



RCIA

Do you want to learn more about the

Catholic Faith?

Thinking about becoming Catholic?

**Need to make your First Communion and/or
receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?**

Life is a journey that continually searches for meaning. The human heart hungers for relationships that nurture one's maturity and ability to love and be loved. Often as one seeks to fulfill these very human yearnings, the realization that something is missing from life is made. As one reflects upon this void, it is not unusual to discover that this something is God. This awakening may lead to a turning point in one's life to commit to a relationship with God and seek out a worshipping community to guide one's journey in faith. Many will ask the question: How can I become Catholic?

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is the normal way for unbaptized persons and those who have been baptized in another Christian tradition to become Catholic. It is a learning and loving process that provides the opportunity to grow in a deeper relationship with God in the company of the whole community of faith.

Sessions begin Tuesday, September 6, at 7 pm in the Casa (Lincoln).

**For more information please contact Sister Mary Lou at srmarylou@logancountycatholic.org
or call (217) 732-4019.**



MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, August 29-The Passion of St. John the Baptist

7:00 am John Fleshman by Mike Lach (Holy Family)

Tuesday, August 30

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

Wednesday, August 31

7:00 am Laverne & Bernice Berg by Family (Holy Family)
 8:00 am Communion Service (St. Patrick's)
 8:30 am Mary Thean by Ben & Carol Grunder (Holy Family)

Thursday, September 1

7:00 am William "Ronnie" Gober by Paul & Dixie Ross (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, September 2

7:00 am Patrick O'Donoghue by His Wife, Judy O'Donoghue (Holy Family)
 1:30 pm Deceased Members of the George G. Dehner Family by the Estate (St. Clara's Manor)

Saturday, September 3-St. Gregory the Great

4:00 pm All Souls (St. Patrick's)
 5:00 pm Earl Emmons by Guy & Sue Williamson (Holy Family)

Sunday, September 4-Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Polly Prange by Gary & Cindy Minder (Holy Family)
 8:30 am Special Intention [Ray & Virginia Smith Family] by Raymond Smith (St. Patrick's)
 9:00 am Harold Westerfield by Virginia Smith (St. Mary's)
 10:00 am George Mitchell by Ken & Mary Tappendorf (Holy Family)
 10:30 am Roman & Eileen Lach by Mike Lach (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.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle C

In the Gospel today, Jesus warns us not to give in to hopes of repayment, but to give open-handedly to the poor and needy. That sort of giving mirrors the bountiful giving of God, and Jesus assures us it is blessed indeed!

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, August 29

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 / Psalm 119:97-102 / Mark 6:17-29

Tuesday, August 30

1 Corinthians 2:10-16 /
 Psalm 145:8-14 /
 Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday, August 31

1 Corinthians 3:1-9 / Psalm 33:12-15,20-21 /
 Luke 4:38-44

Thursday, September 1

1 Corinthians 3:18-23 /
 Psalm 24:1-6 / Luke 5:1-11

Friday, September 2

1 Corinthians 4:1-5 /
 Psalm 37:3-6,27-28,39-40 /
 Luke 5:33-39

Saturday, September 3

1 Corinthians 4:6-15 / Psalm 145:17-21 / Luke 6:1-5

Sunday, September 4

Wisdom 9:13-18 / Psalm 90:3-6,12-17 / Philemon 9-10,12-17 / Luke 14:25-33

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Each week on Tuesday evening, RCIA Classes are held for those who desire to know about the Catholic faith. Our sessions are divided so that there is a "break" during the sessions, with light refreshments available.



Volunteers are needed to prepare snacks for each session. Snacks may be simple treats of any kind . . . cookies, fresh fruit, crackers/cheese, etc. If you are able and willing to prepare the snacks periodically during this year, please call Crystal Tibbs at (217) 735-2035. The treats are to be brought to the Casa on Monday or Tuesday. Thank you for your consideration.

ST. MARY'S, ATLANTA

~Ministry Schedule for Sunday, September 4:

Reader-Laura O'Donnell; Servers-Alexis Finchum & Zachary Wisniewski; Greeters & Gift Bearers-Hilde Kampf & Pauline Owens

~**Altar & Rosary Society** will meet on **Tuesday, September 13** at 6 pm in St. Mary's Church.

~**Cleaning/Coffee & Donuts Committee** for September is Kathy Nicholas, Laura O'Donnell & Jessica Nicholas.

ST. PATRICK'S, ELKHART

~**CCD Registration Forms** are now available for the students of St. Patrick's. They are located on the table in the Entrance Way. One Registration Form per family is needed and one Medical Form per student is needed.

~**Coffee & Donuts** will be held **this Sunday, August 28**, after the 8:30 am Mass. Come join everyone for fun and fellowship.

~**Cleaning Schedule:** September 4 Raymond Smith & Rob Smith / September 11 Karen Bender and Phil & Linda Koeberlein. Please clean the week before you are assigned.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, MT. PULASKI

~**Coffee & Donuts** will begin again **next Sunday, September 4**. Come and join in the fellowship.

PARISH COOKBOOK

St. Thomas Aquinas parishioners are in the process of putting together a St. Thomas Aquinas Cookbook. Families from all our cluster parishes are invited to participate by submitting as many of their favorite recipes as possible. When submitting recipes, please put name of the person submitting, phone number (in case we need to make contact), as well as "Parishioner of ____". A recipe can also be submitted as "In Memory of ____, Parishioner of ____." Recipes can be emailed to Amanda at ajdoherty1980@gmail.com or placed in the Sunday collection basket, marked as a recipe for the cookbook. We hope to have the cookbooks organized by Mt. Pulaski's "Christmas On Vinegar Hill" weekend. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer at 871-5302 or Jeanie at 792-5966. UPDATE: We are still in need of recipes, especially main dishes and side dishes. Please consider submitting recipes to help support the fundraiser.

Deadline date for submitting recipes is September 26, 2016.

2016-2017 CCD Registration

Holy Family/St. Mary's Classes

Our Director of Religious Education, Kathy Buse, will be available, at the Casa, after the **Saturday, August 27 and Sunday, August 28th** Holy Family Masses **this weekend** to register families for the upcoming CCD year. Note: There will still be registration on **Wednesday, August 31** as planned.



YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE

Understand the ENTIRE BIBLE!



If you want a better understanding of our faith, and a deeper relationship with God, then you are invited to join us for the **Bible Timeline Study**, beginning **Wednesday, September 21st** at 7 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall. By being a part of this study, you will not only benefit personally, but you will also help to bring about a profound renewal in our parishes as we all grow closer to Christ.

The Bible Timeline is a Catholic Bible study that can help anyone to make sense of the Bible and experience the life-changing power of God's Word. The study takes you on a journey through the entire Bible and brings you deep into each period of salvation history, so that you can discover the amazing story woven throughout all of salvation history, and so you can discover the amazing story woven throughout all of Scripture. **The Bible Timeline** has helped hundreds of thousands of people to have a better understanding of the Bible and a deeper relationship with Christ, and it will help you, too!!!

The study will include a series of twenty-four videos presented by Jeff Cavins, and facilitated by three parishioners, Eric Burton, Keith Knutilla and Dan Landess, with group discussion. Everyone who participates will receive a **Bible Timeline Study Kit** as well as a color-coded **Bible Timeline Chart**.

More exciting and important information to follow in future bulletins.

CENSUS PROJECT

Have you returned your parish census form? **If not, please do so as soon as possible. Need a form or know of someone who does?** Please check the main entrance of your parish church. If no forms are available there, call the Parish Office (217) 732-4019 and a form will be mailed out.

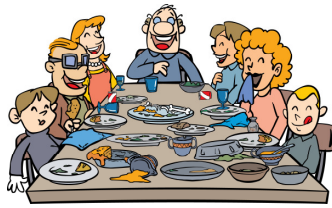
- **Stuck on dates?** If your sacrament(s) took place in one of our parishes, just state this on your sheet with approximate month and year and your actual dates will be found in the sacramental registers here in the office and marked on your sheet. If your sacraments took place elsewhere and you are unsure of the actual date(s), just give an approximate month and year and that will suffice.
- **Held up by the volunteer form?** Go ahead and return your census now and your Volunteer Form later.
- **Know of someone who has not returned a Census Form because they are now attending another Church?** Please encourage them to mark this on their Census Form and return it to the office, otherwise they will continue to be on the Church list, mailing list, etc.

FAMILY LUNCHEON

Parishioners, and families from all four parishes are invited to come to the first Family Luncheon for this school year to be held on **Thursday, September 8**, in the Carroll Catholic School cafeteria.

Lunch will begin at 11:45 am.

No fee required, but donations will be accepted.



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!!!

All are invited to come and join the Adult Choir. Our first rehearsal for this season will take place after the 8 am Mass in the Holy Family Church Choir Loft on **Sunday, September 11**.

Won't you come share your gift of and interest in singing?

SAVE THE DATES!

Sunday, October 23 a **Capital Campaign Spaghetti Dinner** will be held from 11 am-2:30 pm. Proceeds will go towards the restoration of the Holy Family Church bell, which is currently in storage. More info to follow in future bulletins.

Saturday, November 12 a **Leadership Encounter** will be held at Carroll Catholic School. Registration fee is \$30, which includes food for the day and a workbook. Fee is due by October 22; late fee is \$35, and must be received by October 29. The encounter will begin at 9 am, end at 4:30 pm, and will be followed by the 5 pm Mass. Watch future bulletins for more information!

PIANO FOR SALE

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Excellent Condition

Call (Parish Office)
732-4019
or Ruth Freesmeier
(217-314-0770)
for details.



The August 20/21 Weekly Offering Versus Budget Requirement Chart will be published in the September 4th Bulletin.

OTHER NOTABLE EVENTS

Adult Enrichment Conference "Harvesting the Fruits of Discipleship"

This conference is for all elementary & secondary school principals & teachers, pastors & pastoral administrators, directors & coordinators of religious education, catechists, directors of RCIA, liturgists & liturgical musicians and all other adults desiring personal faith growth to be held on **Friday & Saturday, November 4/5** at the Decatur Conference Center & Hotel, Decatur, Illinois. Keynote speaker will be Greg Willits (author & host of "The Catholics Next Door"). Cost is \$50 for both days and \$40 for one day. Contact the Office for Catechesis at (217) 698-8500, Ext. 178 or cmalmevik@dio.org or visit dio.org/catechesis/daec for up-to-date information. This conference is sponsored by the Office for Catechesis and the Diocese of Springfield, Illinois.

RESPECT LIFE

October 2016 Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

In A Family, Everyone Hurts -- All too often today, particularly with the shortsighted emphasis on women's reproductive rights, the **relational** context of abortion is minimized or ignored. Just as every member of a family suffers when a child dies of disease or in an accident, all relationships within a family are affected when a child is murdered by abortion, according to child and family psychiatrist, Dr. Phillip G. Ney. "There is nothing more damaging to a family than the abortion of one of its children", he says. To avoid passing this damage on to future generations, families need to acknowledge their wounds and seek help. Acknowledging abortion loss can provide an avenue for deep emotional and spiritual healing that can serve as the framework to build on and address other important issues that will strengthen families. Encouraging family healing benefits both society and the Church.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats offers a unique sensory based treatment which integrates emotional, spiritual, and psychological dimensions. This unique program provides "therapy for the soul," a safe and gentle journey to open unspeakable wounds to the grace of God. The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat in the Diocese of Peoria will be held **October 28-30, 2016**. For more information or to register, call (309) 264-1489 or email rvrpeoria@gmail.com. All communications are confidential.

**Bulletin
announcements are due
by 2:30 pm each
Monday.**



OFFICE HOURS

Parish Office hours are from 8 am to 4 pm Mondays thru Thursdays. **THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON FRIDAYS.**

"Feed the Hungry . . ."

The Holy Family Food Pantry is asking that you bring with you to Mass, each Sunday, a food staple (fruit, macaroni & cheese, vegetable, soup, cereal, etc.) to help replenish the pantry shelves. 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. Thank you for all your past support.



GARDEN PRODUCE

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.

Prayer Chain

The way to request prayers is to send an email to lcc4-prayer-chain@googlegroups.com. Your Prayer Request will then be sent to all members of our Prayer Chain. If you would like to subscribe to the prayer chain, follow the "Join Prayer Chain" link located on the Logan County Catholic website. When your web browser opens you will see two options. Click on "Subscribe to this group" option. The next step will be to 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 call or email the Parish Office.

Remember the following in your prayers:

Rose Rupnik, Anne Lowry, Anna Beckers, Les Jarnagin, Steve Coogan, Tom Romer, Mike Lowry, Paul Lowry, Marilyn Talmage, Gay (Ruble) Conder, Matthew Lowry, Richard Gleason, Elijah Cox, Harriett Richardson, Guinevere Decker, Laura Saladino, Joan Lewis, Boone O'Donoghue, Ruth Young, David Olson, Dwayne Dingman, Jeff Mileham, Rodney Alberts, Jill Alberts, Dorothy Hummel, Betty Hickey, Jan Loeffelholz, Linda Wright, Ben Velasco and all the members of the armed forces of our country. If you would like to add a name to the list, call the office at (217) 732-4019 or email mklohrenz@logancountycatholic.org

PLEASE
PRAY
FOR
THE
SICK



The Sanctuary Candle on the Altar at . . .

Holy Family Church is lit this week
for a Special Intention.

ATTENTION YOUTH!

The Logan County Joint Parish Council is looking for a new member....you! This position requires a young person of at least 14 years old who is interested in sharing ideas for our Logan County Parish community from his or her unique perspective. Please consider offering your ideas/voice during this important time for all four of our Logan County Catholic Parishes. We encourage you to contact Father Laible at the Parish Office (732-4019), if you are interested.

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

Cecil Ray Hummel

2016 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Below is the response from each parish as of 7/8/2016:

	Pledged Amount	Amount Paid	Goal
<u>Holy Family</u>	\$30,544.00	\$25,245.00	\$50,767.00
<u>St. Mary's</u>	\$ 8,415.00	\$ 7,765.00	\$ 9,764.00
<u>St. Patrick's</u>	\$18,613.75	\$14,820.00	\$13,823.00
<u>St. Thomas Aquinas</u>	\$11,436.08	\$ 7,196.08	\$12,337.00

Thank you to those generous parish families who have pledged. Each gift is important to the mission of the diocese. Together with your support we can accomplish many works of faith, hope and charity. Every dollar raised over the goal of each parish, will be kept in that parish.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

The Knights of Columbus Council 1250 will be holding their annual Tootsie Roll Drive on **September 16th and 17th**. We are looking for volunteers to help collect donations and hand out tootsie rolls on the square near the Post Office and IGA from **12 Noon-6 pm September 16th** and **8 am-2 pm on September 17th**. Please call Ryan Coughlin at (217) 750-2240 or the Knights of Columbus Hall at (217) 732-2548 to sign up for a two hour time block. You can also sign up at the K of C Hall located at 217 Limit Street.

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.



JOURNEY TO EMMAUS

*A DAY OF FORMATION & RETREAT FOR THOSE
INVOLVED IN YOUTH MINISTRY*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST 2016

SPALDING PASTORAL CENTER

419 NE MADISON AVE, PEORIA, IL, 61603

9:00-4:00PM

Please join us for our 2nd annual day of formation for those involved in youth ministry in the Catholic Diocese of Peoria. Our guest speaker will give talks on best practices in Youth Ministry and an introduction to our a new YM curriculum available Diocesan wide called "Journey to Emmaus" There will also be several free youth ministry giveaways, continental breakfast and lunch for those who attend. The day will be hemmed in prayer including morning Mass, praying with Scripture, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

**THERE IS NO COST TO ATTEND.
ONLINE REGISTRATION REQUIRED
BY SEPTEMBER 28TH 2016:**

<http://cdop.org/journey-to-emmaus/>



With Special Guest Speaker:

KEVIN BOHLI

Director of Youth Ministry for the
Catholic Diocese of Arlington



Sponsored by the Diocesan Office of Evangelization and Faith Formation. Questions? Please call Shirley Plaag 309-671-1550

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we serve.*

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