

12/31/2023

FEAST OF *The Holy Family*



The Holy Family
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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 12/31/2023

Saturday, December 30 - 6th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

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

Sunday, December 31 - Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00am St. Patrick: In memory of Elizabeth "Betty" J. Verderber by Linda Barrick
 8:30am St. Mary: In memory of Harold Westerfield by the Fitzgerald family
 10:00am Holy Family: In memory of Caroline Higgins by Mike Higgins
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 10:45-11:00am]
 10:00am St. Thomas Aquinas: In memory of Mark Miller by Madonna & Jerry Boyle

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

9:00am Holy Family: In memory of Janet Price by Jerry & Janet Langenbahn

Tuesday, January 2 - Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Harold Eimer by Sandy & Lynn Aper
 8:00am St. Patrick: For the special intentions of the Logan County Catholic Community members

Wednesday, January 3 - Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:30am CCS/Holy Family: In memory of Janet Price by Meg & Greg Liebreich

Thursday, January 4 - Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of John "Doug" Board by Jerry & Janet Langenbahn

Friday, January 5 - Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Crystal Tibbs by Judy Wolpert & Scott Wolpert

Saturday, January 6 - Christmas Weekday - Memorial of Saint André Bessette, Religious

4:00pm Holy Family: In memory of Regina Sumski Beard by Mary Vlahovich
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 4:45-5:00pm]

Sunday, January 7 - The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00am St. Patrick: For the special intentions of the Logan County Catholic Community members
 8:30am St. Mary: In memory of Harold Westerfield by the Fitzgerald family
 10:00am Holy Family: In memory of Owen Thomas Carroll, Jr. by Dr. Elizabeth Anne Welch Carroll
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 10:45-11:00am]
 10:00am St. Thomas Aquinas: In celebration of Rita Faith's 85th Birthday by Carl Faith

**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.

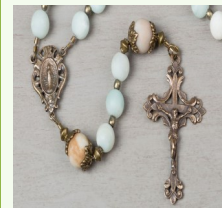
⇒ **Marriages**
 Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance for the desired wedding date. Please phone the parish office to receive further information and to reserve your special day.

St. Mary, Atlanta Lector Schedule

12/31 - Matt McGhee
 01/07 - Matt McGhee
 01/14 - Laura O'Donnell
 01/21 - Ed Jodlowski
 01/28 - Ed Jodlowski

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. The January meeting is set for **Tuesday, 1/2/24**, due to the New Year's Day 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

The Parish Office is closed 12/22/23 to 1/1/24. Reopening on 1/2/24 from 08am-3pm.

RCIA Class: No class on 12/19, 12/26, or 1/2. Class resumes 1/9/24.

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.

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

The Spalding Pastoral Center will be closed 12/22/23 - 1/2/24 for the holidays.

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

Christmas Decorations Take-down on 1/7/24 at St. Patrick & at St. Thomas Aquinas after Mass. Please help, if able.

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 31 - January 6, 2024

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 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 for the special intentions of the Logan County Catholic Community.

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.

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 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 Lichtenwaller, 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, Aria Tramontano-Grigsby Spitnale, 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.

Contact Isabel M. Vidal @ 217-732-4019 to add a loved one to this list.



Did you know: There are **96** segments in a Day to offer **15** minutes of prayer which is **1%** of your day.

Is his sacrifice for your salvation worth 1% of each of your days? Perhaps a New Year's Resolution?



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, January 1st

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

Tuesday, January 2nd

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

Wednesday, January 3rd

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

Thursday, January 4th

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

Friday, January 5th

1 Jn 3:11-21 / Ps 100:1b-5 / Jn 1:43-51

Saturday, January 6th

1 Jn 5:5-13 / Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 / Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or Lk 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Sunday, January 7th

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

CENTRAL ILLINOIS Men COME JOIN US FOR CURSILLO 2024!

A Men's Cursillo weekend will be held 1/26/24 to 1/28/24, at St Patrick Catholic Church in Urbana, IL. What a great way to start the new year by joining other men, strengthening your faith in Christ, and His Church! Contact Dick Baxley at 217-377-0318.

The 2024 Women's Cursillo is set for Sept. 20-22, 2024. Thank you for your support of Cursillo.

Dick Baxley
Parish Liaison for EACC
(Eastern Area Cursillo Community)

FOR THOSE AGE 70 ½

There is good news if you have reached age 70 ½ 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 ½ to help (parish, school, ministry). Please contact the custodian of your IRA or your tax advisor for further discussions.



Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation & Lincoln Elks Lodge #914

The **FREE Children's Orthopedic Clinic** is coming back to *Lincoln Memorial Hospital* in 2024!

- Does your child complain of leg, knee, shoulder, elbow, or wrist pain?
- Complain about back pain?
- Seem clumsy or falls?

The first clinic of 2024 is set for 1/2/2024 from 1pm-3pm. *Clinic is by appointment only!* Please call the Scheduling number (1-800-272-0074) between 9am-4pm Monday - Friday to schedule a Clinic appointment.

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*



RCIA: On Break!

The RCIA will not meet Tuesday, December 26 or January 2. Let us give thanks to God for the blessings we have received throughout 2023 and trust that God will again bless us in 2024. Please continue to pray for our Catechumen Chad Smith as he continues his journey to baptism this Easter.

St. Agnes Academy in Key Biscayne, FL Welcomes Brother Zachary Craig**

We are overjoyed to welcome Brother Zachary from the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary to join our faculty at St. Agnes Academy. Brother Zachary will be teaching Religion as well as assisting our Faith Formation Department.



God bless you! My name is Br. Zachary Craig, SCTJM. Currently, I am a novice Brother of the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Religious Brothers and Priests, founded by Mother Adela Galindo in August 2020. Many of you know our wonderful Sisters who serve in St. Agnes and in other places. I have completed my canonical year of novitiate, which means that I am in the last stage of formation and preparing to profess my first vows as a religious. Originally, I am from Illinois, where I attended Illinois State University (ISU) studying education, and there I met the Servants who were ministering at that time at the John Paul II Newman Center. My mom is a secretary at the Catholic grade school where I went from Kindergarten to Eighth grade, and it was there that I found a desire to be a teacher, especially when I would stay to help the teachers while my mom was working. Growing up, I was an Eagle Scout, and I served in many different leadership positions within boy-scouts. During a pilgrimage with the JP II Newman Center I felt the Lord calling me to be a Servant so I "dropped my nets" and followed His call. Since joining the Servants I have been teaching Catechesis for First Communion, serving at different summer camps, and assisting in our Vivet movement for kids, youth and young adults. I am very grateful for this opportunity and look forward to being a part of the St. Agnes family.

Our Mission: "To walk humbly in God's presence through prayer, service and evangelization, while putting Jesus first, Others second and Yourself last" (JOY)

If you'd like to send Zachary a congratulation note or Christmas card, his address is: **Br. Zachary Craig, SCTJM Brothers and Priests, 3098 SW 14th St, Miami, FL 33145.**

**Br. Craig graduated from Carroll Catholic School in 2015 and from LCHS in 2019.

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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



ST. PATRICK

Holiday decorations will be removed after the 8:00am Mass on 1/7/24. Your help is appreciated.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Holiday decorations will be removed after the 10:00am Mass on 1/7/24. Please stay and help, if you can.

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

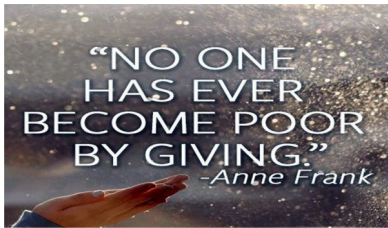
Monday, January 1 - Office Closed

Tuesday, January 2 - Resume Regular Hours (see below)

REGULAR WEEKLY PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday: Office Closed Every Friday



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**

SAINTS OF THE WEEK (Adapted from My Catholic Life!)

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God (1/1) - Holy Day of Obligation in the USA, unless it falls on Saturday or Monday. Today, January 1, we complete our octave celebration of Christmas Day. It's an often overlooked liturgical fact that we celebrate Christmas Day for eight straight days. The Church celebrates Mary as the Mother of God. She is called Theotokos (God-bearer), for "God sent his Son, born of a woman. (Gal.4:4). Mary found favor with God, and as a result Jesus is *fully* human, with flesh like us, but no sin, and *fully divine*. Look to her for the best example of devotion and demonstration of obedience to God's plan of salvation.

Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church (1/2) - St. Basil: 329-379, Patron Saint of monks, hospital administrators, reformers, and Russia. St. Gregory: c. 329-389, Patron Saint of harvests and poets. These two saints were close friends. They fought against Arianism, a 4th Century heresy that denied the full divinity of Christ. Their voices prepared the way of the Lord. Though shy, Gregory became a great preacher. Basil challenged people to live simply and care for the poor and dying. Saints Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzen were among the most devoted defenders of the faith in the fourth century. Both were bishops and both are now saints and doctors of the Church.

Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus (1/3) - Today we celebrate the King of Glory, at whose name every knee shall bend and every tongue confess him Lord (see Phil 2:10). The liturgical Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus has been celebrated by the Church for many centuries, especially within various religious orders. In the fifteenth century, Saint Bernardine of Siena, a Franciscan friar, went on a preaching mission promoting devotion to the Most Holy Name. He encouraged people to revere Jesus' name by placing the first three Greek letters of His name on their doors: IHS. Today, this Greek monogram of Jesus' name is commonly seen in churches on tabernacles, altars, and in stained glass windows. In the sixteenth century, Saint Ignatius of Loyola had such a strong devotion to the Most Holy Name of Jesus that he adopted it as his seal as general of his newly founded order of the Jesuits; that monogram remains the Jesuits' official seal today.

Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious (1/4) - Patron Saint of Catholic schools, widows, loss of parents and children, and people ridiculed for their piety. Invoked against in-law problems and those who oppose the Church Canonized by Pope Paul VI on September 14, 1975. She was the first saint born in the United States. She was an Episcopalian who converted to Catholicism after her husband died. She founded a religious order called the Sisters of Charity focusing on educating children (she had 5 of her own) who were poor or led difficult lives.

Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop (1/5) - 1811-1860. Patron saint of sick children and of immigrants. He was canonized by Pope Saint Paul VI on June 19, 1977. He left his own country and came to the U.S. He was ordained by the Bishop of New York, John Dubois 17 days after his arrival. The bishop was desperate for German-speaking priests to serve his people. Eventually, he was named the fourth bishop of Philadelphia where he established the diocesan school system, promoted 40 hours devotion, and built many schools and churches. He traveled constantly so that he could be close to his people and shepherd them in person, rather than from behind a desk. Bishop John Neumann remained in Philadelphia until his death at the age of 49 in 1860. In 1977, he became the first American bishop to be canonized a saint. He is one of the first future saints ever to be photographed.

Memorial of Saint André Bessette, Religious (1/6) - 1845-1937. Patron saint of family caregivers in Canada. Canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 17, 2010. An uneducated doorkeeper for the Congregation of the Holy Cross in Montreal. He attracted many visitors due to his counsel and healings. He was well-loved for his humility and kindness that a million people came to mourn him when he passed. He lived the virtue of humility, listened to troubled hearts, and showed compassion that lifted burdens. He loved God and gave all credit to Saint Joseph's intercessions.

Happy Holidays Everyone!!!

Confirmation is set for April 25, 2024, at 7:00 pm in the Holy Family Church. Students should arrive to the school cafeteria by 6:30 pm. Parents are welcome to head to the church.

The Confirmation Retreat will occur on April 7, 2024, following the 10:00 am Mass.

Confirmation sponsors should join us for the first part of the retreat. If sponsors are unable to attend, parents may stand in for the sponsor. We will go over the seating arrangements and some additional information. Sponsors may leave after this. Lunch will be provided. The student portion of the retreat will continue until 2:00 pm. Parents can pick their children up from the school.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Michelle Fuiten and Britta Langley

Ready to Bring the Love of Jesus 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal

Below are the updated ADA numbers as of 11/30/23.



Holy Family

Goal = \$57,331.00
Donors = 66/640 (10%)
Pledged = \$28,165.00
Received = \$24,315.00

St Mary's

Goal = \$12,598.00
Donors = 13/60 (22%)
Pledged = \$10,995.02
Received = \$8,420.02

St Patrick's

Goal = \$17,455.00
Donors = 7/53 (13%)
Pledged = \$6,183.13
Received = \$3,558.13

St Thomas Aquinas

Goal = \$12,933.00
Donors = 13/68 (19%)
Pledged = \$10,370.00
Received = \$8,370.00

Of each church's registered members, 10%-22% have pledged over 50% of the church's goal. Many thanks for your generosity.



"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

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday, January 1, 2024

9:00 am Mass @ Holy Family

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

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY KIDS WORKING ON GIFTS

