

12/10/2023



Advent

SECOND 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 12/10/2023

Saturday, December 9 - Vigil Mass for the 2nd Sunday of Advent

4:00pm Holy Family: In memory of Mary Aeilts by Diane & David Coogan

[with Drive-Thru Communion from 4:45-5:00pm]

Sunday, December 10 - Second Sunday of Advent

8:00am St. Patrick: For the special intentions of the Logan County Catholic Community

8:30am St. Mary: In memory of Joseph Reichle by Lou Ann Mack

10:00am Holy Family: In memory of Jaime Wessbecher's Birthday by Her Family

[with Drive-Thru Communion from 10:45-11:00am]

10:00am St. Thomas Aquinas: In memory of Adele Reedy by Roger & Karen Edgecombe

Monday, December 11

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Harold Kissinger by the Fleshman Family

Tuesday, December 12 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Cecilia Krotz by the Dowdle Nieces & Nephews

8:00am St. Patrick: In memory of Joseph Reichle by Lou Ann Mack

Wednesday, December 13 - Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

8:30am CCS/Holy Family: In memory of Ludmilla Krotz by the Dowdle Great Grandchildren

Thursday, December 14 - Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00am Holy Family: In celebration of the birthdays of Dorothy & Emil Sandrolini by Laura Sandrolini

Friday, December 15

8:00am Holy Family: In celebration of the birthday of Wes O'Donoghue by Mom & Dad

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

4:00pm Holy Family: In memory of Joseph Mintjal by Sudie Mintjal

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

8:00am St. Patrick: For the special intentions of the Logan County Catholic Community

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

**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**

12/10 - Laura O'Donnell
 12/17 - Ed Jodlowski
 12/24 - Ed Jodlowski
 12/31 - Matt McGhee
 01/07 - Matt McGhee

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 will be held on Tuesday, 1/2/24, due to the New Year holiday.



Holy Rosary

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

**NOTICES FOR ADVENT/
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

12/12 - Food Drive at TOP FLIGHT GRAIN KRUEGER ELEVATOR 8-12pm

12/12 - Knights of Columbus RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 2pm-6pm

The RCIA class will be held on 12/12/23. No classes: 12/19, 12/26, or 1/2. Class resumes 1/9/2024.

Adult Ed Class on Revelation: No classes 12/6, 12/13, 12/20, 12/27, or 1/3. Class resumes on 1/10/2024 at 10am and 6:30pm.

Carroll Catholic School is closed 12/18/23 - 1/1/24. Classes resume 1/2/2024.

The Children's Liturgy will not be held on Sunday, 12/24/23 or 12/31/23. Resumes on 1/7/2024.

The Parish Office will be closed 12/25-1/1. Reopen on 1/2/2024.

Week of December 10 - December 16, 2023

The red Altar Sanctuary Candle at...

Holy Family is lit this week *in memory of Wes O'Donoghue's birthday by 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 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.



Through the mercy of God
may they rest in peace.

Eric Hoerdmann
Myrtle Goff
Maureen Casper

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, December 11th

Is 35:1-10 / Ps 85:9ab-14 / Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 12th

Zec 2:14-17 / Judith 13:18bcde, 19 /
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday, December 13th

Is 40:25-31 / Ps 103: 1-4, 8 & 10 / Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 14th

Is 41:13-20 / Ps 145:1, 9-13ab / Mt 11:11-15

Friday, December 15th

Is 48:17-19 / Ps 1:1-4 & 6 / Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 16th

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 / Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 /
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday, December 17th

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 / Lk 1:46-50 & 53-54 /
1 Thes 5:16-24 / Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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 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, 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.

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS TO REMEMBER

- 12/12 Food Pantry Drive at Top Flight Grain Krueger Elevator**
- 12/12 Red Cross Blood Drive Knights of Columbus from 2pm-6pm**
- 12/17 Advent Reconciliation Service at Holy Family**
7:00 pm for the Logan County Catholic Community
- 12/24 Christmas - Holy Day of Obligation 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
- 12/25 Christmas - Holy Day of Obligation Mass**
9:00 am @ Holy Family



**American
Red Cross**



In Service to One, In Service to All.

Join us in answering the call to help others—give blood!

**Lincoln Knights of Columbus
Blood Drive**

Knights of Columbus Hall

217 Limit St
Lincoln, IL 62656

**Tuesday, December 12, 2023
2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

For an appointment call 217- 737-1263, or 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org.

Bring a friend and help save lives together.

Eat a healthy meal and drink an extra 16 oz. of water and fluids before the donation.



Our gift to you: Come give Dec. 1 to 17 for a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. rcblood.org/Amazon



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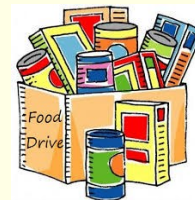
FOOD DRIVE FOR HOLY FAMILY PANTRY

WHEN: DECEMBER 12, 2023

8:00AM-12:00PM

**WHERE: TOP FLIGHT GRAIN KRUEGER ELEVATOR
1418 1800th Street Lincoln**

Questions: Call Tom Peifer 217-737-9667



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*

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month.

The Holy Father's Intention for the Month of December 2023:

For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

December is the Month of Advent

The month of December is dedicated to Advent as it is a time for us to prepare our hearts and minds for our Lord's birth on Christmas. Advent calls us to be alert and ready, not weighed down by the distractions of this world.

Adapted from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops



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

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

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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

THE ANGEL TREE CHILDREN NEED YOU



The last few days are upon us. Please select an "ornament" this week to benefit a child and provide them a Christmas they will remember.

- ◆ All gifts are due to the church by Thursday, 12/14/23.
- ◆ You may also deliver your gifts directly to *The Center for Youth and Family Solutions* no later than 12/14/23.
- ◆ They are located at 2100 West 5th Street, Lincoln, IL.
- ◆ Thank you for thinking of those in need!

Saint Memorials This Week

(Adapted from My Catholic Life!)

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (12/12) - Patroness of the Americas. Between 1428 and 1521, the Aztec Empire thrived in present-day central Mexico. Over the next ten years, Franciscan missionaries arrived on Spanish ships to serve the spiritual needs of the new settlers and to share the Gospel with the natives. Among the first converts to the Catholic faith were a peasant named Cuauhtlatoatzin and his wife, baptized around the year 1524, given the Christian names Juan Diego and María Lucía. María died around the year 1529. On 12/9/1531, Juan Diego's life was forever changed. As he passed by Tepeyac Hill, a heavenly woman appeared to him. She appeared as a mestiza woman, a mixture of Spanish and Indigenous heritage, with dark-toned skin and long black flowing hair. As soon as she appeared, she spoke to Juan in his native Nahuatl language, referring to him affectionately as "Juanito" (My little Juan). She introduced herself as the Ever-Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. She told Juan that she wanted a church built on that very spot in her honor and instructed him to inform Bishop Zumárraga of her request. She asked Juan to climb a hill where he would find roses that were not in bloom that time of year. He did so, picked them, and returned to her. She rearranged the roses in his cloak (tilma) and told him to go to the bishop and show him the roses as proof for him, so Juan set off for the bishop's residence. Once the bishop saw, he agreed to build the chapel as requested. The tilma itself is believed to be miraculous for many reasons. The cloth on which the image is imprinted is made from cactus and normally disintegrates after about fifteen years. The tilma is now almost 500 years old and is in perfect condition. Today the Basilica in which the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is enshrined remains one of the most sacred places of inspiration and pilgrimage in the Americas.

Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr (12/13) - Patron Saint of blind people, martyrs, peasants, poor people, sick children, authors, cutlers, farmers, glassmakers, glaziers, gondoliers, laborers, lawyers, notaries, eye doctors, porters, printers, saddlers, sailors, salesmen, seamstresses, tailors, upholsterers, weavers, and writers. Invoked against dysentery, epidemics, hemorrhages, throat infections, fire, poverty, and spiritual blindness. She declared herself to Christ at a young age. There are legends about her demise, but after many efforts to try to kill her, she succumbed to death when a soldier was ordered to thrust his sword into her neck.

Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church (12/14) - Patron Saint of contemplatives, mystical theology, and Spanish poets. He was canonized by Pope Benedict XIII on 12/27/1726 and declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius XI in 1926. He is commonly referred to as the "Mystical Doctor." Juan de Yepes y Alvarez was born in Fontiveros, Avila, Spain. His family descended from Jewish converts who settled in Fontiveros. His father, Gonzalo, was an accountant who worked for relatives who were involved in the silk trade. He was a Carmelite priest, spiritual director to St. Teresa of Avila's convent, a writer, mystic, and reformer who lived during the early years of the Counter-Reformation. His efforts at reform met with opposition, misunderstanding, and even imprisonment. Saint John of the Cross endured many trials throughout his life, but God used those trials as a foundation for the spiritual formation he would provide to the Church through his masterful mystical theology.

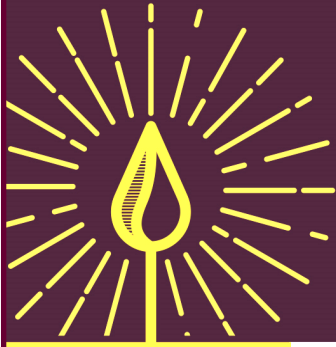
Gaudete Sunday - Each Third Sunday of Advent the priests wear rose-colored vestments to indicate a joyful feast day or holiday. During the season of Advent, we await the celebration of Christ's birth and His coming again at the end of time. Over four weeks, we prepare our hearts for Christmas in penitential reflection, but in the middle of the season, Gaudete Sunday calls us to rejoice in hope! Advent wreaths are shaped in a perfect circle to symbolize the eternity of God and have four candles (three are purple - penance, one pink - hope) that remind us Christ is the light of the world.



RCIA: Rite of Acceptance into the Catechumenate

Please meet Chad Smith. Chad is our soon-to-be catechumen and an unbaptized member of the Logan County Catholic Community. Chad was raised in Mt. Pulaski and has lived his entire life in the surrounding region. Recently Chad located in Lincoln and with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit found his way to Holy Family Church and the RCIA process.

He will formally be accepted as a catechumen at the 10 a.m. Mass at Holy Family Church on December 10. Following the Mass, the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary will provide a little reception. Please stop in the Bride's room after Mass next week to welcome Chad. Please continue your prayers for all involved in the RCIA process.



“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

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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