# CARROLL CATHOLIC SCHOOL



# Sunday, December 3, 2023 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

#### BREAKFAST

Scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, bacon, fried potatoes, fresh fruit, and drink. \$10

# RAFFLE TABLE

Local merchants, parish members, and CCS families donate to this raffle; including single items, gift cards, and gift baskets. Tickets are 3/\$1.00.

# CASH RAFFLE

Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Cash prizes of \$500, \$300, and \$200 will be given away.

## **GROCERY CART**

Tickets are \$1.00 each for a chance to win a grocery cart full of goodies.

## SWEET SHOPPE

This is a great place to pick up homemade Christmas cookies and sweets for your holiday season.

# CHILDREN'S ROOM

A room for children to shop for their loved ones. Just drop them off with their list and some money. 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 12/03/2023

	ecember 2 - Vigil Mass for the First Sunday of Advent (Year of Grace Ends Today)	
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8:00am S 8:30am S 10:00am F 10:00am S	<b>Cember 3 - First Sunday in Advent</b> St. Patrick: In memory of David Olson by the Family St. Mary: In memory of Dorothy Westerfield by Rosemary McGuire Holy Family: In memory of Theresa "Jane" Minick by Judy Wolpert With Drive-Thru Communion from 4:45-5:00pm] St. Thomas Aquinas: In memory of Carlene Blair by Rick & Kathy Davis	
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0	Obligation Mass, in memory of Alvin & Pat Behrens by Kathy Miller	1
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8:00am S	<b>Cember 10 - Second Sunday of Advent</b> St. Patrick: For the special intentions of the Logan County Catholic Community	FI T
8:30am S	St. Mary: For the special intentions of the Logan County Catholic Community members	1
10:00am H   F	Holy Family: In memory of Jaime Wessbecker's Birthday by Her Family	D
10:00am S	[with Drive-Thru Communion from 4:45-5:00pm] t. Thomas Aquinas: In memory of Adele Reedy by Roger & Karen Edgecombe	
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⇒ <u>Eucharistic Ad</u> Thursday from 3	<u>doration</u> 3:00-7:00pm at Holy Family with the Divine Mercy Chaplet recited at 3:00pm.	R
St. Patrick's Chu St. Mary's Churc	1 urch, Lincoln; Tuesday 7:30-8:00am and Saturday from 2:45-3:30pm urch, Elkhart; prior to Sunday Mass ch, Atlanta; prior to Sunday Mass uinas Church, Mt. Pulaski; prior to Sunday Mass	TI
⇒ Infant Baptisn Parents are aske register.	m ed to attend a baptism preparation session before the Baptism of their child. Please phone the parish office to	
⇒ <u>Marriages</u> Arrangements n information and	nust be made 6 months in advance for the desired wedding date. Please phone the parish office to receive further to reserve your special day.	

#### St. Mary, Atlanta Lector Schedule

12/03 - Matt McGhee 12/10 - Laura O'Donnell 12/17 - Ed Jodlowski 12/24 - Ed Jodlowski 12/31 - 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 FOR ADVENT/ CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Adult Ed Class on Revelation off 12/6-1/3. Class resumes on 1/10/24 (10am/6:30pm).

L2/12 - Food Drive at TOP FLIGHT GRAIN KRUEGER ELEVA-FOR 8-12pm

12/12 - KOC Red Cross Blood Drive 2pm-6pm

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

The RCIA class off 12/19-1/2. Resumes 1/9/24.

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

#### Week of December 3 - December 9, 2023

The red Altar Sanctuary Candle at... Holy Family is lit this week in memory of *Nancy McCullough* by her Eight Nieces.

**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 *Alice Jensen* by Todd, Alicia, Allison & Jacob.

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. Howard A. Kirk Patricia Morrow

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

**Monday, December 4th** Is 2: 1-5 / Ps 122:1-9 / Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday, December 5th** Is 11:1-10 / Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 / Lk 10:21-24

> Wednesday, December 6th Is 25:6-10a / Ps 23:1-3a-6 / Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday, December 7th** Is 26:1-6 / Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a / Mt 7:21, 24-27

> **Friday, December 8th** Gn 3:9-15, 20 / Ps 98:1-4 / Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 / Lk 1:26-38

**Saturday, December 9th** Is 30:19-21, 23-26 / Ps 147:1-6 / Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

#### Sunday, December 10th

Is 40:1-5, 9-11 / Ps 85:9-14 / 2 Pt 3:8-14 / Mk 1:1-8

#### 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, Mikah Martin, Charlie Dumire, Bryan Finchum, Phyllis' family, Steve Panissidi, Larry Wise, Bob McCue, Carol & Bob Barger, Anne Struebing, Aria Tramontano-Grigsby Spitnale, Ron Nye, John Hebenstreit, Nurse Lancaster, Cindy & Kenny Frericks, Ann Knuffman, Greg Harmon, Pam Baker, 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*.





13th Annual Carroll Catholic Drawdown Congratulations to our winners!

1st place - \$5,000 - Myretta O 2nd place - \$2,500 - Sheryl W 3rd place - \$1,000 - Carol \ 4th place - \$500 - Dennis G 5th place - \$250 - Jeff & Patty H Biggest Loser - \$200 - Dara E Losers drawing - \$250 - John R \$500 Early Bird Drawing - Ben & Erin V \$100 Winners: Brittney S Kevin & Monica R Steve B Brandon W KC Ladies Auxiliary Hannah C Bill H Brittney E Holly W Rick B Carmen Z



St Thomas Aquinas

# Christmas Party

You're invited to celebrate Christmas with the St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Family!

Sunday, December 3rd Immediately following Mass

Sign ups will be located in the back of the church to bring a dish to pass.

Extended parish family members are invited to attend!

# 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! \* Do you need a gift \* Do you need a gift \* card for Christmas? \*

> CONTACT CARROLL CATHOLIC SCHOOL! BUY GIFT CARDS FROM A HUGE SELECTION AT FACE VALUE AND OUR SCHOOL EARNS REBATE MONEY!

TO GUARANTEE DELIVERY BEFORE CHRISTMAS BREAK, PLEASE SUBMIT ORDERS AND MONEY BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH.



#### 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



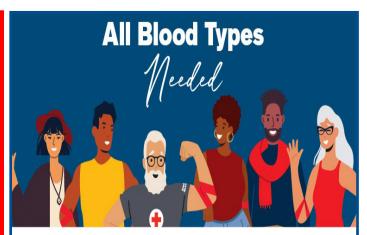
# FOOD DRIVE FOR HOLY FAMILY PANTRY WHEN: DECEMBER 12, 2023 8:00AM-12:00PM WHERE: TOP FLIGHT GRAIN KRUEGER ELEVATOR 1418 1800th Street Lincoln

Questions: Call Tom Peifer 217-737-9667



#### **UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS TO REMEMBER**

- 12/03 Carroll Catholic School Christmas Bazaar 8a-12p & Breakfast 8a-12p, or earlier, if sell out!
- 12/7 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation - Vigil Mass 5:30 pm @ St. Mary
- 12/8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation 8:00 am @ St. Patrick 8:30 am @ Holy Family/CCS 5:30 am @ Holy Family
- 5:30 pm @ St. Thomas Aquinas 12/12 Food Pantry Drive at Top Flight Grain Krueger Elevator
- 12/12 Red Cross Blood Drive Knights of Columbus from 2pm-6pm



# 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.



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, 316 South Logan Street, Lincoln, IL 62656 ~ 217-732-4019 ~ 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

#### THE ANGEL TREE CHILDREN NEED YOU



If you can help by shopping for a child in need, please choose a tag this week to benefit a child and provide them a Christmas they will remember.

 All gifts are due back to the church by 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 all you do!!



**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.

#### Saint Memorials This Week

(Adapted from My Catholic Life!)

Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (12/7) - Patron Saint of beekeepers, bishops, candlemakers, domestic animals, geese, honey cake bakers, learning, livestock, police officers, schoolchildren, security personnel, starlings, and wax refiners. In 1298, Pope Boniface VIII named today's saint as one of the four original Doctors of the Church, along with Saints Augustine, Jerome, and Gregory the Great. In 374, when Ambrose was about thirty-five, the Arian Bishop of Milan passed away. The city found itself in religious turmoil between the Arians and the Catholics. Ambrose, concerned for the peace of the city, personally offered to supervise the election of a new bishop. The eloquence with which he handled the situation had an unexpected effect. Both sides respected him—Catholics for his faith and Arians for his honor. As a result, the crowd began chanting "Ambrose for bishop!" Frightened, Ambrose fled. He argued that he had no theological training and had not even been baptized. However, when Emperor Gratian approved his appointment, Ambrose reluctantly agreed. He was baptized, ordained as a priest, and then consecrated a bishop. After his consecration, Bishop Ambrose began an intense period of theological and scriptural study. Because he was already wellcatholic theology. He was also quick to learn the Old Testament and the progression of salvation history. His approach to the Scriptures was unique in that he often read it silently, reflecting upon the meaning in his heart. At that time, Scripture was normally read aloud. This practice of interiorly reading Scripture is known today as *lectio divina and has* become the standard method of praying with the Scriptures. In addition to being an outstanding pastor to his people and a powerful preacher, Saint Ambrose left behind a wealth of writings that have had a great impact on the Church's theological tradition. In his writings, he is especially known his teaching on the true nature of Christ and the Holy Spirit. He also wrote on the Sacraments, virginity, ethics, penance, and the duties of the clergy, and penned commentaries on Sacred Scripture. He left behind many letters of great importance, composed hymns, and wrote beautifully about our Blessed Mother. As we ponder the life of Saint Ambrose, reflect upon his sudden and unexpected election as Bishop of Milan. Though he had his eyes on an important political career God's will was different, and Ambrose cooperated with the divine will. Consider any ways that your own will differs from God's will for you. As you do, try to imitate Saint Ambrose by choosing the divine will and letting go of your own preferences and plans.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (12/8) - Patron Saint of the United States, clothmakers, clothworkers, coopers, upholsterers, the Amazon rainforest, and numerous dioceses, cities, and countries. In Pope Pius IX issued an apostolic constitution Ineffabilis Deus and declared the Immaculate 1854, called Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary to be a dogma of faith. This definition was a response to the longstanding devotion that had built up over the centuries. By declaring a dogma of faith, the holy father used his highest papal teaching authority, binding every Catholic to accept this teaching. As we celebrate this great Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, try to ponder the incomprehensible nature of the Mother of God. Knowing that she is an impenetrable mystery will help us honor her with the reverence and awe she deserves. The best news of all to ponder is that this perfect creation of God is not a distant icon to adore, she is our own caring mother, a mediatrix of God's grace. Her tender care for her children will never waver, and her intercession will always bring to us all the good things we need to achieve salvation.

**2024 Year of Prayer** - Pope Francis announced on 11/11/23, that 2024 would be the Year of Prayer in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee. He added that guides would be published "which will help rediscover the centrality of prayer."



"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

# Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, December 7, 2023 (Vigil Mass)

5:30 pm @ St. Mary

#### Friday, December 8, 2023 (Holy Day Masses)

8:00am @ St. Patrick 8:30am @ Holy Family/CCS 5:30pm @ Holy Family 5:30pm @ St. Thomas Aquinas

# **Christmas - Holy Day of Obligation**

Sunday, December 24, 2023 (Vigil Masses)

4:00 pm @ Holy Family4:00 pm @ St. Patrick6:00 pm @ St. Mary6:00 pm @ St. Thomas Aquinas10:00 pm @ Holy Family

Monday, December 25, 2023 (Holy Day Mass) 9:00 am @ Holy Family

# **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

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