



Holy Family

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MASSES

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.

Mon., Wed., Thurs., and Fri., 7:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, 3:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

After the Tuesday 5:00 p.m. Mass

MARRIAGES

Please call the parish office at least six months prior to the desired wedding date.

INFANT BAPTISM

Parents are asked to attend a baptism preparation session before the baptism of their child. Please call the parish office to register.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday, 2:30 p.m.

St. Mary



805 South Pearl Street • Atlanta

Mass

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Prior to Mass or by appointment

St. Patrick



213 South Bogardus • Elkhart

Masses

Saturday 4:00 p.m. • Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday and Wednesday 8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:15 p.m. or by appointment

St. Thomas Aquinas



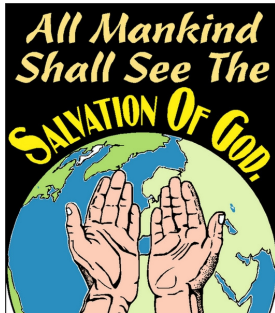
321 South Lafayette Street
Mount Pulaski

Masses

Thursday 12 Noon • Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Reconciliation

Prior to Sunday Mass or by appointment



**MASSES
FOR
THIS
WEEK**

Monday, December 5

7:00 am Dorothy Paulis by Norma M. Dowdle (Holy Family)

Tuesday, December 6-St. Nicholas

8:00 am An Increase of Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life by the Donna Tiezzi Estate (St. Patrick's)

4:30-5 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Holy Family)

5:00 pm Charles Eckert by the Fred Eckert Family (Holy Family)
(followed with Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena)

Wednesday, December 7-St. Ambrose

7:00 am Edward W. Higgins by Janet & Jerry Langenbahn (Holy Family)

8:00 am Sister Viola, OSF by Donna Tiezzi (St. Patrick's)

(Vigil Masses for the Holyday of Obligation)

5:30 pm Paul Verderber by Dr. & Mrs. David Mack (Holy Family)

6:00 pm Walter Davis by the Rick Davis Family (St. Thomas Aquinas)

6:30 pm Donna Tiezzi by the Estate (St. Mary's)

Thursday, December 8-The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holyday of Obligation)

6:30 am William M. Hickey by John & Joyce Hickey (Holy Family)

8:00 am Margaret Lanterman by Ann Smith Thoele (St. Patrick's)

8:30 am Steve Pluth by Pat Sullivan (Holy Family)

9 am-6:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Holy Family)
(with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 9-11 am and 2-6:00 pm)

12 Noon Recitation of the Rosary (Holy Family)

Divine Mercy Chaplet cancelled for this week.

6:30 pm James McCarthy, Sr. by Frances (Holy Family)

Friday, December 9-St. Juan Diego

7:00 am Helene Davis by Jo & Ed Pluth (Holy Family)

10:00 am Robert Berg by the Berg Family
(Mass will be held at Friendship Manor.)

12 Noon Elenore Oberlander by Donald Oberlander (St. Thomas Aquinas)

Saturday, December 10

4:00 pm Mack Family by Dr. & Mrs. David Mack (St. Patrick's)

3:45-4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (Holy Family)

5:00 pm William "Bill" Hardin by Harold & Pat Eimer (Holy Family)

Sunday, December 11-Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Janet Henrichsmeyer by Crystal Tibbs (Holy Family)

8:30 am Maurice "Mose" Dee by Joe & Bev Buttell (St. Patrick's)

9:00 am All Souls (St. Mary's)

10:00 am Jack Felix Frederick by Patricia Caveny-Nye (Holy Family)

10:30 am Karl Wessbecher by Family (St. Thomas Aquinas)

**Weekly Parish Support
from November 19/20 Collections**

Holy Family

Adults, Young Adults & Children	\$ 5,576.50
Loose	\$ 297.30
Total	\$ 5,873.80

St. Mary's

Adults, Young Adults & Children	\$ 460.00
Loose	\$ 16.57
Total	\$ 476.57

St. Patrick's

Adults	\$ 502.00
Loose	\$ 80.00
Total	\$ 582.00

St. Thomas Aquinas

Adults	\$ 533.00
Loose	\$ 27.05
Total	\$ 560.05

**Weekly Parish Support
from November 26/27 Collections**

Holy Family

Adults, Young Adults & Children	\$ 6,187.55
Loose	\$ 199.98
Total	\$ 6,387.53

St. Mary's

Adults, Young Adults & Children	\$ 528.00
Loose	\$ 48.00
Total	\$ 576.00

St. Patrick's

Adults	\$ 642.00
Loose	\$ 156.00
Total	\$ 798.00

St. Thomas Aquinas

Adults	\$ 635.00
Loose	\$ 120.00
Total	\$ 755.00

Let's Make it a Habit! Every weekend, if each person would grab one canned/nonperishable food item before going out the door to Mass, bring it to Mass, it would be a great help to the Holy Family Food Pantry. There is a shopping cart located to the right as your coming in to the main entrance of church. **You may place your food items there.**

NOTE: Divine Mercy Chaplet will not be held this week.

Advent/Christmas Calendar of Holyday Masses, Christmas Programs and Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 7 (Vigil for Immaculate Conception)

NO CCS 8:30 am Mass Today (will be held tomorrow, Dec. 8)
5:30 pm Mass @ Holy Family
6:00 pm Mass @ St. Thomas Aquinas
6:30 pm Mass @ St. Mary's

Thursday, December 8 (Immaculate Conception-Holy Day of Obligation)

6:30 am Mass @ Holy Family
8:00 am Mass @ St. Patrick's
8:30 am Mass @ Holy Family
6:30 pm Mass @ Holy Family

Tuesday, December 13 (CCS Christmas Program)

7:00 pm Carroll Catholic School Christmas Program @ Holy Family (makeup date-Tuesday, December 20)

Wednesday, December 21 (CCD Christmas Program)

6:30 pm Holy Family/St. Mary's CCD Christmas Program @ Holy Family

Thursday, December 22 (Advent Reconciliation)

7:00 pm Advent Reconciliation Service for all four parishes @ Holy Family Church

Regular Reconciliation times are:

Holy Family Church - Tuesdays 4:30-5 pm
Saturdays 3:45-4:30 pm
St. Mary's Church - Prior to 9 am Sunday Mass or by appointment
St. Patrick's Church - Saturdays 3:15 pm or by appointment
St. Thomas Aquinas - Prior to 10:30 am Sunday Mass or by appointment

Saturday, December 24 (Vigil of Christmas)

4:30 pm Mass @ Holy Family
6:00 pm Mass @ St. Mary's
7:30 pm Mass @ St. Thomas Aquinas
9:00 pm Mass @ Holy Family
10:30 pm Mass @ St. Patrick's

Sunday, December 25 (Christmas Day-Holy Day of Obligation)

8:30 am Mass @ St. Patrick's
9:00 am Mass @ Holy Family
10:30 am Mass @ St. Thomas Aquinas

Saturday, December 31 (Vigil of Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God)

4:00 pm Mass @ St. Patrick's
5:00 pm Mass @ Holy Family

Sunday, January 1 (Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God-Holy Day of Obligation)

8:00 am Mass @ Holy Family
8:30 am Mass @ St. Patrick's
9:00 am Mass @ St. Mary's
10:00 am Mass @ Holy Family
10:30 am Mass @ St. Thomas Aquinas

Ministry Schedule

St. Mary's

6:30 pm, Wednesday, December 7

Reader: Paul Eckert

Servers: Jared Nicholas & Zachary Craig

St. Mary's (Sunday, December 11)

Reader: Laura O'Donnell

Servers: Kenyon Jodlowski & Griffen Jodlowski

St. Patrick's (Sunday, December 11)

Eucharistic Ministers: Phil Koeberlein, John Olson & Frank Schreiner

Reader: Linda Koeberlein

Servers: Leah Anderson & Rachel Durchholz

Ushers: Larry Gleason & Tim Gleason

Gift Bearers: Ushers (Until a volunteer list is developed—refer to announcements under St. Patrick's Church.)

St. Thomas Aquinas (Sunday, December 11)

Eucharistic Ministers: Phil Bertoni, Jane Pharis & Joe Scanavino

Reader: Phil Bertoni

Servers: Derek Baunach & Garrett Skelton

Ushers: Roger Edgecombe & Kevin Knauer

Gift Bearers: Ushers (Until a volunteer list is developed—refer to announcements under St. Thomas Aquinas Church.)

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Mon., Dec. 5 Isaiah 35:1-10 / Psalm 85:9-14 / Luke 5:17-26
Tue., Dec. 6 Isaiah 40:1-11 / Psalm 96:1-3,10-13 / Matthew 18:12-14
Wed., Dec. 7 Isaiah 40:25-31 / Psalm 103:1-4,8,10 / Matthew 11:28-30
Thu., Dec. 8 Genesis 3:9-15,20 / Psalm 98:1-4 / Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12 / Luke 1:26-38
Fri., Dec. 9 Isaiah 48:17-19 / Psalm 1:1-4,6 / Matthew 11:16-19
Sat., Dec. 10 Sirach 48:1-4,9-11 / Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 / Matthew 17:9-13
Sun., Dec. 11 Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11 / Luke 1:46-50,53-54 / 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 / John 1:6-8,19-28

The sanctuary candle at Holy Family Church is lit this week In Memory of Roger Williams requested by His Family.

The sanctuary candle at St. Patrick's Church is lit this week In Memory of Alice Jensen requested by Todd, Alicia, Allison & Jacob Baker.

Special Bulletin Deadline! Due to the upcoming holidays, the bulletin company has designated earlier deadlines for the bulletin to be submitted. Therefore, the deadline date for the combined December 25, 2011/ January 1, 2012 bulletin is 11 am on Monday, December 19.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

In 2010, while visiting a senior-care facility, our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI noted, "Indeed, the provision of care for the elderly should be considered not so much an act of generosity as the repayment of a debt of gratitude." Soon, our parishes will be taking up the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, an opportunity to honor and thank thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests for their faithful service.

Whether or not we realize it, we are all beneficiaries of the tremendous contributions these women and men have made to the Church in the United States. Through hard work, prayer, and sacrifice, they built Catholic schools and hospitals, initiated programs to promote social justice, and ministered to the neediest among us. As I reflect on the dedication of elder religious, I remain grateful for the ways they have shaped my own faith and for the tremendous service they have offered our diocese. I hope you, too, recall a sister or brother who made a positive difference in your life.

Today, many religious communities struggle to care for their elderly members. Sky-rocketing health-care costs and decreased income make it increasingly difficult to provide necessary medications, nursing care, and basic services. Aging convents and other facilities pose additional challenges in terms of safety and handicap accessibility.

I recognize this is but one of numerous worthy causes in need of support and that many in our own community face financial difficulties. I ask you simply to give what you can. In thanksgiving for all that senior religious have done, please join me in supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious and in praying for God's continued blessing on our nation's elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.
BISHOP OF PEORIA PEORIA

You will find the envelope for this special collection in with your monthly packet of envelopes. The Retired Religious collection will be taken up at all the Masses next weekend.

2012 CALENDARS

Courtesy of Peasley Funeral Home, 2012 calendars will be distributed after Masses this weekend (December 4) at Holy Family and St. Mary's and again on the weekend of December 11th at St. Patrick's & St. Thomas Aquinas. Please take only one calendar per family.

Prayer-Chain Information

To request a prayer - send an email to:
prayer@holymfamilylincoln.com

To subscribe to the email prayer chain - send a blank email to: prayerchain-subscribe@holymfamilylincoln.com

If you do not have e-mail, you may call the parish office to be included in the Prayer Chain.

Growing in Faith Together

As part of our planning for the future, The Core Teams from our four parishes are analyzing some of the demographic trends that are part of our parish lives.

The Holy Family, St. Mary's, St. Patrick's and St. Thomas Aquinas Core Teams would like to thank all our parishioners who took the time to fill out the survey and volunteer sheets. We also thank you for sharing your thoughts and comments with us. We look forward to sharing the survey results after the first of the year.

Christmas Breakfast and Bazaar

this Sunday, December 4

7:30 am-12 Noon

at Carroll Catholic School

Breakfast Buffet will include scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, bacon, ham, fried potatoes, cinnamon rolls and drink. Tickets for the breakfast are: Adults/\$7 and Children ages 12-4/\$3.50, Children 3 and under eat FREE.

Also featured will be:

Raffle Tables with many, many items
Cash Drawing Raffle
Theme Basket Raffle
Grocery Cart Raffle
Scrip
Henna Tattoos
Classroom Ornaments for Purchase
Sweet Shoppe
Cookie Corner
Children's Games
Children's Room for their Christmas Shopping
Silent Auction for Church Pew Seating
Spirit Wear
Specialty Shops
Santa Visit

Come one, come all and enjoy the festivities!

Donating to Your Parish!!!!

There is good news if you have reached age 70 ½ and you would like to help your Parish Church. If you have an IRA, the government requires you to distribute a certain minimum amount each year. The current law allows you to donate this amount directly to your Parish Church during 2011 and have it distributed federal - income - tax - free! What a wonderful opportunity for those 70 ½ to help their Parish Church. Please call your tax consultant or call Bill Engelbrecht at the Diocesan Office of Development at (309) 671-1550 .

Through the mercy of God, may they rest in peace.

Martha Falcon and Elizabeth Morris

Giving Thanks by Giving to Others!

With Christmas approaching we take special time and effort during this season to give thanks to God for our blessings by sharing with and giving to others. Please consider giving a monetary donation toward the purchase of phone cards for our Wounded Warriors to use to call their loved ones. In the context of past homilies, Father Laible has stated that these young men and women can hardly express their tremendous gratitude for the gift of hearing the voices of their loved ones in a phone conversation. If you wish to donate toward the phone cards, please place your contribution in an envelope marked "Phone Cards for Warriors" or write that on the memo line of your check and place your envelope/check in the Sunday collection basket. You may also mail your donation to "Phone Cards", Holy Family Church, 316 South Logan Street, Lincoln, IL 62656. Thank you for your past support!



CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANGEL TREE



During the Christmas Season, Catholic Charities will be servicing about 115 children and 15 families in the surrounding area. If you would like to help us provide gifts for these children and families, please

take a tag from the Angel Tree located in the back of Church at Holy Family in Lincoln, or St. Mary's in Atlanta. Instructions for returning your gifts are also available beside the tree. The gifts you provide offer these children and families a chance to have a joyous Christmas. We appreciate your kindness and generosity. Thanks you for helping us make these children's Christmas wishes come true!!

Cold and Flu Season!

We are again beginning the season when sniffles and colds and other viruses are in the air. Some people are much more at risk from these than the vast majority of us. So, they may choose to offer a simple bow or smile instead of the handshake at the sign of peace; may also choose to abstain from the Eucharistic cup; may sit in a somewhat more protected spot (if available). Do not presume they are being unfriendly. They are taking appropriate cautions.

If someone has a cold, common sense and courtesy would suggest that they refrain from the Eucharistic cup until they have recovered. In every instance, courtesy and sensitivity to others will help us knit together in charity and worship as a community. Let us continue to strengthen the bonds of charity between us and accord one another the maximum of freedom and respect in the Lord.



Calendar of Events

◇ **December 10** - The **Springfield Choral Society** will be singing the Christmas section from **Messiah** at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield, IL. Two of our Holy Family parishioners, Ruth Freesmeier and Greg Coughlin, are members of this audition group. Tickets are available at \$12 each for this concert. It is something not to be missed!

◇ **December 15** - Due to the holyday of Immaculate Conception on December 8, the December **Senior Citizen Mass and Luncheon** will be held on Thursday, December 15. Mass will begin at 11:15 am. Remember to contact the school (217) 732-7518 if you wish to eat at the luncheon following Mass.

◇ **December 15** the next winners will be drawn for the monthly **Draw 4 Carroll Drawing** at 1:30 pm at the Parish Office. As always, winning tickets will be reentered for future drawings. You may purchase tickets (\$25 each) at the Parish Office or securely by credit card online at the website of www.holyfamilylincoln.com.

◇ **December 24:** All are invited to join us in the celebration of the miraculous birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, on Christmas Eve, at St. Mary's Church, Atlanta. The story of Christ's birth, from Conception to the visit from the wise men, begins at 5:30 pm, with readings and songs by the adult choir, soloists and the children's choir, followed by Mass. Bring a friend and rejoice in the celebration!!

◇ **March 4** - The First Sunday Dinner will not be held during the months of December 2011, January 2012 nor February 2012. It will resume again on March 4, 2012.

◇ **March 23-25** will be the next **WATCH Weekend**. Consider attending to come and enjoy activities focused on sacraments, yourself and your relationship with God and others. Escape from hectic schedules and relax with prayer, reflection, good food, fun and fellowship. Meals are provided and you get to go home and sleep in your own bed. Co-ed. All are welcome. You may contact Mary Jane Sheley (217-737-5230) or Bob Barger (217-737-7279) for a registration form or if you have any questions.

WATCH Luck of the Draw Raffle

Many thanks to all who have supported WATCH (We Are The Church) Renewal Program with the purchase of a raffle ticket. The winners for the November 15th drawing are from our own parish - George and Inez Mitchell.

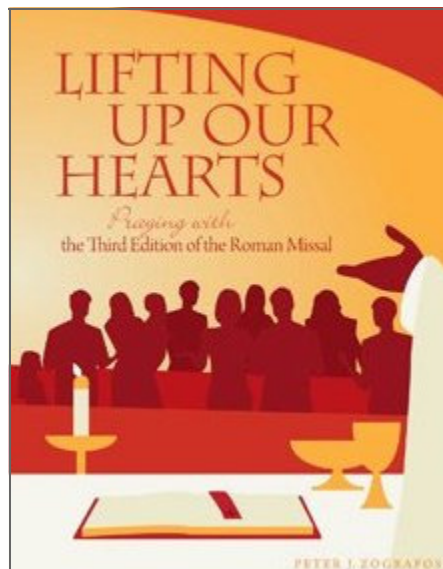
Congratulations! The Luck of the Draw Raffle is helping to fund the WATCH conference held each August for the WATCH communities which encompasses many parishes in Illinois, Iowa and more. The raffle also supports the Holy Family WATCH with \$3 from each ticket sale staying at Holy Family. The tickets are \$10. Drawings are held the 15th of each month and the last day of each month, with winners receiving \$50. \$100 drawings are held on Christmas Day, Easter Sunday, Independence Day and August 10th. The grand prize drawing of \$1000 and 2nd place prize of \$500 are held August 31st. All winning tickets are returned to the ticket mixer to be included in all drawings so you have a chance of winning every drawing. If you would like to purchase a raffle ticket, you may do so from Bob and Carol Barger (732-2495) or Mary Jane Sheley (735-2884). Thank you for your support!

Partners

In Education



Project	Amount Needed	Amount Contributed
Track Uniforms <i>\$24 each for 60 players</i>	\$1440	\$1230
Science Lab Upgrade Lab Tables (Qty. 8) <i>\$400 each</i> Instructor Station <i>\$1800</i> Science Software <i>\$500</i> Lab Equipment <i>\$500</i>	\$6000	\$847
SMART Interactive Whiteboard (Qty. 3) <i>\$2850 each</i>	\$8550	\$50
Guided Reading Sets (Gr. 5-8)	\$1750	FUNDED!
Literacy Tools – Grades 3 & 4	\$484	FUNDED!
1st Grade Writing Instr. Tablets	\$39	FUNDED!
Volleyball Jerseys <i>\$30 each for 35 players</i>	\$1050	\$500
Computer Headphones (Qty. 24) <i>\$10 each</i>	\$240	\$60
Bean Bag Chairs	\$80	FUNDED!
Shape-cutting Dies <i>For lessons and bulletin board</i>	\$600	
New Titles for Library	\$500	FUNDED!
DVD / VCR Player	\$70	FUNDED!
Girls Basketball Uniforms Home & Away <i>\$50 each for 20 players</i>	\$2000	
Boys Basketball Uniforms (Away) <i>\$50 each for 25 players</i>	\$1250	
Laminating Machine	\$2000	



Learn—
Appreciate—
Participate

A new edition of the *Roman Missal* - with updated prayers and responses throughout the Mass - is coming.

Gain a deeper understanding of these prayers and the meaning of the

Sunday liturgy by using this resource as part of a small faith-sharing community. Six sessions in all. Small communities are forming now! Sign up will be starting on January 9, 2012. For more information or to sign up, please contact Sister Mary Lou at (217) 732-4019.

ACT COLLECTING BABY ITEMS!

During this Christmas season, the ACT (Active Catholic Teens) Group will again be conducting a drive to collect infant items for Catholic Charities. Items include bottles, diapers, blankets, clothing, etc., for babies from ages birth to six months old. A donation box has been placed in the back of Holy Family Church under the Literature Table.

LADIES AUXILIARY PARTY!

The K of C Ladies Auxiliary Christmas party will be held at 6 pm this Wednesday, December 7 at the K of C Hall. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre plate or a sweet treat and a \$15 Christmas-themed gift for the gift exchange. There will be no regularly scheduled meeting in December.

A blood drive, sponsored by the Lincoln United Methodist Church, will take place this Monday, December 5, at the Lincoln Masonic Center, from 12 Noon-6 pm. Please bring photo ID with date of birth. You may sign-up by calling (866) 448-3253. Walk-ins welcome!



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Please accept my generous contribution of \$ _____.

I wish for my gift to be used for _____.

(Name of donor)

(Address)

Please make checks payable to Carroll Catholic School

Holy Family/St. Mary's CCD Information:

December 7: Regular Class

Sunday, December 11: Confirmation Enrollment,
10:00 a.m. Mass

December 14: Regular Class

December 21: Christmas Program, 6: 45 p.m. in Church, followed by Birthday Cake for Jesus- School Cafeteria.

January 4: Regular CCD classes resume.

Giving During this Special Season! As a follow-up to the sermon on the Corporal works of mercy, Holy Family parishioners are invited to follow through with personal action. Our Illinois weather can be really brutal, even if you are properly clothed. In observation at our Food Pantry many of our needy do not have even the basic of winter clothing. All are asked to please bring a spare pair of gloves, a hat and/or a scarf. If you wish, you may also bring a clean blanket, quilt or heavy bedspread. Place your item(s) in the box provided in the main entrance of church. During offertory, at each Mass, the ushers will bring the items to the altar to be blessed. We all have such an abundance, do not hesitate to bring as many as you are willing to give. On Thursday, December 15, the items will be distributed outside the Casa. Another collection in February is a possibility. If you would like to volunteer for this project, please call Inez Mitchell at 735-2151.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH - ATLANTA, ILLINOIS

~**The Rosary** is recited on the first Monday of each month at St. Mary's Church at 9 am, with the next one being held this **Monday, December 5**. Everyone is invited to come and pray.

~**Brunch planned:** The parish will have a Christmas Brunch on Sunday, December 11 after Mass. Please bring a dish to share. Drinks and table service will be provided. Come join in the good food and fellowship!

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH - ELKHART, ILLINOIS

~**Christmas Party Potluck: Mass for St. Patrick's Church on Sunday, December 18 will be held at 10:30 am** and a Christmas Party Potluck will follow immediately after Mass in the basement hall. All parishioners are invited to attend. Meat and drinks will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring a hot or cold food item to share.

~**Christmas Decorating:** Immediately following the potluck dinner, all volunteers will head upstairs to decorate the church for Christmas. On Wednesday, December 14 at 5 pm, volunteers will be making the evergreen window decorations for Christmas. All who can help are invited.

~**Sacristan Needed:** Father Laible seeks a few volunteers who would be willing to serve St. Patrick's as a sacristan. Duties include: set-up Altar before and after weekend Masses, funerals and other special events and keep sacristy organized and clean, including overseeing the supply of candles, hosts and Altar wine. Training would be provided. This would require an hour or so of volunteer service per week. If interested, please contact Father Laible at the Parish Office (217) 732-4019.

~**Memorial Flowers:** Those who wish to make a monetary donation toward the Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one or friend, please mark as such on the memo line of your check or place your donation in an envelope and write that your donation is to be used toward the Christmas flowers on the outside of the envelope. Your donation can be placed in the Sunday collection basket.

~**Christmas Vigil Choir:** Practice for the Christmas Vigil Mass Choir will begin after coffee and donuts this Sunday November 27, and will be held each Sunday thereafter immediately after CCD classes. Everyone is welcome!

~**Coffee & Donuts** will not take place in December. The next one will be held on January 29, 2012.

~**Luncheon:** The Catholic Church Senior Citizen luncheon will be held this Wednesday, December 7 at 12 Noon.

~**Upcoming Meetings:** St. Patrick's Parish Finance Council will meet at 6 pm in the basement of the Church, on January 18, 2012. The St. Patrick's Parish Council will meet in the basement of the Church, on January 18, 2012 at 7 pm.

~**Taking Up the Gifts:** A volunteer sign up sheet has been placed in the main entrance of church for all those who would like to be a part of the "Taking Up the Gifts" during Masses. The list will remain up until right before Christmas. Then the "Gift Bearers" will be listed one week ahead in the bulletin beginning with the January 8th Sunday Mass. In the mean time, if the ushers would please fill in (thank you ushers).

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH - MT. PULASKI, ILLINOIS

~**Mass Switch:** On Sunday, December 18, Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas will be held at 8:30 am, due to the Christmas Potluck at St. Patrick's Church.

~**Upcoming Meetings:** St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Finance Council will meet at 6 pm in the basement of the Church, on January 11, 2012. The St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Council will meet in the basement of the Church, on January 11, 2012 at 7 pm.

~**Coffee & Donuts** will be held this Sunday, December 4 - provided by the Confirmation Class.

~**Community Cantata** will be held on Sunday, December 18 at 2 pm. This choir is looking for more members. Practices are held each Sunday evening at 7 pm at the First United Methodist Church, Mt. Pulaski.

~**Taking Up the Gifts:** A volunteer sign up sheet has been placed in the main entrance of church for all those who would like to be a part of the "Taking Up the Gifts" during Masses. The list will remain up until right before Christmas. Then the "Gift Bearers" will be listed one week ahead in the bulletin beginning with the January 8th Sunday Mass. In the mean time, if the ushers would please fill in (thank you ushers).