

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR
Special Presentations by Father Joseph Cox, OSB

Tuesday, June 9

*St. Mary's Church, Atlanta
beginning at 7 pm*

Topic: Holiness

**Father Joseph
Cox, a
Benedictine
Priest, comes to
us from
St. Meinrad
Archabbey,
St. Meinrad,
Indiana**

ALL

Tuesday, June 16

*St. Patrick's Church, Elkhart
beginning at 7 pm*

*Topic: Presence of
God*

ARE

WELCOME!

Tuesday, June 23

*Knights of Columbus Hall, Lincoln
(small meeting room)
beginning at 7 pm*

Topic: Judging Others



MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, May 25-St. Bede the Venerable, St. Gregory VII & St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi

7:00 am Marguerite K. Dial by Her Loving Son (Holy Family)

Tuesday, May 26

5:00 pm Agnes Reichle by Lou Ann Mack (Holy Family)
[followed with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena]

Wednesday, May 27-St. Augustine of Canterbury

7:00 am Walter "Bill" Reichle by Lou Ann Mack (Holy Family)
8:00 am Santu Taabu by Janet & Jerry Langenbahn (St. Patrick's)

Thursday, May 28

7:00 am Katherine "Kathie" Gehrke by Bill & Jeri Dennis (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 (Holy Family)

Friday, May 29

7:00 am Paul Verderber by Family (Holy Family)

Saturday, May 30

4:00 pm All Souls (St. Patrick's)
5:00 pm James Lee by the Patrick Lee Family (Holy Family)

Sunday, May 31-The Most Holy Trinity

8:00 am Wendell J. Lowry, Jr. (Holy Family)
8:30 am Ray, Virginia & Charles Smith by Raymond Smith (St. Patrick's)
9:00 am Louis & Mary Margaret Fox by Mary Lou Wilkins (St. Mary's)
10:00 am In Thanksgiving [50th Wedding Anniversary of Anne Welch Carroll & Owen T. Carroll, Jr.] by Ann Welch Carroll & Owen T. Carroll, Jr. (Holy Family)
10:30 am June Taylor (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.

St. Mary's Ministry
Schedule for
Sunday, May 31

Reader-Laura O'Donnell

Servers-Zachary Craig,
Greyson VanWye

Greeters & Gift Bearers-
Phyllis & Larry Bieber

SCRIPTURE
READINGS
FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, May 25

Sirach 17:20-24 / Psalm 32:1-2,5-7 / Mark 10:17-27

Tuesday, May 26

Sirach 35:1-12 / Psalm 50:5-8,14,23 / Mark 10:28-31

Wednesday, May 27

Sirach 36:1,4-5,10-17 / Psalm 79:8-9,11,13 / Mark 10:32-45

Thursday, May 28

Sirach 42:15-25 / Psalm 33:2-9 / Mark 10:46-52

Friday, May 29

Sirach 44:1,9-13 / Psalm 149:1-6,9 / Mark 11:11-26

Saturday, May 30

Sirach 51:12-20 / Psalm 19:8-11 / Mark 11:27-33

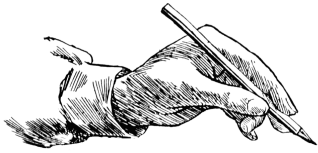
Sunday, May 31

Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40 / Psalm 33:4-6,9,18-20,22 / Romans 8:14-17 / Matthew 28:16-20

25th & 50TH
WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

If you are celebrating 25 or 50 years of marriage in 2015, notify the Parish Office by May 31. Each couple will receive a personal invitation this summer from the Bishop to attend a Mass on September 13 at 3:30 pm in your honor.

Holy Spirit The Spirit is coming! The Spirit is coming! "It's not new wine. We're drunk on God's presence" (cf. Acts 2:13). God is so overwhelming that we can only drop our jaws and marvel when we receive the Spirit. Christ Jesus "tuned down His Godness" (*kenosis*) so he could deal with us as equals (cf. Philippians 2:7). Today, the fiftieth part of Easter—Pentecost—all three persons of the Holy Trinity burst forth with love, rolling like fiery lava over creation and filling the faithful with the divine Spirit of life.



From the desk of . . . Father Laible

A few updates on happenings in our Logan County Parishes:

Mass at Vonderlieth Nursing Home in Mt. Pulaski is now scheduled for the second and third Thursdays of the month. Mass begins at 11 am and is open to those who would like to attend. After discussing the daily Mass schedule at a recent Parish/Finance Council meeting, it was agreed upon to offer two Masses per month at the nursing home and for the immediate future, not have a regularly scheduled Thursday morning Mass at St Thomas.

Other Nursing Home Masses include St. Clara's Manor, Lincoln, which is scheduled for the first Friday of the month at 1:30 pm. This Mass is also open to those who would like to attend. Additionally, there is monthly Mass at Friendship Manor, in Lincoln.

Welcome Father Joseph Cox, OSB: Father Joseph will be serving our Logan County Parishes during the month of June 2015. **Father John Pham** will be studying spirituality at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska during the month of June. We wish Father John a safe and educationally enriching month of study.

Father Simon will be making a visit to his home country of Tanzania, Africa, sometime this fall. No dates have been set for his return visit, and once his dates are secure, I will let you know when he will travel home.

Father Laible will return to Tantur Ecumenical Institute, Jerusalem, leaving in late June and returning in mid-July. Father Laible will be taking classes in Scripture, Church History, Inter-faith Religious Issues, etc., while also helping Tantur to develop a program for military chaplains.

The Combined Parish Council began meeting this past fall and will be meeting regularly to assist with the overall continued spiritual development of our Logan County Parishes. This newly formed group is an outgrowth of the Diocesan wide Growing in Faith study, which eventually "linked" our Logan County Parishes.

Thank you for your continued support and interest in our Logan County Parishes. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

UPCOMING GYM SALE

It's almost time for the Bi-Annual Gym Sale!!!

Drop off dates have been changed to: 8 am-12 Noon & 4-7 pm **this Tuesday, May 26, Wednesday, May 27 and Thursday, May 28.** *We will not be accepting heavy exercise equipment, clothing, electronics nor shoes.* We will accept things along the line of small appliances, books, toys, glassware, picture frames, bedding, furniture, plants, etc.

The Gym Sale will be held **this next Friday, May 29** from 8 am-7 pm and **Saturday, May 30** from 8 am-1 pm. Please call Inez at (217) 735-2151—volunteers are needed!!!!

COMBINED BULLETINS

The June 7 & 14 bulletins will be a combined bulletin. Therefore, your announcements for this combined bulletin must be submitted to the Parish Office by 2:30 pm on Monday, June 1.

Month of Mary and the Rosary!

Come join the residents at 10:15 am in the St. Clara's Manor Chapel to pray the Rosary. A gathering to pray the Rosary takes place on the second Monday of each month at St. Clara's Manor. On the first Monday of each month the Rosary is prayed at St. Mary's Church at 9 am. Also, every Thursday at 12 Noon the Rosary is recited at Holy Family Church.

VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH BIBLE SCHOOL

Volunteers (Grades 6, 7, 8 & up including adults) are needed to help with Vacation Bible School. Note for Confirmation students—this will be a great way to get some of your volunteer hours in. A meeting for VBS volunteers will take place **this Wednesday, May 27**, at 7 pm in the Casa.

ADA (Annual Diocesan Appeal)

Our 2015 ADA Goals:

Holy Family	\$ 52,354
St. Mary's	\$ 8,490
St. Patrick's	\$ 13,312
St. Thomas	\$ 12,013
Aquinas	

Thanks to the generosity of our four parish families, we are on our way towards our goals. 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 each entrance of our four churches. Your gift helps to support the central ministries of our diocese including religious education of our young people, faith formation of adults, training of our future priests, Newman Centers on our college campuses and much more. Together we accomplish many works of faith, hope and charity. To those who have contributed, we are most grateful.

ACT Fundraiser

Please support the Active Catholic Teens fundraiser for the Steubenville Youth Conference. Parishioners can find a poster board at the back of each church with envelopes for donations. Each envelope will have a dollar amount on it. Parishioners may choose the envelope with the amount they would like to donate. Put the donation in the envelope and drop it in the collection basket. The Steubenville Youth Conference will take place in Springfield, MO, July 10th through 12th. This is a fantastic conference for teens! Donations for the conference can be made through May 31. ACT appreciates your support!

PRAY FOR MORE
VOCATIONS TO
THE
PRIESTHOOD
AND
RELIGIOUS LIFE

Vacation Bible School

June 22-26, 2015 8:30-11:30 am

Knights of Columbus
217 Limit Street, Lincoln

Registration Information

Deadline: **June 1, 2015**

(Guarantees a t-shirt)

No charge to attend

Free music CD (1 per family)

Participant's ages: 4 years to 5th Grade

Volunteer's ages: 6th Grade to Adult

(2015-2016 school year)

Register

<http://www.logancountycatholic.org/>

Click the VBS logo in the lower right-hand corner.

Questions-contact Kathy Buse at
(217) 732-4019 or (217) 871-7661.



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

Scott Berroth (brother of Alice Jodlowski)

The Sanctuary Candle on the Altar at . . .

Holy Family Church is lit this week

In Memory of Brock Endres

requested by Mom & Greg.

St. Mary's Church is lit this week

In Memory of Bonnie Kwilas

requested by Samuel (Jr.) & Beverly Lane.

. . . sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, praise his name;

The choir year will be ending in just one more Sunday. At this time I would like to thank the Adult Choir members who so graciously give of their time each week, holidays and Holy Days. Over the last few years we have "lost" some choir members (college bound, moving, or just moving on to another ministry). It is not without a lot of dedication on the part of a dozen parishioners that this parish has sustained the music.

WE COULD USE SOME HELP! We would love to expand the choir by 10 members for the next church choir year (September through May) so that the members we have do not burn out. It would be a sad day to see the music disappear ... become just another statistic of a parish that does not have music. Are you willing to let this happen? If not, it is time to take a soul searching hard look at what YOU can do to help.

Invite your friends, family, and yourself to experience the liturgy from another perspective. Choir begins in September and runs through the end of May. Mark your calendar, make that call and start singing in the shower!

Ruth Freesmeier, Director of Music
(217) 732-4019 Rectory

May 16/17, 2015 Sunday/Ascension Offering

July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015	WEEKLY			YEAR TO DATE			
	Parish	Required	Received	Surplus/(Shortfall)	Required	Received	On-Line Giv-
Holy Family	\$7,512.00	\$6,116.27	(\$1,395.73)	\$345,552.00	\$282,215.10	\$23,898.00	(\$39,438.90)
St. Mary's	\$965.00	\$720.00	(\$245.00)	\$44,390.00	\$38,270.62	\$3,000.00	(\$3,119.38)
St. Patrick's	\$1,181.00	\$920.07	(\$260.93)	\$54,326.00	\$48,568.35	\$2,070.00	(\$3,687.65)
St. Thomas Aquinas	\$1,008.00	\$769.00	(\$239.00)	\$46,368.00	\$36,340.66	\$1,375.00	(\$8,652.34)

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

Let's Make it a Habit!

Every weekend, if each person would grab one canned/nonperishable food item before going out the door to Mass on Saturday evenings or Sunday mornings, and bring it to Mass, it would be a great help to the Holy Family 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. Your past support has been greatly appreciated.

MAY & JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 24

Food Pantry Sunday

Tuesday, May 26

8 am-12 Noon & 4-7 pm Gym Sale donations drop off @ CCS Gym

Wednesday, May 27

8 am-12 Noon & 4-7 pm Gym Sale donations drop off @ CCS Gym

7 pm Vacation Bible School Volunteer Meeting @ the Casa

Thursday, May 28

8 am-12 Noon & 4-7 pm Gym Sale donations drop off @ CCS Gym

Friday, May 29

8 am-7 pm Annual Bi-Annual Gym Sale in Carroll School gym

Saturday, May 30

8 am-1 pm Annual Bi-Annual Gym Sale in Carroll School gym

Tuesday, June 9

7 pm Father Joseph Cox will present Holiness @ St. Mary's Church, Atlanta

Monday, June 15

ACT (Active Catholic Teens) Park & Pool Party in the afternoon

Tuesday, June 16

7 pm Father Joseph Cox will present Presence of God @ St. Patrick's Church, Elkhart

Monday, June 22-Friday, June 26

8:30-11:30 am Vacation Bible School @ the Knights of Columbus Hall, Lincoln

Tuesday, June 23

7 pm Father Joseph Cox will present Judging Others @ the Knights of Columbus Hall (small meeting room), Lincoln

PRAY THE ROSARY!

Logan County Roman Catholic Community Prayer Chain

To sign up, go to our website www.logancountycatholic.org and click on Prayer Requests, then click on Prayer Chain Subscription link at the bottom of the page. This prayer chain enables members to go online and view all of the prayers that have occurred in the past 30 days. Members can also post a "Praise" for an answer to prayer and view all praises. All who sign up will receive a weekly email with all the prayer requests for that week.

Park & Pool Party

ACT (Active Catholic Teens) will have a Park & Pool Party in the afternoon on **Monday, June 15**. Interested teens and their families contact Kristen Lanning at (217) 314-9655 or LoganCountyACT@logancountycatholic.org. Attendees must be on the invitation list to be admitted to the park.

ST. MARY'S, ATLANTA

~**Garage Sale Items Needed:** St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society will be participating in the Route 66 Garage Sales on June 12 & 13. The society will accept items after Memorial Day.

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

ST. PATRICK'S, ELKHART

~**Coffee & Donuts** will be held **next Sunday, May 31**, after the 8:30 am Mass.

~**Cleaning Schedule:** May 31 Raymond & Rob Smith / June 7 Karen Bender and Phil & Linda Koeberlein. Please clean the week before you are assigned.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, MT. PULASKI

~**Coffee & Donuts** will resume in September.

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