

12/08/2024



Advent
SECOND WEEK

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

Week of 12/08/2024

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, December 7 - Vigil Mass for the 2nd Sunday of Advent (Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)

4:00pm Holy Family: In memory of Becky Rempe on our Anniversary by Tim Rempe
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 4:45-5:00pm]

Sunday, December 8 - Second Sunday of Advent

8:00am St. Patrick: In memory of the Deceased Members of the George G. Dehner Family by the Family & the Estate
 8:30am St. Mary: In memory of Don Fults by Kent & Barb Bowlby
 10:00am Holy Family: In memory of John Plut by David & Betty Story
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 10:45-11:00am]
 10:00am St. Thomas Aquinas: In memory of Louis & Rose Pease by Cecilia Wessbecher

Monday, December 9 - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Maria Carmen Bailey by Diane Farmer

Tuesday, December 10

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Dennis Welch by Gary & Holly Woodhall

Wednesday, December 11

8:30am CCS/Holy Family: In memory of Harold & Ann Kissinger by Beth Fleshman

Thursday, December 12 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Margaret Peifer by Jerome & Patricia Levandowski

Friday, December 13 - Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Virginia & Alvin Rohlfs by Lynn & Sandy Aper & Family
 8:00am St. Mary: In memory of Margaret Peifer by Dan & Linda Bosse

Saturday, December 14 - Vigil Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Advent (Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church)

4:00pm Holy Family: In honor of Dorothy & Emil Sandrolini by Laura Sandrolini
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 4:45-5:00pm]

Sunday, December 15 - Gaudete Sunday (Third Sunday of Advent)

8:00am St. Patrick: In memory of Francis Schreiner by his family
 8:30am St. Mary: A Mass for the People
 10:00am Holy Family: In memory of Wes O'Donoghue on his Birthday by his family
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 10:45-11:00am]
 10:00am St. Thomas Aquinas: In memory of Patrick Walsh by Kathy Miller

**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: Tuesday 7:30-8:00am before the 8am Mass & Saturday 2:45-3:30pm before the 4pm Mass
 St. Patrick Church, Elkhart: prior to Sunday Mass
 St. Mary 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.

Week of 12/08/2024 - 12/14/2024

The **red Altar Sanctuary Candle Holy Family** is lit this week in memory of Dorothy & Joseph Ruenzi by Jerry & Janet Langenbahn.

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 in memory of Margaret, Alice & Ed by Linda.

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.

Call Alicia Baker at 217-732-4019 or email her at abaker@logancountycatholic.com to sponsor a candle.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

12/08-12/22: Consider Making Extra Food Pantry Donations for the Holidays

12/8: Carroll Catholic School Christmas Bazaar & Breakfast from 8am-12pm

12/10: Kruger Elevator - Holy Family Pantry Food Drive from 8am-12pm

12/12: Carroll Catholic School Christmas Program, 6pm Holy Family Church

12/17: 7pm Advent Reconciliation Holy Family

12/22: St. Patrick Christmas Decorating & Breakfast

ST. MARY LECTOR SCHEDULE

12/08 - Laura O'Donnell
 12/15 - Ed Jodlowski
 12/22 - Ed Jodlowski
 12/29 - Matt McGhee
 01/05 - Matt McGhee
 01/12 - Laura O'Donnell

ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY

St. Mary's Altar Society invites all members of our parish to upcoming meetings held the FIRST Monday at 6pm in the church hall, unless otherwise noted.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Holy Family: Bob Barger, Peggy Morrow, Jim Wessbecher

St. Mary: Joe Bell, Jan Bicknell, Zachary Craig

St. Patrick: Cheryl Davis, Blane Olson

St. Thomas Aquinas: Karen Edgecombe, Kathy Miller

CARROLL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Christmas Bazaar and breakfast

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

BREAKFAST

Scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, bacon, fried potatoes, fresh fruit, and drink. \$10

RAFFLE TABLE

Local merchants, parish members, and CCS families donate to this raffle; including single items, gift cards, and gift baskets.
Tickets are 3/\$1.00.

CASH RAFFLE

Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Cash prizes of \$500, \$300, and \$200 will be given away.

GROCERY CART

Tickets are \$1.00 each for a chance to win a grocery cart full of goodies.

SWEET SHOPPE

This is a great place to pick up homemade Christmas cookies and sweets for your holiday season.

CHILDREN'S ROOM

A room for children to shop for their loved ones. Just drop them off with their list and some money.



Through the mercy of God
may they rest in peace.

Raymond "Huey" Jones
Juanita Frostell
Pauline Williams
Ruthann Harvey

NOTICE: REGARDING NAMES ON THE "PRAY FOR THE SICK" LIST

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF WE MAY REMOVE ANY NAMES FROM THE PRAYER LIST BY REACHING OUT TO ISABEL VIDAL BY EMAIL OR FEEL FREE TO CALL TO THE RECTORY.

EMAIL IS: IVIDAL@LOGANCOUNTYCATHOLIC.ORG

PHONE NUMBER IS: 217-732-4019, EXT. 2202



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 Connelley, Cheryl Farney, Jack Sprague, David Sanborn, Kathy Miller, Pat French, Jack Peifer, Johanna Grigsby, Charlie Dumire, Bryan Finchum, Phyllis' family, Steve Panissidi, 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., Bridget Chiodo, Carol Ann Connelly, the Newton family and their twin newborns, Candice Rose, Nathan Cravatt, Dan Durchholz, Wil Buse, all children and families facing medical challenges, and all the members of the armed forces of our country. *Wish to add a loved one, call Isabel Vidal at 732-4019 or email ividal@logancountycatholic.com.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, December 9

Gn 3:9-15, 20 / Ps 98:1-4 / Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 / Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 10

Is 40:1-11 / Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13 / Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 11

Is 40:25-31 / Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10 / Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 12

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab / Judith 13:18bcde, 19 / Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Friday, December 13

Is 48:17-19 / Ps 1:1-4, 6 / Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 14

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 / Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19 / Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday, December 15

Zep 3:14-18a / Is 12:2-6 / Phil 4:4-7 / Lk 3:10-18



COMMUNITY PRAYER TIME

Join us on **Thursday, 12/19 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm**. We will meet in the Bride's Room at Holy Family for prayer.

We will come together to pray for your needs and thank God for your blessings.

We will gather together to pray for each other, our community, and the world.

All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you!



THE HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY GLOBAL PRAYER INTENTIONS - DECEMBER

The Holy Father has entrusted his 2024 monthly prayer intentions to the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. You can find more information about the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network for the USA at [Home - Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network \(popesprayerusa.net\)](http://Home - Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (popesprayerusa.net)).

December: For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Adapted from USCCB.org

MONTHLY DEDICATION - DECEMBER

December is dedicated to the Advent Season.

Advent starts the new Liturgical Year and can be seen as another opportunity to spiritually begin anew. It means "to come to." Looking at the Advent Wreath (symbolizing eternity) we light each week, the purple candles represent the prayer, penance, and charitable works initiated during this season. The rose candle is lit on the Third Sunday of Advent known as Gaudete Sunday which means "rejoice" and marks the halfway point until Christ's birth at Christmas. By lighting these we symbolize the *expectation* and *hope* of our Lord's first coming into the world and the *anticipation* of his second coming at the end of time, in addition to his *daily coming* to us during *Communion*. We can Fast, Give Alms, and participate in the Giving/Angel Trees in these 40 days of preparation for his coming.

Adapted from USCCB.org



St. Thomas Aquinas Christmas Decorating & Pizza

We are decorating the Church this **Sunday, December 15th**, right after Mass. When we are done, join us downstairs for Pizza! Everyone is welcome and many hands will help us get it done swiftly!

St. Patrick's Christmas Decorating & Breakfast

Join us on **Sunday, December 22nd** to decorate the Church and share breakfast, after Mass. If possible, please bring a coffee cake to share. Everyone is welcome!



SCRIP GIFT CARDS

As the holiday season is quickly approaching, do not forget to order your gift cards through our scrip fundraiser for CCS! Each business sells us gift cards at a discounted price and then we sell them at face value. This is an easy and profitable fundraiser for the school AND one-stop shopping for you!

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**O GOD
RESTORE US
LIGHT UP YOUR FACE
& WE SHALL BE SAVED**
Psalm 80:4

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is traditional to preach during Advent on the "four Last Things"—Death, Judgement, Heaven, and Hell. However, over the years I have turned this on its head to preach about "The Four First Things." During Advent we are meant to be watchful and alert, so it is worth looking at things from a fresh perspective and expect some Advent surprises. I wanted to touch on two of them.

The first of the "First Things" is "God" who is the source of our existence. When he revealed himself to Moses at the burning bush God said his name was "I AM." The church teaches that this is the revelation that God is not just the creator, and not just the source of life, but that he is the very essence of being itself. To put it another way, "God does not 'exist' instead he IS existence."

If God is the first of the First Things, the second "First Thing" to consider for this second week of Advent is Light.

The first thing God created was Light. Critics of the Catholic faith like to scoff and say, "Look at that silly creation story! God created light on the first day, but didn't create the sun, moon and stars until the fourth day! How dumb is that?"

Not dumb. Pretty smart. Those who told the creation stories were not writing a scientific treatise. They were more concerned with the meaning of God's act of creation than recording a historical or scientific account of the beginning of the world.

God created Light first because light itself is greater than the sun, moon and stars which create or reflect the light. That is to say, light exists beyond the physical sources of light. This truth is reflected in the final book of the Bible – Revelation. There we have a vision of heaven where we are told that there is neither sun, nor moon for the Lamb – Christ himself, is the Light.

Jesus understands his own destiny and identity when he says, "I am the Light of the World." The church teaches that God the Son – the second person of the Holy Trinity – was present at the foundation of the world. The world was created not just by God the Father, but by the Son, and by the Holy Spirit. This is why, in that opening passage of the Book of Genesis it says that God created the heavens and earth and the Spirit was moving over the face of the waters and God said, "Let there be Light."

The creative Word of God brings Light into the world, and later John the Evangelist says, "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld his glory, or "his radiance."

Advent is a particular celebration of Light. We light the Advent candles and we welcome the coming of the Light of Christ into the world on Christmas night.

This is the same light that was at the beginning – the Light of the World and the light of the heavenly kingdom – Christ Jesus, the Lord.

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Joe





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For More Information : Call Holy Family 217-732-4019





2024 Advent/Christmas Calendar

**Holy Family, Lincoln; St. Mary, Atlanta;
St. Patrick, Elkhart; St. Thomas Aquinas, Mt. Pulaski**

Advent Reconciliation

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

7:00 pm Advent Reconciliation Service for all four parishes will be at Holy Family Church

Regular Reconciliation times:

Holy Family -	Tuesdays 7:30-8:00am Saturdays 2:45-3:30pm
St. Mary -	Prior to 8:30am Sunday Mass
St. Patrick -	Prior to 8:00am Sunday Mass
St. Thomas Aquinas -	Prior to 10 am Sunday Mass

Christmas - Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

(Vigil Masses)

4:00 pm @ Holy Family
4:00 pm @ St. Patrick
6:00 pm @ St. Mary
6:00 pm @ St. Thomas Aquinas
9:00 pm @ Holy Family

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

(Holy Day Mass)

9:00 am @ Holy Family

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

(Vigil Masses)

5:30 pm @ Holy Family
5:30 pm @ St. Mary

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

(Holy Day Mass)

9:00 am @ Holy Family

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