

12/17/2023



Advent

THIRD WEEK

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

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK 12/17/2023

Saturday, December 16 - Vigil Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Advent

4:00pm Holy Family: In memory of Joseph Mintjal by Sudie Mintjal
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 4:45-5:00pm]

Sunday, December 17 - Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday

8:00am St. Patrick: In memory of Joseph "Joe" Fitzpatrick by Bill & Mary Gleason
 8:30am St. Mary: In memory of Paul & Barbara Mileham & deceased family members by Mike & Mary O'Donoghue
 10:00am Holy Family: In memory of Dora Jean Donath by Donna & Lee Burr
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 10:45-11:00am]
 10:00am St. Thomas Aquinas: In memory of Mark Miller by members of the church

Monday, December 18

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of John "Doug" Board by Barb & Kent Bowlby

Tuesday, December 19

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Anne Dondanville Allen by Sandy & Lynn Aper
 8:00am St. Patrick: In memory of Joseph Reichle by Lou Ann Mack
 7:00pm Holy Family: Advent Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, December 20

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

Thursday, December 21

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Melvin Sloan by Judy Sloan
 6:30pm Holy Family - Traveling Monstrance Holy Hour at Holy Family

Friday, December 22

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Patricia Eimer by Sandy & Lynn Aper
 8:00am St. Mary: In memory of Joseph Reichle by Lou Ann Mack

Saturday, December 23 - Vigil Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent

4:00pm Holy Family: In memory of Kent David Meagher by Diana & Steve Purdue
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 4:45-5:00pm]

Sunday, December 24 - Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve (Holy Day of Obligation PM Masses)

8:00am St. Patrick: In memory of Joseph "Joe" Fitzpatrick by Bill & Mary Gleason
 8:30am St. Mary: In memory of John T. Dee, Sr.'s Birthday by Kathleen Nicholas
 10:00am Holy Family: In memory of Janet Price by Meg & Greg Liebreich
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 10:45-11:00am]
 10:00am St. Thomas Aquinas: In memory of Steve Coogan by Kathy Miller
 4:00pm Holy Family: Holy Day of Obligation - Vigil Mass Christmas Eve in memory of Greg "Flako" Feldman by his family
 4:00pm St. Patrick: Holy Day of Obligation - Vigil Mass Christmas Eve in memory of Albert & Agnes Durchholz by the Durchholz Family
 6:00pm St. Mary: Holy Day of Obligation - Vigil Mass Christmas Eve in memory of Dorothy Westerfield by Elizabeth Henry and family
 6:00pm St. Thomas Aquinas: Holy Day of Obligation - Vigil Mass Christmas Eve in memory of Patrick Boyle by his family
 10:00pm Holy Family: Holy Day of Obligation - Vigil Mass Christmas Eve in memory of our parents, Maria & Carlos Vidal and Elgeva & Ralph Grigsby, by Isabel Vidal & Joel Grigsby

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

⇒ **Eucharistic Adoration**

Thursday from 3:00-7:00pm at Holy Family with the Divine Mercy Chaplet recited at 3:00pm.

⇒ **Reconciliation**

Holy Family Church, Lincoln; Tuesday 7:30-8:00am and Saturday from 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

⇒ **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.

**St. Mary, Atlanta
Lector Schedule**

12/17 - Ed Jodlowski
 12/24 - Ed Jodlowski
 12/31 - Matt McGhee
 01/07 - Matt McGhee
 01/14 - Laura O'Donnell

St. Mary Altar Society

St. Mary's Altar society invites all members of our parish (male & female) to upcoming meetings. The meetings are held the 1st Monday of each month at 6pm in the church hall. In January, the meeting will occur on Tuesday, 1/2/24 due to the New Year's holiday.



Holy Rosary

Join us in praying the rosary at 7:40am before Mass on Monday through Friday at Holy Family.

NOTICES FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

St. Patrick Decorating & Christmas Breakfast for the Church after decorating will occur on 12/17 after the 8am Mass.

St. Thomas Aquinas Decorating is set for 12/17 after 10 am Mass.

Adult Ed Class on Revelation: No classes 12/20, 12/27, or 1/3. Class resumes on 1/10/24 at 10am and 6:30pm.

RCIA will not meet 12/19, 12/26, or 1/2. Classes resume on 1/9/24.

Carroll Catholic School is closed 12/18/23 to 1/1/24. Classes resume 1/2/24.

The Children's Liturgy will not be held on Sunday, 12/24/23 or 12/31/23. Resumes on 1/7/24.

The Spalding Pastoral Center will be closed 12/22 - 1/2/24 for the holidays.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Holy Family: Bob Barger, Peggy Morrow, Jim Wessbecher
St. Mary's: Joe Bell, Jan Bicknell, Zachary Craig
St. Patrick's: Cheryl Davis, Blane Olson
St. Thomas Aquinas: Karen Edgecombe, Kathy Miller

Week of December 17 - December 23, 2023

The red Altar Sanctuary Candle at...

Holy Family is lit this week for *the special intentions of the Logan County Catholic Community.*

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 deceased and present members of the Knights of Columbus Ladies' Auxiliary.*

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 in memory of *Tanya Comparetto Friel* by Isabel Vidal.

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@logancountycatholic.org.



On Saturday, November 25th, **Allison Alvarez Zaragoza**, daughter of Carlos Alberto Alvarez Ramirez and Nayeli Zarragoza Garcia was baptized at Holy Family Catholic Church. We welcome, Allison into our Logan County Roman Catholic Community. Congratulations to you and your family.



On Sunday, December 3rd, **Asher Michael Lessen**, son of Alex Michael Lessen and Angie Marie Ruff Lessen was baptized at Holy Family Catholic Church. We welcome, Asher into our Logan County Roman Catholic Community. Congratulations to you and your family.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, December 18th

Jer 23:5-8 / Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 / Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday, December 19th

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a / Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 / Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday, December 20th

Is 7:10-14 / Ps 24:1-6 / Lk 1:26-38

Thursday, December 21st

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a / Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 / Lk 1:39-45

Friday, December 22nd

1 Sm 1:24-28 / 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8d / Lk 1:46-56

Saturday, December 23rd

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

Sunday, December 24th

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 / Rom 16:25-27 / Lk 1:26-38

Christmas Vigil Masses

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

Christmas Vigil Mass At Night

Is 9:1-6 / Ps 96:1-3, 11-13 / Ti 2:11-14 / Lk 2:1-14

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., Kay Rosner, Deb Jordan, Dwayne Knap, Esme Avart, Rita Scanavino, Jim Steinkamp, Marge Steinkamp, Thomas Siegel, Asher Phillips, Kristin Wright, Melinda Spangler, Phil Dehner, Alexa Cunningham, Mary Masterson, Amanda Cruz-Bidwell, 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, Gene Newton, Joyce Lichtenwalter, Sally Velasco, Ilene Davis, Tim McCormick, Bonnie Frawley, Hayden Clark Williams, 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, Anne Struebing, Aria Tramontano-Grigsby Spitalne, Ron Nye, John Hebenstreit, Nurse Lancaster, Cindy & Kenny Frericks, Ann Knuffman, Greg Harmon, Pam Baker, David Vale, Lois, and all the members of the armed forces of our country.

Holy Mary, help those in need, give strength to the weak, comfort the sorrowful, pray for God's people, assist the clergy, and intercede for religious. May all who seek your help experience your unfailing protection. Amen.

If you wish to add a loved one's name, or to notify a name can be removed, please call Isabel Vidal at 217-732-4019, or email ividal@logancountycatholic.org.

St. Patrick's Church Decorating and Christmas Breakfast

What: Decorate the church for Christmas, then eat breakfast together after decorating is done!

When: December 17th - directly after 8:00am Mass

What to bring: A coffee cake - if you are able

Menu: Eggs, sausage, biscuits/gravy, coffee cake

Everyone is welcome!

Carol and Bob Barger send their heartfelt thank yous to all who prayed for them. They are very grateful for all your thoughts and prayers.

DECORATING ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

- **DECEMBER 17TH - Christmas decorating will take place after mass. All are welcome to share time preparing the church for Christmas Eve Mass.**
- **JANUARY 7TH - Christmas decorations will be taken down and put away after mass. Please consider staying after mass to help if able. Thank you!**

CARROLL CATHOLIC SCHOOL - 6TH ANNUAL APPEAL

I am pleased to announce our sixth Annual Appeal. Over the past five years, through the great generosity of you and other supporters of Carroll Catholic School, over \$225,000 has been raised! We look forward to continuing this success, and have set an even more ambitious goal of \$60,000 for this year's appeal.

Your sustaining support allows the school to continue to improve. For our students, this means enhanced curriculum, expanded STEM education, and continued access to up-to-date technology. For the school itself, still standing proudly after sixty-two years, this means new carpeting in classrooms and hallways, new furniture in the classrooms and addressing the necessary but often costly repairs and updates.

As I have the past five years, I am again asking for your support to meet our \$60,000 goal. Please prayerfully consider what level of financial support you may offer the school, and know absolutely that whatever the amount of your gift, it is truly beneficial and always greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support of the students and mission of Carroll Catholic School and of Catholic education in Logan County!

In Gratitude,

David Welch, Principal

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS TO REMEMBER

- 12/19 Advent Reconciliation Service at Holy Family**
7:00 pm for all 4 churches
- 12/21 Traveling Monstrance Holy Hour - Holy Family at 6:30**
- 12/24 Christmas - Holy Day of Obligation Vigil Masses**
4:00 pm @ Holy Family and 4:00 pm @ St. Patrick
6:00 pm @ St. Mary and 6:00 pm @ St. Thomas Aquinas
10:00 pm @ Holy Family
- 12/25 Christmas - Holy Day of Obligation Mass**
9:00 am @ Holy Family
- 12/28 Traveling Monstrance Holy Hour - St. Patrick at 6:30p**

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL DIOCESE OF PEORIA



Traveling Monstrance

Holy Family December 21, 2023
St. Patrick December 28, 2023

Holy hour begins at 6:30pm

Please join us for an evening of Adoration, Scripture, sacred music, and time for quiet prayer and reflection. All are welcome!



RCIA: Period of the Catechumenate

Thank you to all who were able to welcome Chad Smith to the Christian Community last Sunday, at Holy Family's December 10 after the 10 a.m. Mass. His participation in the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens made him an unbaptized member of the Christian Church. Following this rite, he now begins the period of the catechumenate that ends on the First Sunday of Lent. The Catechumenate is a time for Chad to develop a sense of the mystery of salvation. The catechesis he receives intends to enlighten his faith, direct his heart toward God, foster his participation in the liturgy, inspire him to engage in apostolic activity, and nurture a life completely in accord with the spirit of Christ (RCIA 78). As baptized members of the church, we all share the responsibility to accompany Chad, witnessing to Christian life and supporting him in prayer. Please continue to make Chad feel welcome whenever and wherever you meet him and your prayers for all involved in the RCIA process. RCIA will not meet the next three Tuesdays, 12/19, 12/26 and 1/2. Our sessions will resume Tuesday, January 9, 2024.

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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



PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

- Monday, December 25** - Office Closed
- Tuesday, December 26** - Office Closed
- Wednesday, December 27** - Office Closed
- Thursday, December 28** - Office Closed
- Friday, December 29** - Office Closed
- Monday, January 1** - Office Closed
- Tuesday, January 2** - Resume regular hours (see below)

Regular Weekly Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Friday: Closed

Ready to Bring the Love of Jesus 2023 ADA Appeal



Below is the 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal update as of 11/27/23 for the whole Diocese.

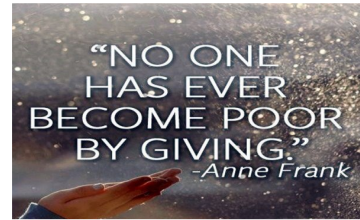
Goal: \$6,550,000
Pledged: \$5,032,800
Paid: \$4,062,573

A follow up letter will be mailed out at the beginning of December to all parishioners who have not pledged yet but have given within the last 10 years. Tax letters for the donations received in 2023 will be mailed out to all parishioners who contributed to ADA regardless of the amount given. There is no need to request a tax letter. To those who have pledged, thank you!



Fr. Simon and the Board of Love Repeated thank everyone for your continued support. Due to your generosity and other loyal contributors to our projects, we are able to continue to sponsor the education of 93 students, fully fund the Love Repeated Pediatric Medical Malnutrition Unit at the Biharamulo District Hospital, and provide support for the Polytechnique College. We are humbled by your willingness to come to the aid of your brothers and sisters in Christ halfway around the world. You will never know what your sacrifice means to these children's lives. Fr. Simon sends his Christmas greetings and wants you know he appreciates all you do and misses everyone.

The Board of Love Repeated



Ways to Give This Holiday Season

- *Holy Family Food Pantry**
- *Carroll Catholic School**
- *Carroll Catholic PIE Chart Items**
 - *Love Repeated**
(Aid to the Rulenge-Ngara Diocese of Tanzania, East Africa)
- *Diocesan Annual Development Appeal**
- *Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA**
 - *Holy Family Capital Campaign**
 - *St. Mary's Cemetery**
 - *Holy Cross Cemetery**
 - *Holy Family Building Fund**
 - *St. Mary's Building Fund**
 - *St. Patrick's Building Fund**
 - *St. Thomas Aquinas Building Fund**
 - *Dominican Sisters of Springfield, IL**
 - *Phone Cards for the Troops**
(Mark your donation specifically for the above. The cards are purchased via the Parish Office.)
 - *Warriors to Lourdes**
(Donations help with costs of sending wounded warriors to Lourdes. Checks can be made out to "Knights of Columbus Council #1250, Lincoln" with notation of "Warriors to Lourdes donation.")
 - *Rotary Foundation**
 - *Zonta Foundation for Women**

FOR THOSE AGE 70 1/2

There is good news if you have reached age 70 1/2 and you would like to help your parish, school, or a church ministry. If you have an IRA, the government requires you to take out a certain amount each year which is subject to federal tax. However, the law allows you to donate this amount directly to your parish, school, or a ministry during 2023 and have it distributed free of federal income tax! What a wonderful opportunity for those 70 1/2 to help (parish, school, ministry). Please contact the custodian of your IRA or your tax advisor for further discussions.



“So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

Matthew 24:44

2023 Advent/Christmas Calendar

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

Advent Reconciliation Service

Tuesday, December 19, 2023 (At Holy Family)

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

In this bulletin you will find an Examination of Conscience sheet that you may wish to use to help prepare you for the Reconciliation Service.

Regular Reconciliation times:

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

Christmas - Holy Day of Obligation

Sunday, December 24, 2023 (Vigil Masses)

4:00 pm @ Holy Family
4:00 pm @ St. Patrick
6:00 pm @ St. Mary
6:00 pm @ St. Thomas Aquinas
10:00 pm @ Holy Family

Monday, December 25, 2023 (Holy Day Mass)

9:00 am @ Holy Family

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday, January 1, 2024

9:00 am Mass @ Holy Family

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Please check the parish calendar at www.logancountycatholic.org for any changes.*

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Examination of Conscience for Adults

1. I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.

- Do I give God time every day in prayer?
- Do I seek to love Him with my whole heart?
- Have I been involved with superstitious practices or have I been involved with the occult?
- Do I seek to surrender myself to God's Word as taught by the Church?
- Have I received Communion in the state of mortal sin?
- Have I ever deliberately told a lie in Confession or have I withheld a mortal sin from the priest in Confession?

2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

- Have I used God's name in vain: lightly or carelessly?
- Have I been angry with God?
- Have I wished evil upon any other person?
- Have I insulted a sacred person or abused a sacred object?

3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.

- Have I deliberately missed Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation?
- Have I tried to observe Sunday as a family day and a day of rest?
- Do I do needless work on Sunday?



4. Honor your father and your mother.

- Do I honor and obey my parents?
- Have I neglected my duties to my spouse and children?
- Have I given my family good religious example?
- Do I try to bring peace into my home life?
- Do I care for my aged and infirm relatives?

5. You shall not kill.

- Have I had an abortion or encouraged anyone to have an abortion?
- Have I physically harmed anyone?
- Have I abused alcohol or drugs?
- Did I give scandal to anyone, thereby leading them into sin?
- Have I been angry or resentful?
- Have I harbored hatred in my heart?

6. You shall not commit adultery.

- Have I been faithful to my marriage vows in thought and action?
- Have I engaged in sexual activity outside marriage?
- Have I sought to control my thoughts?
- Do I seek to be chaste in my thoughts, words and actions?

7. You shall not steal.

- Have I stolen what is not mine?
- Have I returned or made restitution for what I have stolen?
- Do I waste time at work, school or home?
- Do I gamble excessively, thereby denying my family of their needs?

8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

- Have I lied, gossiped or spoken behind someone else's back?
- Am I sincere in my dealings with others?
- Am I critical, negative, or uncharitable in my thoughts of others?

9. You shall not desire your neighbor's wife.

- Have I consented to impure thoughts?
- Have I caused them by impure reading, movies, conversation or curiosity?
- Do I seek to control my imagination?

10. You shall not desire your neighbor's goods.

- Am I jealous of what other people have?
- Am I greedy or selfish?
- Are material possessions the purpose of my life?

Act of Contrition

Oh my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you, and I detest all my sins because of your just punishments; but most of all because they offend you, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin.