Sunday Liturgies
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM
Rosary - one half hour prior to Mass times

Weekday Masses
Monday - Thursday: 8:00 AM
Rosary - 7:30 AM - M, Th; following Mass on W

Office Hours
Monday - Friday
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM & 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

RCIA
Adults interested in becoming members of the Catholic faith, call the Parish Office at 254-0679.

Baptisms
Appointment only after parents have attended required classes. Parents must be registered and active members of Holy Angels Parish for at least 3 months.

Reconciliation
Saturday 3:00 - 4:00 PM, or by appointment.

Communion for the Homebound
Contact Parish Office at 254-0679.

Marriages
Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance. Registration and active membership at Holy Angels Parish are required, plus attendance at an engaged encounter weekend or a pre-cana conference. No wedding later than 2:00 PM on Saturday.

Anointing of the Sick
Contact Parish Office at 254-0679.

Funerals
Arrangements are to be made directly through the funeral home. Funeral liturgies are 10:00 AM.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 13
8:00 A.M. Gertrude Gulotta

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14
8:00 A.M. For The Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15
8:00 A.M. Mike Stassi

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16
8:00 A.M. Jo Ufert

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17
8:00 A.M. No Mass

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18
4:30 P.M. Rick Elledge

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19
8:00 A.M. Marcella Beiermann
10:30 A.M. Sam & Luella Scalise

EUCARISTIC ADORATION
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020
8:30 - 9:00 A.M. — Rosary for Vocations
9:00 - 9:30 A.M. — Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer
  9:30 - 10:00 A.M. — Mary Poeling
  10:00 - 11:00 A.M. — Marge Wooten
  11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. — Mike & Janice Walsh
12:00 - 1:00 P.M. — Linda Miller and Andy Ventimiglia
1:00 - 2:00 P.M. — Judy Price and Peggy Butkovitch
  2:00 - 3:00 P.M. — Linda Thoman
  3:00 P.M. — Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

LITURGICAL ROLES
SATURDAY & SUNDAY
JANUARY 18-19, 2020

ROSARY:
  4:00 P.M. Marie Kladar
  7:30 A.M. Randy Bauser
  10:00 A.M. Jeff Lister

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS:
  4:30 P.M. Mark Rhodes-Sandy Rhodes
         (Blood of Christ)
  8:00 A.M. Randy Bauser-Tina Vatole
         (Blood of Christ)
 10:30 A.M. Steve Erslon (Body of Christ)
           Peggy Butkovitch-Joan Clarksons
         (Blood of Christ)

LECTOR:
  4:30 P.M. Joyce Tite
  8:00 A.M. Linda Miller
 10:30 A.M. Rick Clarkson

SERVERS:
  4:30 P.M. Adrian Nohl
  8:00 A.M. Andrew Nohl
 10:30 A.M. Alexandra Leach-Mary Roberts

USHERS:
  4:30 P.M. L. Fitzgerald-J. Heitzman-L. Timar-
         B. Paynic
  8:00 A.M. L. Butkovitch-B. Terry
 10:30 A.M. T. Stalcup-C. Venhaus-J. Venhaus-
         J. Lister

GIFT BEARERS:
  4:30 P.M. Christine Elledge
  8:00 A.M. Donna Beiermann
 10:30 A.M. David & Nancy Ayres

WEEKDAY LECTORS:
Monday: Peter Mallon
Tuesday: Joyce Ventimiglia
Wednesday: Linda Miller
         Thursday: Sandy Ventimiglia

RECONCILIATION

JANUARY 18th 3:00 - 4:00 P.M.

DISASSEMBLE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS
SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 * FOLLOWING 10:30 MASS
Anyone wanting to help take down the Christmas decora-
tions, please join us.

IN LOVING MEMORY:
The SANCTUARY CANDLE which was lit on
Sunday, January 5 was offered by Sachi
Walter in loving memory of her son
JEFF WALTER. The anniversary of Jeff’s
death was January 9.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HIM,
O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT
SHINE UPON HIM. AMEN.
Dear Parishioners,

We have reached the end of the Christmas Season as we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It was a thrill to stand at the edge of the River Jordan at the spot where Jesus was baptized, and to realize that as he came forth from those waters the sky opened, the Spirit descended like a dove, and the Father’s voice was heard, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” This manifestation is part of the trilogy of the Epiphany.

Last week we read from the Gospel of Matthew about the visit of the Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. There is a pius tradition to mark the doorpost of our homes with the initials of the Kings calling down God’s blessing and their intercession. Using a piece of chalk the inscription begins with the first two digits of the current year and ends with the last two digits. Between the numbers are placed the initials, separated by crosses.

20 t C t M t B t 20
The letters also stand for “Christ, Bless this house (Maison).” This stands as a reminder throughout the year that when we enter our home we enter a holy place. The star that led the Wise Men to the holy child is the first of three manifestations. Jesus is proclaimed a light to all nations.

This week we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord and the amazing events that took place at the Jordan River. We see the manifestation of the Most Holy Trinity - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. After his baptism Jesus enters the wilderness or desert where he fasted and prayed for forty days. He was tempted. We commemorate those events during the forty days of Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday, February 26th.

After his desert experience Jesus returned to Nazareth. Soon after he accompanied his mother to a wedding feast at the nearby village of Cana. It was there that the third Epiphany took place. At the request of Mary to do something about the shortage of wine, Jesus changed the water into the best wine ever. And it wasn’t just a small amount. There were six stone water jars each holding twenty-five to thirty gallons. That is 150 to 180 gallons of wine, more than anyone needed. It showed the vast generosity of God’s love. St. John tells us that this was the first of Jesus’ signs.

As the Christmas Season comes to a close the trees will come down. If anyone would like to help we will start after the 10:30 Mass this Sunday. I always hate to put the decorations away since I love Christmas so much. So I try to keep the joy of the season in my heart all year.

In Christ,

Fr. Don

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

~ Psalm 29

THE SERVANT DEACON:

We were often told in diaconate that the best way to lose a vocation is to stop praying. The formation program, if you followed it, was inundated with times of prayer throughout each day. It was through that prayer time that I became evermore aware of the vocation that I already had as husband and father. For me personally, I found myself neglecting that vocation in pursuit of another one. Although my wife Amy and my children could not have been more supportive, the sacrifice of time and presence was often too demanding, and it became evident that for us as a family, I should not continue pursuing the diaconate.

What a gift for me to be a part of your parish life, your prayer experiences and the family of Holy Angels. I have been clear to the diaconate formation team that your parish is the perfect parish for diaconate formation. Your support, kindness and encouragement could not have been more supportive, the sacrifice of time and presence was often too demanding, and it became evident that for us as a family, I should not continue pursuing the diaconate.

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May only blessings come your way; and as God brings each of us to the memory of the other, let’s pray for each other. In Christ, I remain, prayerfully yours,
January, 2020

My dear friends in Christ,

Over the past year, Catholic Times has gone through some noticeable changes. The official magazine of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois has a new editor and an emphasis has been placed on feature reporting, educating Catholics about our faith, and including inspiring and fun articles that can provide a spiritual boost to all of us. You may have also noticed an effort to include only local content and more photos and stories from across the diocese. The graphics team at Catholic Times has also freshened up the cover and the overall look and has created more engaging content.

My column, “Lex Cordis Caritas,” is on page 4 of each issue. It is one of the best ways that I can speak to you about the issues that we face as Catholics in Central Illinois and the nation. As your bishop, it is important for me to be an active participant in Catholic media.

Catholic Times strives to report on the people and issues in our diocese and the extraordinary work ahead of us. Whether it’s legislation at the statehouse that impacts Catholics, sharing the wonderful work of teachers and students in our schools, or reporting on the uplifting stories of our fellow Catholics throughout the diocese, the mission of Catholic Times is to educate readers about our faith, inspire readers about our faith, and equip readers with information to defend our faith.

It’s those reasons why I believe that Catholic Times should be available to every household in our diocese, either online or by mail. Your $15 annual subscription will help ensure that it remains an inexpensive source of information on the vital issues I have noted. Please renew your subscription in your Catholic Times parish envelope during the weekend of January 11-12.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois
Publisher, Catholic Times

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM FR. FAUBERT IN HAITI

Dear Parishioners of Holy Angels,

Ensure this wonderful Christmas time when God revealed himself in his Son Jesus to be closer to humanity. It is a celebration on earth that welcome heaven. Because he made himself one of us. God’s mercy becomes flesh. God builds history with us. We contemplate the greatest gift that God gives us in his Son. May the star who led the magi direct us all to Jesus our Savior and our deliverer.

On this precious occasion, the faithful of the parish of Saint Hubert join the parish priest in wishing you a Merry Christmas 2019.

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Call 618-465-4284 with questions. First come first served. Pre-registration is required.

MARDI GRAS PARTY & CHILI COOK OFF
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020
2:00 PM
HOLY ANGELS PARISH CENTER

There will be a Mardi Gras Party along with a Chili Cook Off on Sunday, February 16 at 2:00 PM in the Parish Center. Please bring your board games, playing cards, etc. and spend some fun time at the Mardi Gras Party.

Drinks will be provided. Feel free to bring your own snacks.

If you would like to enter the Chili Cook Off, please fill out the form below and return it to the Parish Office.

CHILI COOK OFF
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020

NAME

CHILI COOK-OFF
Readings for the Week of January 12, 2020

Sunday:  Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10 [11b]/
Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

Monday:  1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19 [17a]/
Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday:  1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday:  1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/
Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday:  1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 [27b]/
Mk 1:40-45

Friday:  1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 [2]/
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday:  1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/
Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday:  Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/
1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

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**MORE CHRISTIANITY:**

**FINDING THE FULLNESS OF FAITH - BOOK**
Fr. Dwight Longenecker

C.S. Lewis’ *Mere Christianity* is a work that has impacted generations of Christians. It is a brilliant explanation and defense of the Faith that has led many to follow in the way of Christ. But as profound and wise as it is, it is still incomplete. It gives direction for a sincere disciple to follow Christ, but that disciple might not be quite as willing to follow Christ through St. Peter.

This is what Dwight Longenecker’s book, *More Christianity*, does. It follows Peter into the Catholic Church. In a time when thousands of Christian denominations exist, and Protestantism still remains strong in the United States, why be a Catholic? *More Christianity* gives thorough and insightful answers to many of the main questions and hotly contested debates that arise from non-Catholic Christians. Lest someone think Longenecker presumes to piggyback or cash in on Lewis’ work, or set himself up as Lewis’ successor, that is not the case. What he does—and does brilliantly—is present the doctrine of the Church with succinct explanations of topics that arise in Catholic/Protestant discussion: common ground in the Scripture, the role of tradition, the Mass, the papacy, Marian dogmas, purgatory, the communion of saints, prayer, and more.

This abridged edition of his work leaves nothing wanting and invites the reader to consider many of Lewis’ greatest triumphs of Christian apologetics as well as some of his deficiencies. In Longenecker’s skilled hands, *More Christianity* leads the disciple into knowing that he follows Christ when he follows Peter’s successor in the Catholic Church.
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Send ALL table reservations to Alison Richars at arichars@hotmail.com or 618-363-2527.

LOST AND FOUND
A jacket was found in the church parking lot on Christmas. To claim, please call the parish office at 254-0679.

Does the envelope below look familiar to you? It was damaged in the mail and returned to the parish office via USPS. The return address is Holy Angels’, though it was not mailed from the parish office. Besides the note enclosed, the contents do not appear to have been disturbed. If you have any information about this, please contact the parish office.

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