

from the Moment of Conception to the Moment of Natural Death

October 2-Respect Life Sunday / October-Respect Life Month





In the picture at top left, this little boy is eight weeks & two days old. He already has a heart beat of 178. In the picture above right, he is 12 weeks & five days old. This infant boy will become a Holy Family Parish member shortly after his birth at the beginning of the 2017 new year.



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LIFE

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January 22, 2016 was the 43rd anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized elective abortion in the United States. This must stop! PRAY, PRAY!!!

LOVE & UNDERSTANDING



MERCY

SEE THE FACE OF JESUS IN ALL PEOPLE



PASSION



CARING

TREAT EVERYONE WITH DIGNITY

> SHARE OUR GIFTS WITH OTHERS

WE ARE ALL SISTERS AND BROTHERS

HOLY FAMILY ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH, LINCOLN, ILLINOIS ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH, ATLANTA, ILLINOIS ST. PATRICK'S ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH, ELKHART, ILLINOIS ST. THOMAS AQUINAS ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH, MT. PULASKI, ILLINOIS

| | INCREASE OUR INCREASE OUR FAITH! | 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle C When will I have given enough—of my income, of my time, of my talents? Today's Gospel suggests that |
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| | | only <i>total</i> stewardship will do: "When you have done |
| | MASSES FOR THIS WEEK | all you have been |
| Monday, Oct 7:00 am 9:00 am Tuesday, Oc 5:00 pm | Laverne & Bernice Berg by Family (<u>Holy Family</u>) Recitation of the Rosary (<u>St. Mary's</u>) t ober 4-St. Francis of Assisi Richard Huston by Lillian Hoerdemann-Twiss (<u>Holy Family</u>) | commanded to do, say 'We are useless servants. We have done no more than ou duty.''' See Luke 17: |
| | [followed with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena] | SCRIPTURE |
| Wednesday, 7:00 am 8:00 am 8:30 am | October 5-Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos George Mitchell (<u>Holy Family</u>) All Souls (<u>St. Patrick's</u>) Steven French by Pat (<u>Holy Family</u>) | READINGS FOR THIS WEEK Monday, October 3 Galatians 1:6-12 / Psalm |
| | ctober 6-St. Bruno & Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher Kay Brown by Joe & Sudie Mintjal (<u>Holy Family</u>) Recitation of the Rosary (<u>Holy Family</u>) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament [with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament] (<u>Holy Family</u>) | 111:1-2,7-10 / Luke 10:25-3 Tuesday, October 4 Galatians 1:13-24 / Psalm 139:1-3,13-15 / Luke 10:38-38-42 |
| 5:30 pm | Divine Mercy Chaplet Meditation (Holy Family) | Wednesday, October 5 Galatians 2:1-2,7-14 / Psalr |
| Friday, Octo 7:00 am 1:30 pm | ber 7-Our Lady of the Rosary Roman & Eileen Lach by Mike Lach (<u>Holy Family</u>) Connie McCullough by LaDonna Mahler (<u>St. Clara's Manor</u>) | 117:1-2 / Luke 11:1-4 Thursday, October 6 Galatians 3:1-5 / Luke 1:69 |
| Saturday, Oo 2:30 pm 4:00 pm | ctober 8 Wedding of Matthew D. Curry and Sarah D. Edwards (<u>Holy Family</u>) Joe Gleason, Sr. [In Memory of His Death Date 10/10/2006] by His Family (St. Patrick's) | 75 / Luke 11:5-13 Friday, October 7 Galatians 3:7-14 / Psalm 111:1-6 / Luke 11:15-26 Saturday, October 8 |
| 5:00 pm | Clarence & Dorothy Strycharske by the Struebing Family (Holy Family) | Galatians 3:22-29 / Psalm |
| Sunday, Oct 8:00 am 8:30 am 9:00 am 10:00 am | ober 9-Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Polly Prange by Paul & Dixie Ross (<u>Holy Family</u>) Betty Jeanne Hickey by Barbara Stroud-Roth (<u>St. Patrick's</u>) Michael A. Wilkins by Mary Lou Wilkins (<u>St. Mary's</u>) Leona Ostendorf by Crystal Tibbs (<u>Holy Family</u>) | 105:2-7 / Luke 11:27-28 Sunday, October 9 2 Kings 5:14-17 / Psalm 98: -4 / 2 Timothy 2:8-23 / Luke 17:11-19 |
| 10:30 am | Ray Hummel by Family (<u>St. Thomas Aquinas</u>) nciliation at <u>Holy Family Church</u> , Lincoln, is held each Tuesday from 4:30- | PRAY THE ROSARY |
| | 4:55 pm and each Saturday from 3:45-4:30 pm. nciliation at <u>St. Mary's Church</u> , Atlanta, is held prior to the 9 am Sunday | VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! |
| | Mass. nciliation at <u>St. Patrick's Church</u> , Elkhart, is held each Saturday from 3:15- 3:45 pm. nciliation at <u>St. Thomas Aquinas Church,</u> Mt. Pulaski, is held prior to the | RCIA Classes are held each Tuesday evening with a "breal of light refreshments available |
| Reco | 10:30 am Sunday Mass. | Volunteers are |
| | availability of clergy, this schedule is subject to change. Please check the ar on the website for any changes or additions. | needed to prepare these snacks. Snacks |

Monday or Tuesday.



ST. MARY'S, ATLANTA

~Ministry Schedule for Sunday, October 9: <u>Reader</u>-Paul Eckert; <u>Servers</u>-Alexis Finchum & William Wisniewski; <u>Greeters & Gift Bearers</u> -Sam Smith & Mary Lou Wilkins.

~Cleaning/Coffee & Donuts Committee for October is Cathy Cisco & Bev Spaulding.

ST. PATRICK'S, ELKHART

~CCD Registration Forms: If you have not yet registered your student for CCD Classes, please do so as soon as possible. Forms are located on the table in the Entrance Way. One Registration Form per family is needed and one Medical Form per student is needed.

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

~Cleaning Schedule: <u>October 9</u> Lois Olson & Ann Olson / <u>October 16</u> Mike & Deb Schmidt. Please clean the week before you are assigned.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, MT. PULASKI

~Coffee & Donuts will be held this Sunday, October 2. Come and join in the fellowship.

CENSUS PROJECT

If you have not yet returned your parish census form, please do so as soon as possible. If you need a census form, please check the main entrance of your parish church. If no forms are available at your Church, or if you have any questions, please call the Parish Office (217) 732-4019.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)



Sessions take place each Tuesday, at 7 pm in the Casa (Lincoln). For more information please contact Sister Mary Lou at srmarylou@logancountycatholic.org or call (217) 732-4019. All are welcome.

ACT

(Active Catholic Teens) Sudden Impact Paintball Games is the next ACT activity scheduled for this Sunday, October 2, from 11:45 am-4 pm. Families and friends are invited, but you must be 12 years or older to play and all minors must have a parent



sign their medical information forms, ACT registration/guest registration forms and Sudden Impact Waivers. Forms can be found on our website www.logancountycatholic.org, then go to "Religious Ed" then go to "ACT". Cost is \$35 per person—more paintballs may be purchased separately.

Come Pray the Rosary!

Come join parishioners at 9 am **this Monday**, **October 3**, at St. Mary's Church, Atlanta, to pray the Rosary. A gathering to pray the Rosary takes place on the first Monday of each month.

ATTENTION FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS!



We are starting a new food distribution program this Wednesday, October 5. We would like to have everyone come to one

training session. Two sessions will be held; one **this Monday, October 3** and the other **this Tuesday, October 4**, both at 7 pm. Hope to see you at one of these sessions.

Understand the ENTIRE BIBLE!

YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE

If you want a better understanding of our faith, and a deeper relationship with God, then you should join us for *The Bible Timeline* Study, that takes place each Wednesday at 7:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

The entire study includes a series of twenty-four videos presented by Jeff Cavins, preceded by a lively group discussion that will be facilitated by three parishioners, Eric Burton, Keith Knutilla and Dan Landess. Everyone who participates will receive a color-coded *Bible Timeline* Chart as well as a *The Bible Timeline* Study Kit. The cost is \$25.00. Contact the Parish Office for a registration form.

A special feature of the study is online access to watch the videos at your convenience should you be unable to attend a session or just want to review the material again. Remaining session schedule is:

October 5 (this week) Early World—Part 1 Genesis 1-11 October 12 Early World—Part 2 Genesis 1-11 October 19 Patriarchs—Part 1 Genesis 12-50 October 26 Patriarchs—Part 2 Genesis 12-50 November 9 Egypt and Exodus—Part 1 Exodus November 16 Egypt and Exodus—Part 2 Exodus November 30 Desert Wanderings—Numbers December 7 Conquest and Judges—Part 1 Joshua;

- Judges
- December 14 Conquest and Judges—Part 2 Joshua; Judges
- January 4 Royal Kingdom—Part 1 1 Samuel; 2 Samuel; 1 Kings 1-11

WATCH planning is beginning for the March 24-26, 2017 WATCH. The planning meeting will be this **Thursday, October 6**, at 7 pm in the Casa. If you would like to help plan, or are interested in being on



the team, please join in the fun this Thursday. If you have an interest in helping but are unable to attend, please call or text Mary Jane Sheley at (217) 737-5230 or Laurie Lahr at (217) 737-8381. Thanks!



The Carroll Catholic School Choir will sing at the 10 am Holy Family Mass next Sunday, October 9.

FAMILY LUNCHEON

Parishioners and families from all four parishes are invited to come to the Family Luncheon on **Thursday**, **October 13**, in the Carroll Catholic School cafeteria. Lunch will begin at 11:45 am. No fee required, but donations will be accepted.



WATCH (We Are The CHurch)

On August 31st, the 2015/2016 WATCH Raffle year finished. In that year, ten winners were from our Logan County community, two of which won twice, and possibly the fourth time, the grand prize winner was a person from our community as well. Tickets are now available for the 2016/2017 WATCH Raffle. Tickets will be available outside the entrance to Holy Family, Lincoln; St. Thomas Aquinas, Mt. Pulaski; St. Patrick's, Elkhart; and, St. Mary's, Atlanta in the near future. times will be listed in future bulletins. For more info or ticket(s) [\$10 donation, as in the past], call Mary Jane Sheley (217) 737-5230 or Bob Barger (217) 732-2495. The first bi-monthly drawing will take place on **October 15**.



GERMAN FEST TO BE HELD!!

Set your appetites for another German Fest from the St. Thomas Aquinas parishioners on **Saturday**, **October 15th** with a \$9 adult menu of Grilled Brats with

Sauerkraut, Hot German Potato Salad, Red Cabbage, Spaetzle, German Dessert, Tea/Coffee/Lemonade & a menu of Hotdog, Chips, Applesauce, German Dessert, Tea/ Lemonade for \$5 for children 13 –4 years of age with children 3 & under eating free. Tickets are available from any St. Thomas Aquinas Parish member or at the door. Carry outs available and a 50/50 Drawing will be featured!



ATTENTION: Lectors/Readers From All Four Parishes

2017 Lector Workbooks will be ordered **Thursday, October** 20. <u>Any lector who wishes to purchase one must order</u> <u>before the deadline date!!!</u> The cost of each workbook is \$10.50 (needed at the time of placing your order). Please contact Alicia Baker if you wish to place an order.

TOGETHER FOR HOLY FAMILY



Mark the date ... Saturday, October 22 from 8 am-4 pm volunteers are needed to give of their time and talents to help with parish needs. Consider giving what time you can to help. More details to follow.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

(October 7) The following is a true story revealing the power of the Rosary.

Father Eusebius Nierembergh relates, that there lived in the city of Aragona, Sicily, a girl named Alexandra. Being both noble and very beautiful, Alexandra was greatly loved by two young men.

Driven by jealousy, these young men fought one day and killed each other. Their enraged relatives, in return,

killed the poor young girl as the cause of so much trouble. They cut off her head and threw her remains into a well.

A few days later, Saint Dominic of Guzman was passing through that place and inspired by Our Lord, approached the well and said: "Alexandra, come forth." Immediately the head of the deceased came forth, perched on the edge of the well, and asked the saint to hear her confession.

Perhaps accustomed to bizarre phenomena, Saint Dominic heard its confession and also gave it communion, in the presence of a great concourse of curious persons who had assembled to witness the miracle.

Then the saint asked her to tell why she had received such a grace. Alexandra answered that when she was beheaded, she was in a state of mortal sin and would have been damned to hell. But on account of the rosary which she was in the habit of reciting, Most Holy Mary appeared and preserved her soul from unending torments.

So it happened that for two days the head of Alexandra retained life and when summoned was set upon the edge of the well, in the presence of all, and then the soul went to purgatory.

Fifteen days later, Alexandra's soul appeared to Saint Dominic, beautiful and radiant as a star. She then told him that one of the principal sources of relief to the souls in purgatory is the rosary which is recited for them; and that, as soon as they arrive in paradise, they pray for those who apply to them these powerful prayers.

Having said this, Saint Dominic saw that happy soul ascending in triumph to the kingdom of the blessed.



RESTORATION OF THE HOLY FAMILY CHURCH BELL FUNDRAISER!



On Sunday, October 23, from 11 am-

2:30 pm, a Spaghetti Dinner will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Proceeds will go towards the restoration of the Holy Family Church bell, which is currently in storage. Tickets are \$7. Dine in or pick up. Also featured will be a bake sale, silent auction and 50/50 raffle. Dinner tickets are available at Carroll Catholic School office.

ALL SAINTS PARTY!



An All Saints Party (for children of all ages, including toddlers, from all four of our Logan County Roman Catholic Community) will take place on **Wednesday, October 26,** from 6-7:30 pm at Carroll Catholic School.

We are also looking for donations of candy and cookies. Candy can be dropped off at the Parish Office. However, the cookies (for the cookie walk) we ask that you bring **only** the day of the party (October 26) to Carroll School. Thank you for whatever you can do to help!



coats that might be used for the coat drive that will again

take place this year on **November 7, 8, & 9**. Volunteer help will also be needed to make this drive a success!! More details to come.

Through the mercy of God, may she rest in peace. Dorothy Rae Ott

HELP FEED THE HUNGRY!!!

Remember to support the Holy Family Food Pantry by either nonperishable donations or monetary donations. The Holy Family Food Pantry serves the needy in all the Logan County area.



OWEN PHELPS, PH.D.

We're All Leaders Some of the Time!

When some people hear the term "leader" they assume the discussion isn't relevant to them. After all, they don't hold a distinguished post in some huge organization. They've never been elected

to lead a community or parish organization. At work, at home and in their communities they just try their best to do what needs to be done. If that's you, don't sell yourself short. In the Lead Like Jesus movement, co-founded by best-selling business author Ken Blanchard (*The One Minute Manager*), we define leadership as "any time anyone tries to influence anyone else." That means all of us are leaders some of the time. It also means that leadership is not a choice—it's inevitable. The only choice for us is whether we are effective or ineffective leaders.

Become the best leader possible at home, at work, in your community and in your parish by learning how to Lead Like Jesus. A Leadership Encounter will be held on <u>Saturday, November 12</u> at Carroll Catholic School. Registration fee is \$30, which includes food for the day and a workbook. <u>Fee is due by October 22</u>; <u>late fee is \$35, and</u> <u>must be received by October 29</u>. The encounter will begin at 8:30 am, end at 4:30 pm, and will be followed by the 5 pm Mass.

Mail check to Holy Family Catholic Church, 316 South Logan, Lincoln, IL 62656 or register by credit card at WWW.YeshuaLeader.com

CARROLL CATHOLIC DRAWDOWN



Dinner will be served at 6 pm with the Drawdown following. The major prize winners will be drawn first, from the grand prize through 5th place. They will be announced in reverse order only after drawing all remaining tickets. 1st place is \$5,000; 2nd place is \$2,500; 3rd place is \$1,000; 4th place is \$500; 5th place is \$250 and Biggest Loser \$200. Every 25th ticket drawn will receive \$100 the night of the drawdown. **Early Bird Drawing (\$500) will take place on November 1**, with ticket replaced back in with the others for the November 18th drawing. Price of one ticket is \$100 which includes dinner for two. Tickets can be purchased from a Carroll School parent, Charlie Williams (737-9619) or Nan Lockenour (737-3458). Purchase your tickets now—only 350 available.

As of Monday, October 3, 2016, the bulletin deadline will be Mondays by 1:30 pm (instead of 2:30 pm). Please remember that this means the bulletin may be sent to the company for printing

directly after that time deadline each Monday. Therefore, you can not expect announcements submitted after that time to be placed in that particular bulletin.

2) A ring was found in Holy Family Church in the old baptistery area, now a confessional. If you have lost a ring, possibly in that area within the last two weeks, please contact 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, 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

The Sanctuary Candle on the Altar at . . . <u>Holy Family Church</u> is lit this week In Memory of Polly Prange.

<u>St. Mary's Church</u> is lit this week In Memory of Harold Westerfield.

St. Thomas Aquinas Church is lit this

week In Memory of Patrick Boyle requested by Mother & Dad.

October 2016 Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Are you a mother, a father, a grandparent, who has suffered the loss of abortion in your family? You need not suffer alone. Start your healing journey today by attending a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. Registrations are being accepted for a weekend retreat for healing after abortion to be held in the Peoria area, **October 28-30**, 2016. Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew and rebuild hearts broken by abortion. Find healing through a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. Visit ww.rachelsvineyard.org, or call 309-264-1489, or e-mail rvrpeoria@gmail.com. All communications are confidential.

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

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

Peace Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

LORD, MAKE ME an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon: where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope: where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand: to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive: it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Born in Italy circa 1181, St. Francis of Assisi was renowned for drinking and partying in his youth. After fighting in a battle between Assisi and Perugia, Francis was captured and imprisoned for ransom. He spent nearly a year in prison—awaiting his father's payment—and, according to legend, began receiving visions from God. After his release from prison, Francis heard the voice of Christ,



who told him to repair the Christian Church and live a life of poverty. Consequently, he abandoned his life of luxury and became a devotee of the faith, his reputation spreading all over the Christian world. Later in life, Francis reportedly received a vision that left him with the stigmata of Christ marks resembling the wounds Jesus Christ suffered when he was crucified—making Francis the first person to receive such holy wounds. He was canonized as a saint on July 16, 1228. Today, St. Francis of Assisi has had a lasting resonance with millions of followers across the globe.

Francis of Assisi died on October 3, 1226, at the age of 44, in Assisi, Italy. Today, Francis has a lasting resonance with millions of followers across the globe. He was canonized as a saint just two years after his death, on July 16, 1228, by his former protector, Pope Gregory IX. Today, St. Francis of Assisi is the patron saint for ecologists—a title honoring his boundless love for animals and nature.

September 24/25 Weekly Offering Versus Budget Requirement

| Parish | Budget Requirement | Weekly Offering | Weekly Online Giving | Weekly Budget Surplus/(Shortfall) | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| Holy Family | \$7,900.00 | \$5,718.50 | \$740.00 | (\$1,441.50) | | |
| St. Mary's | \$1,175.00 | \$1,113.00 | \$40.00 | (\$22.00) | | |
| St. Patrick's | \$1,270.00 | \$1,437.00 | \$5.00 | \$172.00 | | |
| St. Thomas Aquinas | \$1,025.00 | \$677.00 | \$0.00 | (\$348.00) | | |

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

WHAT IS ACT ALL ABOUT?

Active Catholic Teens, also known as ACT, is a program that helps teens learn how to apply their Catholic faith to their daily lives, and to grow deeper in their relationship with God, in a safe, fun and positive environment. With this program, we hope to support our local teens in living out their faith and in developing into strong Christian leaders of the future. ACT is open to all teens currently in High School and to Confirmed 8th grade students. With our open attendance policy, teens can join at any time and can attend whichever classes or events work into their hectic schedules. If you would like more information, please see the ACT web page at http://logancountycatholic.org/Religious-Ed/High-School-Programs/ACT or email us at LoganCountyACT@logancountycatholic.org. Registration forms and a Fall Semester calendar are currently available on our web page.



ACT 2015-2016 Year in Review

- † Fall Opening Session Potluck and yard games
- † Served drinks and bussed tables at St. Thomas Aquinas German Fest (photos 4334, 4335 & 4338)
- † Served drinks and bussed tables at the Love Repeated "Ship the Stuff" Community Breakfast
- † Performed all Mass ministries for one Mass at each of our four churches
- + Spent an afternoon playing paintball (photos 4409, 4412, 4418 & 4433)
- † Put on a Co-Ed Volleyball Game for Religious Education Week
- † Visited the Chiara Center Nativity Festival
- † Helped put together and deliver Christmas Food Baskets for the sick and shut-ins of our community, with the Knights of Columbus
- + Held a winter movie and popcorn night
- † Attended Mass in Latin at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Peoria and a Peoria Rivermen Hockey Game
- † Served food at Saint John's Breadline in Springfield
- † Presented the Shadow Stations of the Cross at Holy Family Church on Good Friday
- † Spring Closing Cookout and Bonfire
- † Steubenville Youth Conference (photos 5527, 5531, 5540, 5549 & 5555)
- + Lessons throughout the year focused on Baptism, the Seven Deadly Sins and the Seven Lively Virtues, the Bible, and the Season of Lent.

