

12/29/2024

FEAST OF *The Holy Family*



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ST. THOMAS AQUINAS ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH, 321 S. Lafayette St., Mt. Pulaski, IL

Week of 12/29/2024

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 28 - Vigil Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent (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 - Fourth Sunday of Advent - Feast of the 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

Monday, December 30

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Doris Eckert by Lynn & Sandy Aper

Tuesday, December 31 - Vigil Mass of The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Deborah Short by Jerry & Janet Langenbahn
 5:30pm Holy Family: In memory of Elizabeth May by Mark & Marcia May
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 4:45-5:00pm]
 6:00pm St. Mary: A Mass for the People

Wednesday, January 1 - Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

9:00am Holy Family: In memory of the Deceased Members of the George G. Dehner Family by the Family & Estate
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 9:45-10:00am]

Thursday, January 2 - Feast of Sts. Basil, the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Dennis Welch by Jerry & Janet Langenbahn

Friday, January 3 - Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Margaret Peifer by Lou Ann Mack

Saturday, January 4 - Vigil Mass of the Epiphany of Our Lord (Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious)

4:00pm Holy Family: In memory of Greg "Flako" Feldman by Ann LaMothe
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 4:45-5:00pm]

Sunday, January 5 - The Epiphany of Our Lord

8:00am St. Patrick: In memory of Shirley Cox & Barbara Hardiek by Wayne & Melissa Cox
 8:30am St. Mary: A Mass for the People
 10:00am Holy Family: In memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Patterson by Tom & Mary Welch
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 10:45-11:00am]
 10:00am St. Thomas Aquinas: In memory of Rita Faith 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 12/29/2024 - 01/04/2025

The **red Altar Sanctuary Candle Holy Family** is lit this week as a special intention for Melissa Adams by Josh, her Children, Mom & Dad.

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 in memory of Patrick Boyle by his Family.

The **blue candle** at the **Mary Queen of Peace Statue** near the altar at **Holy Family** is lit this week for the Patients of St. Jude by the Bailey Family.

The **blue candle** at the **Immaculate Heart of Mary Statue** near votive candles at **Holy Family** is lit this week for the special intentions of the Logan County Catholic Community.

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

PRAYERS, PENANCE, & ALMSGIVING DURING ADVENT & CHRISTMAS TIME

As we gather to celebrate the greatest gift we can receive, the Son of God born to us in time, we are mindful of the joys and blessings in our lives, and we give thanks to God for all of them. We are also aware that many of our loved ones have gone before us, still leaving an emptiness in our hearts.

One way we continue to remember them is by having Masses offered for them. The prayers we offer for them at Mass brings us peace and draws them closer to union with God.

All of our parishes could use more Mass Intentions. If you'd like to have a Mass said for a loved one, please use the envelopes in the pews and drop them into the Collection Baskets.

You can also bring them by the Parish Office or call Isabel Vidal at 217-732-4019 and she will schedule them for you.

ST. MARY LECTOR SCHEDULE

12/29 - Matt McGhee
 01/05 - Matt McGhee
 01/12 - Laura O'Donnell
 01/19 - Laura O'Donnell
 01/26 - Ed Jodlowski
 02/02 - 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.

**CLOSED FOR
Holidays**

Have a Blessed
Christmas and a
Happy New Year!
We will be closed
12/24/24 to
1/5/25.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, December 30

1 Jn 2:12-17 / Ps 96:7-10 / Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday, December 31

1 Jn 2:18-21 / Ps 96:1-2, 11-13 / Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday, January 1

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

Num 6:22-27 / Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 / Gal 4:4-7 /
Lk 2:16-21

Thursday, January 2

1 Jn 2:22-28 / Ps 98:1-4 / Jn 1:19-28

Friday, January 3

1 Jn 2:29-3:6 / Ps 98:1, 3cd-6 / Jn 1:29-34

Saturday, January 4

1 Jn 3:7-10 / Ps 98:1, 7-9 / Jn 1:35-42

Sunday, January 5

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Is 60:1-6 / Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 /
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12

THE HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY GLOBAL PRAYER INTENTIONS - JANUARY

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 \(popespayerusa.net\)](http://Home-Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (popespayerusa.net)).

For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Adapted from USCCB.org

MONTHLY DEDICATION - JANUARY

January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.

The feast of the Holy Name of Jesus originated in the 1500's and was celebrated on the second Sunday of the Epiphany until it was removed in 1969 since the name of Jesus was already celebrated at Christmas. It was restored in 2002 as an optional memorial on the first free day after January 1st. We will celebrate on Friday, January 3, 2025.

The *Litany of the Holy Name* is a prayer in honor of the Name of Jesus. While it probably dates back to the beginning of the 15th century as a private devotion, it was not formally approved for public recitation until 1862 when it was sanctioned by Pope Pius IX. Other prayers dedicated to his name include the *Novena in Honor of the Name of Jesus* and the *Chaplet of Our Lord*, some of the many devotions handed down to us by the Society of the Holy Name, a confraternity of laity under the care of the Dominican Order.

Adapted from *Diocesan & USCCB.org*

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Today's feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom.

In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition.

There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of pilgrimage - the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life's journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left behind!

By James Field for Diocesan



Lincoln Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

Lincoln Knights of Columbus Meeting Room

217 Limit St
Lincoln, IL 62656

Monday, January 13, 2025
1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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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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"PRAY FOR THE SICK" LIST**

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NAMES FROM THE PRAYER LIST. REACH
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PHONE: 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 Connolley, 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, 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.

To add or remove a loved one contact Isabel Vidal at 732-4019 or ividal@logancountycatholic.com.

**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



New Grief Group

for those who have lost a child



for those searching for the hope of Christ



10 Week program
January 28-April 15, 2025
Tuesday Evenings 6:30-8:00pm
Epiphany Parish Hall
1000 E. College Ave. Normal, IL

Epiphany Catholic Church in Normal, Illinois is starting a new Grief Group on 1/28/2025 for parents who have lost a child from pregnancy through adulthood. The new Redbird Ministries program will go for 10 weeks, ending on 4/15/25. Meetings are set for Tuesdays from 6:30pm - 8:00pm.

Call their office or click on the QR Code for more details or to sign up.



Pope Francis has declared that 2025 will be celebrated as a Jubilee Year of Pilgrims of Hope. Local Bishops are asked to open the Year of Jubilee in their Dioceses on December 29, 2024, the Feast of the Holy Family.

Bishop Tylka invites you to join him as he celebrates the Opening of the Jubilee Year of Hope at the 10:30am Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary, Peoria on Sunday, 12/29/24. There will be a pre-Mass ritual beginning 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 are invited.

Did you know *The 12 Days of Christmas*, a traditional Christmas song, is rich with our Catholic treasures? The song addresses the 12 days between when Christ was born on Christmas Day and Epiphany, January 6th, when the Magi found and adored the Baby Jesus, leaving Bethlehem without letting King Herod know where the King of Kings was located.

For us, the Christmas Season is much longer than just one day! As Catholics, we experience the beauty of Advent preparation, the celebration of Our Lord's birth, and continue for twelve more days through the wise men's arrival. The symbolization of the verses and our Catholic Catechism is revealed below. Although the song was not written as a tool for catechetical lessons, why not use it to recall them, now? Do you remember the 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit? The Eight lessons in the Beatitudes? What about the 9 Fruits of the Holy Spirit? Do you remember the 12 tenets of our Catholic Faith in the Apostles Creed? It's never too late to refresh our memories as to who we are and why. A little Advent & Christmas study!

THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

TRULY LOVE WAS BORN ON CHRISTMAS DAY



My True Love = God

Gave to Me =
Every Baptised Person

Partridge in a Pear Tree =
Sacrificial Nature of This Bird
Represents Jesus Christ

Two Turtle Doves =
The Old And New Testaments

Three French Hens =
Faith, Hope, And Love.



Four Calling Birds =
The Four Gospels Of Matthew,
Mark, Luke, And John.

Five Golden Rings =
The First Five Books Of The
Old Testament, Which
Describe Man's Fall Into Sin
And The Great Love Of
God In Sending A Savior.

Six Geese A-laying =
The Six Days Of Creation.



Seven Swans A-swimming =
The Sevenfold Gifts Of The
Holy Spirit prophesy, Serving,
Teaching, Exhortation,
Contribution, Leadership,
and Mercy.

Eight Maids A-milking =
The Eight Beatitudes.

Nine Ladies Dancing =
The Nine Fruits Of The Holy
Spirit charity, Joy, Peace,
Patience [Forbearance],
Goodness [Kindness],
Mildness, Fidelity, Modesty,
Continency [Chastity].



Ten Lords A-leaping =
The Ten Commandments.

Eleven Pipers Piping =
The Eleven Faithful Apostles.

Twelve Drummers Drumming =
The Twelve Points Of Belief
In The Apostles' Creed.

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