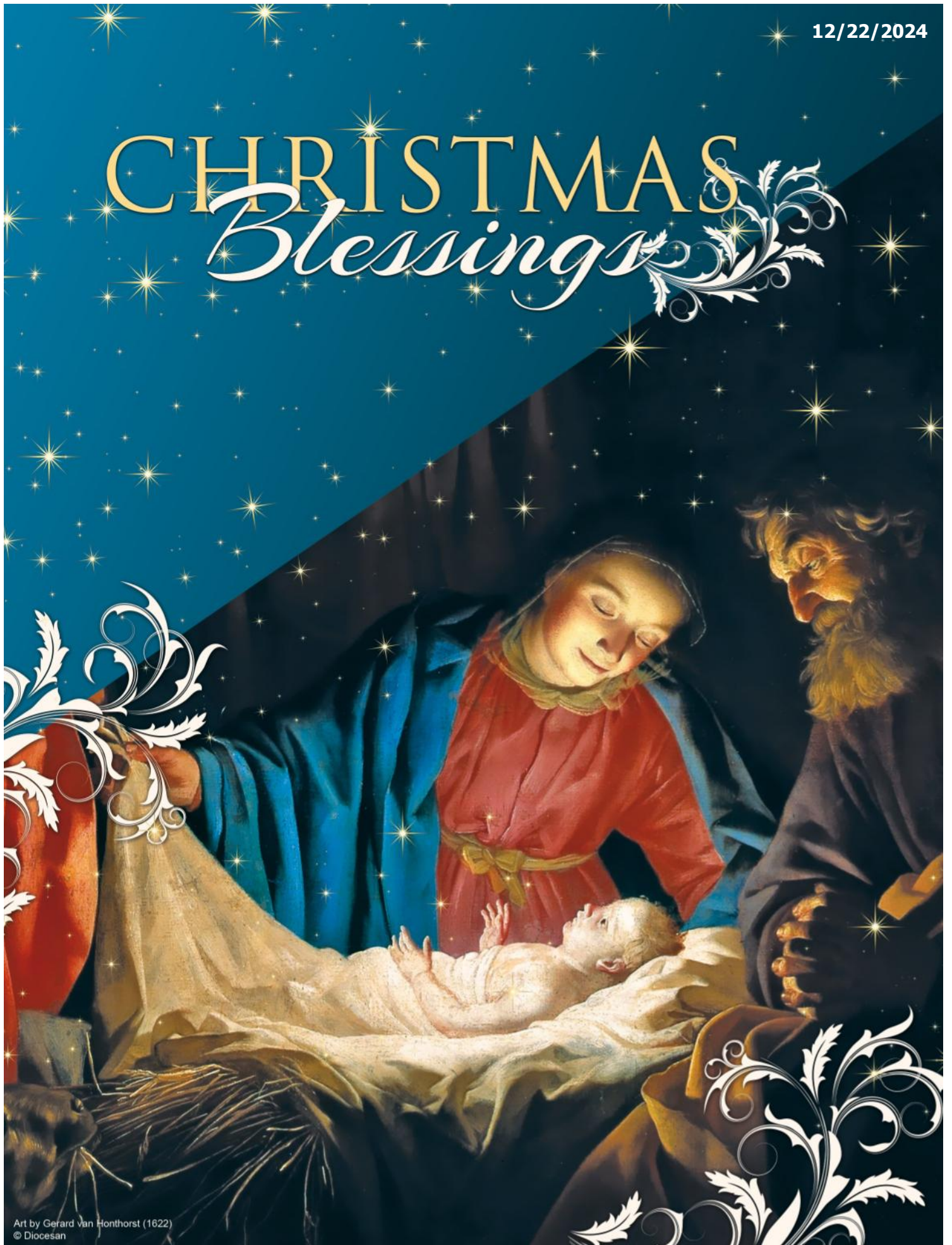


12/22/2024

# CHRISTMAS *Blessings*



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**Week of 12/22/2024**

*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 21 - Vigil Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent**

4:00pm Holy Family: In honor of Francis Schreiner by John Peifer  
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 4:45-5:00pm]

**Sunday, December 22 - Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:00am St. Patrick: In memory of Raymond Smith by his Family  
 8:30am St. Mary: A Mass for the People  
 10:00am Holy Family: For the Special Intentions of Bob & Diane's health by Laura Sandrolini  
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 10:45-11:00am]

10:00am St. Thomas Aquinas: In memory of Vinny Trauner by his Aunts & Uncles

**Monday, December 23**

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Joseph "Joe" Fitzpatrick by Jerry & Sally Cecil

**Tuesday, December 24 - Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord**

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Inez Mitchell by Guy & Susan Williamson  
 4:00pm Holy Family: In memory of Greg "Flako" Feldman by his Family  
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 4:45-5:00pm]

4:00pm St. Patrick: In memory of Albert & Agnes Durchholz by the Durchholz Family

6:00pm St. Mary: In Thanksgiving for Janet Bell on our Anniversary by Joseph Bell

6:00pm St. Thomas Aquinas: In memory of Patrick Boyle & Vinny Trauner by their Families

9:00pm Holy Family: In memory of Paul & Madeline Harmon by their Family

**Wednesday, December 25 - Solemnity of The Nativity of Our Lord**

9:00am Holy Family: In memory of Boone O'Donoghue by Marsha & Kelsey  
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 9:45-10:00am]

**Thursday, December 26 - Feast of St. Stephen, The First Martyr**

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Fred Finchum by Lynn & Sandy Aper & Family

**Friday, December 27 - Feast of St. John, Apostle & Evangelist**

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Tom Cochran by Lynn & Sandy Aper & Family

**Saturday, December 28 - Vigil Mass for Sunday (Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs)**

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

**Sunday, December 29 - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

8:00am St. Patrick: In memory of Francis Schreiner by Jerry & Janet Langenbahn  
 8:30am St. Mary: A Mass for the People  
 10:00am Holy Family: In memory of Daniel Goetsch & Sandra Burr by Lee & Donna Burr  
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 10:45-11:00am]

10:00am St. Thomas Aquinas: In memory of Margaret & Elmer Critchenau by Cecilia Wessbecher

*\*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 12/22/2024 - 12/28/2024**

The **red Altar Sanctuary Candle Holy Family** is lit this week in memory of Greg "Flako" Feldman by his Family.

**St. Mary** is lit this week for Janet Bell by Joseph Bell.

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

**St. Thomas Aquinas** is lit this week in memory of Vinny Trauner by his Aunts & Uncles.

The **blue candle** at the **Mary Queen of Peace Statue** near the altar at **Holy Family** is lit this week in memory of Joni Marten by Galen & Family.

The **blue candle** at the **Immaculate Heart of Mary Statue** near votive candles at **Holy Family** is lit this week for the special intention of safe Christmas travels.

*To sponsor a sanctuary candle, call Alicia Baker at 217-732-4019 or email abaker@logancountycatholic.com.*

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

**12/24: Christmas Vigil Masses**

**4pm - Holy Family**                      **4pm - St. Patrick**  
**6pm - St. Thomas Aquinas**      **6pm - St. Mary**  
**9pm - Holy Family**

**12/25: Christmas Day - 9am at Holy Family**

**12/24/24-1/5/25: Parish Office Closed**

**12/31: - Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God - Holy Day of Obligation (Vigil Masses)**

**5:30pm Holy Family**

**6:00pm St. Mary**

**1/1/25: Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God - Holy Day of Obligation**

**9am Holy Family**

**ST. MARY LECTOR SCHEDULE**

12/22 - Ed Jodlowski  
 12/29 - Matt McGhee  
 01/05 - Matt McGhee  
 01/12 - Laura O'Donnell  
 01/19 - Laura O'Donnell  
 01/26 - Ed Jodlowski

**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





  
**Lincoln Knights of Columbus Blood Drive**  
  
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**Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!**  
**We will be closed 12/24/24 to 1/5/25.**

**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 on their website 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*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK**

**Monday, December 23**  
 Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 / Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14 / Lk 1:57-66

**Tuesday, December 24**  
**The Nativity of the Lord**  
 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 / Lk 1:67-79

*Vigil Mass*  
 Is 62:1-5 / Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 / Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 / Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

*Mass during the Night*  
 Is 9:1-6 / Ps 96:1-3, 11-13 / Ti 2:11-14 / Lk 2:1-14

**Wednesday, December 25**  
**The Nativity of the Lord**  
*Mass at Dawn:*  
 Is 62:11-12 / Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12 / Ti 3:4-7 / Lk 2:15-20


*Mass during the Day:*  
 Is 52:7-10 / Ps 98:1-6 / Heb 1:1-6 / Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

**Thursday, December 26**  
 Acts 6:8-10 & 7:54-59 / Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17 / Mt 10:17-22

**Friday, December 27**  
 1 Jn 1:1-4 / Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 / Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Saturday, December 28**  
 1 Jn 1:5 -2:2 / Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8 / Mt 2:13-18

**Sunday, December 29**  
**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 / Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 / Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 / Lk 2:41-52



Pope Francis has declared that 2025 will be celebrated as a Jubilee Year of Pilgrims of Hope. He has invited local Bishops to open that Year of Jubilee in their Diocese on **December 29, 2024**, the **Feast of the Holy Family**. Bishop Tylka invites you to join him as he celebrates the 10:30am Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary, Peoria to Open the Year of Jubilee. There will be a pre-Mass ritual that will begin at 10:00am at the Spalding Pastoral Center which will include a Gospel reading, a reading from the Papal Bull for the Jubilee Year, and a procession to the Cathedral. The ritual will continue at the beginning of Mass with a showing of the Cross with the relic of the True and a Sprinkling Rite. All who wish are invited to join us for that ritual.

**SCRIP GIFT CARDS**

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OR CALL THE RECTORY (217-732-4019,  
EXT. 2202)**

**Please "Pray for the  
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the following people  
in your prayers:**



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*To add a loved one contact Isabel Vidal at  
732-4019 or [ividual@logancountycatholic.com](mailto:ividual@logancountycatholic.com).*

**Picking Up on God's Hints**

Most of us would like it if God would make it super clear to us what He wanted us to do. Even Mary at the Annunciation clearly knew what God was asking of her through the angel Gabriel's message.

However, when Mary traveled to see her cousin Elizabeth directly after the Annunciation during the first days of her pregnancy, she went on a hint. She was a fifteen-year-old girl going to assist an elderly cousin and perhaps seek her advice simply because the angel Gabriel mentioned that Elizabeth, her cousin, was pregnant and was in her sixth month. There was nothing about Elizabeth being the mother of the forerunner of the Messiah. There was no clear-cut, can't-be-missed declaration that it was God's will that Mary go and visit her. There was just a mention. In the English translation, the mention is just about 20 words out of the 200 words she heard that morning.

Such an announcement would have left most of us wondering and worrying and scurrying about in concern for ourselves. Mary instead went in haste, putting her cousin first. Mary dropped everything and left, not because she was commanded to, but because she got the hint.

There are certain times when we make formal discernments as we seek the will of God in our lives. I've learned that most of the time, however, we discover God's call to us by picking up on the hints He is dropping all around us. Mary "got the hint" when she heard the *mention* of Elizabeth being with child, because she was ever seeking to please the Lord, attuned to the way God works in the world, and because her heart was full of compassion and kindness for others, putting their needs before her own. As we prepare for Christmas we are immersed in all three of these qualities of Mary's heart: seeking, waiting and loving; being attuned to both God and others; putting others' needs before our own.

In these remaining days of Advent and through the Christmas season, keep your eyes and ears and heart open to pick up on all the hints God is dropping. These hints are the way He indicates what He desires of you. If you do so, then your Christmas celebration will truly be joyous.

*By Sr. Kathryn Hermes for Diocesan*

**The Signs of God**

Midnight Christmas Mass was always my favorite as a kid. We would get all dressed up and enter the beautiful Church with all the decorations and the nativity scene. It's like I can still smell the pine trees and see the glow of the Christmas lights. I think we probably all have memories that bring us back to the Christmas season. Whether it is the smell of freshly baked cookies or the Christmas ham roasting for hours, these physical signs point us back to memories and experiences that we have enjoyed.

The Gospel from the Christmas Mass during the Night proclaims, "For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you." This has me thinking about the importance of physical signs. Wedding rings are exchanged as a sign of commitment. Gifts are exchanged as a sign of love or friendship. In today's Gospel we have the signs of the manger and the swaddling clothes that are communicating to us that God has become flesh. Signs are important for us.

The beautiful thing about the signs we have in the Catholic Church is that they go beyond mere symbols. Today we commemorate not just a sign of God's love in clothes and a structure, but we commemorate God literally taking on flesh to be a physical and effective sign of his love. Not just a sign in the sense of symbolic representation, but a sign that is so real and so effective that it literally becomes what it signifies.

We see this played out in every Mass. We start with the Liturgy of the Word where we read from Scripture. But that Word, throughout the course of the Mass, becomes so living, so real, so physical, so effective, that the Word of God literally becomes flesh for us on the altar. This is the very thing we celebrate this Christmas season. We can think back to all the great symbols that plunge us deeply into beautiful memories of family life, but let's set aside some special time today to focus on the fact that God transcends all earthly signs and literally becomes one of us. He wants to be one with you and with me. If there is nothing else we take out of our celebrations today, I think it would do us well to focus on that reality. God loves you enough that he was born in a manger to have a relationship with you and one day be with you forever in paradise.

*From all of us here at Diocesan, Merry Christmas and God bless! / Tommy Shultz*



**Thank**  
**You**

The Holy Family Food Pantry extends a huge thank you to Tom Peifer and the Krueger Elevator for organizing the 12/10/24 Holy Family Food Pantry Donation drop off!

We would also like to thank the many donors from Lincoln, Logan County, surrounding towns, and counties for your amazing generosity. Many thanks also go out to everyone who volunteered to transfer the donations from the Krueger Elevator to our food pantry and organized everything for the upcoming holiday distribution dates.

So many giving hearts at a time when many need us to be Christ to them. Remember your help is an outward manifestation of the call to be like him and a huge form of evangelization! Blessings to all, a safe and Merry Christmas, and a Happy 2025.



## **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  
6:00 pm @ St. Mary

#### **Wednesday, January 1, 2025**

(Holy Day Mass)

9:00 am @ Holy Family

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# Jubilee 2025

## We Are Pilgrims of Hope

On May 9, 2024 Pope Francis solemnly announced that the Church's Jubilee year 2025 "will be a Holy Year marked by a lively experience of grace and an opportunity to be renewed in the hope that does not fade, our hope in God. May it help us to recover the confident trust that we require, in the Church and in society, in our interpersonal relationships, in international relations, and in our task of promoting the dignity of all persons and respect for God's gift of creation. May the witness of believers be for our world a leaven of authentic hope, a harbinger of new heavens and a new earth, where men and women will dwell in justice and harmony, in joyful expectation of the fulfilment of the Lord's promises."

"Hope is the virtue that gives inward direction and purpose to the life of believers 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."

## Our Pilgrimage Journey to and with Jesus

A pilgrimage is both an outer journey to a sacred place, and an inner journey to meet Christ and deepen our relationship with him. Thus Pope Francis desires that this Jubilee Year be a time "to encourage and sustain the hope that guides our steps towards the goal of a genuine, personal encounter with the risen Lord Jesus, who is not only the destination of our earthly pilgrimage but also a constant presence in our lives. I invite everyone to place their trust in the Lord who not only guides us, but is God-with-us, who loves us and walks with us in every circumstance of life. He shows us the path of love, lifts us up when we fall and supports us in our labors, opens our eyes to see our wretchedness and that of the world, but at the same time fills us with hope."





## THE MEANING OF THE JUBILEE LOGO: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

The official logo of the 2025 Jubilee Year shows four colorful pilgrims, who symbolize all of humanity coming from all directions on their common journey to Christ. As they embrace each other in unity, the figure in front grasps the cross, which is the sign of our hope that united with Jesus we will also move through our death to new life. The elongated cross also changes at its base into an anchor, which was an ancient sign of hope because sailors used the anchor to stabilize ships during storms. So during the challenges of our daily lives and the events of the wider world symbolized by the rough waves beneath the pilgrims, hope keeps us focused on the goal of our pilgrimage to draw ever closer to encounter the Risen Christ.



### WHAT IS A JUBILEE YEAR?

The jubilee year (from the Hebrew word *yobel*, meaning horn, which was blown to proclaim the year's beginning) is an ancient Jewish tradition (see Leviticus 25:8-17, 29-31) of pardon and reconciliation celebrated every 50 years (after a "sabbath of sabbaths," 7 x 7 years) when the community imitated God's mercy and forgiveness by forgiving debts and by each family returning to its own land and not cultivating it that year.

This jubilee tradition was first adapted for Catholics in 1300 by Pope Boniface VIII as a universal "year of forgiveness of all sins." Since that time the "ordinary" jubilee years have usually been at 50 or now 25 year intervals (the last was in 2000), with other "extraordinary" jubilee years declared for special reasons like that of Mercy in 2015. Jubilee years are characterized especially by prayer, good works, pilgrimages to sacred sites (especially Rome), cultural events and special indulgences for those who participate.

### THE HOLY DOOR OF ST. PETER'S

Since the 1500's, the ceremonial opening at St. Peter's Basilica of the usually locked massive bronze Holy Door (also called the "Door of the Great Pardon" since its 16 panels portray various biblical scenes of sin and redemption) begins each Jubilee Year. After reciting specific prayers and invoking the Holy Spirit, the Pope pushes open the door and enters the Church, inviting pilgrims likewise to renew their spiritual journey and cross the threshold.



The opening of the Holy Door invites the faithful to embark on a journey of even deeper faith. Crossing the threshold of the door is a powerful act, inspired by Jesus' words in John 10:9, "I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture." This passage highlights the transformative experience of entering through the Holy Door, symbolizing the decision to follow Jesus, the Good Shepherd. The door serves as a physical and spiritual gateway, leading pilgrims into the sacred space of the church and inviting them to renew their commitment to their faith.

## 2025 JUBILEE PRAYER PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Father in heaven,  
may the faith you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of charity enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators  
of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within  
both humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation of a  
new heaven and a new earth, when,  
with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.  
To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever. *Amen.*



For more information on the 2025  
Jubilee Year of Hope and how you may  
participate more fully see the Vatican's  
official website at  
[www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html](http://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html)



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