



parish calendar on the website for any changes or additions.



I can't find the words to adequately thank you for your response to our appeal for help at our Logan County Catholic Community Food Pantry. In terms of both

dollars and food product, you came through, and we can continue to put food on the table of neighbors who are struggling for the foreseeable future. I'm sure you realize their problems continue, and I hope you will continue to support us as best you can. You've filled the tremendous hole caused by the shock of COVID, allowing us to continue to serve quality and nutritious food. Thank you! *Carolyn Webster*

bulletin must be submitted to the Parish Office by 11 am the Monday prior.

Announcements for the Sunday

received?

we bring our gifts to the altar at Mass. Is my gift reflective

of the many blessings I have

See Luke 2:24

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, February 1 Hebrews 11:32-40 / Psalm 31:20-24 / Mark 5:1-20 Tuesday, February 2 Malachi 3:1-4 / Psalm 24:7-10 / Hebrews 2:14-18 / Luke 2:22-40 Wednesday, February 3 Hebrews 12:4-7,11-15 / Psalm 103:1-2,13-14,17-18 / Mark 6:1-6 Thursday, February 4 Hebrews 12:18-19,21,21-24 / Psalm 48:2-4,9-11 / Mark 6:7-13 Friday, February 5 Hebrews 13:1-8 / Psalm 27:1,3,5,8-9 / Mark 6:14-29 Saturday, February 6 Hebrews 13:15-17,20-21 / Psalm 23:1-6 / Mark 6:30-34 Sunday, February 7 Job 7:1-4,6-7 / Psalm 147:1-6 / 1 Corinthians 9:16-19.22-23 / Mark 1:29-39

Dear Father Laible & Parishioners,

None of us know what this new year will bring for us. We pray for a curb in the Covid virus and peace and reconciliation in our country. We are confident in the partnership we have with those—like you—who support our elder sisters who spent their lives in service to others.

Thank you for your (monetary) gift. You bring hope and reassuring warmth to our sisters who pray daily for you and yours.

May these winter days find you warmed with God's love! Thank you again for your gift to us! God Bless you and those you love.

Sr. Kathleen Anne Tait, OP Director of Mission Advancement

NOTE: The above is a "thank you" note from the Dominican Sisters of Springfield, Illinois. They are the recipients of the Retired Religious Collection that is taken up each year during the month of December from all our four parishes.

ST. MARY'S, ATLANTA

∼Ministry Schedule for Sunday, February 7: <u>Reader</u>-Laura O'Donnell; <u>Servers</u>-Julianna Craig & Anna Johnson

~Valentine Care Packages: Atlanta Christian Church will be packing and mailing Valentine Care packages to our current military families. If you have a family member you'd like to receive a package, please call/text Jennifer Craig at (217) 871-9820 with your family member's name and address. This information is due by THIS Sunday, January 31. Packing and mailing will take place at the beginning of February. A special thank you to the Atlanta American Legion Post who will, once again, pay the postage for any overseas military packages.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, MT. PULASKI

~Next Church Cleaning: St. Thomas Aquinas parishioners will clean the church **this Wednesday**, **February 3** (the first Wednesday of each month) at 4 pm. Volunteers are asked to bring cleaning supplies. Please consider sharing your time to help keep our church clean for worship.

The board members of Love Repeated wishes to extend our most humble thanks to all who contributed to our fall



fundraising efforts and to those of you who continue to support us throughout the year. Even in the face of the pandemic and knowing that many people's finances were deeply impacted by these circumstances, your generosity was unwavering and we are astonished at the level of caring in our Logan County Roman Catholic parishes and those who reside in our communities. With your help we will be able to continue to support the 91 students for scholarship and to maintain the Love Repeated Pediatric Malnutrition Unit. There are no words to express our gratitude. Father Simon wanted us to thank you from the depth of his heart on behalf of all his people that you are helping. Your willingness to share what God has blessed you with is having far-reaching effects that you will never know. He also wished to pass on the message that he misses and loves you all. Thank you again for your continued support of Love repeated. Nancy Davis

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Those who will be celebrating a 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary during this 2021 year, please contact the Parish Office. Your information will be published in the Sunday bulletin, if you wish, but will also be sent to the Peoria Diocese as they request this information to send invitations to a special Mass, held yearly, at the Cathedral in Peoria.



Your Birthday Congratulations to Cecelia Wessbecher who will be 100 years young

God's Blessings on

this Sunday, January 31! Cecilia still does some gardening & canning and loves to cook & bake. If you would like to send her your greetings, you may post them to her at: 2088 600th Street, Mt. Pulaski, IL 62548.

WHO RECEIVES & WHO ADMINISTERS THIS SACRAMENT?

The Anointing of the Sick "is not only a sacrament for those who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him/her to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived." If a sick person who received this anointing recovers his health, he can in the case of another grave illness receive this sacrament again. If during the same illness the person's condition becomes more serious, the sacrament may be repeated. It is fitting to receive the Anointing of the Sick just prior to a serious operation. The same holds for the elderly whose frailty becomes more pronounced. Only priests (bishops and presbyters) are ministers of the Anointing of the Sick. <u>Anyone who needs Anointing of the Sick, please call the</u>

Parish Office (217) 732-4019. (The above information was taken from https://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism/p2s2c2a5.htm)



EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES



At every Catholic Mass, following the command of <u>Jesus</u> himself, the celebrant raises the host and says, "Take

this, all of you, and eat it. This is my body, which will be given up for you." Then he lifts the cup and says, "Take this, all of you, and drink from it: This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me." The doctrine of transubstantiation, the teaching that bread and wine are converted into the actual flesh and blood of Jesus Christ. When Christ first told his followers of it, many rejected him. But Jesus did not clarify his statement or correct their misunderstanding. He simply repeated his command to the disciples at the Last Supper. Throughout history, though, many people have reported miracles that brought them to the truth. The Church has recognized over one hundred Eucharistic Miracles. From now thru Lent, there are several posters on display on the wall in the Holy Family Church new addition hallway for viewing. These posters describe many Miracles of the Eucharist. There is a table near these posters that will have small packets containing information on the displayed posters for parishioners to take home. A suggested \$5 donation per packet would help cover the cost of this display. There will be a smaller version of a few posters at St. Mary's, St. Patrick's and St. Thomas Aquinas Churches, along with a table with the small packets. A suggested \$5 donation per packet would help cover the cost of this display.



Request prayers by sending an email to lcc4prayer-

chain@googlegroups.com. If you would like to subscribe to the prayer chain, follow the "Join Prayer Chain" link located

on 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.

Please Pray for the Sick by remembering the following in your prayers:

Anne Lowry, Anna Beckers, Steve Coogan, Mike Lowry, Paul Lowry, Matthew Lowry, Elijah Cox, Guinevere Decker, Joan Lewis, Boone O'Donoghue, Ruth Young, Rodney Alberts, Jill Alberts, Linda Wright, Steve Schmidt,



Ryan Butler, Donna Burr, Paula Rutherford, James Thean, Gavin Fox, Mark VanRheeden, Rita Johnson, Adelyn Jones, McKayla Nye, Judy Morrow, Gavin Shuler, Phillip Brown, Christina Clements, Mike Kavanaugh, E. J. Miley, Rosie Huber, Linda H., Mark L., Kay Rosner, Rita Faith, Hank Barr, Deb Jordan, Dwayne Knap, Jo Ellen Warren, Esme Avart, Rita Scanavino, Amy Talmage, Marge Steinkamp, Thomas Siegel, Asher Phillips, Donald Langhart, Kristin Wright, Melinda Spangler, Phil Dehner, Alexa Cunningham, Mary Scanavino, Mary Masterson, Amanda Cruz, Marcia Bidwell, Sandra Buttell, Anita Tibbs, Debi Hardin, Ann LaMothe, Crystal Tibbs, Becky Maestas, Teresa Tripplett, Curt C., Eddie Pharis, Shirley Davis, Mike Young, Theresa Young, Dennis O'Donoghue, Dan Dankosky, Amanda Clark, John Brennan, Brenda Dutcher, Tinley Rubenacker 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 Ext. 2202 or email mklohrenz@logancountycatholic.org

Through the mercy of God may they rest in peace.

Erma Fedor, Melissa "Missy" Graham and Francis Donald "Duck" Gleason



Week of January 31

The red Altar Sanctuary Candle at ... <u>Holy Family Church</u> is lit this week for Special Intentions.

<u>St. Mary's Church</u> is lit this week

In Memory of Chuck Bode requested by Anna & Family.

<u>St. Patrick's Church</u> is lit this week

In Memory of Deceased Members and for Present Members of the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary.

The blue candle at the Mary Queen of Peace Statue near the altar at . . . <u>Holy Family Church</u>

*is lit this week f*or a Special Intention [Patients of St. Jude Hospital] requested by the Bailey Family.





CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2021 January 31 - February 6 #CSW21

Early registration for Carroll Catholic School preschool and prekindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year is now open to Logan County Catholic parishioners and current Carroll Catholic School families. This registration preference will be given until March 1. Preschool is for three-year-old children (age 3 by September 1) and is in session Monday through Friday, 8 am to 3 pm. Preschool families have the first opportunity to enroll in four-year-old prekindergarten the following school year; as such, parents of three-year-old children are strongly encouraged to enroll in CCS preschool. Our four-year-old prekindergarten class for next school year will have eight anticipated openings for students. Pre-K is also Monday through Friday, 8 am to 3 pm. If you anticipate enrolling your PS or PK student who is not currently enrolled at CCS, please contact the school office at 732-7518. Thank you.

January 2021

Thank you everyone for supporting me all throughout my time at Carroll Catholic School. In particular, I want to thank my parents, teachers, and parishioners. Thank you Mom and Dad for deciding to send me to this great school and for buying me all of the clothes and supplies I need. Whenever I needed a ride to a practice or to a fundraiser, I could always count on them. Thank you teachers for teaching me all about God and other subjects that will help prepare me for high school. Thank you for helping me get through every step of the way in grade school. Next I want to thank the parishioners for donating money to keep our school running. The air conditioners this year are great! It takes a group effort to make it through 10 years of school and you guys made it possible. Thank you for all you do for me and Carroll Catholic School.

Sincerely, Parker Graue

January 2021

Thank you to all the teachers that support me in so many ways. I am so thankful for every single one of you. I am thankful for Mrs. Kohl, Mrs. Fuiten, and Mr. Peacock for helping me with sports even when times were rough. Thank you Mr. Welch for letting us have sports. Thank you everyone for supporting our school in so many different ways. I am so thankful to have gone to this school, have sports here, make new friends, and have fun. It has been a great experience and I am sad to leave this school. Thank you to my grandparents for picking me up in the morning to take me to school, taking me to sports, and coming back home. I am thankful for everything you guys have done for me. Thank you to the parishioners for supporting our school and being with us even through this tragedy.

Sincerely, Adrianna Mahler

YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED for Carroll Catholic School

Your offertory envelopes each month contain a pink envelope, labeled: "CCS Student Scholarships." Your offering in this envelope greatly assists the school in providing a Catholic education to all who desire it for their child. It remains a guiding principle that no child will ever be denied an education at Carroll Catholic School as a result of a family's financial situation. As such, the school offers tuition assistance to families who demonstrate economic need. In a typical year, assistance is offered to around one-fourth of our families, comprising nearly one-third of all CCS students. While this assistance is not without cost, the return on our investment is immeasurable! Thank you to all who support the students and mission of Carroll Catholic School through your pink envelope offerings.



INFANT BAPTISMS

Parents are asked to attend a baptism preparation session before the baptism of their child. Please call the parish office (217) 732-4019 to register.

MARRIAGES

Please call the parish office (217) 732-4019 at least six months prior to the desired wedding date.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Holy Family: Bob Barger, Peggy Morrow, Jim Wessbecher
St. Mary's: Joe Bell, Jan Bicknell, Zachary Craig
St. Patrick's: Judy Horcharik, Curt Hudson, Blane Olson

St. Thomas Aquinas: Karen Edgecombe, Kathy Miller

January 23/24, 2020 Weekly Offering Versus Budget						
Parish	Budget Requirement	Weekly Offering	Weekly Online Giving	Weekly Budget Surplus/ (Shortfall)	Year to Date Budget Surplus/ (Shortfall)	
Holy Family	\$7,020.00	\$6,358.00	\$470.00	<u>(\$332.00)</u>	\$1,877.00	
St. Mary's	\$1,077.00	\$542.05	\$295.00	(\$242.95)	(\$893.95)	
St. Patrick's	\$1,340.00	\$931.00	\$380.00	(\$49.00)	(\$4,574.00)	
St. Thomas Aquinas	\$952.00	\$3700.90	\$0.00	\$2,730.90	(\$2,534.10)	

January 16/17, 2020 Weekly Offering Versus Budget

Parish	Budget Requirement	Weekly Offering	Weekly Online Giving	Weekly Budget Surplus/ (Shortfall)	Year to Date Budget Surplus/ (Shortfall)		
Holy Family	\$7,020.00	\$6,368.00	\$2,055.00	<u>\$1,263.00</u>	\$2,209.00		
St. Mary's	\$1,077.00	\$448.00	\$0.00	(\$632.00)	(\$651.00)		
St. Patrick's	\$1,340.00	\$574.00	\$80.00	(\$706.00)	(\$4,525.00)		
St. Thomas Aquinas	\$952.00	\$887.00	\$55.00	(\$28.00)	(\$5,265.00)		
Sunday Offering (does not include Capital Campaign Donations, Utilities							

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The Story of the Presentation of the Lord (February 2)

At the end of the fourth century, a woman named Etheria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Her journal, discovered in 1887, gives an unprecedented glimpse of liturgical life there. Among the celebrations she describes is the Epiphany, the observance of Christ's birth, and the gala procession in honor of his Presentation in the Temple 40 days later. Under the Mosaic Law, a woman was ritually "unclean" for 40 days after childbirth, when she was to present herself to the priests and offer sacrifice—her "purification." Contact with anyone who had brushed against mystery—birth or death excluded a person from Jewish worship. This feast emphasizes Jesus' first appearance in the Temple more than Mary's purification.

The observance spread throughout the Western Church in the fifth and sixth centuries. Because the Church in the West celebrated Jesus' birth on December 25, the Presentation was moved to February 2, 40 days after Christmas.

At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession; at the end of the same century the blessing and distribution of candles which continues to this day became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name: Candlemas.

Reflection

In Luke's account, Jesus was welcomed in the temple by two elderly people, Simeon and the widow Anna. They embody Israel in their patient expectation; they acknowledge the infant Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah. Early references to the Roman feast dub it the feast of Saint Simeon, the old man who burst into a song of joy which the Church still sings at day's end.

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To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is a serious matter.

