

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**



**Lord, every nation  
on earth will adore you**



**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 1/7/2024**

**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 - Solemnity of 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

**Monday, January 8 - Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Sallie Marcotte by Sudie Mintjal

**Tuesday, January 9**

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Judy Wilmert Cole by Janet & Jerry Langenbahn

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

**Wednesday, January 10**

8:30am CCS/Holy Family: In memory of Bill & Ryan Gober by the Gober Family

**Thursday, January 11**

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Sarah Dehner Murphy by Lou Ann Mack

**Friday, January 12**

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

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

**Saturday, January 13 - Vigil Mass for 2d Sunday in Ordinary Time (Memorial of Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)**

4:00pm Holy Family: In memory of Marvin Knutilla by Jerry & Janet Langenbahn

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

**Sunday, January 14 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

8:30am St. Mary: In memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Verderber by Lou Mack

10:00am Holy Family: In memory of Rita Faith's 85th Birthday by Carl Faith  
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 10:45-11:00am]

10:00am St. Thomas Aquinas: In memory of Melissa Trauner by Maureen & James Trauner

*\*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**

01/07 - Matt McGhee  
 01/14 - Laura O'Donnell  
 01/21 - Ed Jodlowski  
 01/28 - Ed Jodlowski  
 02/04 - 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.



**Holy Rosary**

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

**NOTICES**

**The Parish Office is open Monday through Thursday, 8am to 3pm. We are closed every Friday.**

**St. Patrick & St. Thomas Aquinas Decoration Take Downs are set for this Sunday, 1/7/24 after your Masses.**

**The Children's Liturgy resumes on 1/7/24.**

**RCIA Class resumes on 1/9/2024.**

**Adult Ed Class on Revelation resumes on 1/10/24 at 10am & 6:30pm.**

**MANY THANKS TO ALL**



**The Holy Family Pantry would like to thank everyone who contributed time, money, and/or food to our pantry in 2023. Without your generosity we could never serve the 300, plus, deserving families in Logan County.**

**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 January 7 - January 13, 2024

The red Altar Sanctuary Candle at...

**Holy Family** is lit this week in memory of *the deceased and the living members of the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary.*

**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 in *memory of Connie, Kay, & Robin* by their 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.*

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 at [abaker@logancountycatholic.org](mailto:abaker@logancountycatholic.org).

### THOUGHTS ON THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

In Jesus' time, a gift of gold acknowledged the kingship of the recipient. A gift of frankincense, a type of incense, was used in his time to worship God, while the gift of myrrh, an oil, was used to anoint the dying. These gifts remind us of Jesus' kingship, divinity, and his dying for us. What gifts do we have for Jesus?

Taking a hint from the wise men, acknowledge Jesus as king, and better than gold, pledge obedience to him. Burning incense to pay homage to Jesus' divinity is great, better is spending time in prayer throughout the day. As for the gift of myrrh, we can give Jesus the crosses we bear. Let Epiphany remind us to offer our lives to Jesus each day.

*Adapted from Tom Schmidt's Epiphany article for Diocesan*

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

#### Monday, January 8th

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or  
1 Jn 5:1-9 / Ps 29:1-4, 9-10 or Is 12:2-6 / Mk 1:7-11

#### Tuesday, January 9th

1 Sm 1:9-20 / 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8 / Mk 1:21-28

#### Wednesday, January 10th

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 / PS 40:2, 5, 7-10 /  
Mk 1:29-39

#### Thursday, January 11th

1 Sm 4:1-11 / Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 /  
Mk 1:40-45

#### Friday, January 12th

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a / Ps 89:16-19 / Mk 2:1-12

#### Saturday, January 13th

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19 & 10:1 / Ps 21:2-7 / Mk 2:13-17

#### Sunday, January 14th

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 / Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10 /  
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 / Jn 1:35-42

### 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, 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.

### 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, @ 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)

### SEARCHING FOR A QUIET PLACE TO PRAY? COME TO HOLY FAMILY AND FILL THIS NEED.



Join us to say the rosary at 7:40am before Mass on Monday through Friday. The side door is open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday during normal business hours (8:00am - 3:00pm). Eucharistic Adoration is generally held on Thursdays 3pm-6pm. Plan on getting here early or staying after for some special time between you and our Lord. If you wish to sign up for an Adoration Hour, call the Parish Office. Please remember you are committing to serve and will need to find a substitute if you have a conflict.



**ST. PATRICK**

**Holiday decorations will be removed after the 8:00am Mass on Sunday, 1/7/2024. Your help is appreciated.**

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS**

**Holiday decorations will be removed after the 10:00am Mass on Sunday, 1/7/2024. Please stay and help if you can.**

**January is Poverty Awareness Month.** During Poverty Awareness Month, join the U.S. Bishops, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and the Catholic community in the United States in taking up Pope Francis' challenge to live in solidarity with the poor! Daily reflections include ways to learn about poverty, get inspired by how communities are responding, and take action with others. You can also sign up to have the daily reflections emailed to you during Poverty Awareness Month. Go to: <https://uscgb.us11.list-manage.com/subscribe/?=75c0c9953e20885f1295adc0f&id=3758e6e5cd>

**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*



The RCIA sessions resume this Tuesday, January 9 and continue our journey with Chad Smith to the Easter Triduum. We begin the new year with presentations on the sacraments and Mass. These sessions will help Chad prepare for his initiation, which we will celebrate Holy Saturday during the Easter Vigil. Christian Initiation for adults is one ceremony in which Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist are celebrated. Please continue to pray for Chad and all who accompany him on his journey.

**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**





COMMUNITY HEALTH COLLABORATIVE

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 the year is set for January 2, 2024 from 1pm to 3pm. You must have an appointment to participate in the Clinic. Please call the Scheduling number for a Clinic appointment (1-800-272-0074). The Clinic will be open Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm.



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 Epiphany of the Lord (1/7) - Celebrated on January 6, or the first Sunday after January 1 if not a Holy Day of Obligation. This day honors the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child. It was first celebrated at the end of the second century and originated in the Eastern Church. It was designated a feast day at the Council of Tours in 567. At the time of Jesus' birth, it was commonly believed that a new star would appear when a new ruler was born. The Father in Heaven used this belief to honor His Son, the new King. When three astrologers from the East, the Magi, saw this "new star," they chose to follow it to discover the new King. Pointing the way, in the form of a star, was creation itself. The word "Epiphany" means "manifestation," inviting us to look at how Christ is manifest in our own hearts. First, when the Magi saw a sign from the heavens that pointed to a new King, they stopped everything and departed in haste to find Him. The Magi brought the Christ Child gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Gold symbolized kingship. When we ponder the gift of gold given to the Christ Child, we are inspired to give Him our own symbolic gold by prayerfully acknowledging Him as our King to whom we pledge complete submission. Used in worship to symbolize prayers rising to heaven, frankincense symbolizes the Christ Child's divinity. We offer frankincense to Christ when we acknowledge His divine nature. Often used in burial, myrrh honors the Christ Child who came to give His life as a sacrifice for many. We offer myrrh to profess our belief in the saving power of Christ's death on the Cross and our need for that gift of salvation. As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany, see it as a historical event in which you are invited to share. God wants to manifest Himself to you today. When this happens, respond with faith and worship, giving God the greatest glory by giving Him your very life and offering Him your spiritual gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (1/8) - The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is a liturgical bridge that connects the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. During the Christmas season we pondered the Incarnation, Nativity, Presentation in the Temple, and Epiphany. Today, we see Jesus manifesting Himself to the world as He began His three years of public ministry. Jesus begins His ministry through an act of deep solidarity with the fallen human race. John the Baptist had been preaching in the desert and offering a baptism of repentance. Jesus chose to unite Himself with fallen humanity, taking upon Himself our own sins and suffering their consequences. He humbly allowed Himself to be identified as a sinner in need of repentance. This was done out of love for us and out of His longing to become one with us so that we could become one with Him.

Memorial of Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (1/13) - c. 315-367, Patron Saint of children academically behind, children learning to walk, mothers, and the sick. He is invoked against rheumatism and snakebites. Pre-Congregation canonization and was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church in 1851 by Pope Pius IX. Born into a wealthy pagan family in Poitiers, France, Hilary was well educated in the classics. He knew that he did not exist for the sole purpose of seeking pleasure, enjoying leisure, or obtaining wealth. He reasoned that the human soul did not exist simply to die. Instead, it must exist for something more, something eternal, something glorious. Hilary finally found what he was searching for when he stumbled upon the Scriptures. He was first struck by the mysterious name of God in the Old Testament: "I AM WHO I AM." God had revealed Himself as eternal, without beginning or end - Existence itself. Then Hilary discovered the Son of God in the Gospel of John 1:1-14. Hilary had the will to believe, and in the years that followed he was given the power and gift to understand the beauty, mystery, omnipotence, and nature of the Most Holy Trinity. Shortly after these discoveries of faith, Hilary was baptized a Christian and went on to defend the doctrine of the Trinity against the "insanity and ignorance of men." He so impressed the faithful that they chose him to be their bishop, a dignity to which he reluctantly agreed. His effectiveness came not only from his clear teaching, but also from his conciliatory approach and resolute determination. He was a true pastor who burned with a desire that everyone come to a deeper knowledge of the One God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.