



# HAPPY

*Mother's Day*

**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

### Week of 05/12/2024

#### **Saturday, May 11 - Vigil Mass of 7th Sunday of Easter**

4:00pm Holy Family: In memory of Barbara Hardiek by Friends  
[with Drive-Thru Communion from 4:45-5:00pm]

#### **Sunday, May 12 - The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord - 7th Sunday of Easter**

8:00am St. Patrick: In memory of Agnes Durchholz by the Durchholz Family  
8:30am St. Mary: In memory of Mark Donath by Ronald L. Koch, Gretchen & Jonathan Bolenbaugh, Amy Whitburn & Alexander Platt-Koch  
10:00am Holy Family: In memory of Dean & Norma McCray by Tim & Shirley O'Donoghue  
[with Drive-Thru Communion from 10:45-11:00am]  
10:00am St. Thomas Aquinas: In memory of Doris Eckert by Del & Sandra Southern

#### **Monday, May 13**

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Caroline Higgins by Kathy Miller

#### **Tuesday, May 14 - Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle**

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of Joseph Mintjal by Sudie Mintjal & Family  
8:00am St. Patrick: A Mass for the People

#### **Wednesday, May 15 - Memorial of Saint Isidore**

8:30am CCS/Holy Family: In memory of Joan Pluth by Jerry & Janet Langenbahn

#### **Thursday, May 16**

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of James W. "Jim" Ryan by the Jim McPhail Family

#### **Friday, May 17**

8:00am Holy Family: In memory of the Deceased Members of the George G. Dehner Family

#### **Saturday, May 18 - Vigil Mass of Pentecost Sunday**

4:00pm Holy Family: In memory of Celeste Bergfeld by Judy Sloan  
[with Drive-Thru Communion from 4:45-5:00pm]

#### **Sunday, May 19 - Pentecost Sunday**

8:00am St. Patrick: In memory of Margaret Peifer by Jo Ann Stuckel  
8:30am St. Mary: In memory of Rebecca "Becky" Thornton by her Family  
10:00am Holy Family: In memory of Randy Polley by the Patrick Lee Family, Carroll Catholic School 8th Grade Graduation Mass  
[with Drive-Thru Communion from 10:45-11:00am]  
10:00am St. Thomas Aquinas: In memory of Steve Coogan by Patricia Caveny-Nye

*\*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.*

#### ⇒ **Reconciliation**

Holy Family Church, Lincoln: Tuesday 7:30-8:00am  
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.

### **ATTENTION PLEASE**

**A set of keys was found in the Carroll School parking lot after Mass this past Sunday (5/5). Please call the Rectory to describe and collect them.**

### **Mass Settings At Other Churches**

A lengthy list of Mass Intentions requested during the Covid years for are being set wherever possible for the sake of their souls. Please know that our aim is to set at least one Mass where they went to church. Thank you for your patience and understanding. Blessings to all of you!



### **Holy Rosary**

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

### **St. Mary Lector Schedule**

05/12 - Laura O'Donnell  
05/19 - Ed Jodlowski  
05/26 - Ed Jodlowski  
06/02 - Matt McGhee  
06/09 - Matt McGhee  
06/16 - Laura O'Donnell

### **St. Mary Altar Society**

St. Mary's Altar society invites all members of our parish (male & female) to upcoming meetings. **The next meeting is JULY 8th at 6pm in the church hall.**

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LADIES AUXILIARY: COME AND JOIN US**

**Meet: Every THIRD Wednesday from March to November**  
**When: 7:00 pm**  
**Where: The Knights of Columbus Hall**

### **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 May 12, 2024 - May 18, 2024

The red Altar Sanctuary Candle at...

**Holy Family** is lit this week for all the Mothers in the Vidal, Barrios, Lopez, and Grigsby Families.

**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 Joni Marten by Galen & 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, [abaker@logancountycatholic.org](mailto:abaker@logancountycatholic.org).



Through the mercy of God  
may they rest in peace.

**John Notto**  
**Howard Entwistle**  
**Irma Clement**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

### Monday, May 13th

Acts 19:1-8 / Ps 68:2-7ab / Jn 16:29-33

### Tuesday, May 14th

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 / Ps 113:1-8 / Jn 15:9-17

### Wednesday, May 15th

Acts 20:28-38 / Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab /  
Jn 17:11b-19

### Thursday, May 16th

Acts 22:30-23:6-11 / Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 /  
Jn 17:20-26

### Friday, May 17th

Acts 25:13b-21 / Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab /  
Jn 21:15-19

### Saturday, May 18th

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 / Ps 11:4, 5, 7 / Jn 21:20-25

### Sunday, May 19th

Acts 2:1-11 / Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34 / 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13, or Gal 5:16-25 / Jn 20:19-23,  
or Jn 15:26-27, Jn 16:12-15

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, Joyce Lichtenwalter, Sally Velasco, Ilene Davis, Tim McCormick, Bonnie Frawley, Jeane Conolley, 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 and Tina Huff and Family, Nurse Lancaster, Cindy & Kenny Frericks, Ann Knuffman, Greg Harmon, Pam Baker, David Vale, Lois, Mirtha & Nicolas Barrios, Kimm and family, Adalynn Williams, Angela Piglia, Raeleigh Bess, Eric Ewald, Faith Stagnolia, Donna Bolton, Pat Dugan, Nancy Stevens and her sons, the Salas Family, Macy and her baby, Becky Maestas, Diane Buse, Cheryl Davis, Mike Shay, Bandy Ady, and all the members of the armed forces of our country.

Call Isabel Vidal @ 217-732-4019 to add a loved one .

## THE HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY GLOBAL PRAYER INTENTIONS

The Holy Father has entrusted the twelve prayer intentions to the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, an organization that works to encourage Christians to respond to the Pope's appeal and to deepen their daily prayer. You can find more information about the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network on their website.

### MAY: For the Formation of Religious, Monks, Nuns, and Seminarians

The Pontiff urges prayers "so that religious, monks, nuns, and seminarians may grow in their vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual, and communal formation, leading them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel."

Adapted from the [USCCB.org](http://USCCB.org)

## MONTHLY DEDICATION

Each month of the year is dedicated to a specific Catholic devotion based on historical events or the liturgical calendar. **May is the month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.** Consider saying a Rosary each day, or a special Novena.

Novenas for the month of May include:

St. Peregrine May 1 – Cancer  
St. Dymphna May 15 – Mental Illness, Runaways  
St. Bede, the Venerable - Patron Saint of Catholic Schools  
St. Rita of Cascia May 22 – Impossible Causes, Bad marriages, Spousal abuse

"What a joy to remember that she is our Mother. Since she loves us and knows our weaknesses, what have we to fear?"

St. Therese of Liseieux

Guest speaker

**SR. MARGARET  
SCHREIBER**



# COME LEARN ABOUT *The Rosary* WITH US

May 1st, Wednesday	Week 1: May Crowning with explanation
May 8th, Wednesday	Week 2: History of the rosary
May 15th, Wednesday	Week 3: Joyful & Glorious Mysteries
May 22nd, Wednesday	Week 4: Sorrowful & Luminous Mysteries

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
ACROSS FROM CENTRAL IL AG ON RTE 66, ATLANTA

**5:30PM** JOIN US FOR DINNER  
RSVP TO ROB POLEN 309-825-1252  
**6:15PM** CLASS AND PRAYING OF THE ROSARY  
**7:15PM** DESSERT AND SOCIAL

*This is a free event and all are welcome. We will pray the rosary each week.*

## Dates to Support Church/School/ KC Activities

Come Learn About the Rosary with Us: Dinner and Class at St. Mary in Atlanta, IL on Wednesdays.

- ◆ Two (2) Classes Remain: 5/15 & 5/22.
- ◆ Meal at 5:30pm (RSVP to Rob Pollen at 309-825-1252)
- ◆ Class at 6:15pm
- ◆ Dessert/Fellowship at 7:15pm

Lincoln Community H.S. Graduation: Saturday, 5/11/24, 11am - 12pm

Carroll Catholic 8th Grade Graduation: Sunday, 5/19/24 10am Mass

Olympia H.S. Graduation: Sunday, 5/19/24 1pm-2pm

Mt. Pulaski H.S. Graduation: Sunday, 5/19/24, 3pm-4pm

Blood Drive at KC Hall: Monday, 5/20/24 2pm-6pm. Call 217- 737-1263, 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org to schedule an appointment.

Central Catholic HS Graduation: Sunday, 5/19/24, 2pm-3:30pm

H.S. Graduates' Mass at Holy Family: Sunday, 5/26/24, 10 am Mass at Holy Family for All H.S. Graduates from the Logan County Catholic Community

Petunia Fundraiser: Orders Due 5/22, Pick Up 5/25 10am - 12pm by Holy Family Food Pantry

Vacation Bible School: 6/17—6/21 8:30am-11:30am (link to register for VBS: <https://tinyurl.com/24LCCPVBS>)

St. Mary Altar Society: No meeting in June. Next Meeting is Monday, 7/8/24 at 6pm in the Church Hall.

Parish Office, 316 South Logan Street, Lincoln, IL 62656 ~ 217-732-4019 ~ [www.logancountycatholic.org](http://www.logancountycatholic.org)

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



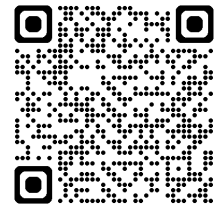
 **Save My  
Scholarship**

**Empower Illinois**

The Illinois legislature adjourned its fall veto session without addressing the **Invest in Kids Scholarship Program**. More than 14,000 scholarship recipients across Illinois may need to switch schools next fall unless Invest in Kids is restored. Efforts are underway in Springfield to reinstate the program during the spring legislative session, but your support is needed.

Please encourage your parish community friends to contact their state legislators using this link <https://p2a.co/ztjofpi> or the QR code below!

 **Save My  
Scholarship**



**American  
Red Cross**



**Knights of  
Columbus**

**SAVE THE DATE & SAVE A LIFE!**  
**Lincoln Knights of Columbus  
Blood Drive**

**Knights of Columbus Hall  
217 Limit St Lincoln, IL  
Monday, May 20, 2024  
2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**Please call 217- 737-1263 or 1-800-  
RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to  
schedule your appointment, or visit  
RedCrossBlood.org.**

**You can also use this QR code to  
schedule an appointment.**

**Bring a friend and help save lives  
together.**



*Class of 2024*

**GRADUATION  
MASS**

In Honor Of

**GRADUATING HIGH  
SCHOOL SENIORS FROM  
LOGAN COUNTY CATHOLIC  
COMMUNITY CHURCHES**

**MAY 26, 2024 AT THE  
10AM MASS  
HOLY FAMILY CHURCH  
Lincoln, IL**

**SAVE THESE DATES!**

**Vacation Bible School  
is coming 6/17-6/21.**  
<https://tinyurl.com/24LCCPVBS>



**vacation bible school 2024**

This year's VBS will take place June 17-21 at the Knight's of Columbus (8:30-11:30 am).

Children ages 4 years old through fifth grade are invited to join us! Students in sixth grade and up are encouraged to register as a volunteer!

Please visit our website to sign up to join in this year's fun as we strengthen our friendships with God!

[www.logaancountycatholic.org](http://www.logaancountycatholic.org)

## FEASTS/MEMORIALS/SOLEMNITIES THIS WEEK (Adapted from My Catholic Life)

**Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle (5/14)** - Patron Saint of alcoholics, carpenters, and tailors. Invoked against smallpox. Pre-Congregation canonization. When Judas died, he was one of the Twelve, an important number in the Bible. The twelve sons of Jacob established the twelve tribes of Israel. Therefore, when Judas died, Peter recommended that someone be appointed to replace him. Peter quoted Psalm 109 that prophesied, "May another take his office" ([Acts 1:20](#)). The approximately 120 disciples who were gathered together in Jerusalem, perhaps in the upper room where the Last Supper had been celebrated, elected two who had been with Jesus from the beginning. They were likely among the 72 disciples that Jesus sent out to evangelize. The Acts of the Apostles describes it this way: "So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed, 'You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place.' Then they gave lots to them, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was counted with the eleven apostles" ([Acts 1:23-26](#)).

The Twelve were singled out as Apostles. The election of Matthias took place prior to Pentecost, so when the Holy Spirit came, it came upon Matthias as an Apostle, and the Twelve as a united body, along with the rest of the disciples. The appointment of Matthias as an Apostle teaches us that the pope, the successor of Saint Peter, has the authority and responsibility to appoint new Apostles, bishops, as needed. After the election of Matthias in the Acts of the Apostles, nothing more is said about him. We know nothing for certain about his life and ministry after he became one of the first bishops of the Church. According to tradition, he is believed to have died a martyr by crucifixion or may have even been stoned and then beheaded.

**Memorial of Saint Isidore (5/15)** - Patron Saint of Madrid, farms, farmers, bricklayers, and rural communities. Invoked against the death of a child. Canonized by Pope Gregory XV, March 12, 1622. He was an ordinary man, husband, and father who lived a humble and simple life working the fields for a landowner. His extraordinary faith, by which he always sought first the Kingdom of God, sets for us an excellent example of achieving extraordinary sanctity in the ordinary grind of daily work. What is it that elevated this humble and simple man to the ranks of the saints of the Church? Isidore was extremely generous to the poor. Though poor himself, he and his wife regularly distributed the little they had to those who were in even greater need. He was also a man of deep prayer. He would regularly attend daily Mass before work, putting God first every day. As a result of his intercession, miracles abounded, not only during his life but also after his death. In all, more than 400 miracles are attributed to Isidore's intercession throughout the centuries. Another great honor given to this simple, poor, and humble farmer came at his canonization by Pope Gregory XV in 1622. He was canonized at the same time, in the same ceremony, with some of the most recognized and beloved saints in the history of the Church: Saints Ignatius of Loyola, Francis Xavier, Teresa of Avila, and Philip Neri.

**The Solemnity of Pentecost (5/19)** - The promised Gift of the Father and the Son to Jesus' disciples. On the fiftieth day after Jesus' Resurrection, ten days after His Ascension, the 120 disciples were gathered in the upper room when from the sky came a noise like a strong driving wind. It filled the room they were in and tongues, as of fire, fell upon all gathered, and they were given the gift of tongues, which enabled them to speak in different languages, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to the diverse groups of people in Jerusalem. This is what Jesus had promised, and suddenly they understood as they received the Gift of God. Pentecost was the birthday of the Church. The Holy Spirit's mission was to form the Church, empower each baptized member to fulfill his or her specific duty and inspire the Apostles to write the New Testament so that future believers would have firsthand accounts of the Gospel. In addition to building up the Church and enabling it to fulfill its divine mission, the Holy Spirit sanctifies every believer through the bestowal of the 7 Gifts (wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord) and 12 Fruits (charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity) of the Holy Spirit, first given in Baptism and perfected in Confirmation. Allow the Holy Spirit to be fully active in your life so you can become a more active member of His Body, the Church.

## EMMAUS DAYS 2024

"He took the bread and blessed and broke it, and gave it to them"  
-Luke 24:30



COMEANDFOLLOWME.ORG/EMMAUSDAYS

ST. JOHN CATHOLIC  
NEWMAN CENTER

SESSION I: College and Adult Men June 7th-9th  
SESSION II: 11th and 12th Grade Men June 21st-24th



PEORIA NOTRE DAME  
HIGH SCHOOL

SESSION III: 9th and 10th Grade Men July 7th-10th  
SESSION IV: 7th and 8th Grade Men July 10th-12th



Lord help me to want to be what you want me to be!

### Eucharistic Revival Prayer

Lord Jesus, you make the world radiant with the splendor of your presence. You embrace our humanity, so that we may share in your divinity. You reveal yourself to us as the Living Bread that comes down from heaven. Share your heavenly light with me, O Lord, so that I may see you in the Eucharist. Fill me with awe and wonder for the gift of your Body and Blood in Holy Communion. Through the mystery of the Eucharist unite our hearts to yours, that we may be a sign of communion for the whole world, and may live with you forever.

Amen

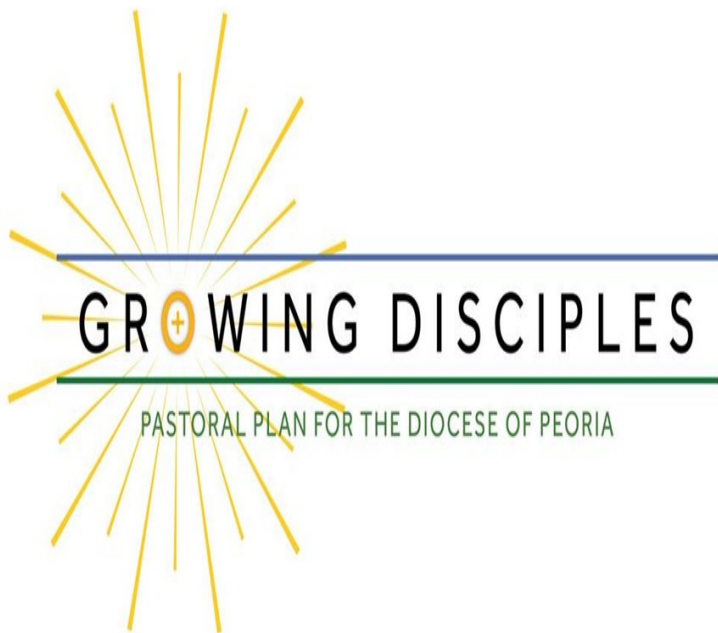
### CARROLL CATHOLIC SCHOOL - 6TH ANNUAL APPEAL

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*



We want to provide you an update regarding Bishop Tylka's discernment process as part of the Growing Disciples initiative, the multi-year pastoral planning process for the Catholic Diocese of Peoria to renew discipleship and enhance relationships with Jesus Christ in every corner of our region. Bishop Tylka is reading, listening to and praying about all the feedback he is receiving. In the meantime, we want to share with you how he plans to announce his decisions.

On the weekend of May 18 and 19 (Pentecost weekend), each pastor will read a letter from the Bishop at every weekend Mass. The letter will include information specific to each parish and will be shared at all the Masses that weekend.

Between 5 pm and 6 pm on Saturday, May 18, the Diocese will be making the information public regarding all parish changes and priest announcements on its website ([growingdisciplescdop.org](http://growingdisciplescdop.org)). That website will also include a glossary of terms, a section of Frequently Asked Questions and a personal message from the Bishop. The website also currently includes materials to help guide you in praying a Novena before the announcement Pentecost weekend.

**Please join us in praying this Novena for the nine days leading up to Pentecost for the people of the diocese of Peoria. We will begin together May 10.** Through these prayers, we will reflect on our history and legacy in the region. Through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the faithful will be empowered to go make disciples in our new, mission-driven, sustainable structure of parishes.



## Pentecost Novena



Please join us in praying this Novena for the people of the diocese of Peoria. Through these prayers, we reflect on our history and legacy in the region. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the faithful will be empowered to go make disciples in our new, mission-driven, sustainable structure of parishes.

### A NOVENA OF PREPARATION

We pray this Novena for the people of the Diocese of Peoria.

With the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the faithful will be empowered to go make disciples in our new, mission-driven, sustainable structure of parishes.

**Day 1: We pray first for all disciples, at all stages on our journeys of faith.** Let us pray for all those who are praying and working to create a vibrant, mission-driven and sustainable Church here in our Diocese.

**Day 2: For all priests, and for the pastors who lead and guide our parishes.** Grant our priests and pastors the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry each day.

**Day 3: In thanksgiving for the gift of the Eucharist.** We are a Eucharistic people. We have a relationship with the Lord, that the Lord gave us the gift of himself — his body, his blood in the Eucharist.

**Day 4: We pray in thanksgiving for the example and life of Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen.** As his candidacy for sainthood advances, we are blessed to have an example of modern evangelization to look to within our own community.

**Day 5: We pray for all those who educate young people and hand down the Catholic Faith.** We seek to develop faith-filled individuals who will lead our world in finding solutions to problems affecting peace, social harmony, and human and civil rights.

**Day 6: We pray for all those who will benefit in the future from the decisions we are making today.** Let us renew discipleship efforts, and work to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ in every corner of the Diocese.

**Day 7: We pray for all those discerning their path to holiness in this world, especially a vocation to the priesthood.** Choosing a consecrated vocation is a radical act in our modern world. Let us hold all these individuals in our prayers today.

**Day 8: We pray in thanksgiving for all the members of consecrated Religious Communities, Contemplatives and Religious Orders** who have served the Diocese of Peoria now and throughout our history.

**Day 9: Today we pray in a special way for Bishop Lou and all the Bishops of the Diocese of Peoria.** The task of a shepherd is to lead his flock, care for those in need, and can mean making difficult decisions as a leader.

**Pentecost Weekend: On the first Pentecost the disciples were gathered together.** Today, let us join our hearts, our minds and our prayers with one another. As we prepare to embrace the future together, we pray for unity.

#### Holy Spirit, Divine Counselor,

I adore You as the one true God with the Father and the Son.

I give You my heart and I offer my thanksgiving for all the graces which You bestow on me.

Grant me the gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord, so that I may rightly direct all my actions, and thus renew the face of the earth. Recreate me as your true disciple so that the Church in Peoria will be renewed. **Amen.**



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PEORIA

SPALDING PASTORAL CENTER  
419 NE MADISON AVENUE, PEORIA, IL 61603  
PHONE (309) 672-1570 | FAX (309) 671-1570

For more information,  
please visit  
[growingdisciplescdop.org](http://growingdisciplescdop.org)

