

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Fill the jars with water."
So they filled them to the brim.
Then he told them,
"Draw some out now and
take it to the headwaiter."

John 2:7-8



St. Mary's Catholic Church
Pontiac, Illinois
January 16, 2022

ST. MARY'S CHURCH
PONTIAC, ILLINOIS

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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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: \$13,728.81

St. Mary's Food Pantry Collection was \$5,436.93

Building Maintenance Fund Collection: This weekend.

THANK YOU to those who regularly support our parish.



Mass Intentions

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

Monday, January 17 (St. Anthony)

7:00 a.m. Mary & Paul Rittenhouse

Tuesday, January 18

7:00 a.m. Mary Arduini

Wednesday, January 19

7:00 a.m. Elaine Toureen

Thursday, January 20 (St. Fabian & St. Sebastian)

8:15 a.m. Mary Helen Burke

Friday, January 21 (St. Agnes)

7:00 a.m. Elizabeth Baltz

**Saturday, January 22 (Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection
of Unborn Children)**

4:00 p.m. Donald Ocean

Sunday, January 23 (Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Parish

9:30 a.m. Michael Duncan

Servers for Saturday, January 22

4:00 p.m. Kim Deutschmann

Servers for Sunday, January 23

7:00 a.m. Hunter Trainor

9:30 a.m. Andy, Finan & Rosie Krenz

**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.

EUCHARISTIC 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!

CONGRATULATIONS to Justin Lindsey & Katy Billington
who were recently married in our church.

**CONGRATULATIONS to the parents and family of Charlotte
Maren Hinz,** daughter of Tom & Jami Hinz, who was recently
baptized as a member of our parish.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Phillip & Bernice Rasmus (brother and
sister-in-law of Evelyn Ribordy) and Douglas Saxton (father-in-law
of Allyson Saxton), R.I.P. Our sympathy to their families and
friends.

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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!

GONZAGA RETREAT FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH: The annual Gonzaga retreat for high schoolers will return this **March 11th and 12th!** It will be held right here at St. Mary's. If you are in high school and are interested in attending, or you know someone who would like to attend, pick up a registration form in the back of the church. Completed forms and registration fee can be turned into the parish office or given to Megan Lauritsen.



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.

“Making Disciples for the Mission” Program

Over the next few weeks, you will be hearing about the upcoming “Making Disciples for the Mission” Program at St. Mary's Catholic Church. This effort is very important as we move forward with the mission and vision of St. Mary's Catholic Church. We, as a parish family, have changed so many lives in our community! In order to continue our mission and ministries, we encourage all parishioners to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family reflecting on the work we do. Our special Commitment Weekend will be celebrated on February 5 & 6. If you have any questions regarding the “Making Disciples for the Mission” Program, please feel free to contact the parish office.

KINDERGARTEN TEACHER NEEDED:

St. Mary's School is seeking a Kindergarten teacher who knows and loves Jesus and His Church, to begin August 2022. We seek someone with a desire to make disciples of their students and grow in discipleship with other staff. Candidates must portray abilities of healthy teamwork among colleagues along with a desire to share their knowledge and love of Jesus and their Catholic faith with students and staff. Please send 3 letters of recommendation, along with your resume and cover letter. Please include a copy of your transcripts to Mrs. Karen Jones, St. Mary's School, 414 N. Main St. Pontiac, IL 61764

PART-TIME CUSTODIAN NEEDED AT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL: 20 hours per week maximum helping with school cleaning and maintenance. Contact the school office at 815-844-6585 for details.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND WITH FATHER DAVID: **October 29-November 9.** Deacon Matt Levy will guide this trip with Fr. David offering Masses at each stop along the pilgrim Way of Jesus Christ to the cross. Call Fr. David at 309-536-0027 for more information.

**2021 ANNUAL
DIOCESAN APPEAL**

**This year's goal: \$91,868
Pledged to date: \$92,140**

WE DID IT..

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

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

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

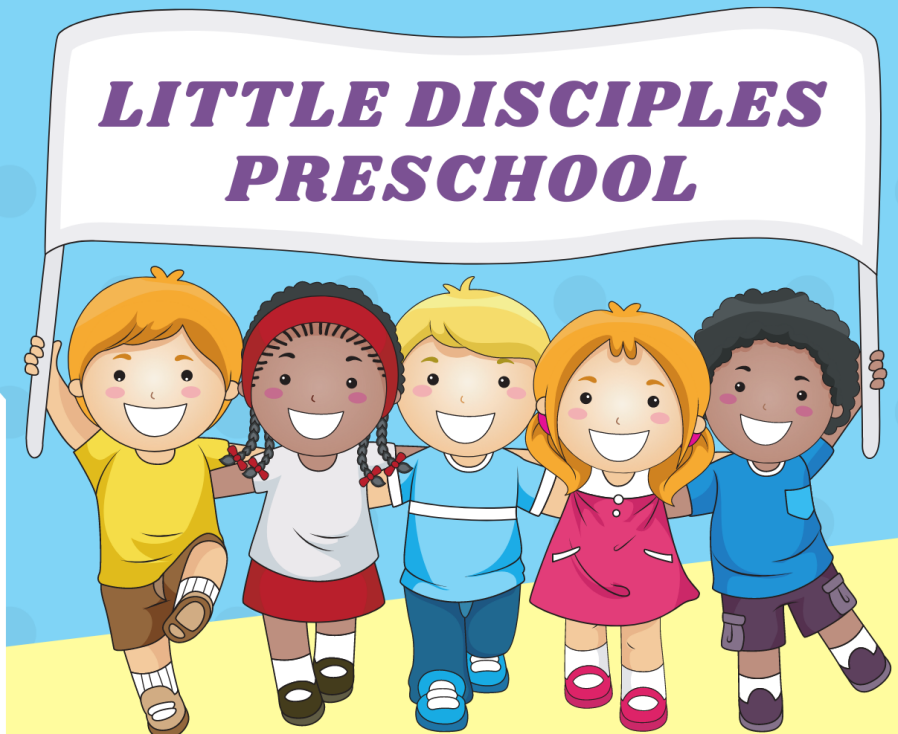
We strive to ensure that our youth are able to receive a Catholic education despite the possible inability to pay. Through the Invest in Kids Act, K - 12 students have the opportunity to receive Illinois tax credit scholarships to attend private schools. This scholarship opportunity is available to all 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.gov/) website. You may also contact the school office for more information.

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.



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.



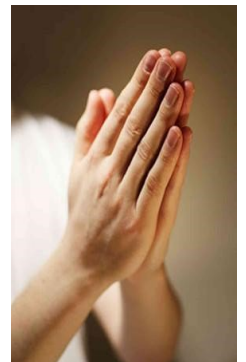
New family registration
for the 2022-2023 school year
begins Monday, January 3!
Register online at
school.stmaryspontiac.org
or call (815) 844-6585
for more information.



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. 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 & Liby 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



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WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE NOW HAVE AN AMAZONSMILE

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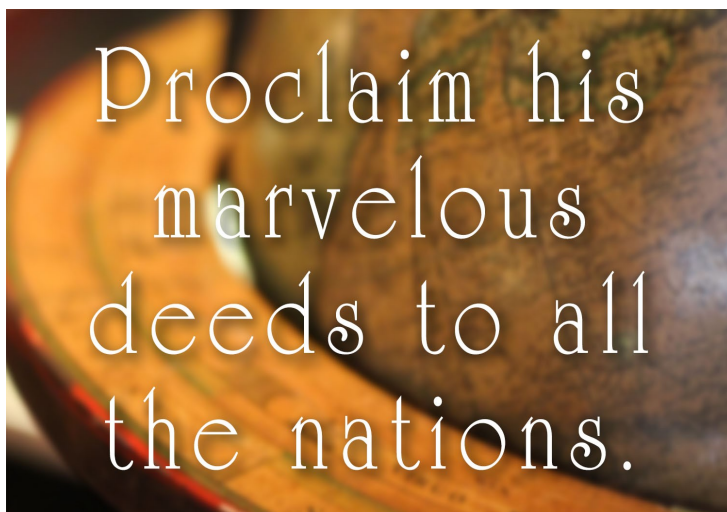
Go to our website church.stmaryspontiac.org > Stewardship > Amazon Smile. For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer's selected charitable organization. Go to smile.amazon.com every time you shop.

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 16, 2022

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
Monday	St. Anthony 1 Sm 15: 16-23/ Ps 50: 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/ Mk 2: 18-22
Tuesday	1 Sm 16: 1-13/ Ps 89: 20, 21-22, 27-28/ Mk 2: 23-28
Wednesday	1 Sm 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51/ Ps 144: 1b, 2, 9-10/ Mk 3: 1-6
Thursday	1 Sm 18: 6-9; 19: 1-7/ Ps 56: 2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/ Mk 3: 7-12
Friday	St. Agnes 1 Sm 24: 3-21/ Ps 57: 2, 3-4, 6 and 11/ Mk 3: 13-19
Saturday	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children 2 Sm 1: 1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/ Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/ Mk 3: 20-21
Sunday	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Neh 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/ Ps 19: 8, 9, 10, 15/ 1 Cor 12: 12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14,27/ Lk 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21



**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 LoPiccalo 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

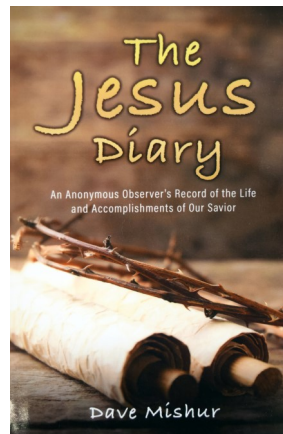
online at www.catholicspiritradio.com

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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

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