

Mother's Day

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

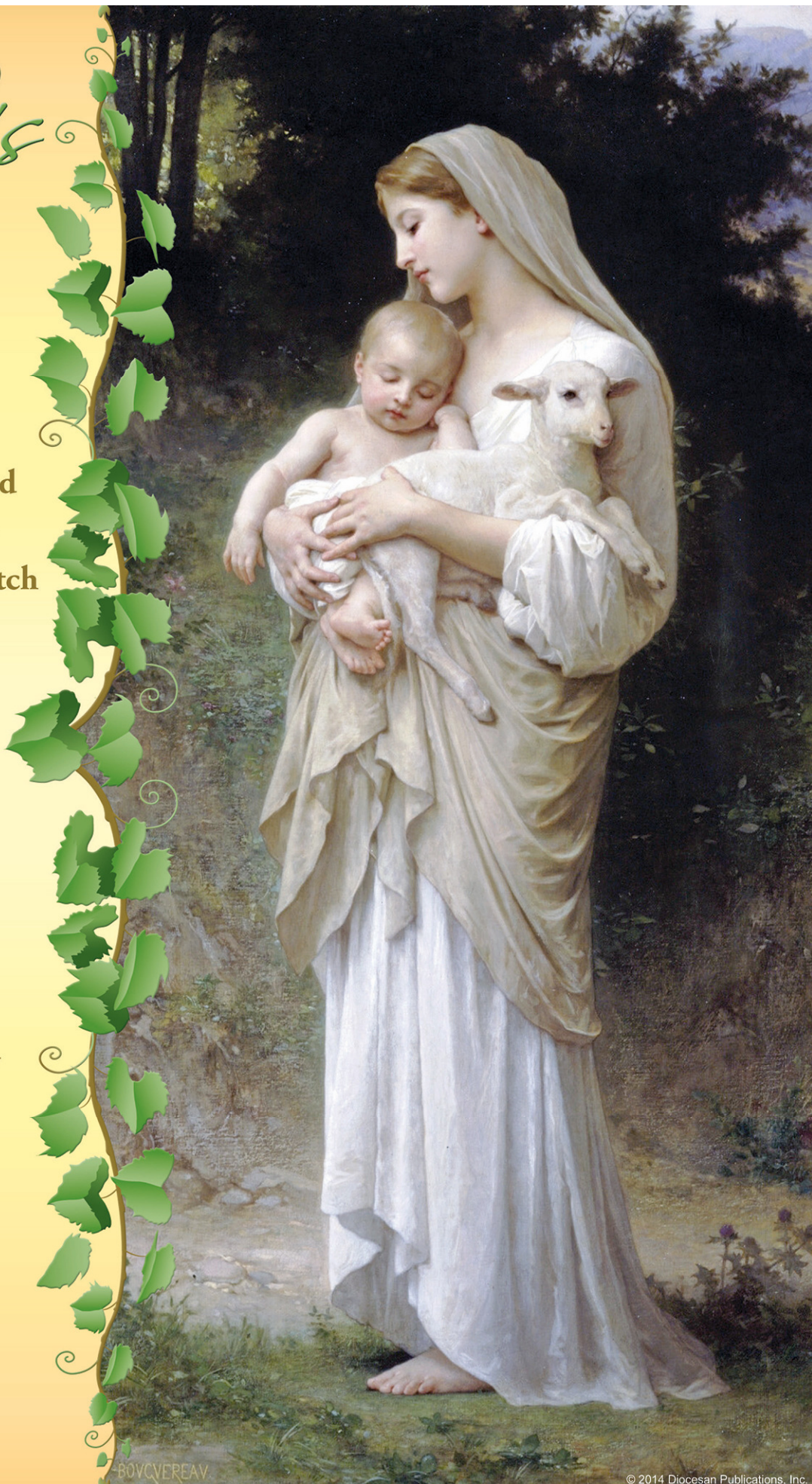
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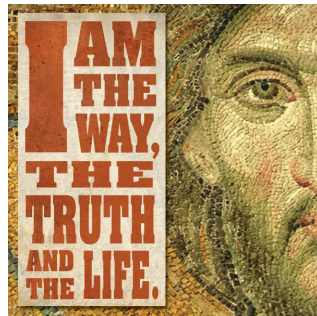
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MASSSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, May 15-St. Isidore the Farmer

7:00 am Frances Reichle by Ron & Lori Boyer (Holy Family)

Tuesday, May 16

5:00 pm Rose Rupnik (Holy Family)
 [followed with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena]

Wednesday, May 17

7:00 am Phyllis "Pat" Hickey by Crystal Tibbs (Holy Family)
 8:00 am Communion Service (St. Patrick's)
 8:30 am Joseph "Joe" Fitzpatrick (Holy Family)

Thursday, May 18-St. John I

7:00 am Connie McCullough by Gerry & Jim Garrison (Holy Family)
 11:00 am No Mass at Vonderlieth Today
 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 (Holy Family)

Friday, May 19

7:00 am Randy Polley by the Patrick Lee Family (Holy Family)

Saturday, May 20-St. Bernardine of Siena

4:00 pm Richard "Slip" Gleason by the Knights of Columbus Council #1250 (St. Patrick's)
 5:00 pm Jack [In Memory of His Birthday] by Kay (Holy Family)

Sunday, May 21-Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Jennifer L. Dehner by Teri Fink (Holy Family)
[High School Graduate Mass]
 8:30 am Don Owens by Phil & Linda Koeberlein (St. Patrick's)
 9:00 am John P. & Mary I. O'Donnell [In Memory of Their Wedding Anniversary] by Kathleen Nicholas (St. Mary's)
 10:00 am Jerry Overby by Robert C. & Nancy Dorch (Holy Family)
[Carroll Catholic School Eighth Grade Graduation Mass]
 10:30 am Duane Jarnagin by Shirley Buckner (St. Thomas Aquinas)

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

Goals are: Holy Family \$58,382; St. Mary's \$11,229; St. Patrick's \$15,896; and, St. Thomas Aquinas \$13,532. To those who have contributed, we are most grateful.

5th Sunday of Easter Cycle A

"Those who have faith in Me will do the works I do, and far greater than these," Jesus tells His disciples. That's quite an assignment for us as Christian stewards!

John 14:12

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, May 15

Acts 14:5-18 / Psalm 115:1-4, 15-16 / John 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 16

Acts 14:19-28 /
 Psalm 145:10-13, 21 /
 John 14:27-31

Wednesday, May 17

Acts 15:1-6 / Psalm 122:1-5 /
 John 15:1-8

Thursday, May 18

Acts 15:7-21 / Psalm 96:1-3, 10 / John 15:9-11

Friday, May 19

Acts 15:22-31 / Psalm 57:8-10, 12 / John 15:12-17

Saturday, May 20

Acts 16:1-10 / Psalm 100:1-3, 5 / John 15:18-21

Sunday, May 21

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 / Psalm 66:1-7, 16, 20 / 1 Peter 3:15-18 / John 14:15-21



With our **Annual Diocesan Appeal**, each gift is important to the mission of the diocese. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please return a pledge card with your response today. There are cards available at the entrances of each parish. Together we can accomplish many works of faith, hope and charity. Every dollar raised over each parish's goal will be kept in that parish.



Ordination for the First Deacon in our Logan County Catholic Community

For the past five years (two years discernment/evaluation and three years of formation), Wendell and Brenda Lowry have been preparing for ordination to the Permanent Diaconate. God willing, Wendell will be ordained to the Order of Deacon next Saturday, May 20, at St. Mary's Cathedral in Peoria, becoming the first ordained Deacon in the Logan County area.

Wendell and Brenda have been members of Holy Family Parish in Lincoln, IL for nearly 30 years. Their assignment will be to serve the four parishes in the Logan County Catholic Community: St. Mary's, Atlanta; St. Patrick's, Elkhart; Holy Family, Lincoln and St. Thomas Aquinas, Mt Pulaski. It has been a blessing for them to serve Holy Family Parish in various capacities. Brenda currently serves as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to the homebound and as a member of the Arts and Decorations Committee and has served as a CCD teacher. Wendell currently serves as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Lector, Cantor, Choir Member, an instructor for the Rite of Christian Initiation Adult (RCIA) program and served as a member of the Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) team and as a CCD teacher. In their assignment they look forward in continuing there service to our Lord Jesus Christ now and in the future.

Wendell and Brenda have been married for nearly 36 years and have two adult sons: the oldest, Justin, lives in Rhode Island with his beautiful wife Torii and their youngest son, Mike, lives in Lincoln.

Wendell is retired from Military Service having served in the United States Army and the Army National Guard. He is also retired from a career in Defense Financial Management with the United States Property and Fiscal Office for the Army National Guard in Springfield, IL. He now serves as the business manager for the Logan County Catholic Community. Brenda works as a secretary for State Farm Insurance in Bloomington.

Congratulations and prayers to our Deacon Wendell!!

There will be a reception for Wendell and Brenda at Carroll Catholic School after the 10 am Holy Family Mass on Sunday, May 28, inviting the parishioners of all our four parishes to come. There will be a card basket at the reception for wishes and congratulations.

ST. MARY'S, ATLANTA

~Ministry Schedules for Sunday, May 21:

Reader-Matt McGhee; Servers-Julianna Craig & Zachary Craig; Greeters & Gift Bearers-Hilde Kampf & Pauline Owens

~**Cleaning/Coffee & Donuts Committee** for May is Darlene Luttrell & Colleen Jodlowski / June Mary Sunday & Margie Blankenship.

ST. PATRICK'S, ELKHART

~**Next Coffee & Donuts** will be held on **Sunday, May 28**, after the 8:30 am Mass.

~**Cleaning Schedule:** May 21 Theresa Moore & Breeze Urish / May 28 Lois Olson & Ann Olson. Please clean the week before you are assigned.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, MT. PULASKI

~**Garage Sale:** St. Thomas Aquinas is planning to participate in the Mt. Pulaski Community Wide Garage Sales the weekend of July 1. Parishioners are asked to think about setting aside items to donate for this sale.

The Knights of Columbus for the Parishes of St. Patrick's and St. Thomas Aquinas will hold their initiation degree **this Wednesday, May 17**, at 7 pm in the basement of St. Thomas Aquinas Church. For those who would like to join, please arrive no later than 6:45 pm. You need to be a practicing Catholic, a male, and at least 18 years of age. For those who are currently Knights, please join us as we embark on a new voyage at St. Patrick and St. Thomas Aquinas. Dinner will be served afterwards. The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic Fraternal Family Organization, whose mission is to act upon the four principles of the order in supporting our church. They are: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email Darold Spillman, District Deputy at (217) 419-6291 or dspillm2@illinois.edu. Vivat Jesus



Consider Being a Volunteer

for Vacation Bible School that will be held from **June 19-23**, 8:30-11:30 am at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Lincoln. If you are high school age & up, enjoy working with children & you are an **enthusiastic,**

patient and loving person you are just who we are looking for!!!! Contact Kathy Buse as soon as possible at (217) 732-4019 if you are interested in helping.

The next meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus will be **this Wednesday, May 17**, at 7 pm in the small meeting room at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

GARAGE/GYM SALE

A Garage/Gym Sale will take place at Carroll Catholic School. Furniture contributions will be accepted, as long as they can be delivered to the school. However, clothing will not be accepted.

Items may be brought to the Carroll Catholic School Gym as set up will begin on Tuesday, June 6; Wednesday, June 7 and Thursday, June 8 from 8 am-5 pm. Sale dates are Friday, June 9 from 8 am-6 pm and Saturday, June 10 from 8 am-1 pm.

Volunteers are needed!! Come have fun and meet your fellow church members. Any amount of time you can donate is appreciated.

Everyone is invited to come and patronize the Garage/Gym Sale!!! Tell your friends. What one person no longer needs may be a treasure to someone else!!!

For any questions call Linda at (217) 732-9262 or Pat at (217) 732-9592.

Sign Up Now!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

"Maker Fun Factory Created by God - Built for a Purpose" Vacation Bible School will be held from 8:30-11:30 am, **Monday, June 19 thru Friday, June 23.**

TO SIGN UP YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN . . . go to the www.logancountycatholic.org website, then click on the Vacation Bible School icon at the bottom right corner of the page and then you can fill out the application.

VBS Schnitzel Fundraiser

Thank you to Cory from IGA and Dick Snyder and their crew of schnitzel cooks for the great schnitzels! They were EXCELLENT! Thank you to Judith Gordon, Mary Vlahovich, Tricia Goldsberry, Anna Goldsberry, and Sori Tuckey for boxing up the food. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for letting us have our Schnitzel Fundraiser there and for the use of the fryers & kitchen! Thank you to Wil Buse, Bob Buse, Ryan O'Donoghue, Max Buse, and Ben Buse for delivering meals to our customers. Thank you to all the people who sold ten or more tickets for the fundraiser. You were a TREMENDOUS help!! And, finally, thank you to everyone who purchased a schnitzel meal to support VBS! By all of us working together – we made a profit of \$1,236 for Vacation Bible School. Well Done!! Thank you everyone!!

The sanctuary candle on the altar at . . .

Holy Family Church is lit this week

In Memory of Brock Endres
requested by Brandon & Chelsay.

St. Mary's Church is lit this week

for Special Intentions requested by
the Tierney & Crocker Families.

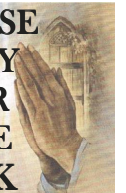
St. Patrick's Church is lit this week

In Memory of Rose Rupnik
requested by Louise & Family.

Remember the following in your prayers:

Anne Lowry, Anna Beckers, Les Jarnagin, Steve Coogan, Tom Romer, 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, Ben Velasco, Steve Schmidt, Ryan Butler, Donna Burr, Paula Rutherford, James Thean, Gavin Fox, Greg Patterson, Kevin McCrary, Spencer Harris, Joe Bell, Mark VanRheeden, Rita Johnson, Diana Brown, Crystal Tibbs 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

**PLEASE
PRAY
FOR
THE
SICK**



We Catholics view Mary as the person who will defeat Satan on earth. But she will not do it alone. Everyone who is consecrated to Jesus through Mary will help her in her God-given mission to defeat the enemy. As the Archangel Gabriel once said-"HAIL FULL OF GRACE!" We can help our Holy Mother Mary, by praying the Rosary for peace throughout the world and for the conversion of sinners.

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. If you have any questions please call or email the Parish Office.



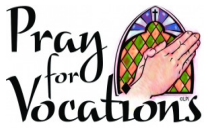
***Blessings on Your
Wedding Anniversary***

Congratulations to Bob & Pat Sullivan
who will celebrate their 60th Wedding
Anniversary on May 18.

The Holy Family Food Pantry is in need of food staples such as: fruit, macaroni & cheese, vegetables, soup, cereal, and other such nonperishable items. To collect these items, at Holy Family there is a shopping cart located to the right in the main entrance, at 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. Thank you for all your past support.



"Who has faith in Me will do the works I do, and far greater than these." Are you being called to do the work of the Lord as a priest, sister or brother? If you are considering



this possibility, call Father Tim Hepner at (309) 671-1550 or email fr_hepner@cdop.org. *St. John Vianney, Patron of Priests, pray for our priests.*

EMMAUS DAYS 2017

Sessions 1 & 2 are held at Nazareth House in Henry, Illinois. 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 20's and 30's who are discerning their vocation.

Session 1 (June 9-12) College Age & Young Adult @ Nazareth House, Henry, Illinois

Session 2 (June 16-19) High School Juniors & Seniors @ Nazareth House, Henry, Illinois

Sessions 3 & 4 are held at St. Bede Abbey in Peru, Illinois. Led by seminarians, participants hear God's call to become real Christian men. The experience includes prayer, talks and activities like basketball, swimming, soccer, ultimate Frisbee and card game.

Session 3 (July 9-12) High School Freshmen & Sophomores @ St. Bede Abbey, Peru, Illinois

Session 4 (July 12-14) Seventh & Eighth Graders @ St. Bede Abbey, Peru, Illinois

For more information/registration call the diocese Office of Vocations at (309) 671-1550 or go to www.cdop.org then click on the white lettering "Vocations" then click on "Priestly Vocations" box, then click on the orange lettering "Emmaus Days".

A Dominican Faith Camp with the Dominican Sisters of Springfield, Illinois, will take place on **Sunday, July 9; Monday, July 10 and Tuesday, July 11** for students entering 6th to 9th grades. Meet and pray with the sisters. There will also be crafts, games and food in a Catholic environment. Register online at springfieldop.org or call Sister Teresa Marron at (217) 787-0481.

OTHER AREA & DIOCESAN EVENTS:

♦ **Wednesday, May 17**, from 9 am-2 pm, an age **50 Plus Central Illinois Senior Celebration** will take place at the Illinois State Fairgrounds Orr Building (Springfield). There will be free health screenings, informational displays, Parking & shuttle service, refreshments, entertainment and door prizes. Free admission with a can of food for the food pantry. For more info call (217) 787-9234 or (800) 252-2918.

♦ **Friday, May 19**, at 11 am, a free **Diabetes Support Group** will meet at the Oasis Senior Center (2810 Woodlawn Road, Lincoln). The meeting is for people with diabetes, their family members and caregivers. This group meets the third Friday of every month. The topic for May is Planning for Summer "Break". For more info call (217) 605-5535.

♦ **Friday, May 19**, from 5:30-8:30 pm a **Free Bike Rodeo** will take place on Broadway Street downtown Lincoln during the City of Lincoln's Third Friday. You can brush up on your bike basics and safety. Bring your bike & helmet and complete five activity stations to earn a bike rodeo certificate. Parents must be present.

♦ **Saturday, June 3**, a **Diocesan Summer Institute "The Splendor of Truth"** will be held at the Peoria Civic Center. This is designed to help us integrate the richness of our Faith in all we say and do with Mass celebrated by Bishop Jenky, keynote speaker Jennifer Fulwiler, breakout sessions, Adoration, Sacrament of Reconciliation, meals, vendors and more. With admission and meals, cost is \$20. Register online and by mail is available at cdop.org. Registration is required to attend.

♦ **November 3, 4 & 5**, a high school youth (grades 9-12) retreat weekend, **Abide In Me**, will take place at Corpus Christi Catholic School campus, Bloomington. This will be a weekend filled with talks, music, Adoration, prayer, workshops, fellowship, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Contact the parish office if you are interested in attending.

Becoming Closer to God Through . . .

SCRIPTURE SHARING: An opportunity to break open the Word; an opportunity to meet new people takes place each Thursday morning at the Casa, Lincoln, beginning at 10 am. Come join us for prayer, fellowship and reflection. We study the readings for the upcoming Sunday.

Bringing Christ to the Hospitalized, Nursing Home Residents and Homebound!

Do you know any Catholic homebound, nursing home resident or hospital patient who would like to receive Holy Communion? Please call the Parish Office at 732-4019 if you, or someone you know, is in the hospital, in a nursing home or is homebound.

INFANT BAPTISMS

Parents are asked to attend a baptism preparation session before the baptism of their child. Please call the parish office to register.

MARRIGES

Please call the parish office at least six months prior to the desired wedding date.



[Matthew 18:3] "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." (NOTE - Being child-like is not the same as being child-ish. Being child-like means being innocent, meek and humble, and having total trust in God Your Father that He will take good care of you, no matter what. What infant worries about money, clothes, or promotions at work? Then neither should we. [Luke 12:22-31]).

PRAYING FOR OUR MILITARY

1st Lt. Steve Schmidt (Army), Petty Officer
1st Class Chad Michael Conner (Navy),
SFC John Anthony Tierney (Army), MAJ
Kira Tierney (Army), Sgt. James Cosby
(Army), Sgt. Jeffrey James Granda, Army
Specialist Stephen Brown, Petty Officer 2nd Class
James Flynn (Navy), Private Richard McKown (Army),
Airman Emily Garry, Airman Corbin Garry and 2nd Lt.
Levi Eckert (Air Force). To add the names of your loved ones
or friends, please call the Parish Office at (217) 732-4019.



SPONSOR A SANCTUARY CANDLE!!

Each sanctuary candle (red glass candle on altar) lasts for approximately a week at a time. For \$5 per candle you can sponsor a sanctuary candle in memory of a loved one or friend or for a special intention. The memorial/intention announcement will be placed in the Sunday bulletin each week. If you would like to sponsor a candle or candle(s), please contact Alicia Baker at (217) 732-4019 or email her at abaker@logancountyCatholic.org

Offering Mass Intentions

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is our greatest prayer. Masses may be celebrated for the deceased and/or special intentions. If you are interested in having a Mass celebrated please call the parish office at (217) 732-4019.



Looking Ahead

The Holy Family Food Pantry, has in the past and, will continue to accept garden produce for its patrons. If you

wish to donate garden produce you may bring it to the pantry on any Wednesday. The food pantry is open from 10 am to 2 pm each Wednesday. Or you may bring your donations on a Tuesday. However, if you choose Tuesday, you must first call ahead at (217) 732-9592 to make arrangements to have someone meet you at the food pantry to accept your donations.

Our food pantry serves patrons in all of the Logan County area. Thank you to everyone who supports the Holy Family Food pantry in any way.

Please Pray for Our Parish Priests

Gracious and loving God,
we thank you for the gift of our priests.
Through them, we experience your presence
in the sacraments.
Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.
Set their souls on fire with love for your people.
Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and
strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.
Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.
Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.
Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.
Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.
Amen.

Looking for Good Reading Material?

Check out the display table behind the last row of pews in Holy Family Church. There is a great choice of Catholic reading materials including daily meditation & scripture booklets and a few magazines with excellent articles. These materials are free to you. However, if you wish to make a donation, envelopes are inserted in the display stands for this purpose.

CCS Culver's Day is held on the **third Wednesday of each month, with the next one taking place this Wednesday, May 17**, from 10:30 am-10 pm. Use the coupon below or mention Carroll School when making your purchase.



A Carroll Catholic School Culver's (2530 Woodlawn Road, Lincoln) Fundraiser will take place on the third Wednesday of each month from 10:30 am-10 pm. Ten percent of all sales go towards Carroll Catholic School. The classroom that raises the most monies, receives a classroom custard party from the team at Culver's of Lincoln. **BRING THIS COUPON!**

FAMILY NAME: _____

TEACHER: _____

GRADE: _____ **AMOUNT RECEIVED:** _____

Parish Office, 316 South Logan Street, Lincoln, IL 62656 - (217) 732-4019 ~ www.logancountyCatholic.org

Rev. Jeffrey G. Laible, Pastor ~ Rev. Geoffrey Horton, Parochial Vicar ~ Rev. Simon Taabu, In Residence

Sister Mary Lou Owens, Spiritual Life Coordinator ~ Kathy Buse, Religious Education Coordinator

Wendell Lowry, Business Manager ~ Pam Coogan, Bookkeeper

Alicia Baker & Mary Kay Lorenz, Secretaries ~ Ruth Freesmeier, Director of Music

Carroll Catholic School (217) 732-7518 - David Welch, Principal ~ Jennifer Craig, Secretary

Holy Cross & St. Mary Cemeteries (217) 737-5946 - Tom Larson, Sexton

We live in a world where individualism is in the ascendant, and concern for the thoughts, feelings, and needs of others is not always as strong as it should be. Because of some confusion today about etiquette in sacred places, we are pleased to present the “House Rules and Counsels” of Holy Family, St. Mary’s, St. Patrick’s and St. Thomas Aquinas families. In service to our common life together, we ask you to follow them. Regarding Holy Mass, please . . .

Stay home if you are running a fever, or have a sore throat, cough, etc., or if you are caring for a person with these symptoms as you too may be infected with the flu. Err on the side of caution. When ill, the obligation to attend Mass does not apply. If this is a lengthy illness, contact our Ministry to the Sick coordinator, Mary Kay Lohrenz (217) 732-4019 or email mklohrenz@logancountycatholic.org or contact our Parish Nurse, Carol Mills at (217) 735-2293.

Do not bring gum, food or drink into the vestibule, adoration chapel or the church. Catholics abstain from these as we prepare to receive the Bread of Life. If absolutely necessary, infants may have simple cereal (e.g. Cheerios), preferably in the vestibule. Sugary foods and drinks cause damage and invite insects. Kindly clean up after your children.

Dress appropriately. Holy Mass is the high point in the life of a Catholic, crowned by Sacramental Communion with Jesus Christ. Overly casual, worn/torn, or provocative clothing is unsuitable and can offend/tempt a brother or sister in Christ.

Respect the needs of all members. Infants should be given wide latitude but other parishioners (particularly our elders) also deserve sensitivity and regard. Constantly troubled or fussy children should be consoled in the vestibule.

Remain until the end of every Mass. Leaving Mass early is inappropriate, particularly after Communion and without a serious reason, and it sets a poor example for others, beginning with the young.

Stay in your seat. Bathroom or other breaks should be avoided during Mass, but especially after the “Holy, Holy.” The Eucharistic Prayer is the holy center of the Liturgy that deserves undivided attention and the fewest possible distractions.

Kindly, turn off **Cell Phones** upon entering church.

Before **Exiting Church** please place the hardback hymnals in the center of the pew and the soft back Music Issues and Missals in the plastic holders on the back of the pew.

Before Mass, please **Observe Silence** for the benefit of those who would like to pray quietly and without distraction as we prepare for the liturgy.

Keep crayons, markers and colored pens from your children during Mass. They damage pews and seats. If your children need stimulus during Mass, please allow them to read from a picture book or take them to the vestibule or school playground.

Notify us of Accidents, they do happen. Do not allow a mess or problem that should be addressed immediately to be “discovered” later. Notify one of the ushers or priests.

Refrain from chewing Gum on all four Church premises and at Carroll Catholic School. As we have all seen, some of it ends up on sidewalks, and under pews and desks. As Catholics we fast for an hour before Holy Communion and put aside any foodstuffs, including gum. Only water and medicine do not break the communion fast.

Encourage visitors who are with you, and are not Catholic, to come forward for a blessing and show this intention by crossing arms over the chest. We believe in the fundamental unity of the baptized but Holy Communion celebrates full “communion” in faith and life with Catholicism (this is why we do not ordinarily share Communion with non-Catholics).

Ask before posting signs, moving furnishings, redecorating the church, watering flowers in church, etc. We have volunteers already lined up for these things. If you would like to join the team that cares for our premises, please notify the Parish Office.

The school, inside and out, is under **Video Surveillance**. Moreover, our school is also alarmed. Please take note.

Incense is used at all funerals. Incense is part of Catholic worship. For those with asthma, the bulletin will state in advance if incense will be used during any other part of the Church year.

Actively **Participate** in the Liturgy. Respond to the prayers, join in song, and pray with devotion, especially after Holy Communion when you are united with the Savior.

Finally, remember to attend Mass when on **Vacation**. If you foresee the impossibility of fulfilling your Sunday obligation while traveling, speak with the pastor in advance.

This information
about etiquette at
Holy Family,
St. Mary’s,
St. Patrick’s &
St. Thomas
Aquinas is meant
to help us in our
life together.