NEXT SUNDAY (January 28) IS FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY!

Please bring non-perishable food items for the food pantry: For Holy Family there is a

shopping cart located to the right in the main entrance, for St. Mary's a box is provided in the gathering area, St. Patrick's and St. Thomas Aquinas items may be left in the main entrance. Items that are always needed include:

\*\*canned fruit, canned vegetables, spaghetti & egg noodles, spaghetti sauce, saltine crackers, cereal, Jell-O, tuna, soups, navy or pinto beans, pancake mix & syrup, macaroni & cheese and toilet paper. This last month 159 families were served with 280 bags of groceries with expenditures totaling \$3,064.

From  
*the desk*  
of...  
Father Laible

Please accept my sincere gratitude for the many words of sympathy, prayers, cards, Masses, and donations at my Mom's passing to eternal life; thanks also to those who were able to attend the Wake or

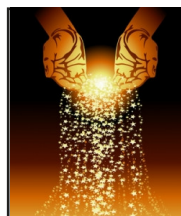
Funeral Mass. My Mom died on the afternoon of January 6, 2018 after a very long battle with Alzheimer's. She had been at the Apostolic Christian Nursing Home in Eureka, IL the past four years, where she received loving, Christ-centered care. Prior to entering the nursing home, Mom was receiving home care and eventually had to transition to full time care at the Apostolic Christian Home.

In lieu of flowers at the time of my Mom's passing, donations to Holy Family Parish School, Peoria, IL, the Apostolic Christian Nursing Home of Eureka, IL or Alzheimer's Association are being accepted.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

### DONATION/TAX CREDIT OPPORTUNITY

The State of Illinois passed the Invest in Kids Act, which includes a five-year program for tax credit scholarships for parochial and private schools. Your support of Carroll Catholic School through this program not only offers students a greater opportunity to receive a quality, Catholic education, but provides you with a 75% state tax credit for your donation. Information about the program and how you and Carroll School benefit can be found at [www.carrollcatholicschool.com](http://www.carrollcatholicschool.com).



### God's Blessings on Your Birthday

Congratulations to Doris Eckert who will be 100 years young on January 25.

All are invited to an open house **this Sunday, January 21** at St. Thomas Aquinas Church Hall, Mt. Pulaski, from 12 Noon-3 pm in celebration of Doris Eckert turning 100 years young on January 25. A request of "no gifts" was made, however, Doris loves receiving cards. For those who can not attend, she would love to hear from you with a card. If you wish to send birthday greetings, you may send them to Doris Eckert, c/o Vonderlieth Living Center, 1120 North Topper Drive, Mt. Pulaski 62548.

### NEXT FAMILY LUNCHEON

Parishioners and families from all four parishes are invited to come to the Family Luncheon to be held on **Thursday, February 8**, in the Carroll Catholic School cafeteria. Lunch will begin at 11:45 am. No fee required, but donations will be accepted.

## Please join us for the IF: Gathering . . . on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

The IF: Gathering is a non-profit organization with a vision to gather, equip and unleash women to live out their calling. We will look at one of Paul's Letters to Timothy as he reminded him of the power and responsibility of sharing the gospel.

"If Gathering" is an opportunity for women to choose their involvement in their relationship with Christ, learning more about Faith and sharing their faith with others. IF I dare to see Christ. IF I commit to my own relationship with him. IF I share him with others. IF I connect with other women at the IF Gathering will I actually be saying yes to Him?

"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God." 2 Timothy 1:6-8 (ESV)

**Join us on Saturday, February 10, 8:30 am-6 pm** at the Lincoln Elks Banquet Room (1020 1525th Street, Lincoln) for \$25/\$15 for students. *\*Please plan to pay at the door the day of.* Lunch, snacks and drinks will be provided throughout the day. Register online to reserve your seat at <https://tinyurl.com/IFLincoln2018>. Please contact Caroline Higgins at (217) 871-3105 with any questions.



Father Laible is pictured above reading a Christmas story to some of the children who attended the early 4 pm Mass this past Christmas Eve at Holy Family Church. When he celebrates the Christmas Masses at Holy Family, Father Laible has set a tradition of inviting all the children who wish to come forward to sit around him while he reads a Christmas story in place of a homily.

Do not fear what may happen tomorrow. The same loving Father who cares for you today will care for you tomorrow and everyday. Either he will shield you from suffering or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginings.

~St. Francis de Sales

Is Christ calling you to serve Him in others as a sister, brother or priest? Call Father Tim Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email [fr\\_hepner@dcop.org](mailto:fr_hepner@dcop.org).  
**St. John Vianney, patron of priests, pray**



### Please Pray for the Sick by Remembering

#### the following in your prayers:

Anne Lowry, Anna Beckers, Les Jarnagin, Steve Coogan, Mike Lowry, Paul Lowry, Gay (Ruble) Conder, Matthew Lowry, Elijah Cox, Harriett Richardson,

Guinevere Decker, Laura Saladino, Joan Lewis, Boone O'Donoghue, Ruth Young, David Olson, Rodney Alberts, Jill Alberts, Jan Loeffelholz, Linda Wright, Steve Schmidt, Ryan Butler, Donna Burr, Paula Rutherford, James Thean, Gavin Fox, Greg Patterson, Kevin McCrary, Joe Bell, Mark VanRheeden, Rita Johnson, Diana Brown, Louise Cardoni, Nicole Bottrell, Adelyn Jones, McKayla Nye, Judy Morrow, Gavin Shuler, Phillip Brown, Christina Clementz, Mike Kavanaugh, E. J. Miley, Howard Sheley, Rosie Huber, Gene Giehl, Linda H., Mark L., Kay Rosner and all the members of the armed forces of our country. If you would like to add a name to the list, call the Parish Office at (217) 732-4019 or email [mklohrenz@logancountycatholic.org](mailto:mklohrenz@logancountycatholic.org)

**Through the mercy of God, may he rest in peace.**

Ben Velasco

*The more people praying for an intention,  
the stronger the prayer becomes.*

### Prayer Chain

Request prayers by sending an email to [lcc4-prayer-chain@googlegroups.com](mailto:lcc4-prayer-chain@googlegroups.com). If you would like to subscribe to the prayer chain, follow the "Join Prayer Chain" link located on [www.logancountycatholic.org](http://www.logancountycatholic.org). When your web browser opens click on "Subscribe to this group" option, then follow the instructions in the pop-up box. You should receive an email within 48 hours that indicates you have been accepted as a member of the prayer chain.



### **CCS JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!**

Congratulations to the Carroll Catholic School January students of the month: Jory Peacock (1st Grade), Addy Varner (3rd Grade), Adi Rumler (7th Grade) and Andrew Graue (8th Grade). Keep up the great work!



The sanctuary candle on the altar at . . .

***Holy Family Church is lit this week***

In Memory of Bud Huber  
requested by Rosie & Family.

***St. Mary's Church is lit this week***

In Memory of Alvin Rohlf  
requested by Family.

The blue candle at the foot of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary statue at . . .

***Holy Family Church is lit this week***

In Thanksgiving for all the prayers &  
support requested by  
the Fleshman Family.

### **OTHER DIOCESAN EVENTS**

#### **February 10-Date Night**

4 pm Holy Mass & Renewal of Wedding Vows at St.  
Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church,  
Peoria

5:30 pm Candlelight Dinner Celebration at the Spalding  
Pastoral Center with live music and dancing

#### **February 11**

10:30 am Diocesan Scout Mass

#### **Saturday, April 28**

9 am Men's March Rally, Peoria Riverfront

10:30 a.m. Diocesan Men's March Mass

#### **Sunday, May 20**

10:30 a.m. Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate

#### **Saturday, May 26**

10:30 a.m. Ordination to the Priesthood

For more information on any of the above upcoming events,  
visit [www.cdop.org](http://www.cdop.org) or call the Peoria Diocesan Offices at  
(309)671-1550.

#### **January 13/14, 2018 Weekly Offering Versus Budget**

Parish	Budget Requirement	Weekly Offering	Weekly Online Giving	Weekly Budget Surplus/ (Shortfall)
Holy Family	\$7,200.00	\$5,201.50	\$605.00	<b>(\$1,393.50)</b>
St. Mary's	\$1,200.00	\$744.00	\$0.00	<b>(\$456.00)</b>
St. Patrick's	\$1,395.00	\$1,912.51	\$0.00	<b>\$517.51</b>
St. Thomas Aquinas	\$1,045.00	\$914.00	\$0.00	<b>(\$131.00)</b>

*Totals do not include donations for: Easter, Memorials, Food Pantry, Diocesan Collections, Estates, Utilities, Missionary Collections, Building Funds, Capital Campaigns and Miscellaneous Donations.*

### ***A Letter from our Bishop***

Local hospitals report that Central Illinois is now in the midst of a serious flu crisis. Common sense and good pastoral care would seem to indicate that there be some temporary changes to our liturgical practice.

For the time being, communicants should be encouraged to receive the Eucharist on the hand rather than on the tongue.

According to the judgment of the pastor, the "Kiss of Peace" and the distribution of the Precious Blood may be suspended.

Eucharistic ministers and sacristans should take special care to sterilize the sacred vessels after the ritual purification.

The faithful should be reminded that there is no obligation to attend Mass when one is ill. In fact, it would be better for the common good to stay home.

Eucharistic ministers making home, nursing home, and hospital visits should take special care.

People should be kept informed and prepared but not overreact. Churches are no more dangerous in the flu season than are shopping malls, banks, gas stations, restaurants, movie theaters, schools, or offices. Everywhere it is a good idea to frequently wash your hands.

When the flu outbreak subsides, parishes should resume their normal liturgical practices.

May God bless and protect you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.  
BISHOP OF PEORIA

### **Prayer After Communion**

**Stay with me, Lord**, for it is necessary to have you present so that I do not forget you. You know how easily I abandon you.

**Stay with me, Lord**, because I am weak, and I need your strength, so that I may not fall so often.

**Stay with me, Lord**, for you are my life, and without you, I am without fervor.

**Stay with me, Lord**, for you are my light, and without you, I am in darkness.

**Stay with me, Lord**, to show me your will.

**Stay with me, Lord**, so that I hear your voice and follow you.

**Stay with me, Lord**, for I desire to love you very much, and always be in your company.

**Stay with me, Lord**, if you wish me to be faithful to you.

**Stay with me, Lord**, for as poor as my soul is, I want it to be a place of consolation for you, a nest of love.

Amen.

~Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

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Holy Cross & St. Mary Cemeteries (217) 871-0266 - Kenneth Jones, Sexton

# TRIVIA NIGHT!

BENEFITTING **CCS/NHM/ZLS ATHLETICS**

- ⇒ **10 Rounds of 11 Questions**  
(because 11 is better than 10)
- ⇒ **\$15 per Player / \$120 per Table**  
(8 players per table maximum)
- ⇒ **\$240 First Place Table Prize**
- ⇒ **\$120 Second Place Table Prize**  
(Sympathy awarded to last place)

**next SATURDAY, JANUARY 27**

DOORS OPEN 5:30 p.m.

BYO dinner to enjoy at your table

TRIVIA STARTS 6:15 p.m.

TABLE SNACKS PROVIDED

REGISTER: CCS Office (732-7518) or at door

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL / 217 N. Limit St., Lincoln



# This is Not Your Grandma's Bingo



**Proceeds Benefit:**



**Carroll Catholic School Teacher Fund**

## Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

**Doors Open at 6:00pm ~ Bingo Starts at 7:00pm**

50/50 Drawing,  
& Cash Bar.  
Bring your own  
food/snacks.

**Knights of Columbus Hall  
217 Limit St ~ Lincoln**

**\$20 in advance, \$25 at the door.  
Price includes 6 bingo cards,  
glow hat & glow dauber.  
(\$5 per additional 6 cards)**

Tickets on sale now stop by:

Carroll Catholic School (111 4th St., Lincoln) Monday - Friday 7:15am-3:30pm

Spirited Republic (509 Pulaski St., Lincoln), Wednesday - Friday after 4pm, Saturday - Sunday after 12pm

Knights of Columbus (217 Limit St., Lincoln) Monday - Friday after 4pm.

AND at the door, while tickets last.

Questions contact Jennifer Craig at 217-871-9820.

**Over  
\$1,000  
In Cash  
Prizes**



**DJ ~ Fun ~ Cash \$\$\$**

**Must be 18 or Older to Attend**