

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbrica di San Pietro/M. Falcioni.

O Mary,
you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother,
you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.
In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

KNIGHTS OF  COLUMBUS



*"I am the
resurrection
and
the life."*

5th Sunday of Lent Cycle A

When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend Lazarus, He responded, "This illness is not to end in death; rather it is for God's glory, that through it the Son of God may be glorified." Every aspect of our lives — our gifts as well as our sufferings — can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessing for others and ourselves.

See John 11:4

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, March 30

Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 / Psalm 23:1-6 / John 8:1-11

Tuesday, March 31

Numbers 21:4-9 / Psalm 102:2-3, 16-21 / John 8:21-30

Wednesday, April 1

Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 / Daniel 3:52-56 / John 8:31-42

Thursday, April 2

Genesis 17:3-9 / Psalm 105:4-9 / John 8:51-59

Friday, April 3

Jeremiah 20:10-13 / Psalm 18:2-7 / John 10:31-42

Saturday, April 4

Ezekiel 37:21-28 / Jeremiah 31:10-13 / John 11:45-56

Palm Sunday, April 5

Matthew 21:1-11 / Isaiah 50:4-7 / Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24 / Philippians 2:6-11 / Matthew 26:14—27:66

PRAY DURING THIS MOST CRUCIAL TIME IN OUR HISTORY

- **EWTN Weekend Masses** may be viewed on TV or computer, at 6 pm on Saturdays and Sundays at 7 am (with Rosary at 6:30 am) and 11 am (with Rosary at 10:30 am). To view a more detailed schedule of the other EWTN weekly broadcasts go to ewtn.com/tv/weeklygrid
- **Catholic Spirit Radio** broadcasts the EWTN Masses at 7 am on Saturdays and Sundays: 89.5 FM McLean County, 92.5 FM Bloomington, 88.3 FM Pontiac and 97.1 FM Lincoln
- To choose Catholic Masses to view on your computer, "google" Catholic Mass Live Stream

ST. MARY'S, ATLANTA

~**Cleaning:** April Elizabeth Alberts, Sharon Alberts, Kathleen Hainline

~**Garage Sale:** St. Mary's Church will host a Route 66 Garage Sale on **Thursday, June 11** from 8 am-4 pm. Please begin saving your donations (NO clothing) and they will be accepted the week of the sale. All proceeds from the sale will go to the St. Mary's Quilt Guild.

ST. PATRICK'S, ELKHART

~**Cleaning Committee:** April 5 Theresa Moore & Breeze Urish / April 19 Lois Olson and John & Ann Olson

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, MT. PULASKI

~**Next Church Cleaning** will be on **Thursday, April 9** at 4 pm. Any parishioner able to help is welcome. Please bring cleaning items to use.



Children's Liturgy
of the Word

Whenever Masses do begin again, please note that the Children's Liturgy of the Word Classes at Holy Family, for 4 to 9

year olds, will not take place on April 5 (Palm Sunday) nor April 12 (Easter Sunday).

The red Altar Sanctuary Candle at . . .

Holy Family Church is lit this week

In Memory of Brock Endres
requested by Grandma.

The blue Sanctuary Candle by the Statue of Mary near the Altar at

. . . Holy Family Church is lit this week

In Memory of Ruthetta Logan requested by
the Paul Logan Family.

The light blue Sanctuary Candle near the Immaculate Heart of Mary Statue by the votive candles at

. . . Holy Family Church is lit this week

for Special Intentions.

March 21, 2020

Dear Logan County Catholic Community:

Jesus Christ who gave sight to the blind man, as we hear in the Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Lent, does the very same thing for us. We are not destined to “sit in darkness and death’s shadow” (Luke 1:79). For Jesus is “the light of the human race, the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (John 1: 4-5).

Jesus identifies himself with these consoling words: “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life” (John 8:12). In today’s gospel Jesus proclaims, “While I am in the world, I am the light of the world” (John 9:5).

Jesus shares his light and his sight with us. He says, “I came into the world as light, so that everyone who believes in me might not remain in darkness” (John 12:46). Jesus’ explicit mission is to announce “recovery of sight for the blind” (Luke 4:18). Our mission in turn is intimately related to his mission, for he tells us, “You are the light of the world.....Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father” (Matt 5: 14-16).

Our Lenten prayer, penance and almsgiving are meant to make us keenly aware that we were once in darkness but now we are light in the Lord (Eph 5:8). Lent is our call and our challenge to “live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth” (Eph 5: 8-9).

As we “shelter in place,” following the direction of the Illinois Governor, we pray for the grace of God to reflect the light, hope and peace of the Lord Jesus. These are difficult and uncertain days. However, as a people who have been blessed with the gift of faith, we are called to reflect the light and love of the Lord Jesus.

As we share the light and love of the Lord during these days of COVID-19, know that our Logan County Catholic Community remains together, in prayer – for our families, parish, community and the entire world.

Following the “shelter in place” directive, which is effective from March 21 to April 7, 2020, the Parish Office will not be open. The Parish Staff will check their phone messages and e-mails daily and will respond accordingly. Sr Mary Lou will continue to reach out to our Homebound Parishioners by phone and I encourage you to call your fellow parishioners, especially those who might be elderly and alone.

Fr Fulgens and I will remain available to provide ministry within the guidelines which the Vicar General established. Those directives can be found on the Diocesan web site: www.cdop.org

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on Saturday afternoon from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. at Holy Family Church or anytime by appointment.

Please note that our local hospitals and nursing homes have instituted very strict guidelines for visitors. If your loved one is in the hospital or nursing home and is in need of Anointing or the Last Rites, please contact the Parish Office in Lincoln: 217.732.4019. Keep in mind, however, that due to the specific restrictions regarding COVID-19, the Priest will be required to follow the guidance of the nursing home or hospital. All regularly scheduled Pastoral visits to the hospital, nursing homes and homebound have been suspended until further notice.

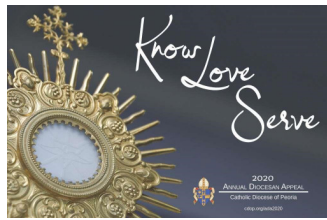
Bishop Jenky has also suspended Funeral Masses and Funeral Home Services until further notice. The Rite of Committal at the Cemetery is authorized and Memorial Masses can be scheduled once all COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted by Bishop Jenky.

Finally, be assured that Fr Fulgens, I and the Parish Staff are praying for you and your families daily. Be safe and follow all the precautions and directives given by our civil authorities and medical workforce. Please join me in praying for and thanking our First Responders, Medical Personnel, and the many citizens who report to work daily in order to keep our communities functioning.

Sincerely in our Lord,

Fr Laible
Pastor

In May, after years of study, two men will be ordained to the transitional diaconate for the Diocese of Peoria. During their years of preparation for this vocation, they were supported by family and friends – and by everyone who made a gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. When you make a gift to the Appeal, you help meet the cost of priestly formation and education, since a portion of Appeal funds are used for this purpose. Please support our seminarians by making a gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal next weekend.



If you wish to make a donation on your pledge next weekend or to pay your contribution in full, please make your check payable to the Catholic Diocese of Peoria. Reminder statements are sent monthly from July to February. Donations may also be made by signing up for automatic deduction by credit or debit card, by direct debit or online. May God continue to bless our Diocese and the services and programs provided by the ADA.



Part time position for cleaning Holy Family Church & Parish Office/ Rectory building (Lincoln) and St. Patrick's Church & Rectory building (Elkhart) is available. Please call the Parish Office at (217) 732-4019 if you are interested.

Through the mercy of God
may he rest in peace.

Les Jarnagin



*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. 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, Laura Saladino, 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 Clementz, Mike Kavanaugh, E. J. Miley, Rosie Huber, Linda H., Mark L., Kay Rosner, Mary Ellen Thornton, 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, Caroline Higgins, Crystal Tibbs, Becky Maestas, Teresa Tripplett, Curt C., Eddie Pharis, Curt Hudson, Thomas Cochran, Shirley Davis 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



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Moms in Need
a year of service



Walking with Moms in Need on EWTN Pro-Life Weekly

More information about the initiative can be found at www.usccb.org/moms-in-need

PRAYER FOR PREGNANT MOTHERS

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.

Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

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CEMETERY SPRING CLEANING

Spring cleaning at Holy Cross and St. Mary's Cemeteries will take place on **Wednesday, April 1**. Any tattered or worn decorations on the ground will be taken away. If you have any decorations you wish to save that are not recent or new and are sitting on the ground, you are asked to remove them before April 1.

PRAY
IS LOVE FOR GOD
FAST
IS LOVE FOR YOURSELF
GIVE
IS LOVE FOR OTHERS

*Logan County Catholic
Community Food Pantry

*Love Repeated
(Aid to the Rulenge-Ngara Diocese
of Tanzania, East Africa)

*Carroll Catholic School

*Carroll Catholic PIE Chart Items

*Diocesan Annual Development Appeal

*Holy Family Capital Campaign

*St. Mary's Cemetery

*Holy Cross Cemetery

*Holy Family Building Fund

*St. Mary's Building Fund

*St. Patrick's Building Fund

*St. Thomas Aquinas Building Fund

*Dominican Sisters of Springfield, IL

*Warriors to Lourdes

(Donations help with costs of sending wounded warriors to Lourdes. Checks can be made out to "Knights of Columbus Council #1250, Lincoln" with notation of "Warriors to Lourdes donation".)

*St. Mary's Quilt Guild/Warriors Quilts
(See picture & information in right column)

*Baby Bottle Campaign
(Pregnancy Resources Center)

*Rotary Foundation

QUILTS FOR "WARRIORS TO LOURDES"

Father Laible will be taking several quilts to the soldiers on the Warriors to Lourdes Trip in May 2021 and some will be given the HOOAH (Healing Outside of a Hospital) Deer Hunt for Heroes

Organization. Note: The Warriors to Lourdes Trip for this 2020 year has been cancelled. The quilt guild would like to thank you for all your support this year. You may still make a monetary donation for materials. Please make your check payable to: St. Mary's Church and write "QUILTS" on the memo line.



Sample Quilt

CANCELLATIONS & POSTPONEMENTS

<The **Queen of Spades** has been postponed until September. The current jackpot and \$1,000 will start back up in September. Watch for more details next school year! Thank you to everyone who has purchased tickets and/or helped with this project.

<**St. Thomas Aquinas Parish** is postponing their April 3rd **Friday Fish Fry**.

<**St. Mary's Quilt Guild** has postponed their April 4th Quilt Show.



Knights of Columbus Lent Friday Fish Fry will take place this Friday, April 3 with carry outs only. However, it is not known at this time if it will continue after this Friday. Check next week's bulletin to find out.

The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary will again sponsor a scholarship for graduating high school seniors. Any senior, who is an active Catholic, may apply. Applications can be obtained by calling either Pat French (732-4246) or Vanessa Tibbs (737-2233) and must be returned by April 1.



PEORIA DIOCESE EVENTS/NEWS

†**FATIMA – LOURDES TRIP:** You are invited to join Monsignor Paul Showalter, Vicar General Emeritus, on a pilgrimage to Spain, featuring Fatima, Lourdes and Barcelona from October 13-23, 2020. October is the month of Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary and we will be visiting some of the most sacred shrines and places of prayer and devotion in Europe. There will be daily Mass as well as time to relax and enjoy the true experience of Portugal, France and Spain. Looking forward to sharing the experience with you. For a brochure, or more information, contact Karen Small at (309) 677-7001 or by email at ksmall@cdop.org.



**AS OF THIS TIME, THE FOLLOWING
EVENTS LISTED IN THIS COLUMN
HAVE NOT BEEN CANCELLED,
AS FAR AS WE KNOW.**



FAMILY LUNCHEON: Parishioners, and families from all four parishes are invited to come to the next Family Luncheon on **Thursday, April 16 (changed from April 9)** in the Carroll School cafeteria. No fee, but donations will be accepted.

**WALK FOR
LIFE**



living|alternatives
pregnancy resource center

The Pregnancy Resource Center will host their Walk for Life on **Saturday, April 18** at the Lincoln Christian Church (204 McLean St., Lincoln). They are asking for sponsors and walkers. Registration & Silent Auction begins at 9 am and Walk begins at 10 am. For more information email Lincoln@hopeforafuture.com or call (217) 735-4838.



Emmaus Days 2020

Participants deepen their faith and focus on discerning God's will through prayer and the sacraments. By listening to and spending time with priests and seminarians, participants get a glimpse into their lives. Session 1 is for those who are in college, as well as single men in their 20s and 30s who are discerning their vocation. **Session 1** will be held from **June 5-8, 2020** and **Session 2** will be held from **June 12-15, 2020** for College Age & Young Adults High School Juniors & Seniors @ St. John's Catholic Newman Center St. John's Catholic Newman Center, Champaign, IL Champaign, IL.

Led by seminarians, participants hear God's call to become real Christian men. The experience includes prayer, talks and activities like basketball, soccer, ultimate Frisbee and card games. **Session 3** will be held from **July 5-8, 2020** and **Session 4** will be held from **July 8-10, 2020** for High School Freshman & Sophomores Seventh & Eighth Graders @ Peoria Notre Dame High School Peoria Notre Dame High School.



Historically associated with plagues, the Madonna of Monte Berico is the perfect intercessor for our current coronavirus outbreak. Crisis or not, pandemic or not, people have died from coronavirus and the rapid spillover of the virus should be enough cause for everyone to take up a devotion. The following novena may be said and offered for the petition of a swift end to the spread and for a maternal protection for all.

Novena to Our Lady of Monte Berico

O Most Holy Virgin, Mother of God and my Mother Mary, I thank you that you have deigned to appear on Monte Berico and I thank you for all the graces you grant here to those who turn to you. Nobody ever prayed to you in vain. I, too, resort to you and beg you for the Passion and Death of Jesus and for your pains: welcome me, o' merciful Mother, under your mantle, which is a maternal mantle; grant me the particular grace that I ask of You [your petition here] and protect me from all evil and especially from sin which is the greatest evil.

Oh make, oh Mary, my Mother, that I always enjoy your loving protection in life and even more in death and then come to see you in heaven and to thank and bless you forever. Amen.

Madonna of Monte Berico, pray for us.

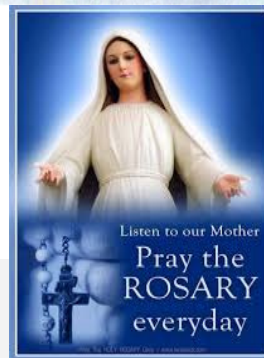
O sweet Virgin, pious mother of love,
Like this Ave rising from the heart.

Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria
Ave, Ave, Ae, Maria

O Virgin, shine as a star in the sky,
Motherly defend your faithful children.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria

~Taken from the March 10, 2020 National Catholic Register.

**Pray
for
Vocations**



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