

Catholic Schools

The beginning of wisdom is fear of the Lord,
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Proverbs 9:10

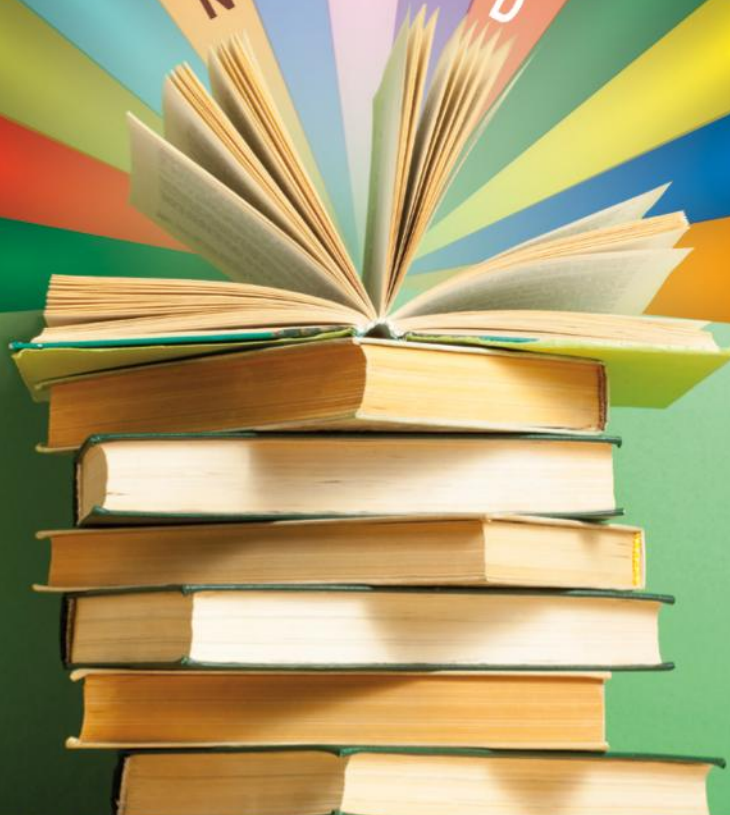


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02/04/2024

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 2/4/2024

Saturday, February 3 - Vigil Mass for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Memorial of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, and Saint Ansgar, Bishop)

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

Sunday, February 4 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am St. Patrick: In memory of James W. "Jim" Ryan by the Jim McPhail Family
 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

Monday, February 5—Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Epifania Laya, Rufina Laya, & Baby Fader by The Family

Tuesday, February 6—Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Janet Price by Meg & Greg Liebreich
 8:00am St. Patrick: In memory of John & Joyce Hickey by John & Cheryl Hickey

Wednesday, February 7

8:30am CCS/Holy Family: In memory of Bob Rawlins by Sandy & Lynn Aper

Thursday, February 8 Memorials of St. Jerome Emiliani & St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of the Grandparents of the Ruenzi & Hammonds by the Story Grandchildren

Friday, February 9

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of John Robert "Bob" Gordon by Bill & Marsha Langellier
 8:00am St. Mary: In memory of Emma Elliott by Phil & Sue Gillen

Saturday, February 10 - Vigil Mass for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin)

4:00pm Holy Family: In memory of Betty Purdue's passing by Diana & Steve Purdue
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 4:45-5:00pm]

Sunday, February 11 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am St. Patrick: In memory of Joan Pluth by Betty Sparling & Nancy Rodriguez
 8:30am St. Mary: In memory of Harold & Edna Eckert by Paul & Vicki Eckert
 10:00am Holy Family: In memory of Rebecca "Becky" Thornton by her Family
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 10:45-11:00am]
 10:00am St. Thomas Aquinas: In memory of Melissa Trauner by James & Maureen Trauner

**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

02/04 - Matt McGhee
 02/11 - Matt McGhee
 02/18 - Laura O'Donnell
 02/25 - Ed Jodlowski
 03/03 - 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.



CONGRATULATIONS

Tom and Patty Peifer
 Celebrated their 50th
 Wedding Anniversary on
 February 2nd!

Dear Parents and Parishioners,

I have had a great experience at Carroll Catholic School. The academics and Religion make Carroll Catholic stand out from the rest of the crowd. Sure, you have your typical classes, like Math and Science, but during Religion, we learn about the Catholic faith and what it means to be a Catholic. During those formative years, we receive our Communion, and towards the end, we get Confirmed.

Another thing I like about Carroll is the sports I have done and the other activities I have been a part of. I have been in Track, which was a gratifying experience, and I don't think I could go on with Carroll without that experience. Another activity I have tried out is Speech. The Speech was mainly for a direct audience but was also very fun. I got to socialize with other people and made friends through that. Then we had the Speech competitions, which can be stressful, but I thought the Speech was great.

Another great thing I loved about Carroll is that I met many great people. I haven't gone to Carroll Catholic my entire life so that it could be different for others, but I loved socializing with the many great people. I have met some of my closest friends through Carroll, which has changed my life. I don't think I would change that; so many people are great to be around, and it is enjoyable.

I also feel like I should mention this, but Carroll has certain weeks dedicated to certain things about being Catholic. We celebrate Catholic School Week, where we skate and reflect on being Catholic. Overall, it was a delightful experience, and I learned how to skate decently from it. It's very cool. I have discovered a lot from going to Carroll Catholic, and I am very grateful for that.

Sincerely,
 Tyler Mattingly
 Class of 2024



Week of February 3 - February 9, 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 *deceased and present members of the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary.*

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 in memory of *Sandi Shehorn* by her Friends.

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

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

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, February 5th

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 / Ps 132:6-10 / Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 6th

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 / Ps 84:3-5 & 10-11 / Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 7th

1 Kgs 10:1-10 / Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 / Mk 7:14-23

Thursday, February 8th

1 Kgs 11:4-13 / Ps 106:3-4, 35-37 & 40 / Mk 7:24-30

Friday, February 9th

1 Kgs 11:29-32 & 12:19 / Ps 81:10-15 / Mk 7:31-37

Saturday, February 10th

1 Kgs 12:26-32 & 13:33-34 / Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22 / Mk 8:1-10

Sunday, February 11th

Lv 13:1-2 & 44-46 / Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 / 1 Cor 10:31-11:1 / Mk 1:40-45

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Fried Chicken Dinner

WHEN: Sunday, 2/4/24, 11am - 1pm

MENU: 3-pieces of fried chicken
Mashed potatoes and gravy,
veggies and a roll!

PRICE: \$12/meal, dine in/drive through



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 Spitalne, Ron Nye, John Hebenstreit, Nurse Lancaster, Cindy & Kenny Frericks, Ann Knuffman, Greg Harmon, Pam Baker, David Vale, Lois, Adam, Mirtha & Nicolas Barrios, Kimm and family, Helen Dalpoas, Adalynn Williams, Angela Piglia and all the members of the armed forces of our country.

Feel free to contact Isabel Vidal at 732-4019 to add a loved one to the Prayer List.

Dear Parents and Parishioners,

I think of so many things when I think about my whole life going to Carroll Catholic. I think about all of my great friends I've met, my favorite moments, my teachers, and even my favorite group projects. Working in the cafeteria, volunteering at the food pantry, and serving Mass have taught me how to be a better Christian.

There are so many things I'll miss when I graduate. I'll miss every field trip and every night Basketball game, and I'll especially miss the great times I've had with my teachers and classmates. But I have many things to look forward to in high school, many things I would never have the opportunity to do if it wasn't for the support of everyone at Carroll Catholic.

The support came from my teachers, teammates, other staff, my parents, and especially Mrs. Coyle because Mrs. Coyle never gave up on me and pushed me when I didn't think I could do it. I also want to say thanks to all my coaches. Coach Fitz and Coach Graue have given me many different pointers and advice, enabling me to play like I can now. Coach Autumn pushed me to run faster than I ever could, and we even medaled in State because she believed in us. Coach King gave me so much running advice, too; the intense practices he always made us do pushed me to be the runner I dreamed of being.

I also want to thank my parents; they have always been there, no matter what. They're the reason I ever did any sports and the reason I am who I am today. They sacrificed a lot so I can get a good education.

All of my education and athletics I owe to Carroll Catholic; they've given me every opportunity to succeed. I thank all the staff, coaches, and parishioners for making me who I am today.

Griffin Jenness
Class of 2024



Dear Parents and Parishioners,

I have been at Carroll Catholic School for three years now, and overall, I think it has been a good experience. I have gotten everything I need, like education, the ability to participate in sports, and good teachers and friendly classmates to learn with and enjoy. This letter explains why I enjoy going to Carroll and why I am very grateful for the opportunity to attend this school.

Education is one of the most important things you need to succeed in life, and at Carroll, I am glad to have a good education. I would like to thank my parents for sending me to this school to have a good education and the teachers for teaching well and ensuring I know everything I need to attend high school. Sports is another thing. Since I started going to Carroll, I have participated in state events four times and earned three medals because of the excellent coaching staff here.

And there is also religion. I am not a Catholic. I am Lutheran, but the teachers have made it very clear and easy to understand, so I am not confused or anything during classes talking about religion. They have also made Stations of the Cross easy to understand, especially since we never did anything like that at my old school. I was one of the participants in the Living Stations of Cross in 2023.

I am honestly just very thankful to be able to attend this school, and I want to thank my parents, teachers, and everyone else who has helped me at Carroll. They have all made my Carroll experience a good one, and I feel that I will be ready for high school thanks to everyone here who has helped me.

Sincerely,
Pierce King
Class of 2024



Dear Parents and Parishioners,

I have very much enjoyed my time here. I have learned so much throughout the ten years at Carroll Catholic School. I have made so many friends and gotten a chance to play sports I love. Going to school is essential; I have learned so much from the teachers. I appreciate all of my teachers for teaching me the things I know. What I understand is necessary because, throughout the years, I can take what I have learned here with me throughout high school and college.

Regarding Religion, my Faith could have been stronger, but now I listen closely to what Mrs. Fuiten is reading in our lesson or what I see online. My Faith has become so much stronger.

I love playing sports and started playing them before I was allowed here. I have been playing volleyball since I was six. I have been playing softball since I was seven, so I have made so many friendships, but when I finally got to fifth grade and could play for my school, I was so excited because I knew that all I wanted to do was play. I didn't know that I would end up making so many friends. Most of those friendships have lasted since then. I have had such a fantastic coach who is pretty much family since we are so close. She demands a lot, but I understand why, so I don't complain or start crying because I know why she does it. She has a passion for sports and wants us to succeed, as do I.

I did not like doing service projects at first, but the older I got, I knew I was helping the community and not just doing something. I was doing something that had meaning. I have not helped out the food pantry a lot, but the people there are so lovely and generous that I wouldn't mind helping them anytime needed. I thank my parents for paying for me to go to Carroll Catholic and for taking me to our fundraisers like the Christmas Bazaar, and my grandma for doing the Queen of Hearts. I thank all of you for giving me these opportunities for friendships and excellent education.

Sincerely,
Addyson Mahler
Class of 2024



Dear Parents and Parishioners,

The value of our education at Carroll Catholic is immense. We are learning a lot from our teachers, as shown in our grades as students and, as a school, our standardized testing. The most crucial class out of all is the religion class. It is taught very well, even for the people who aren't Catholic. The teacher, Mrs. Fuiten, makes it easy to understand and relatable. Carroll Catholic also has excellent athletic programs, which are very prestigious. Carroll School does well in Basketball, Track and Field, and Bowling. We also have service projects like helping out in the food pantry, Student Council, Lunch Duty, Patrol Duty and making cards for important people or events. I thank my parents for the sacrifice of financial budgeting for me to attend Carroll School and all the financial support through fundraising.

The academic program is excellent. Our math and science classes are very prestigious. Mrs. Coyle, the teacher of those classes, my homeroom teacher, is very adamant about getting all of her students the best education possible, helping those who are behind, and making sure we understand everything. She also runs the Student Council; we usually have meetings and plan fun school events.

The basketball team is beneficial. It made me respect everyone equally and also gave me competitiveness, which is good. It drives me to do better and push harder than usual. The coaches, Mr Fitzpatrick and Mr. Graue, are helpful. They make it easy to understand what they are discussing and always ensure everyone is okay and not injured after a challenging play. One of my favorite memories is hitting a game-winning three in a basketball game.

The memories I have made from attending school are meeting new people and being taught very well, and attending Carroll School gives you discipline and character. I love the memories I have made and will miss going into high school and leaving Carroll School.

Aiden Grant
Class of 2024



Dear Parents and Parishioners,

There are many things that I think about when I hear about Carroll Catholic School. We are the only Catholic school in Logan County, and we get to learn so much. Every year, we celebrate Catholic School Week; we dress up on all days of the week. We dress up as our favorite sports, food, crazy hair day, and more. My favorite part about the week was that we roller-skate with our friends.

I give thanks to all of my teachers, parents, and coaches. Mrs. Coyle never gave up when I did not understand what to do in Math. She helped me understand how to solve Math problems. Mrs. Fuiten always helped me when I needed help with English. She would always help me if I needed to learn what it meant or know how to do it. Mr. Welch will always be a fantastic principal to me. He would always ensure we eat our lunches and never waste any food. I am thankful to all my coaches. I want to thank Mr. Fuiten for coaching baseball for our team. It was fun when we won some of our games. Every Wednesday, we attend Mass, pray to the Lord, and help with altar serving. We support the other little kids to watch them so they don't do anything terrible. Every Tuesday, we go to the Food Pantry and help them so people who need food can get it.

Finally, I would like to thank my parents for taking me to Carroll Catholic School; they are one of the best schools. My parents have invested in my education, and it is worth it.

Sincerely,

Brigham Davenport
Class of 2024



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Dear Parents and Parishioners,

Going to Carroll Catholic School taught me many things. It gave me not only my education but also my liking for sports. I like sports because it teaches you to work together in a tough time. Going to Carroll Catholic made me like playing basketball because you have to work together to get the ball back, and when you're getting double-teamed, your teammates will be there to help you. I want to have a future in basketball.

Going to Carroll Catholic helped me with my belief in God. If I hadn't come to Carroll Catholic, I would not know what I know now about God. When I was little, I used to go to church with my parents. Well, it was more of them going to the church and me and my sister going to a place like a school, but we mostly played duck, duck, goose or watched Veggie Tales. My favorite time attending Carroll Catholic as a child was snack time. I always enjoyed getting fruit snacks or goldfish, and then I got to play with my friends. I used not to like nap time in preschool and kindergarten, but now I wish I still had nap time.

Carroll Catholic teaches you many things, but I will not write a letter the size of a Harry Potter book. I will try to keep it short. Carroll Catholic teaches you to be kind, leading you from right to wrong. I used to wonder why people had to cross kids across the street, but now that I am older and have had to do the job called patrol, I understand how dangerous it is to cross the street without looking. Another job that we like to do is Food Pantry. Food pantry if we package the food in sacks for the people who don't have money for food. That teaches you to care for people, making you feel good at the end of the day.

My parents mainly sent me to Carroll Catholic because of the academics. I will start from when I was little. I did not know what to do the first time I came to Carroll Catholic. The teacher saw that I looked a little scared and helped me be happy and not afraid. When the teacher left to help another student, a little kid ran up to me and said hi, I'm Griffin. When I met him, I knew we were going to be friends. Griffin and I made friends with another boy called Brigs, and from that day to now, we have been friends. I have consistently grown up in a little class ever since second grade. Since we were a small class, we all knew each other and were friends. All the teachers have been good to us even when I was super silly and crazy. I was the kid who messed around, and I regret doing that because I feel bad for the teachers having to go to school every day and put up with some of my shenanigans. I eventually grew out of that in fourth grade. I like learning new things, and the teachers always teach us new things. I am very thankful my parents sent me to Carroll Catholic, and I am glad they could keep paying for me to go here. I don't know where I would be without attending Carroll Catholic.

I have more to say, but this letter is already longer than I expected. I liked my experience at Carroll Catholic School and will miss the fun times I had here.

Sincerely
Keigan Anderson
Class of 2024



Dear Parents and Parishioners,

During my time at Carroll Catholic School, I have learned and experienced many things. I want to thank my parents, teachers, and coaches for teaching me to the best of my abilities:

1. My parents have supported me unconditionally and enrolled me in Carroll Catholic; I am glad they are there for me in my education.
2. My teachers pushed me to the best of my abilities and knowledge; I want to express my deepest gratitude to them, whose dedication has been inspiring.
3. My coaches, I love Speech and Cheer; both have been a wonderful and fun time to experience new and unique things. Thank you, Coach Autumn and Mrs. Craig, for letting me enjoy Speech and Cheer. Cheer has been a big part of my life and role at Carroll.

I am grateful for all the opportunities Carroll Catholic has provided me, including more insight into my Catholic faith. Learning more about my faith has caused me to live a more religious life and to acknowledge and follow Jesus no matter what. Even though I haven't been at Carroll as long, I would still like to thank those listed for making me have a fantastic time and providing me with an even more unique experience. Thank you for being an integral part of my educational journey.

Respectfully,
Starla Russell
Class of 2024



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

Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr (2/5) - Patron Saint of Sicily, breast cancer, rape victims, and bellfounders. S. Agatha was from a well-off family in Sicily in Roman times, probably in the third century. After dedicating her life to Christ, her beauty drew powerful men to her like a magnet. But she refused all suitors in favor of the Lord. Perhaps during the persecution of the Emperor Decius around 250, she was arrested, interrogated, tortured, and martyred. She refused to renounce her faith or to give in to the powerful men who desired her. St. Agatha and others were not only physically tough to endure the pain they did, but also mentally and spiritually powerful to have resisted to the death the public embarrassment and degradation particular to them as women.

Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs (2/6) - Patron Saints of Japan, Portuguese and Spanish priests, mostly Jesuits and Franciscans, brought the Catholic religion to Japan in the late 1500s with great success. Tens of thousands of people converted, two seminaries were opened, native Japanese were ordained as priests, and Japan ceased to be mission territory, being elevated to a diocese. Persecutions from the 1590s through the 1640s occurred, thousands of Catholics were persecuted, tortured and executed until the Catholic religion, and Christianity, were eradicated. Paul Miki was a native Japanese who became a Jesuit brother. He and his companions were the first group to suffer mass martyrdom in Japan. A military leader and adviser to the Emperor feared Spanish and Portuguese conquest of the island and ordered the arrest of six Franciscan priests and brothers, three Japanese Jesuits, sixteen other Japanese, and one Korean. After being mutilated, they were crucified.

Memorials of St. Jerome Emiliani (2/8) - Patron Saint of orphans and abandoned children, St. Jerome was a soldier in the city state of Venice and was appointed the commander of a fortress. In a battle against a league of city states, the fortress fell and Jerome was imprisoned. He repented of his godless life; he prayed; he dedicated himself to the Madonna. And then, somehow, he escaped. He studied, was ordained a priest, and travelled throughout Northern Italy founding orphanages, hospitals, and homes for abandoned children, fallen women, and outcasts of all kinds. While tending to the sick, he became infected and died in 1537. Saint Jerome was canonized in 1767 and named the Patron Saint of orphans and abandoned children in 1928.

Memorial St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin (2/8) - Patron Saint of Sudan and human-trafficking survivors. Josephine was born in Western Sudan, centuries after the Church and most Catholic nations had long since outlawed slavery. She was kidnapped by Arab slave traders, forced to walk six hundred miles barefoot, sold and resold in local slave markets over twelve years. The slave traders called her Bakhita, "The Fortunate," and the name stuck. She was ultimately bought by an Italian diplomat and became a maid. Once exposed to life in a convent, she stayed, took the name Josephine, was baptized, confirmed, and received First Holy Communion on the same day from Cardinal Patriarch of Venice, Giuseppe Sarto, the future Pope Saint Pius X. She took her religious vows a few years later and remained a nun until her death. She died with the words "Our Lady, Our Lady" on her lips. Her process began in 1959 and she was canonized by Pope Saint John Paul II in 2000.

Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin (2/10) - Patron Saint of nuns, convulsive children, education, and books. Very little is known of Saint Benedict and his twin sister, Saint Scholastica. Pope Saint Gregory the Great (590-604), wrote about these famous twins 50 years after they died based on the testimony of abbots who personally knew them. Saint Scholastica died in 547. She is buried in an underground chapel of Monte Casino, the monastery of her brother, St. Benedictine, in the mountains south of Rome.



Meet Nicole Schreiner. Several weeks ago Nicole joined the RCIA process asking for the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. She was raised in Logan County and still lives and works on the family farm in Broadwell. We are delighted the Holy Spirit called her to celebrate the sacraments with us. Please pray for Nicole and the RCIA team as the sacramental journey continues.



Dear Friends,

Advent opened the doors to it
The light of Christmas helped us to see that it is here
The journey of Lent and Easter will help us to act on it
It is MERCY.

Both our universal and particular church community has been challenged by Pope Francis and we here in our Logan County Catholic Community are taking that challenge very seriously - to put MERCY into action. Almost all our ministries and programs have been infused with the call to turn ideas of MERCY into encounters. We are continuing to encourage our community to extend MERCY through both prayer and action.

There are many ways to look at and define MERCY and various ways to carry it out. One definition of MERCY that I would like to share is from James Keenan, a Jesuit. He says that MERCY is "a willingness to enter into the chaos of others." Jack Shea, a theologian, emphasizes that if we allow ourselves to receive MERCY we will more freely share it.

Our Logan County Catholic Parishes are vibrant, passionate, and life-giving communities. The joy of the new life of Christ is especially manifest at Easter and that joy is meant to be celebrated and shared. We look forward to being an ambassador of Mercy with you.

In God's MERCY I remain Yours Sincerely,

Fr. Joe

Fr. Joseph Dondanville



2024 LENT/HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE

HOLY FAMILY, ST. MARY, ST. PATRICK & ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCHES

Ash Wednesday, February 14

7:00 am Mass @ St. Patrick
8:30 am Mass @ Holy Family
5:30 pm Mass @ Holy Family
5:30 pm Mass @ St. Thomas Aquinas
6:00 pm Mass @ St. Mary



Lenten Weekdays

Monday-

8:00 am Mass @ Holy Family

Tuesday-

8:00 am Mass @ Holy Family
8:00 am Mass @ St. Patrick
6:00 pm Stations @ St. Mary

Wednesday-

8:30 am Mass @ Holy Family (with Children's Stations following) except 3/25/2024, CCS on break
8:00 am Mass @ Holy Family **on 3/25/2024**
6:00 pm Stations @ St. Thomas Aquinas

Thursday-

8:00 am Mass @ Holy Family
8:00 am Mass @ St. Patrick
Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 pm @ Holy Family
Adoration 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm @ Holy Family

Friday-

8:00 am Mass @ Holy Family
8:00 am Mass @ St. Mary (when not at Prison)
5:30 pm Stations @ St. Patrick
5:30 pm Stations @ Holy Family

Weekly Confessions (below or by appointment)

Holy Family -

7:30 am, Tuesdays

2:45 pm, Saturdays

Prior to Sunday Mass at St. Mary, St. Patrick, and St. Thomas Aquinas

Lenten Reconciliation Service (Confession)

6:30 pm, **Tuesday, March 26**

Reconciliation Service for all four parishes at Holy Family, only.

HOLY WEEK

(Logan County Catholic Community Holy Week Lent Masses-Services are scheduled at Holy Family, only.)

Holy Thursday, March 28

7:00 pm Mass of The Lord's Supper followed by Eucharistic Adoration until Midnight at Holy Family, only.

Good Friday, March 29

12:00 pm Stations @ Holy Family, only

7:00 pm Veneration of the Cross - Traditional Good Friday Service @ Holy Family, only

Holy Saturday, March 30

7:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass @ Holy Family, only
(**NO** Confessions and **NO** 4pm Mass TODAY.)

Easter Sunday, March 31

8:00 am Mass @ St. Patrick

8:30 am Mass @ St. Mary

10:00 am Mass @ Holy Family

10:00 am Mass @ St. Thomas Aquinas

REGULATIONS FOR LENT AND THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year. Priests, religious and laity are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial, attentiveness to prayer, and especially to works of charity and mercy.

† Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to *abstain from meat* on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024, and all the Fridays of Lent.

† Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024 and Good Friday, March 29, 2024. On these two days of fast and abstinence, *Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed.* Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

† To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is a serious matter.

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