

2/23/2025

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Do to others as
you would have them
do to you.”

Luke 6:31



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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 2/23/2025

Mass Intention for your loved one? Please consider bringing up the gifts. Contact an usher 10 minutes prior to Mass.

Saturday, February 22 - Vigil Mass of the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm Holy Family: In memory of Earl & Mary Schmidt by Linda Myers
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 4:45-5:00pm]

Sunday, February 23 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am St. Patrick: Agatha Koeberlein by Phil & Linda Koeberlein
 8:30am St. Mary: In memory of Alvin Klockenga's Birthday by his Family
 10:00am St. Thomas Aquinas: In memory of Doris Eckert by Jim & Karen Seefeldt
 10:00am Holy Family: In memory of Gerald May by Mark & Marcia May
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 10:45-11:00am]

Monday, February 24

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Walter Dowdle by the Dowdle Children

Tuesday, February 25

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Mary Wright by Gary & Cindy Minder
 8:00am St. Patrick: No Intentions

Wednesday, February 26

8:30am CCS/Holy Family: In memory of Carol Grunder by Diane Farmer

Thursday, February 27

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Phil Mahler by the Dowdle Family

Friday, February 28

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Fern Dowdle by the Dowdle Grandchildren
 8:00am St. Mary: A Mass for the People

Saturday, March 1 - Vigil Mass of the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm Holy Family: In memory of Ryan McShane by Carolyn Webster
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 4:45-5:00pm]

Sunday, March 2 - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am St. Patrick: A Mass for the People
 8:30am St. Mary: In Celebration of Ken & Pat Conlin's 70th Wedding Anniversary by their Family
 10:00am St. Thomas Aquinas: In memory of Margaret Peifer by Pam Coogan
 10:00am Holy Family: In memory of Elizabeth May by Mark & Marcia May
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 10:45-11:00am]

⇒ **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.



**Through the mercy of God
 may they rest in peace.**

Patrick O'Neill



On Sunday, February 16, 2025, **River Mills**, son of Rick and Amy Mills, was baptized at St. Patrick by the Rev. Joseph Dondanville.

We welcome River into our Logan County Roman Catholic Community. Congratulations to you and your family.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



The first session is Thursday, 2/27/25 at St. Patrick, Elkhart.

- If you wish to order dinner, call Rob Polen at 309-825-1252.
- Dinner served at 5:30pm, Q&A time at 6:15, dessert and social at 7:15.



Our catechumens and candidates have been dedicated to their

weekly preparation sessions and now will begin preparing for the **Rite of Election with Bishop Tylka, March 9, at the Cathedral of St. Mary in Peoria.** It is the bishop's decision to accept our catechumens and candidates for the sacraments; he does so on our recommendation. So, before the catechumens and candidates meet with the bishop in the afternoon of March 9, we, the Logan County Catholic Community, need to affirm their decision to ask the bishop to accept them to celebrate the sacraments at the Easter Vigil with our parish community.

Our affirmation will take place at the 10 a.m. Mass at Holy Family that day.

Please hold in prayer Erika Applegate (St. Patrick), Elizabeth Bauer (Holy Family), Abbey Mattingly (Holy Family), Carla Mattingly (Holy Family), Calvin Faith (St. Thomas), Sara Wessbecher (Holy Family), and Heather Woodhall (Holy Family). We are blessed by their presence in our midst.

ST. MARY LECTOR SCHEDULE

2/23 - Laura O'Donnell
 3/2 - Laura O'Donnell
 3/9 - Ed Jodlowski
 3/16 - Ed Jodlowski
 3/23 - Matt McGhee
 3/30 - Matt McGhee

ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, February 24

Sir 1:1-10 / Ps 93:-2, 5 / Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday, February 25

Sir 2:1-11 / Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 /
Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday, February 26

Sir 4:11-19 / Ps 119:165, 168, 171-172, 174-175 /
Mk 9:38-40

Thursday, February 27

Sir 5:1-8 / Ps 1:1-4, 6 / Mk 9:41-50

Friday, February 28

Sir 6:5-17 / Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34-35 /
Mk 10:1-12

Saturday, March 1

Sir 17:1-15 / Ps 103:13-18 / Mk 10:13-16

Sunday, March 2

Sir 27:4-7 / Ps 92:2-3, 13-16 / 1 Cor 15:54-58 /
Lk 6:39-45

THE HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY GLOBAL PRAYER INTENTIONS - FEBRUARY

The Holy Father has entrusted his 2025 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)).

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Adapted from USCCB.org

MONTHLY DEDICATION - FEBRUARY February is dedicated to the Holy Family

The Holy Family has been celebrated in February to allow us to focus on the time Jesus spent with his family from his birth to the beginning his public life. Tradition sees it set in February between the end of Christmas and the start of Lent.

The special devotion which proposes the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as the model of virtue for all Christian households began in the 17th century. It began in Canada and France, soon spreading. In 1893, Leo XIII expressed his approval of a feast under this title. Since the Holy Family fled into Egypt this feast is also observed by the Copts.

The feast was welcomed by succeeding Pontiffs as an effective means for bringing home to Christian people the example of the Holy Family at Nazareth, and reinforcing the true spirit of family life, in hopes of minimizing the evils of present-day society.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

2/27/25: Adult Formation Class at St. Patrick, in Elkhart. Begins with dinner at 5:30pm.

3/5/25: No CCD Classes, it is Ash Wednesday

4/27/25: St. Thomas Aquinas & St. Patrick First Communions

5/4/25: Holy Family First Communions

Bishop Louis Tylka published the 2025 Festival Calendar of dates to observe fasts and feasts in the 2025 Liturgical Year.

3/5/25: Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

3/19/25: The Solemnity of Saint Joseph, the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated at the Cathedral.

3/25/25: The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord will be celebrated at the Cathedral.

4/15/25: Chrism Mass at the Cathedral.

4/18/25: Novena of Divine Mercy which will begin on Good Friday, the 18th of April

4/17/25-4/20/25: The Sacred Easter Triduum of the Lord: His Last Supper, His Crucifixion, His Burial, and His Rising

4/27/25: Divine Mercy Sunday on the Second Sunday of Easter, the 27th of April

5/15/25: The Dedication of the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception is celebrated and is a Solemnity in the Cathedral and a Feast in the Diocese.

6/1/25: Ascension of the Lord will be commemorated

6/8/25: Pentecost, the joyful conclusion of the Great Fifty Days of Easter

6/22/25: The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ will be celebrated

8/15/25: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated and is a Holy Day of Obligation.

8/27/25: The Feast of Saint Crescent, whose relics are solemnly enshrined in Corpus Christi Church, Galesburg, is celebrated as a solemnity in the Shrine-Church.

9/23/25: The Diocesan Novena for Vocations in honor of St. Therese of Lisieux begins.

10/1/25: The Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux, patroness of our diocesan vocations program, will be celebrated.

11/1/25: The Solemnity of All Saints is celebrated, not a holy day of obligation this year.

11/2/25: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed.

11/23/25: The Solemnity of Christ the King will be celebrated.

11/30/25: Celebrate the beginning of the new liturgical year of grace and prayer on the First Sunday of Advent

12/8/25: The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. this is the Patronal Feast of the Diocese of Peoria and is a holy day of obligation.

12/12/25: the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of the America

12/25/25: Christmas

1/1/26: The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

To honor Venerable Servant of God Archbishop Fulton J.

Sheen, we will celebrate his death, life, and ministry with special Masses at the Cathedral on December 9th, May 8th, and September 20th.

This year, the Diocese of Peoria will celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Orders at the Ordination to the Priesthood and the Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate.**

5/24/25: At 10:30 in the morning in the Cathedral, three men will be ordained to the priesthood for service to the Diocese.

12/20/25: at 10:30 in the morning in the Cathedral, two men will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate for the Diocese of Peoria.

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, 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, 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, Anne Baunach, Joyce Lichtenwalter, Sally Velasco, Ilene Davis, Tim McCormick, Bonnie Frawley, Jeane Connolley, Cheryl Farney, Jack Sprague, 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, & Michael Barrios, Kimm & Steven, 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, Sherry Miles, Linda Barrick, Karen Lowery, Cheryl Moscardelli, Rachel Santana & family, Marty J Clementz, Jr., Bridget Chiodo, Carol Ann Connelly, the Newton family & their twin newborns, Candice Rose, Nathan Cravatt, Wil Buse, Jane Logan Perry, Fr. Thomas Taylor, Stephanie Adams, Nick Barrios, Cheryl Sampson, Todd Newberry, all children & families facing medical challenges, and all the members of the armed forces of our country.

To add a loved one, call or email Isabel Vidal at 217-732-4019 or ividal@logancountycatholic.com.

Week of 2/23/2025 - 3/1/2025

The **red Altar Sanctuary Candle at**

Holy Family is lit this week in memory of Ruth Beckett by her Family.

St. Mary is lit this week as a special intention for prayers to be answered.

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

St. Thomas Aquinas is lit this week for the intentions of the Logan County Catholic Community.

The **blue candle** at the **Mary Queen of Peace Statue** is lit this week in memory of my sisters Margaret & Alice by Linda.

The **blue candle** at the **Immaculate Heart of Mary Statue** at **Holy Family** is lit this week in memory of Patrick O'Neill.

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

THE WORD IN OUR LIFE

We find ourselves in the midst of a short, seven and a half week stint of Ordinary Time. It can seem like we are somewhat lost in time - no longer in the Christmas season and not yet in the throes of Lent. How can we not grow stagnant in our walk of faith during this time?

A friend once told me that Ordinary Time was his favorite season of all. He shared that, just as the liturgical color green indicates, Ordinary Time is a season of growth. As we muddle through the mundane, tackle the trivial and battle the boredom, we are invited to continue blossoming and blooming.

In today's first reading Saul finds himself in a jealous rage and wishes to extinguish David, while David's men encourage him to obliterate Saul. But when afforded the opportunity to retaliate, he refused to lay a finger on the Lord's anointed one. He acquiesced to God rather than anger.

Jesus puts the actions of David into words saying: "love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you... Do to others as you would have them do to you...and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked." Sounds selfless and saintly and... super hard. To act in a way that gains no reward, not even a tiny bit of dopamine, sounds just horrible.

Yet we live for the promise of a different kind of reward all together: "then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High...gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down and overflowing..." So let us shake off the ordinariness of this time and dive into the growth, so that our heavenly reward may be overflowing.

Tami Urcia for Diocesan

2024 ADA NUMBERS AS OF 1/31/25

Holy Family

Goal = \$48,731.00
Pledged = \$55,808.00
(Goal Exceeded)
Received = \$44,633.00
Total donors = 80

St Mary

Goal = \$11,136.00
Pledged = \$11,100.00
(Close to Goal)
Received = \$10,000.00
Total donors = 11

St Patrick

Goal = \$15,310.00
Pledged = \$6,950.00
Received = \$5,200.00
Total donors = 6

St Thomas Aquinas

Goal = \$11,220.00
Pledged = \$12,988.63
(Goal Exceeded)
Received = \$12,538.63
Total donors = 14

Submissions to the office, physical or on-line, are sent to the Diocese the first of each month. The Diocese reports are completed at the end of the month. The totals may be off as a result.



STAY WITH ME

Lenten Prayer for Disciples

VIRTUAL EVENT

Registration now open for *Stay with Me: Lenten Prayer for Disciples*

All are welcome for this virtual prayer for the six Wednesdays of Lent

Springfield, Ill.—Women and men everywhere are invited to join the Dominican Sisters of Springfield for *Stay with Me: Lenten Prayer for Disciples*. The virtual sessions, scheduled for 7:00 pm Central Time on the Wednesdays of Lent starting March 5, will allow

space for participants to attune their hearts and minds to the struggles of those Jesus most often accompanied during his life on Earth: widows, orphans, and persons cast out.

The title draws on Jesus' request in Matthew's gospel that the disciples accompany him to Gethsemane while he prays, just before his arrest.

Hosted by the Dominican Sisters' Vocation Office, participants can expect to hear reflections on the theme from Dominican sisters, enjoy periods of silence and sharing, and build a community of prayer and mutual support for their Lenten practice.

"We welcome women who are discerning a call to religious life, of course," said Springfield Dominican Sister Denise Glazik, the congregation's vocation director. "And we hope that all women and men, wherever they are and whatever their circumstance, will find this a meaningful way station on their Lenten journey."

The liturgical season of Lent includes six weeks before Holy Week. It is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving in preparation for the celebration of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. The baptized are encouraged to use this time to prepare for the renewal of their baptismal promises. Parish communities may also be accompanying those who intend to join the Church. For them, Lent is considered a six-week retreat in preparation for their baptism or profession of faith. Customarily, then, these new Catholics are welcomed into the church during the services on Holy Saturday, during the Triduum.

Stay with Me: Lenten Prayer for Disciples runs weekly March 5-April 9. Participants are welcome to join all six sessions, or choose a few according to their own schedule and needs. Register once for participation in any or all of the sessions at springfieldop.org/events.

The Dominican Sisters of Springfield were founded in 1873 and have served God and God's people in the United States, and in Peru, since 1965. The sisters, through their sponsored institutions and ministries educate leaders, provide pastoral care, and build relationships for the transformation and life of the world. To learn how you can join us in this mission, start at springfieldop.org/dominican-mission or call Sister Denise Glazik at 217-787-0481.

Stay with Me: Lenten Prayer for Disciples, 7pm Weds. Mar 5-Apr 9, 2025. Free and Online. Register at springfieldop.org/events. For questions call 217-787-0481. Ask to speak with Sr. Denise Glazik, OP. Sponsored by the Dominican Sisters of Springfield.



MEETING 2/26/2025

Carroll Catholic School will host an informational meeting, regarding the school's future renewal and revitalization.

All are invited to join Father Joe Dondanville and Principal David Welch at **Holy Family Church on Wednesday, February 26, 6:30 pm**. Come to hear of the school's plan, to have your questions answered, and to learn about how you can help in this most important undertaking.

David Welch
Principal
Carroll Catholic School

Please Help the Logan County Catholic Community Celebrate Jeane Connolley's 100th Birthday

Join us at Vonderleith for a Reception on Sunday, 2/23/25!

We're planning a Birthday Card Shower for her! Drop off a Birthday Card for her at St. Thomas Aquinas Church by Sunday, 2/23/25 or place your card in the Collection Basket by 2/23/25 at the other Churches.



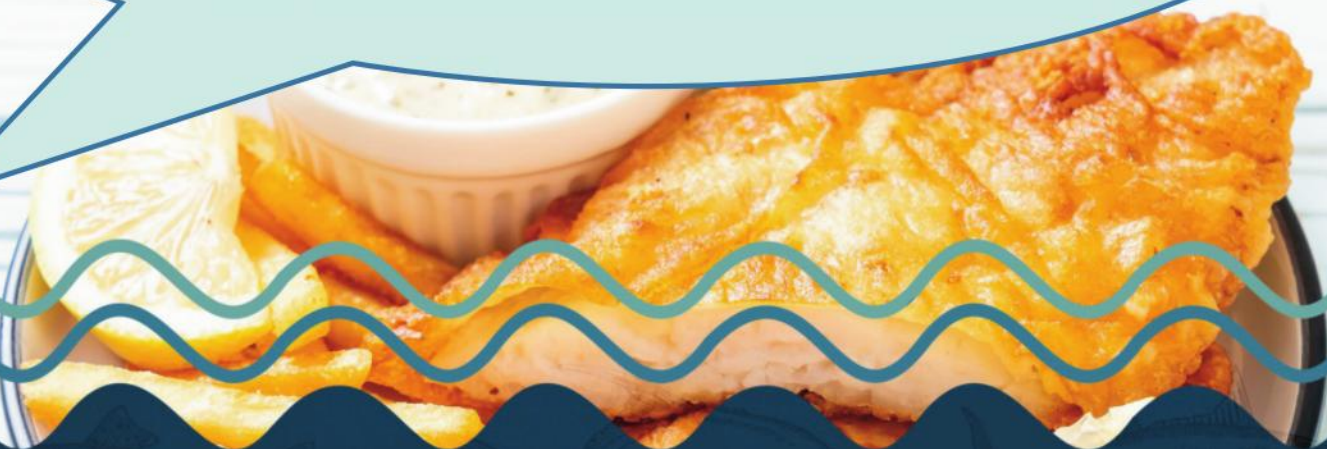
Fish Fry

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