

THANK YOU LORD **FOR** OUR SCHOOL!



"I AM NOT CAPABLE OF
DOING BIG THINGS, BUT I
WANT TO DO EVERYTHING,
EVEN THE SMALLEST
THINGS, FOR THE GREATER
GLORY OF GOD."

-SAINT DOMINIC SAVIO

HOLY FAMILY ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH, 316 S. Logan St., Lincoln, IL
ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH, 808 NW Pearl St., Atlanta, IL
ST. PATRICK'S ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH, 213 S. Bogardus St., Elkhart, IL
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH, 321 S. Lafayette St., Mt. Pulaski, IL

MASSSES FOR THIS WEEK 1/28/2024

Saturday, January 27 - Vigil Mass for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Memorial of Saint Angela Merici, Virgin)

4:00pm Holy Family: In memory of Janet Price by The Gober Family
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 4:45-5:00pm]

Sunday, January 28 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church)

8:00am St. Patrick: In memory of Rebecca "Becky" Thornton by Her Family
 8:30am St. Mary: In memory of Matt Young by Lou Ann Mack
 10:00am Holy Family: In memory of Bob Farmer by His Family
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 10:45-11:00am]
 10:00am St. Thomas Aquinas: In memory of Melissa Trauner by James & Maureen Trauner

Monday, January 29

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Bob Gordon by The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary Council # 1250

Tuesday, January 30

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Walter Dowdle by The Dowdle Children
 8:00am St. Patrick: Rebecca "Becky" Thornton by Her Children

Wednesday, January 31 - Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest

8:30am CCS/Holy Family: In memory of Agnes & William Lohrenz, Jr. by Sandy, Lynn, Scott, Greg, Lorie, & Michael

Thursday, February 1

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Janet Price by Meg & Greg Liebreich

Friday, February 2 - Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of George Dowdle by The Dowdle Grandchildren

Saturday, February 3 - Vigil Mass for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm Holy Family: In memory of Monty Elliott by Pat Caveny-Nye & Ron Nye
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 4:45-5:00pm]

Sunday, February 4 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am St. Patrick: For the special intentions of the Logan County Catholic Community members
 8:30am St. Mary: In memory of Earl & Fran McRoberts by Paul & Vicki Eckert
 10:00am Holy Family: In memory of ANN Dondanville Allen by Sandy & Lynn Aper
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 10:45-11:00am]
 10:00am St. Thomas Aquinas: In memory of Mildred Broughton by her Daughters

**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.*

⇒ **Eucharistic Adoration**
 Thursday from 3:00-7:00pm at Holy Family with the Divine Mercy Chaplet recited at 3:00pm.

⇒ **Reconciliation**
 Holy Family Church, Lincoln; Tuesday 7:30-8:00am and Saturday from 2:45-3:30pm
 St. Patrick's Church, Elkhart; prior to Sunday Mass
 St. Mary's Church, Atlanta; prior to Sunday Mass
 St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Mt. Pulaski; prior to Sunday Mass

⇒ **Infant Baptism**
 Parents are asked to attend a baptism preparation session before the Baptism of their child. Please phone the parish office to register.

⇒ **Marriages**
 Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance for the desired wedding date. Please phone the parish office to receive further information and to reserve your special day.

St. Mary, Atlanta Lector Schedule

01/28 - Ed Jodlowski
 02/04 - Matt McGhee
 02/11 - Matt McGhee
 02/18 - Laura O'Donnell
 02/25 - Ed Jodlowski

St. Mary Altar Society

St. Mary's Altar society invites all members of our parish (male & female) to upcoming meetings. The meetings are held the 1st Monday of each month at 6pm in the church hall.

Holy Rosary



Join us in praying the rosary at 7:40am before Mass on Monday through Friday at Holy Family.



SEARCHING FOR A QUIET PLACE TO PRAY? COME TO HOLY FAMILY AND FILL THIS NEED.

Join us to say the rosary at 7:40am before Mass on Monday through Friday. The side door is open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday during normal business hours (8:00am - 3:00pm). Eucharistic Adoration is generally held on Thursdays 3pm-6pm. Plan on getting here early or staying after for some special time between you and our Lord. If you wish to sign up for an Adoration Hour, call the Parish Office. Please remember you are committing to serve and will need to find a substitute if you have a conflict and cannot attend your session.



Catholic Schools Week – Prayer

Catholic Schools
 United in Faith and Community

God of all creation, we know you care for all of us and desire only what is good for us. Please guide those who make policy decisions and laws that affect all of us, that these decisions will work for the good of the most vulnerable in our society. Help us to have the courage to speak out for those who cannot speak for themselves. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Week of January 27 - February 3, 2024

The red Altar Sanctuary Candle at...

Holy Family is lit this week for the *special intentions of the Logan County Catholic Community.*

St. Mary is lit this week for the *special intentions of the Logan County Catholic Community.*

St. Patrick is lit this week for the *special intentions of the Logan County Catholic Community.*

St. Thomas Aquinas is lit this week for the *special intentions of the Logan County Catholic Community.*

The blue candle at the Mary Queen of Peace Statue near the altar at...

Holy Family is lit this week for the *patients of St. Jude* by the Bailey Family.

The blue candle at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Statue near votive candles at...

Holy Family is lit this week *in memory of Margaret Schall* by Todd, Alicia, Allison & Jacob.

If you would like to sponsor a sanctuary candle for special intentions, and/or, to honor the deceased, please call Alicia Baker at 217-732-4019 or email her, abaker@logancountycatholic.org.

Please "Pray for the Sick" by remembering the following people in your prayers:



Mike Lowry, Paul Lowry, Terri Lowry, Laura Lowry, Sean Lowry, Elijah Cox, Guinevere Decker, Ruth Young, Rodney Alberts, Jill Alberts, Linda Wright, Steve Schmidt, Ryan Butler, Donna Burr, Paula Rutherford, Gavin Fox, Rita Johnson, Adelyn Jones, McKayla Nye, Gavin Shuler, Phillip Brown, Christina Clementz, Mike Kavanaugh, Linda H., Mark L., Kay Rosner, Deb Jordan, Dwayne Knap, Esme Avart, Rita Scanavino, Jim Steinkamp, Marge Steinkamp, Thomas Siegel, Asher Phillips, Kristin Wright, Melinda Spangler, Phil Dehner, Alexa Cunningham, Mary Masterson, Amanda Bidwell, Marcia Bidwell, Sandra Buttell, Debi Hardin, Ann LaMothe, Teresa Tripplett, Curt C., Eddie Pharis, Shirley Davis, Mike Young, Shirley O'Donoghue, Dan Dankosky, Bridget Dutcher, Tinley Rubenacker, John Barrick, Tom Berta, Eric Faith, Jerry Boyle, Dave Morrow, Caroline & Mike Spaniol, Steve "Hacker" Aue, Jennifer Roedz, Dan Riccolo, Diana Purdue, Ann Baunach, Gene Newton, Joyce Lichtenwalter, Sally Velasco, Ilene Davis, Tim McCormick, Bonnie Frawley, Hayden Clark Williams, Jeane Connolley, Cheryl Farney, Jack Sprague, David Sanborn, Kathy Miller, Pat French, Jack Peifer, Johanna Grigsby, Charlie Dumire, Bryan Finchum, Phyllis' family, Steve Panissidi, Larry Wise, Bob McCue, Carol & Bob Barger, Aria Tramontano-Grigsby Spitnale, Ron Nye, John Hebenstreit, Nurse Lancaster, Cindy & Kenny Frericks, Ann Knuffman, Greg Harmon, Pam Baker, David Vale, Lois, Adam, Mirtha & Nicolas Barrios, Kimm & family, Helen Dalpoas, and all the members of the armed forces of our country.

Contact Isabel M. Vidal @ 217-732-4019 to add a loved one to this list.



Through the mercy of God may they rest in peace.

Darrell Knauer
Herbert Ingold

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, January 29th

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30 & 16:5-13 / Ps 3:2-7 / Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday, January 30th

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3 / Ps 86:1-6 / Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday, January 31st

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 / Ps 32:1-2, 5-7 / Mk 6:1-6

Thursday, February 1st

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 / 1 Chr 29:10-11b, 11d-12d / Mk 6:7-13

Friday, February 2nd

Mal 3:1-4 / Ps 24:7-10 / Heb 2:14-18 / Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32

Saturday, February 3rd

1Kgs 3:4-13 / Ps 119:9-14 / Mk 6:30-34

Sunday, February 4th

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 / Ps 147: 1-6 / 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 / Mk 1:29-39



This Lenten season, the **Bloomington/Normal Teens Encounter Christ (TEC)** retreat is set at **Central Catholic High School from 8:30 am, Saturday, 2/17/24 to 5pm Monday, 2/19/24.** You must be in high school between 15-19. The cost for the weekend is \$75, but financial support is available. The weekend has a

Boys session (TEC 156) and a Girls session (TEC 155).

A TEC weekend helps teens focus on their personal faith journey: learn the difference between faith and religion; everyone's path is different; and learn how religion can help guide the journey. Although you may have struggles in life, you do not need to face them alone. You can become a member of a community of loving and supportive people who will help you remain true to yourself and grow in your faith life.

Go to their website for more information on TEC in Bloomington/Normal, the applications and the paperwork needed. This weekend will be an exciting opportunity you will not forget. [Teens Encounter Christ \(bn-tec.org\)](http://Teens Encounter Christ (bn-tec.org))

If you have questions completing forms, please contact Tod Williamson at 309-825-1162 or wmsonmx@gmail.com. For questions about TEC weekends, or concerns you may have, please **contact Larry or Mary Mester, Lay Coordinators at 309-826-1741 or 309-826-1742, respectively.**



**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
IS HERE! 1/28/2024 -
2/3/2024!**

Catholic Schools United in Faith and Community

The Catholic Schools Week (CSW) 2023 – 2026 theme is **“Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community.”** Catholic schools have an irreplaceable role in the Church’s evangelizing mission. Building on the central goal of Catholic schools to form saints, Catholic schools teach and embrace the whole person, body, mind and spirit. The fact that all members of a Catholic school community share the Christian vision of faith that Christ is the foundation of Catholic education is what unites the school as a faith-filled community.

While faith is the binding element in Catholic schools, the Church reiterates that parents are the first teachers of their children. Holding this tenet, Catholic school communities expand beyond the walls of school buildings to envelop the family as an integral part of the school community. Together teachers, administrators, staff, students and parents fuel the light of faith by integrating culture with faith and faith with living.

The CSW logo symbolizes the united community of Catholic schools – not a building or an institution, but people of faith serving God and others. No Catholic school can fulfill its educational role alone. As a community, Catholic schools are nourished and stimulated by the centrality of the word of Christ expressed through knowledge, service, scripture and sacramental tradition. Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community is a theme on which to build a spirit of the gospel to benefit the human family.

Adapted from the NCEA (National Catholic Educational Association)

CARROLL CATHOLIC SCHOOL - 6TH ANNUAL APPEAL

I am pleased to announce our sixth Annual Appeal. Over the past five years, through the great generosity of you and other supporters of Carroll Catholic School, over \$225,000 has been raised! We look forward to continuing this success, and have set an even more ambitious goal of \$60,000 for this year’s appeal.

Your sustaining support allows the school to continue to improve. For our students, this means enhanced curriculum, expanded STEM education, and continued access to up-to-date technology. For the school itself, still standing proudly after sixty-two years, this means new carpeting in classrooms and hallways, new furniture in the classrooms and addressing the necessary but often costly repairs and updates.

As I have the past five years, I am again asking for your support to meet our \$60,000 goal. Please prayerfully consider what level of financial support you may offer the school, and know absolutely that whatever the amount of your gift, it is truly beneficial and always greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support of the students and mission of Carroll Catholic School and of Catholic education in Logan County!

*In Gratitude,
David Welch, Principal*

WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR THE HOLY FATHER’S MONTHLY GLOBAL PRAYER INTENTIONS

The Holy Father’s monthly prayer intentions are entrusted to the Worldwide Prayer Network and serve as a global call to transform prayers into concrete actions. Established in 1844 as the Apostleship of Prayer, the network, initiated by the Jesuits, was modified under Pope Francis. In 2016, he renamed it The Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network, elevating it to pontifical work status in 2018. Later, in 2020, the network attained the status of a Vatican Foundation gaining both canonical and juridical recognition. Each month, Pope Francis, through his Worldwide Prayer Network, shares prayer intentions that express his profound concerns for humanity and the mission of the Church. These monthly intentions are meant to act as a compass for a mission of compassion for the world, encouraging the faithful to combine prayer and action in building a more humane and caring world. These prayer intentions result from an extensive discernment process within the Church, incorporating proposals from various official congregations of the Holy See, and services of the Holy See across different countries. After several months of discernment, the Pope, having received the proposals, takes dedicated time to pray and discern the challenges facing humanity and the mission of the Church. Afterwards, he entrusts these twelve prayer intentions to all the faithful, providing them with guidelines for life and mission.

JANUARY

FOR THE GIFT OF DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH

Let us pray that the Spirit help us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

Adapted from the *USCCB.org*



The journey to the Easter sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist for Chad continues. We recently received another candidate for Confirmation and Holy Communion. She will be introduced in the near future. Please continue to pray for all involved in the RCIA journey.

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The FREE Children's Orthopedic Clinic is coming back to Lincoln Memorial Hospital in 2024!

- Does your child complain of leg, knee, shoulder, elbow, or wrist pain?
Complain about back pain?
Seem clumsy or falls?

The first clinic of the year will be set for January 2, 2024 from 1-3pm. You must have an appointment to participate in the Clinic, no exceptions. The Scheduling number to register for a Clinic appointment is 1-800-272-0074. The Clinic will be open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 4:00pm.



TRIP TO IRELAND

Dear Fellow Music Makers, Fun-Loving Friends & Family, We are happy to announce an exciting singer and traveler journey to Ireland and Scotland with the St. Anthony Camerata Chorale Festival Choir! This trip will give us a special glimpse of a unique part of the world, with a wonderful mix of history, ancient ruins, stunning panoramic views, legendary castles and moats, (even some of Outlander fame!) and romantic and rugged regions of lakes and bogs. There are illuminated manuscripts, religious ecclesiastical centers, arts and crafts, beautiful villages and, above all, the unparalleled hospitality of the Irish and Scottish people.

St. Anthony Camerata Chorale Festival Choir

Oh, wait...and per Mary Jo's request...tons of opportunities for shopping and gadding about on our own in the evenings to check out the local night life! Integrate that with opportunities to sing in sacred spaces throughout, and we will have memorable experiences to cherish. Best of all, we will be celebrating with new and old friends, forming deeper bonds with fellow musicians, and enjoying the food and customs of another culture! Ireland and Scotland will take your breath away.

The St Anthony Camerata Chorale Festival Choir tour will be very laid back with no major formal dress concerts. Rather, we chose to make this a fun, no stress, adventure for all...both singers and travelers alike. We will sing a Mass and a mini concert in the beautiful National Marian Shrine in Knock, County Mayo; offer a prayer and a song at the tomb of Sister Clare Crockett in Derry; a lunchtime concert in the ancient St Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin; a mini concert at the Museum of Robert Burns in Ayrshire and for sure, break into song on various street corners and pubs along the way during our sightseeing!

If you are up to a bit more adventure...we are offering a 4-night extension via the ultra-scenic East Coast Main Line train from Edinburgh down to London. We so do hope you will consider joining us for this trip of a lifetime!!! Looking forward to traveling with you.

Mary Ann Fahey-Darling, Mary Jo Papich, Steve Harms, and John Darling For a brochure or if you have questions about the tour, please contact Mary Ann Fahey-Darling, text: 309-678-9166 or email: faheyirish19@gmail.com. We are pleased that our deadline for first deposits has just been extended to February 28, 2024!

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Holy Family: Bob Barger, Peggy Morrow, Jim Wessbecher
St. Mary's: Joe Bell, Jan Bicknell, Zachary Craig
St. Patrick's: Cheryl Davis, Blane Olson
St. Thomas Aquinas: Karen Edgecombe, Kathy Miller

SAINTS OF THE WEEK (Adapted from My Catholic Life!)

Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the church (2/1225-1274. Patron Saint of students, Catholic schools, apologists, booksellers, chastity, philosophers, publishers, scholars, theologians. Invoked against storms. He was canonized by Pope John XXII on 7/18/1323 and proclaimed Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius V in 1567. Among the greatest intellectuals in the history of the Church, St. Thomas rises far above the rest. He is not only a Doctor of the Church but is given the titles Angelic Doctor, Common Doctor, and Universal Doctor. His impact on the Church's doctrine and intellectual understanding of the faith has been phenomenal. At 5, he began studies with the Benedictines. At 14, due to wars, he moved to the University of Naples and trained with Dominicans. They would greatly influence him, though his family tried to force him to join the Benedictines. In 1252, at the age of twenty-six, Brother Thomas was given the title "Master in Theology" by the pope. For the next twenty-two years, Thomas wrote numerous books, sermons, and commentaries on Scripture. He also composed some of our Church's most beautiful hymns, including Pange Lingua which is a Medieval Latin hymn for the Feast of Corpus Christi. It is also sung on Maundy Thursday during the procession from the church to the place where the Blessed Sacrament is kept until Good Friday.

Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest (1/31) - 1815-1888, Patron Saint of apprentices, boys, editors, laborers, magicians, students. Canonized by Pope Pius XI on April 1, 1934. At the age of nine, John had the first of many dreams that would influence him. The Blessed Mother appeared in the dream and began to teach John about his future mission of caring for boys with kindness. At twenty-six, John was ordained a priest and joined his mentor, Father Cafasso, in Turin. The two ministered to the poor and imprisoned, cared for girls at a boarding school, and assisted in country parishes. In 1861, some of the boys St. Bosco mentored in prison wanted to follow in his footsteps and assist other boys. St. Bosco founded the Society of St. Francis de Sales and The Salesian Order was formally approved by the Vatican in 1869. In 1871, he founded a Salesian religious order of women, the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, to care for girls. Finally, in 1874, the Salesian Cooperators, a lay organization that worked with the male and female Salesian Orders was created.

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (2/2) - Today's feast is celebrated in our Church forty days after Christmas, marking the day that Mary and Joseph would have taken Jesus into the Temple. Though the Son of God did not need to be redeemed, Mary and Joseph fulfilled these ritual obligations. At the heart of this celebration is the encounter of Simeon and Anna with the Christ Child in the Temple. It is in that holy encounter that Jesus' divinity is manifested by a human prophet for the first time. At His birth, the angels proclaimed His divinity to the shepherds, but in the Temple, Simeon was the first to understand and proclaim Jesus as the Savior of the World. He also prophesied that this salvation would be accomplished by a sword of sorrow that would pierce the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Anna, a prophetess, also came forward. She gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who heard her. (Luke 2:38) Thus, these ritual acts were also a moment in which Jesus' divine mission was made manifest to the world.

Memorial of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr (2/3) - Died c. 316, Patron Saint of illnesses of the throat and other illnesses, wool workers, animals, bricklayers, bakers, farm workers. Pre-Congregation canonization enjoyed widespread veneration in the Eastern and Western Churches due to many cures attributed to him. According to tradition, he was Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia and was martyred under Licinius. On this day the Church gives a "Blessing of the Throats" in honor of St. Blaise. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat.

Memorial of Saint Ansgar, Bishop (2/3) - 801-865, Patron Saint of Scandinavia, Denmark, Sweden, and various locations in Germany. He was declared a saint by Pope Nicolas I c. 865. He became known as the "Apostle of the North" for his great evangelical work in Denmark and Sweden. He was Bishop of Hamburg and then of Bremen. Gregory IV appointed him as his delegate to Denmark and Sweden. Bishop Ansgar worked tirelessly to stabilize his own diocese and to evangelize the pagans in the north. He built churches, hospitals, schools, and monasteries and endured wars, invasions, and the confiscation and destruction of his churches and devoted himself to the poor.



An update about our Growing Disciples initiative from Bishop Louis Tylka

Thank you to all our priests and Key Parish Leaders from across the Diocese of Peoria for hosting Growing Disciples parish meetings to explain the second set of draft models and how parishioners could provide feedback. Gathering information from those parish meetings is a critical element in the ability to move forward in this important pastoral planning process.

The Growing Disciples Core Team received over 2600 electronic and paper surveys. Bishop Tylka received several hundred personal letters from parishioners and community members, sharing their feelings about the process and what our possibilities could be as we look to the future. The feedback has come from all over the diocese and all parishes. Not everyone in every parish, or even every family, agreed on the steps we should take moving forward.

What is clear is that this process is awakening within all of us that desire for us to continue to be the Church and to grow the Church. We are passionate about our faith. We are passionate about our parishes. We are passionate about our mission that Jesus has given to us to share the Good News.

We also know we are living in very different times. The generations that preceded us had their own challenges and opportunities to live out our faith. Ours is a very different time and we must discern a way forward to build a more sustainable, mission driven, vibrant church for tomorrow.

In the coming months, our Growing Disciples Core Team, our Diocesan Commission and ultimately the Presbyteral Council will be discerning recommendations, based on the feedback, to be given to the Bishop, who will make the final decision.

Let us remain a people of prayer: praying for each other and supporting one another as we go through this process.

The Diocese of Peoria is constantly updating the website (growingdisciplescdop.org), so check back frequently. Please continue to pray that all our efforts today will bear fruit for a brighter tomorrow.

Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes

Please join us on a pilgrimage with Fr. Charles Robinson, F.I. to Fatima and Lourdes, with a stop in Avila Spain, as well as Azpeitia, Spain where St. Ignatius of Loyola was born, and more! Daily Mass. September 10-19, 2024. \$3595/per person. **\$150 early bird discount if registered by Feb. 15th, 2024.** For more information please visit www.QoHTours.com or call us at 1-800-213-4295

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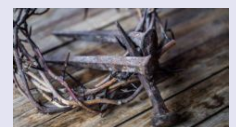
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CARROLL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Lent is three weeks away. Have you given thought to what you will do, rather than what you may give up? The Logan County Catholic Community is working on a one-day Lent Retreat to be held the end of February or early March.

Please join us! No charge, food and beverages will be provided, and riveting conversation with Fr. Joseph Dondanville!



QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE ASKED YOURSELF:

HOW EARLY MAY A SATURDAY VIGIL MASS BE SET?

The *Code of Canon Law* (can. 1248) permits Catholics to fulfill their Sunday and other Mass obligations by participating in Mass "in the evening of the preceding day." Pope Pius XII, in the apostolic constitution *Christus Dominus*, set the earliest hour for such a Mass at 4 pm:

Rule VI. If the circumstance calls for it as necessary, We grant to the local Ordinaries the right to permit the celebration of Mass in the evening, as we said, but in such wise that the Mass shall not begin before four o'clock in the afternoon, on holy days of obligation still observed. . . .

WHY IS THE COLOR GREEN USED FOR ORDINARY TIME?

Green is used as a liturgical color during the weeks known as **Ordinary Time**. Generally, this period occurs from the end of the Christmas season until the beginning of Lent, and from the end of the Easter season until the beginning of Advent. Not just a filler between other liturgical seasons, **Ordinary Time** has its own meaning, signified by its own color. The root of the word "ordinary" has a rich history, far beyond the humdrum, commonplace, or everyday. The word has its source in a Sanskrit or Indo-European word that entered Latin as the verb "*orior*" - meaning to rise up, to be stirred up and to grow. The word for "east" in Latin, *oriens*, conveys the same rich meaning: It indicates the rising of the sun. Hence, **Ordinary Time** for Catholics is the opportunity to allow the Lord to stir up our faith, to allow our spirits to rise, and to grow in our spiritual life. The color green is a color that evokes life and growth.

Adapted from SimplyCatholic.com



St. Thomas Aquinas Sunday Afternoon Painting Event

JANUARY 28, 2024 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM
321 LAFAYETTE ST, MT. PULASKI, IL

Join us for a fun
afternoon of
painting and
fellowship! Cost
is \$40 per person
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