

Baptism of the Lord

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Pontiac, Illinois

January 9, 2022

ST. MARY'S CHURCH
PONTIAC, ILLINOIS

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PONTIAC, ILLINOIS 61764

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 12 noon and 1:00-4:30 pm

Closed on Friday afternoons Memorial Day to Labor Day

MASS TIMES:

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 7:00 am & 9:30 am

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 7:00 am

Thursday 8:15am (School Mass)

CONFESSION TIMES:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 6:25-6:55 am

Wednesday 12 noon -1:00 pm

Saturday 2:30-3:30 pm

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL:

414 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764

Phone: 815-844-6585

Principal: Mrs. Karen Jones, jones.karen@stmaryspontiac.org

Facebook: St. Mary's School

Instagram: [stmaryspontiac](https://www.instagram.com/stmaryspontiac)

ST. MARY'S FOOD PANTRY: 401 E. Water St. Open to
Livingston County residents every Thursday from 12 noon to 3 pm.
Phone: 815-844-FOOD(3663)

SCRIP: Orders are accepted on the first and third Sundays of
the month. Place orders in the box in the back vestibule after Mass
or get them to Taryn Tissiere by 3:00pm Sunday. Cash-n-Carry
sales are being suspended for now.



STEWARDSHIP

Collection last Sunday: \$14,458.40

School Collection was \$2,775.00

St. Mary's Food Pantry Collection: This weekend.

Building Maintenance Fund Collection: Next weekend.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 8

4:00 p.m. John Giovanini

Sunday, January 9 (Baptism of the Lord)

7:00 a.m. Parish

9:30 a.m. 8th ann Jan Brubaker

Monday, January 10

7:00 a.m. 4th ann Bernice Edwards

Tuesday, January 11

7:00 a.m. 15th ann Bob Jones

Wednesday, January 12

7:00 a.m. Jim Roche

Thursday, January 13 (St. Hilary)

8:15 a.m. In honor of Karen Jones

Friday, January 14

7:00 a.m. Elzie Fry

Saturday, January 15

4:00 p.m. Earl Gschwendtner

Sunday, January 16 (Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Parish

9:30 a.m. Joan Crowley's 90th birthday

Servers for Saturday, January 15

4:00 p.m. Tristin Bednar

Servers for Sunday, January 16

7:00 a.m. Tyson Cramer

9:30 a.m. Samantha Johns, Drew & Abby Lauritsen

UPDATED MASS PROTOCOLS: MASKS ARE ONCE AGAIN REQUIRED PER STATE MANDATE. Online Mass
and drive thru communion will continue on Sundays until Bishop
Jenky removes the dispensation to attend Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Adoration is open each week-
day, Monday-Friday from 8am until 8pm. Adoration is now back
in the Adoration Chapel except for Thursdays when it will still be
held in the church. We are now working to fill Saturdays and Sun-
days. If you would like to spend an hour with Jesus or share an
hour with someone on those days, please contact Darlene DeMattia
at 815-674-2375 or the Parish Office at 815-844-7683.

REGISTER WITH THE PARISH OFFICE: We find that
many young adults who have been members of the parish all their
lives do not re-register themselves when they move out on their
own. A simple phone call to the parish office at 815-844-7683 is
all it takes to properly register your new household. Please call!

PLEASE PRAY FOR parishioner Connie Santini, Dave
Dulaney (brother of Carole Peterson) and Sister Margaret Ruddy
(sister of Agnes Ruddy), R.I.P. Our sympathy to their families and
friends.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR THE
JANUARY ISSUE WILL BE
THURSDAY, JANUARY 13.**

**PLEASE SUBMIT ANY GROUP UPDATES,
PHOTOS OR NOTICE OF EVENTS
HAPPENING THROUGH MARCH.**

ST. MARY'S CHURCH
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CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY SEWING CIRCLE will meet **Thursday, January 13 from 9am to 12:30pm** in the parish hall.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will meet **Thursday, January 13 at 6:30pm** in the Our Lady of the Rosary Room of the parish hall.

LEGION OF MARY: Want to tell the world about Jesus through Evangelization? Legion of Mary meetings have resumed. Please join us **every Thursday at 7:00pm** in the rectory (NOTE CHANGE OF TIME). Please use the back door.

ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP has resumed meetings! All high school students are invited to join us every Sunday evening from 6:30-8:30pm. Youth group meets in the upstairs of the Parish Center (former rectory). We hope to see you there!

BOOK BORROWING LIBRARY has been set up in the back vestibule of the church by the Legion of Mary for all to use. On the honor system, you may take home and enjoy books, CDs, DVDs, cassette tapes and videos to assist in your spiritual growth. There are even a few items for children and teens.

POP TABS: St. Mary's School Student Council continues to collect pop tabs for Ronald McDonald Houses. Tabs can be placed in the box at the sacristy entrance. Thank you for your support.



St. Mary's Parish is now offering Online Giving.

Online Giving can be used to give to:

- Sunday Offering
- School Collection
- Food Pantry
- Building Maintenance Fund
- Memorials/Gifts
- School Annual Fund
- Scholarships

Start giving online today!

1. Visit our website at www.stmaryspontiac.org and click on the online giving link.
2. Create an account.
3. Schedule your gift. Gifts given via checking or savings account have no service charge. Debit and credit card gifts will be assessed a 3% fee.

Please prayerfully consider giving online. If you have any questions, contact the parish office at 815-844-7683. Online Giving is provided by Our Sunday Visitor, a Catholic not-for-profit organization serving parishes for more than 100 years.

2021 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

This year's goal: \$91,868
Pledged to date: \$92,090

WE DID IT...

***...PROVIDED EVERYONE FULFILLS
THEIR PLEDGES.***

***THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO PLEDGED AND
DONATED TO THIS YEAR'S ADA!***



**PRAY FOR OUR SCHOOL &
CHURCH FAMILIES THIS YEAR**

For 2022, we ask everyone to pray for specific school and church families each weekday. A list will be published each month here in the bulletin and in the newsletter you receive in the mail. Please remember these families in your prayers each day for them to grow in their faith this year.
Thank you.

Mon. Jan. 10	Elliot and Leo Bauman's Family David & Carol Antolik Family
Tues. Jan. 11	Harper Bachman's Family Wade & Christy Ahrends Family
Wed. Jan. 12	Tempe and Theo Nothnagle's Family James & Denise Anderson Family
Thurs. Jan. 13	Haidyn and Harper Francis's Family Emilio & Carmen Araujo-Torres Family
Fri. Jan. 14	Stella and Smith Doran's Family Carol Alford Family
Mon. Jan. 17	McKenna Woodcock's Family Mike & Jennifer Armstrong Family
Tues. Jan. 18	Isaac and Henry Yedinak's Family Frank & Kathy Arbogast Family
Wed. Jan. 19	Jack and Kevin MacZura's Family Kevin & Debbie Alsdorf Family
Thurs. Jan. 20	Trinity Cheek's Family Monte & Libby Andrews Family
Fri. Jan. 21	Emma and Ava Lind's Family Bob & Nancy Arbogast Family
Mon. Jan. 24	Neveah Vogt's and Angelene Wertz's Family Joel & Cindy Baker Family
Tues. Jan. 25	Henry and Jack DeYoung's Family Barbara Barton Family
Wed. Jan. 26	Heidi Gregory's Family Les & Josie Ahrends Family
Thurs. Jan. 27	Aden and Bevin Brummel's Family Tracy Arduini Family
Fri. Jan. 28	Zach and Grace Becker's Family Joan Baier Family
Mon. Jan. 31	Father Adam's Family Ed & Andrea Bartolotta Family

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL
NEW FAMILY REGISTRATION FOR GRADES K-8

for the 2022-2023 school year has begun.

Why choose us?

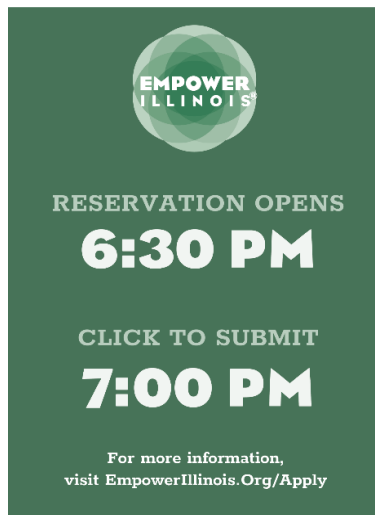
- Full, state private school recognition
- Certified teachers
- Scholarships available
- K-8 building, one class of each
- Religion, music, art, PE and computer classes
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd religion program (grades K-3)

Register online at school.stmaryspontiac.org. For more information, or to schedule a tour, contact the school office at 815-844-6585.



SCHOLARSHIPS
AVAILABLE

We strive to ensure that our youth are able to receive a Catholic education despite the possible inability to pay. Through the Invest in Kids Act, K - 12 students have the opportunity to receive Illinois tax credit scholarships to attend private schools. This scholarship opportunity is available to all income-eligible St. Mary's families. Scholarships cover up to 100% of private school tuition and fees and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications for the 2022-2023 school year will be accepted beginning January 12, 2022. If you have financial need, please take advantage of this opportunity. Confidentiality is maintained in this process. For complete details on income eligibility guidelines or to submit an application, visit the [Empower Illinois](https://www.empowerillinois.org) website. You may also contact the school office for more information.



2022-2023 TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP
RESERVATION OPENS



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*“He will
baptize you
with the
HOLY SPIRIT
and
FIRE.”*



Join Our Family

NOW
REGISTERING
4-year-old students
for the 2022-23 school year!

- Full-day 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Combined 3 & 4-year old classroom
- Structured & creative playtime
- Music, art, physical education, & technology
- Character formation & teaching of the virtues
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program
- Minimum one hour daily rest time
- Flexible tuition payment plans

Visit school.stmaryspontiac.org
or call (815) 844-6585
for more information.

LITTLE DISCIPLES PRESCHOOL



REGISTER for KINDERGARTEN

Why choose us?

- Full, state private school recognition
- Certified teachers
- Scholarships available
- K - 8 building, one class of each
- Music, Art, PE, and Computers
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd religion program

We are...

- providing a safe and welcoming environment for all.
- partnering with parents in the faith formation of their children.
- setting high standards for student achievement.
- preparing students to be productive citizens and future leaders.
- instilling the value of service to others in our students.



New family registration
for the 2022-2023 school year
begins Monday, January 3!

Register online at
school.stmaryspontiac.org
or call (815) 844-6585
for more information.



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WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE NOW HAVE AN AMAZONSMILE

You shop. Amazon gives. ACCOUNT:

How does AmazonSmile work?

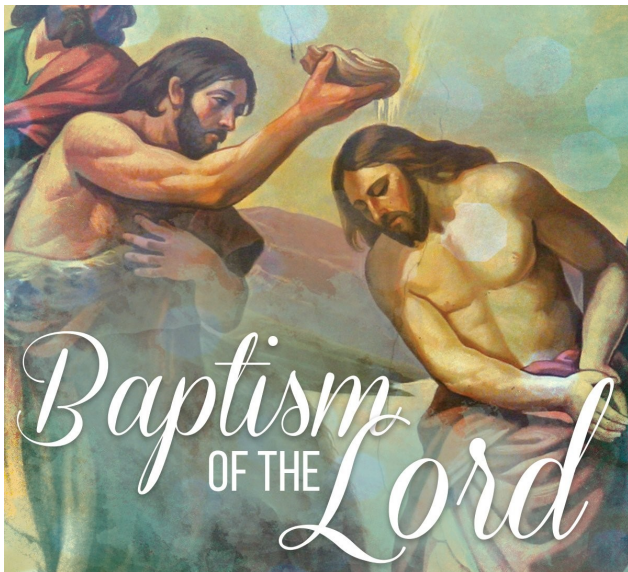
Go to our website church.stmaryspontiac.org > Stewardship > Amazon Smile. For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer's selected charitable organization. Go to smile.amazon.com every time you shop.

PRAYERFUL PILGRIMAGE TO SUPPORT VOCATIONS:

Explore France with Father Timothy Hepner September 24-October 4, 2022 with an optional pre-tour to Lourdes September 21-25, 2022. For more information, please contact co-host Bonnie Newman at (309) 737-0059 or email bonnie@bluehorizon.net. Proceeds from this tour will go to the Monsignor Carton Scholarship Fund to help finance the seminarians in the Diocese of Peoria.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

Sunday	Baptism of the Lord Is 42:1-4, 6-7/ Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/ Acts 10:24-38/ Lk 3: 15-16, 21-22
Monday	1 Sm 1: 1-8/ Ps 116: 12-13, 14-17, 18-19/ Mk 1: 14-20
Tuesday	1 Sm 1: 9-20/ 1 Sm 2: 1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/ Mk 1: 21-28
Wednesday	1 Sm 3: 1-10, 19-20/ Ps 40: 2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/ Mk 1: 29-39
Thursday	1 Sm 4: 1-11/ Ps 44: 10-11, 14-15, 24-25/ Mk 1: 40-45
Friday	1 Sm 8: 4-7, 10-22a/ Ps 89: 16-17, 18-19/ Mk 2: 1-12
Saturday	1 Sm 9: 1-4, 17-19; 10: 1/ Ps 21: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Mk 2: 13-17
Sunday	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 62: 1-5/ Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/ 1 Cor 12: 4-11/ Jn 2: 1-11



**PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE
HOLY FATHER FOR JANUARY**

For true human fraternity: We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



CATHOLIC SPIRIT RADIO

7 days a week, 24 hours a day! Catholic Spirit Radio broadcasts EWTN and local programming for you! It's lively, entertaining, and informative. Catholic Spirit Radio is on 89.5 FM and 92.5 FM, and now on 88.3 FM in the Pontiac area, and online at www.catholicspiritradio.com

We would like to thank the following local businesses for underwriting the efforts of Catholic Spirit Radio: Knights of Columbus Council #854, Edinger's Filling Station, Fogarty's Garage & Lyons-Sullivan Realty. If you would like to support CSR, please contact Jerry LoPiccolo at 630-514-6221.

CHILDREN'S ROSARY ON CATHOLIC SPIRIT RADIO:

Every Sunday and Wednesday at 8:30pm, tune in to hear St. Mary's School students pray the Rosary. Five ways to listen!

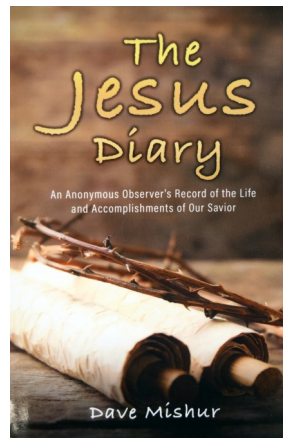
Catholic Spirit Radio on 88.3 FM
online at www.catholicspiritradio.com

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Audio now 605-472-9380

MASS IS BROADCAST EACH MORNING AT 7AM



"The Jesus Diary"

by parishioner Dave Mishur
is on sale at Amazon and
available for purchase at the
parish office, \$15 per copy with
purchase price going to the church.

"Mishur takes the widely known—but highly condensed-Gospel accounts and adds imaginary color...Readers share the sense of marvel at Jesus' works and teachings"

—Tom Dermody, Editor, The Catholic Post

"Would you like an uplifting escape from the present malaise in Church and Country? Then read Dave Mishur's 'The Jesus Diary:...an outstanding Christmas gift. Highly recommended."

—Peggy Moen, Editor, The Wanderer
"This book is tailor made for real life understanding without all the jargon that feels stuffy and judgmental."

—Amazon customer

