

With your fatherly blessing, Lord, strengthen these servants of yours in their resolve to dedicate themselves as catechists. Grant that they will strive to share with others what they themselves derive from your Word and studying the church's teaching. And let them gladly join those they teach in praising your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Catechetical Sunday

Book of Blessings



Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children.

They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation.

09/15/2024

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

Week of 09/015/2024

If the Mass Intention is in memory of your loved one, please consider bringing up the gifts. Contact an usher 10 minutes prior to Mass or call the parish office.

Saturday, September 14 - Vigil Mass for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

4:00pm Holy Family: In memory of Richard "Dick" Simmons by Helen Meagher Simmons
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 4:45-5:00pm]

Sunday, September 15 - Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Catechetical Sunday

8:00am St. Patrick: In memory of Raymond Robert Smith by His Family
 8:30am St. Mary: A Mass for the People
 10:00am Holy Family: In memory of Richard "Dick" Simmons by the Holy Family Choir
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 10:45-11:00am]
 10:00am St. Thomas Aquinas: In memory of Tom Cochran by Mike & Jennifer Riedle

Monday, September 16 - Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Dorothy Knollenberg by Jerome & Mary Vlahovich

Tuesday, September 17

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Agnes & William Lohrenz by Sandy, Lynn, Scott, Greg, Lorie, & Michael Aper
 8:00am St. Patrick: In memory of Doris Eckert by Suzanne Moore

Wednesday, September 18

8:30am CCS/Holy Family: In memory of Greg "Flako" Feldman by Linda Barrick

Thursday, September 19 - Memorial of Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Clare Drummy-Schall by Beth Feldman

Friday, September 20 - Memorial of Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

8:00am Holy Family: In memory Dorothy Knollenberg by Marilyn Wheat

Saturday, September 21 - Vigil Mass for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

4:00pm Holy Family: In memory of Roman & Eileen Lach by Michael J. Lach
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 4:45-5:00pm]

Sunday, September 22 - Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am St. Patrick: In memory of Duane Jarnagin by Cel Jarboe
 8:30am St. Mary: In memory of the Deceased Members of the George G. Dehner Family by the Family and the Estate
 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 Vincent "Vinny" Trauner by a friend

**Based on the availability of clergy, this schedule may change. Please check the parish website calendar for any changes or additions.*

- **Reconciliation**
 Holy Family Church: Tues. 7:30-8:00am & Sat. 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
- **Adoration**
 Holy Family Church, Lincoln: Thursday 3:00-6:00pm, Divine Mercy Chaplet recited at 3:00pm
- **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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 9/15: Tiny Seed class drop off 9:50am**
- 9/15: Children's Liturgy at 10am Mass**
- 9/15: Holy Family Adult Choir Practice from 9:00am-9:45am**
- 9/15: St. Mary Cookie Drop-Off after Mass**
- 9/16: Blood Drive at KOC 1:30pm-5:30pm**
- 9/18: CCS Culver's Fundraiser - All Day**
- 9/26: Adult Formation Session at St. Patrick, starting with dinner at 5:30pm**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LADIES AUXILIARY: COME AND JOIN US

Meet: Every THIRD Wednesday from March to November
 When: 7:00 pm
 Where: The Knights of Columbus Hall

ST. MARY LECTOR SCHEDULE

09/15 - Laura O'Donnell
 09/22 - Ed Jodlowski
 09/29 - Ed Jodlowski
 10/06 - Matt McGhee
 10/13 - Matt McGhee
 10/20 - Laura O'Donnell

ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY

St. Mary's Altar society invites all members of our parish (male & female) to upcoming meetings. Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 6pm in the church hall, unless otherwise noted.

ST. MARY'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH



REQUEST FOR DONATIONS FOR THE SEPTEMBER 15TH ATLANTA FALL FESTIVAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

- ◆ Donations of 1-2 dozen cookies by parish members are requested
- ◆ The cookies will be used for the Atlanta Fall Festival Ice Cream Social that follows the parade on 9/15/2024
- ◆ Cookies may be dropped off at the church the morning of the 15th



HOLY ROSARY AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Join us at Holy Family to pray the rosary at 7:40am before Mass, Monday-Friday.

Eucharistic Adoration is held on Thursdays at Holy Family from 3pm-6pm, beginning with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm.



Week of 9/15/2024 - 9/21/2024

The **red Altar Sanctuary Candle Holy Family** is lit this week in memory of Paula Mills by a friend.

St. Mary is lit this week in memory of Alice Jodlowski by a friend.

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

St. Thomas Aquinas is lit this week for all children and families facing medical and health challenges by Isabel.

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

Holy Family is lit this week for in memory of Becky Rempe on her birthday by Tim.

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 217-732-4019 or email her, abaker@logancounty catholic.org.

CAN YOU HELP?

The Glazik family, members of Holy Family parish, lost their home in a fire last week. Their four children are students at Carroll Catholic School. The school is collecting monetary donations to assist with hotel expenses and future housing expenses.

Donations may be dropped off at the school or the church rectory. Please put your donation in an envelope marked "Glazik Family". Checks may be made payable to: Carroll Catholic School. Thank you for your generous hearts and for your many prayers for this family.



Through the mercy of God
may they rest in peace.

Eleanor M. Feldman

Donald F. Fults

**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., Deb Jordan, Dwayne Knapp, Esme Avart, Rita Scanavino, Thomas Siegel, Asher Phillips, Kristin Wright, Melinda Spangler, Phil Dehner, Alexa Cunningham, Mary Masterson, 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, Joyce Lichtenwalter, Sally Velasco, Ilene Davis, Tim McCormick, Bonnie Frawley, 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, Tina Huff, and Family, Nurse Lancaster, Cindy & Kenny Frericks, Ann Knuffman, Greg Harmon, Pam Baker, David Vale, Lois, Mirtha & Nicolas Barrios, Kimm & family, Adalynn Williams, Angela Piglia, Raeleigh Bess, Eric Ewald, Faith Stagnolia, Donna Bolton, Pat Dugan, Nancy Stevens & sons, the Salas Family, Becky Maestas, Cheryl Davis, Mike Shay, Bandy Aye, Carol Grunder, Sherry Miles, Linda Barrick, Karen Lowery, Cheryl Moscardelli, Ruthann Harvey, Rachel Santana and family, Marty J Clementz, Jr., all children and families facing medical challenges, and all the members of the armed forces of our country.

If you wish to add a loved one, please call Isabel Vidal at 217-732-4019 or email her at ividal@logancounty catholic.org.

Holy Family Adult Choir Come sing with us in the choir!!

The Holy Family Choir practices on Sundays 9:00 -9:45 AM. If you are in High School or older and love to sing, you are welcome to join. Please contact Sister Lori if you would like to be a member of the Holy Family Choir.

**Join Us At
Rehearsals!**



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, September 16th

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33 / Ps 40:7-10, 17 / Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday, September 17th

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a / Ps 100:1b-5 / Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday, September 18th

1 Cor 12:31-13:13 / Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22 / Lk 7:31-35

Thursday, September 19th

1 Cor 15:1-11 / Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 / Lk 7:36-50

Friday, September 20th

1 Cor 15:12-20 / Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 / Lk 8:1-3

Saturday, September 21st

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 / Ps 19:2-5 / Mt 9:9-13

Sunday, September 22nd

Wis 2:12, 17-20 / Ps 54:3-6, 8 / Jas 3:16-4:3 / Mk 9:30-37

**ALERT:
BLOOD
SHORTAGE**

DONT WAIT. DONATE!

With a shortfall of about 30,000 blood and platelet donations in August, the Red Cross is calling on donors of all blood types to help amid a national blood shortage.



Schedule your appointment TODAY!



In Service to One, In Service to All.

Join us in answering the call to help others—give blood!

Lincoln Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

Knights of Columbus Hall

217 Limit St
Lincoln, IL 62656

**Monday, September 16, 2024
1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

Call 217- 737-1263 to schedule appointment or go to RedCrossBlood.org. You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass! Visit RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass for more information. Bring a photo ID or your blood donor card, or two other forms of ID. Bring a friend and help save lives together.



Fall into donating! Come to give blood Sept. 16 thru 30 for a \$15 e-gift card: rcblood.org/fall.



Download the Blood Donor App | RedCrossBlood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767

© 2024 The American Red Cross | 2142021

**LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS -
BABY SHOWER**

For the month of September, a Baby Shower will be hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary for Living Alternatives/Pregnancy Resource Center in Lincoln. Boxes will be placed at the Logan County Catholic Community Churches for your contributions. The boxes will be collected at the end of the month and delivered to the Center. It is a vital resource for pregnant women who need a safety net. Below are items requested:

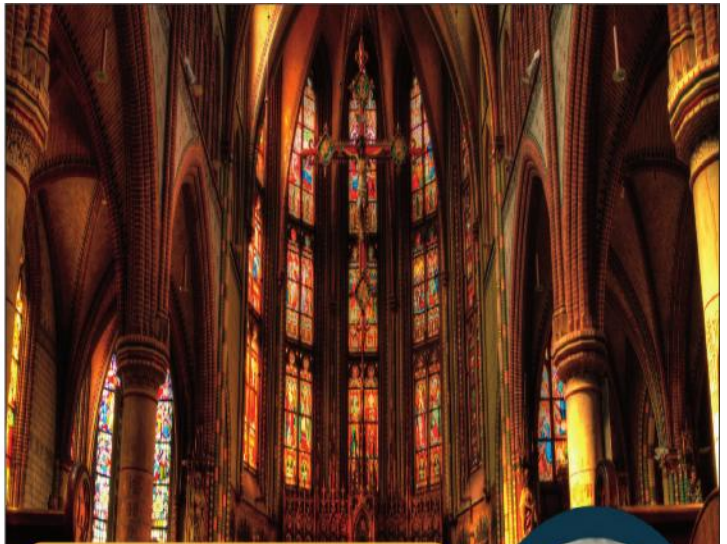
**Baby Board Books with Spiritual emphasis
Girls Newborn onesies & separates set**



- Grooming kits
- Breast Pads
- Nipple Cream
- Breastfeeding Pillows
- Baby washcloths and towels
- Monitors



- Bottles and nipples
- Strollers
- Pack 'm Plays
- Infant Carriers
- Swings
- Diaper Bags
- 4T and 5T Pull-Ups



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

CATHOLIC/BIBLE TRIVIA

Thursday, September 26th

St. Patrick's

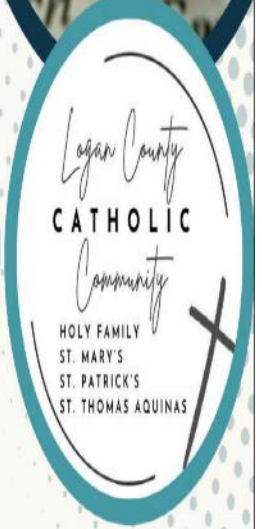
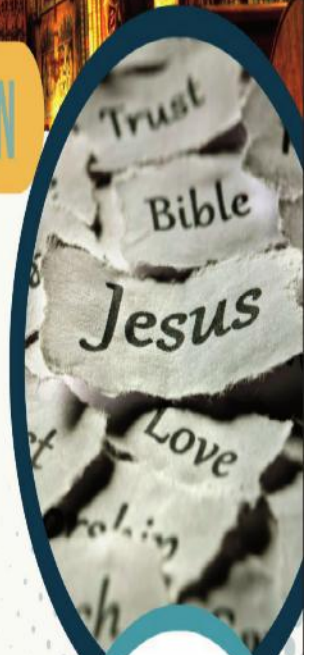
213 S. Bogardus St., Elkhart

5:30PM Join us for dinner. RSVP

Rob Polen text/call 309-825-1252

6:15PM Test your Catholic and Biblical knowledge with Fr. Joe, Fr. Nicodemus, and each other.

7:15PM Dessert and social



Free event, all are welcome!
Free-will offering accepted.



2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal

September 7-8, 2024

"Do everything for the **Glory of God.**"

The 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal is now underway in our parish. Thank you to all who have already pledged to the appeal. Your gift supports ministries that help form our young people into disciples eager to share their faith with others. No gift is too small, and our parish is trying to reach 100% participation. If you have not given yet, please consider filling out a pledge card today and mail it to the Diocese or drop it in the collection basket. Additional pledge cards are in the narthex/pews. Every dollar raised over our goal will be returned to our parish to help us with our local needs.

DONATE

While You

ENJOY DELICIOUS FOOD

Wednesday, Sept 18th
Culver's of Lincoln will
donate 10% of sales to
Carroll Catholic School



Culver's of Lincoln
2530 Woodlawn Road
217-732-7300
10:00am to 10:00pm

Ways to Order:
⇒ Use the drive-thru, for those busy nights.
⇒ Dine inside, it will feel like a family gathering.

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS

Gluten free hosts are available for anyone who needs them. Please come to the Sacristy before Mass and inform the Sacristan if you need a gluten free host. The Sacristan will put them in a special Pyx for the priest to consecrate at Mass.



We have a community building for our OCIA participants. Already we have seven interested in baptism, confirmation, and/or profession of faith. The spirit is alive and well! Please continue to pray for all: the team, participants, and supportive community. For more information, please call Sr. Margaret (217-732-4019 smargaret@logancountycatholic.org)

MONTHLY DEDICATION - SEPTEMBER

September is the Month of the Our Lady of Sorrows the Church celebrates the Memorial on September 15.

Traditionally, the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows commemorates the seven sorrows in the Heart of Mary as noted in Scripture:

- 1) The prophecy of Simeon ([Luke 2:33-35](#))
- 2) The flight into Egypt ([Matthew 2:13-15](#))
- 3) Loss of the Child Jesus for three days ([Luke 2:41-50](#))
- 4) Mary meets Jesus on His way to Calvary ([Luke 23:27-31](#))
- 5) Crucifixion and Death of Jesus ([John 19:25-30](#))
- 6) The body of Jesus being taken from the Cross ([Luke 23:50-54](#); [John 19:31-37](#))
- 7) The burial of Jesus ([Isaiah 53:8-9](#); [Luke 23:50-56](#))

Sorrow does not mean sadness, here. It is one of the blessed actions in the Beatitudes, and thus one of the holiest qualities we can possess. In this context of the Beatitudes, a heart that mourns is a heart that loves.

Adapted from www.mycatholic.life

THE HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY GLOBAL PRAYER INTENTIONS - SEPTEMBER

The Holy Father has entrusted his 2024 monthly prayer intentions to the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. It is an organization that works to encourage Christians to respond to the Pope's appeal and to deepen their daily prayer life. You can find more information about the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network for the USA on their website at [Home - Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network \(popesprayerusa.net\)](http://Home - Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (popesprayerusa.net)).

In September:

For the cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climatic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

Adapted from the USCCB.org

Parish Office, 316 South Logan Street, Lincoln, IL 62656 217-732-4019 www.logancountycatholic.org

Rev. Joseph Dondanville, Pastor | Rev. Nicodemus Muithi, Parochial Vicar | Deacon Wendell Lowry | Sister Margaret Schreiber O.P., Spiritual Life Coordinator | Britta Langley, Religious Education Coordinator | Alicia Baker & Isabel Vidal, Secretaries | Sister Lori Kirchman O.P., Director of Music | Carroll Catholic School 217-732-7518 - David Welch, Principal | Jennifer Craig, Secretary | Holy Cross & St. Mary Cemeteries 217-871-0266 - Kenneth "Scott" Jones, Sexton

WHAT YOUR GIFT SUPPORTS



Evangelization

- Catholic Schools
- Respect Life
- Catholic Charities
- Evangelization
- Parish Mission Support

Vocations

- Vocations Recruitment
- Seminary Preparation
- Continuing Education for Priests
- Preparation of Permanent Deacons
- Retired Clergy Benefits

Discipleship

- Retreat Center
- Hispanic Ministry
- Marriage Tribunal
- Family Life
- Newman Centers

Eucharistic Revival

- Cathedral
- Divine Worship Office
- Pontifical Liturgies
- High School Youth Conference

“Do everything for the *Glory of God.*”

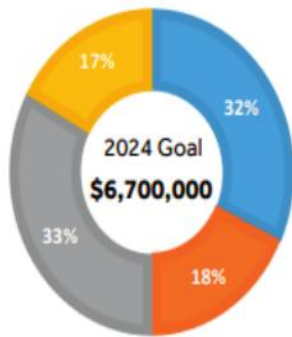
September 7-8, 2024



2024 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Catholic Diocese of Peoria

www.cdop.org/ada



- Evangelization
- Vocations
- Discipleship
- Eucharistic Revival

REBATE BENEFIT

Your gift to the ADA benefits you and your parish by providing a **100% rebate** of all funds received in excess of the parish's goal. Because of this rebate system, the appeal presents a unique opportunity for parishes to share in the diocesan effort to produce funding for our ministries while also using the momentum, promotion, and expenses of the ADA program to generate funds for local use. Rebates have no effect on future ADA goals since they do not count as ordinary income.

OPTIONS AND TOOLS FOR GIVING

GIVE BY MAIL



Catholic Diocese of Peoria
419 NE Madison Ave
Peoria, IL 61603

VISIT OUR WEBSITE



to give electronically
at cdop.org/ada

OR SCAN THIS QR CODE:



Gift Plans to consider based on
1% of Annual Income

Annual Income	Daily Sacrifice	Monthly Sacrifice (over 3 months)	Total Gift
\$36,000	\$1.50	\$45	\$360
\$48,000	\$2.00	\$60	\$480
\$60,000	\$2.50	\$75	\$600
\$96,000	\$4.00	\$120	\$960
\$120,000	\$5.00	\$150	\$1,200

TAX ADVANTAGED CHARITABLE GIFTS



GRAIN

Many cash basis farmers achieve significant self-employment, federal, and state tax savings by donating crops directly to charitable organizations, excluding the sale of the cash crop while deducting the growing costs.

STOCK

Donating appreciated stock to the diocese provides a full value charitable deduction while avoiding the capital gain tax on a sale.

IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER

Individuals 70 1/2 or older can save tax dollars by making a qualified charitable distribution of up to \$100,000 directly from their IRA. Contact the custodian of your IRA for details.

For more information or questions, contact us at ada@cdop.org or at 309-671-1550





2025 Year of Hope Jubilee: Pope Francis' *Spes Non Confundit* - Bula de Indicación.

Tradition dictates that each Jubilee is proclaimed through the publication of a Papal (or Pontifical) 'Bull of Indiction'. Each Bull is identified by its initial words. This Bull begins with **SPES NON CONFUNDIT** (*Hope does not disappoint*). The Bull is multiple pages long. A portion will be printed here until completed.

Appeals for hope

16. Echoing the age-old message of the prophets, the Jubilee reminds us that *the goods of the earth* are not destined for a privileged few, but for everyone. The rich must be generous and not avert their eyes from the faces of their brothers and sisters in need. Here I think especially of those who lack water and food: hunger is a scandal, an open wound on the body of our humanity, and it summons all of us to a serious examination of conscience. I renew my appeal that "with the money spent on weapons and other military expenditures, let us establish a global fund that can finally put an end to hunger and favour development in the most impoverished countries, so that their citizens will not resort to violent or illusory situations, or have to leave their countries in order to seek a more dignified life". [8]

Another heartfelt appeal that I would make in light of the coming Jubilee is directed to the more affluent nations. I ask that they acknowledge the gravity of so many of their past decisions and determine to *forgive the debts* of countries that will never be able to repay them. More than a question of generosity, this is a matter of justice. It is made all the more serious today by a new form of injustice which we increasingly recognize, namely, that "a true 'ecological debt' exists, particularly between the global North and South, connected to commercial imbalances with effects on the environment and the disproportionate use of natural resources by certain countries over long periods of time". [9] As sacred Scripture teaches, the earth is the Lord's and all of us dwell in it as "aliens and tenants" (*Lev 25:23*). If we really wish to prepare a path to peace in our world, let us commit ourselves to remedying the remote causes of injustice, settling unjust and unpayable debts, and feeding the hungry.

17. The coming Jubilee Year will also coincide with a significant date for all Christians, namely, *the 1700th anniversary of the celebration of the first great Ecumenical Council, that of Nicaea*. It is worth noting that, from apostolic times, bishops have gathered on various occasions in order to discuss doctrinal questions and disciplinary matters. In the first centuries of Christianity, synods frequently took place in both East and West, showing the importance of ensuring the unity of God's People and the faithful proclamation of the Gospel. The Jubilee can serve as an important occasion for giving concrete expression to this form of synodality, which the Christian community today considers increasingly necessary for responding to the urgent need for evangelization. All the baptized, with their respective charisms and ministries, are co-responsible for ensuring that manifold signs of hope bear witness to God's presence in the world.

The Council of Nicaea sought to preserve the Church's unity, which was seriously threatened by the denial of the full divinity of Jesus Christ and hence his consubstantiality with the Father. Some three hundred bishops took part, convoked at the behest of the Emperor Constantine; their first meeting took place in the Imperial Palace on 20 May 325. After various debates, by the grace of the Spirit they unanimously approved the Creed that we still recite each Sunday at the celebration of the Eucharist. The Council Fathers chose to begin that Creed by using for the first time the expression " *We believe*", [10] as a sign that all the Churches were in communion and that all Christians professed the same faith.

The Council of Nicaea was a milestone in the Church's history. The celebration of its anniversary invites Christians to join in a hymn of praise and thanksgiving to the Blessed Trinity and in particular to Jesus Christ, the Son of God, "consubstantial with the Father", [11] who revealed to us that mystery of love. At the same time, Nicaea represents a summons to all Churches and Ecclesial Communities to persevere on the path to visible unity and in the quest of fitting ways to respond fully to the prayer of Jesus "that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me" (*Jn 17:21*).

The Council of Nicaea also discussed the date of Easter. To this day, different approaches to this question prevent celebrating the fundamental event of our faith on the same day. Providentially, a common celebration will take place in the year 2025. May this serve as an appeal to all Christians, East and West, to take a decisive step forward towards unity around a common date for Easter. We do well to remind ourselves that many people, unaware of the controversies of the past, fail to understand how divisions in this regard can continue to exist.

Anchored in hope

18. Hope, together with faith and charity, makes up the triptych of the "theological virtues" that express the heart of the Christian life (cf. *1 Cor 13:13; 1 Thess 1:3*). In their inseparable unity, hope is the virtue that, so to speak, gives inward direction and purpose to the life of believers. For this reason, the Apostle Paul encourages us to "rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, and persevere in prayer" (*Rom 12:12*). Surely we need to "abound in hope" (cf. *Rom 15:13*), so that we may bear credible and attractive witness to the faith and love that dwell in our hearts; that our faith may be joyful and our charity enthusiastic; and that each of us may be able to offer a smile, a small gesture of friendship, a kind look, a ready ear, a good deed, in the knowledge that, in the Spirit of Jesus, these can become, for those who receive them, rich seeds of hope. Yet what is the basis of our hope? To understand this, let us stop and reflect on "the reasons for our hope" (cf. *1 Pet 3:15*).

19. "I believe in *life everlasting*". [12] So our faith professes. Christian hope finds in these words an essential foundation. For hope is "that theological virtue by which we desire... eternal life as our happiness". [13] The Second Vatican Council says of hope that, "when people are deprived of this divine support, and lack hope in eternal life, their dignity is deeply impaired, as may so often be seen today. The problems of life and death, of guilt and suffering, remain unsolved, so that people are frequently thrown into despair". [14] We, however, by virtue of the hope in which we were saved, can view the passage of time with the certainty that the history of humanity and our own individual history are not doomed to a dead end or a dark abyss, but directed to an encounter with the Lord of glory. As a result, we live our lives in expectation of his return and in the hope of living forever in him. In this spirit, we make our own the heartfelt prayer of the first Christians with which sacred Scripture ends: "Come, Lord Jesus!" (*Rev 22:20*).

20. The death and resurrection of Jesus is the heart of our faith and the basis of our hope. Saint Paul states this succinctly by the use of four verbs: "I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas and then to the twelve" (*1 Cor 15:3-5*). Christ *died, was buried, was raised and appeared*. For our sake, Jesus experienced the drama of death. The Father's love raised him in the power of the Spirit, and made of his humanity the first fruits of our eternal salvation. Christian hope consists precisely in this: that in facing death, which appears to be the end of everything, we have the certainty that, thanks to the grace of Christ imparted to us in Baptism, "life is changed, not ended", [15] forever. Buried with Christ in Baptism, we receive in his resurrection the gift of a new life that breaks down the walls of death, making it a passage to eternity.

The reality of *death*, as a painful separation from those dearest to us, cannot be mitigated by empty rhetoric. The Jubilee, however, offers us the opportunity to appreciate anew, and with immense gratitude, the gift of the new life that we have received in Baptism, a life capable of transfiguring death's drama. It is worth reflecting, in the context of the Jubilee, on how that mystery has been understood from the earliest centuries of the Church's life. An example would be the tradition of building baptismal fonts in the shape of an octagon, as seen in many ancient baptisteries, like that of Saint John Lateran in Rome. This was intended to symbolize that Baptism is the dawn of the "eighth day", the day of the resurrection, a day that transcends the normal, weekly passage of time, opening it to the dimension of eternity and to life everlasting: the goal to which we tend on our earthly pilgrimage (cf. *Rom 6:22*).

Next Week: We continue with "*Anchored in Hope*" Point 20.

Carrier
turn to the experts

MARION GOFF
1716 Tremont St.
Lincoln, IL 62656
217.735.5835

Lincoln Heating & Cooling, Inc.
HEATING • COOLING • ELECTRICAL

Logan County-It's home

We're here to protect your corner of the community and everything in it.

GA
GRIEME-ARNOLD
INSURANCE AGENCY, LLC

Matt Arnold
Grieme-Arnold Insurance Agency, LLC
321 Pulaski St. • Lincoln, IL
griemearnoldinsurance.com
217-735-1296

Erie Insurance

Erie Insurance Exchange, Erie Insurance Co., Erie Insurance Property & Casualty Co., Flagship City Insurance Co. and Erie Family Life Insurance Co. (Erie, PA) or Erie Insurance Co. of New York (Rochester, NY). Go to erieinsurance.com for company licensure and product details.

PACESETTER
FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC
Investment Advisor

217.735.1576
207 S. McLean Street
Lincoln, IL 62656

Kristen R.M. Lanning, CFP®
Investment Advisor Representative

Andy Fitzpatrick, CPA
Investment Advisor Representative

myParish

The App for Catholic Life Every Day
www.myParishApp.com
Available for Apple and Android

The Graue Group
Eric D. Graue
Managing Director
Wealth Management Advisor
217.525.4236
eric_graue@ml.com

Merrill Lynch Wealth Management
611 East Monroe Street
Suite 100
Springfield, IL 62701
217.525.4209
fa.ml.com/graue-associates

MERRILL LYNCH
A BANK OF AMERICA COMPANY

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (MLPF&S) is a registered broker-dealer, registered investment adviser, and Member SIPC. Bank of America, N.A., and Member FDIC and MLPF&S are wholly owned subsidiaries of Bank of America Corporation.
© 2024 Bank of America Corporation. All rights reserved.
MAP6209646 | AD-07-24-0369 | 470944PM-0124

MANLEY MONUMENTS
Serving Your Family Since 1945
713 Hickox Dr.
735-4939

Peasley Funeral Home
217-732-8141
www.PeasleyFuneralHomes.com

LONGVIEW COMMUNITY BANK
130 S. Washington, Mt. Pulaski
(217) 792-5211

I advocate for you, your family, as well as your business. I am your friend in health insurance. Individual health, small and large group health insurance, dental, vision, and life.

Dara C. Entwistle
Independent Health Agent

DARA C. ENTWISTLE, LTCP, CLTC
Senior Agent Benefits Specialist
Office 217-651-8046 | Mobile 217-737-7581
Fax 309-409-9984
Box 206
101 1/2 S. Kickapoo Street • Suite 6
Lincoln, Illinois 62656

Protect what you have and plan for your future

Michelle Bauer
Financial Representative
211 S Mclean St
Lincoln, IL 62656-2820
www.countryfinancial.com/michelle.bauer
michelle.bauer@countryfinancial.com
(217) 735-9705

COUNTRY FINANCIAL

0415-508HC_BC_24134-10/5/2022

LADIES AUXILIARY MEETS THIRD WEDNESDAY

K of C

Join The **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**
Council 1250
MEETINGS FIRST AND THIRD MONDAY
LINCOLN **732-2548**

Get this bulletin emailed to you every week.

Simply go to www.DM.CHURCH/1349

...or scan →

DISCOVERMASS

SUGAR CREEK ORTHODONTICS
200 S. Towanda Ave. • Normal, IL 400 N. Chicago St. • Lincoln, IL
(309) 452-7445 (217) 732-1073
www.sugarcreekortho.com

catholicmatch® Illinois

CatholicMatch.com/goll

EWTN.COM/RADIO

EWTN Global Catholic Radio
TUNE IN

Green Prairie ANIMAL HOSPITALS

San Jose 309-247-3231
Lincoln 217-732-7125
Sherman 309-689-4960

greenprairieanimalhospitals.com

ADVERTISE HERE

Promote your Business AND Support your Parish.

Dennis Dykstra ~ 616-916-9683
ddykstra@diocesan.com

GRAUE INC.

Serving Lincoln and Logan County since 1953

1905 N. Kickapoo
Lincoln, IL 62656
217-735-4444 or 800-475-8258
www.graueinc.com

DIOCESAN To Advertise 1-800-783-1623 Online at Diocesan.com/Business VISA

1349

