

Catholic Schools

The beginning of wisdom is fear of the Lord,
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Proverbs 9:10



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St. Mary's Catholic Church
Pontiac, Illinois
January 30, 2022

ST. MARY'S CHURCH
PONTIAC, ILLINOIS

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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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:

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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: \$8,289.40

School Collection: Next weekend.

THANK YOU to those who regularly support our parish. Your
support over the past two years has been a tremendous blessing to
our parish. May God bless you all for your generosity!



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 29

4:00 p.m. Jim & Mary Bertrand

Sunday, January 30 (Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Larry Kennedy

9:30 a.m. Parish

Monday, January 31 (St. John Bosco)

7:00 a.m. Michelle Ocean

Tuesday, February 1

7:00 a.m. Tom Harmon

Wednesday, February 2 (Presentation of the Lord)

7:00 a.m. James & Janet Cadle

Thursday, February 3 (St. Blaise; St. Ansgar)

8:15 a.m. Joe Mies

Friday, February 4

7:00 a.m. Jim Kane

Saturday, February 5 (St. Agatha)

8:00 a.m. Carole Strobbe

4:00 p.m. 1st ann Mary C. Mote

Sunday, February 6 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Parish

9:30 a.m. 2nd ann John DiNardi

Servers for Saturday, February 5

4:00 p.m. Sean Finnegan

Servers for Sunday, February 6

7:00 a.m. Christopher Corrigan

9:30 a.m. Jonathan & Zach Becker

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.

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

FIRST SATURDAY MASS: For 2022, we are resuming the
First Saturday Mass at 8:00am each month. **Mass will be held on
Saturday, February 5.** All are encouraged to attend.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to parishioner **Leo Cuttill** who will turn
104 years old on February 8! Please remember Leo in your prayers
as he celebrates this tremendous milestone.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Fr. Richard Brunskill, Donna Smith
(mother of Debra Vietti) and Fred "Jerry" Pike (husband of Kathy
Pike & father of Lisa Mackinson) R.I.P. Our sympathy to their
families and friends.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH
PONTIAC, ILLINOIS



"UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE" by Jeff Cavins, will begin **Monday, February 7 at 7:00pm** in the Rosary Room of the parish hall and meet for an hour and half, every other week for 8 sessions. If you wish to attend or have questions, please call Bryan Schweigert at 815-867-0958 or Margo Law at 815-579-5102. We look forward to seeing you there! Bring your Bible, please! There is no cost for this Bible Study.

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 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!

LEGION OF MARY: Want to tell the world about Jesus through Evangelization? Please join the Legion of Mary **every Thursday at 7:00pm** in the rectory. Please use the back door.

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.

KEVIN CASSON TOURNAMENT HELP NEEDED: St. Mary's School will host the 41st Annual Kevin Casson Memorial Basketball Tournament from **February 4 - 12**. Each year we provide the coaches and referees with an outstanding hospitality room. If you can help supply food during the tournament, please visit school.stmaryspontiac.org, scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the Kevin Casson Tournament link. From there you can see our signup genius with a list of items needed. If you have any questions, please contact Danielle Gill at gill.danielle@stmaryspontiac.org. Thanks in advance for helping make this a great event!

LECTORS FOR FEBRUARY

4:00 pm Ann Finnegan
7:00 am Beth Legner
9:30 am Lisa M. Martin & Ray White

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS FOR FEBRUARY

4:00 pm Steve Renner, Bob & Shari Paris
7:00 am Brian & Susan Schweigert
9:30 am Amanda Lauritsen, Sue Ledford, Sue Smith, Debbie Alsdorf

"Making Disciples for the Mission" Program

This week you will receive a brochure introducing our "Making Disciples for the Mission" Program. Be proud to be part of the St. Mary's Catholic Church community! On Commitment Weekend, **February 5 & 6**, we invite each of you to participate in this important program and help us respond to God's great gift of love. We ask that you please review this brochure and prayerfully consider how you and your family can help St. Mary's Catholic Church by financially supporting our ministries, furthering our mission, and reinforcing our future.

We ask that all faithful parishioners complete a Commitment Card. A card will be included in the brochure mailing for you to:

- mail to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included in this mailing.
- or bring your card to Mass next Sunday.
- or you may visit our parish website at www.church.stmaryspontiac.org and complete an electronic Commitment Card.

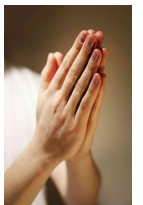
The back of the Commitment Card has a place for you to include any prayer intentions you wish to share. We welcome all intentions and they will be prayed for collectively over the next few weeks. If you would like to speak to a priest, please indicate so on your card and we will be in contact with you. Our goal is 100% participation! Thank you for your generosity and support of St. Mary's Catholic Church!

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.

Mon. Jan. 31	Ed & Andrea Bartolotta Family
	Father Adam's Family
Tues. Feb. 1	Frank & Carol Arnolts Family
	Flynn Eggleston's Family
Wed. Feb. 2	Mari Anne Arnolts Family
	Bradli Vonderheide's Family
Thurs. Feb. 3	Joyce Ashcraft Family
	Leo Kapper's Family
Fri. Feb. 4	Joseph & Mary Baker Family
	Bryson Hall's Family
Mon. Feb. 7	Michael & Jane Barr Family
	Cayden Masching's Family
Tues. Feb. 8	Berniece Barrett Family
	Champ Daily's Family
Wed. Feb. 9	Tim & Virginia Bassett Family
	McKenna Woodcock's Family
Thurs. Feb. 10	Jennifer Bauknecht Family
	Parker Casner's Family
Fri. Feb. 11	Frances Becker Family
	Mikayla & Reid Gray's 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

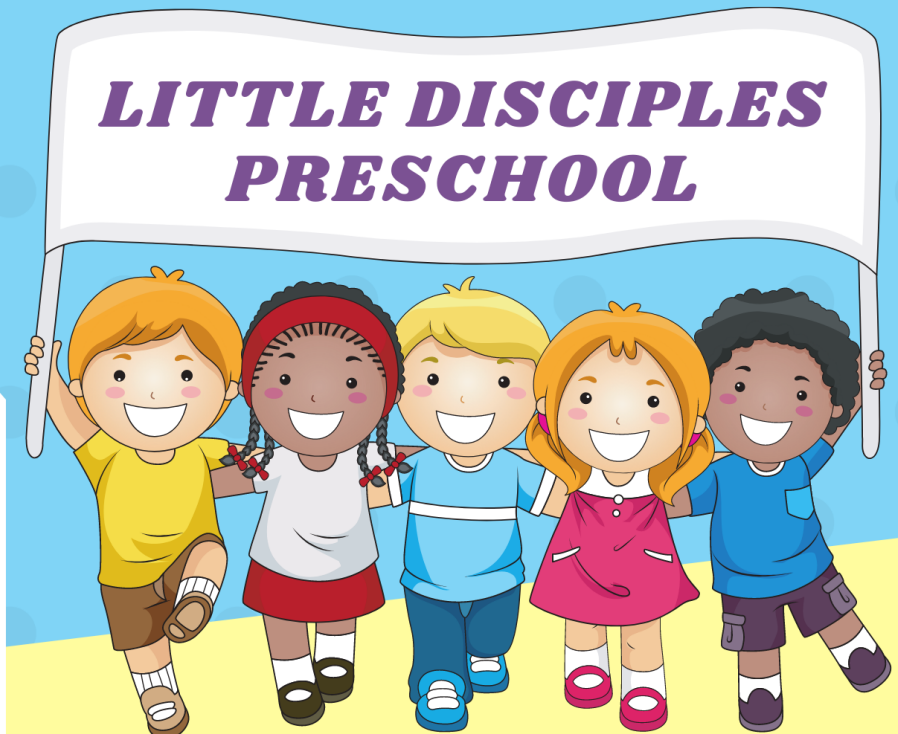
We strive to ensure that our youth are able to receive a Catholic education despite the possible inability to pay. Through the Invest in Kids Act, K - 12 students have the opportunity to receive Illinois tax credit scholarships to attend private schools. This scholarship opportunity is available to all 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.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.



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Catholic Schools Week 2022
January 30–February 5

www.NCEA.org/csw

#CSW22

All week—Canned food collection for St. Mary's Food Pantry

Sunday, January 30

- Students take part in the 9:30 Mass

Monday, January 31 - Community Day

- Students will dress like a community business person
- Visit by a community member to all grade levels
- Thank you notes given to local community groups/departments

Tuesday, February 1 - Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day

- Switch day dress - students dress up like teachers/teachers dress up like students
- Faculty and staff treated to a luncheon
- A special treat throughout the day for faculty and staff

Wednesday, February 2 - National Catholic Schools Day

- Show your USA spirit - dress will be red, white, and blue
- Prayer service led by Kelly Krenz in the morning

Thursday, February 3 - Vocations Day

- Seminar virtual visit to all grade levels
- Dress as a nun, priest, or saint.
- School mass at 8:15 am

Friday, February 4 - Student Appreciation Day

- Dress is pajama day
- Corn Hole/Bags tournament for 6-8, 3-5
- K-2 kickball tournament
- PreK - sack races and bowling
- Hot dog luncheon
- All school living rosary after lunch in the church

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 31!

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.

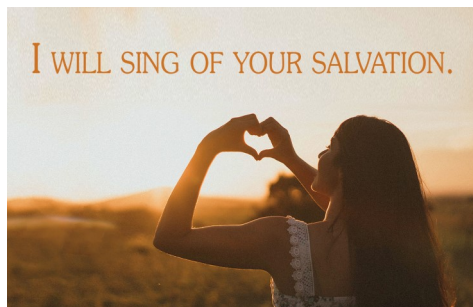
PRAYERFUL PILGRIMAGE TO SUPPORT VOCATIONS:

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 30, 2022

Sunday	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 1: 4-5, 17-19/ Ps 71: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17/ 1 Cor 12: 31-13: 13 or 1 Cor 13:4-13/ Lk 4: 21- 30
Monday	St. John Bosco 2 Sm 15: 13-14, 30; 16:5-13/ Ps 3:2, 4-5, 6-7/ Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/ Ps 86: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday	The Presentation of the Lord Mal 3:1-4/ Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/ Heb 2:14-18/ Lk 2:22-40
Thursday	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/ 1 Chr 29:10, 11 ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/ Mk 6:7-13
Friday	Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 & 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday	St. Agatha 1 Kgs 3:4-13/ Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13,14/ Mk 6:30-34
Sunday	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/ Ps 138: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8/ 1 Cor 15:1-11/ Lk 5:1-11

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PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE
HOLY FATHER FOR FEBRUARY

For religious sisters and consecrated women: We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.



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.catholicspiritradi.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.catholicspiritradi.com

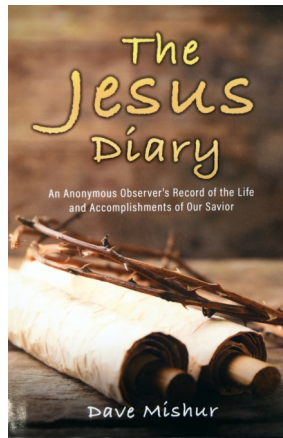
Roku Channel Store

Alexa play Catholic Spirit Radio

Audio now 605-472-9380

MASS IS BROADCAST EACH MORNING AT 7AM

CATHOLIC SPIRIT RADIO PILGRIMAGE: Saturday, March 12. This all-inclusive trip provides charter bus transportation from Normal to Princeville and Peoria. We will visit the Community of St. John for a Lenten talk, Adoration, Confession, Mass and lunch then to the Archbishop Fulton Sheen Museum & Gift Shop, a talk on Sheen by Katie Bogner followed by her book sale, Sheen's Tomb at the Cathedral and dinner at Obed & Isaac's. Register by February 7 for \$140 or by February 19 for \$155 at catholicspiritradi.com. For questions, contact Pam at 217-855-4418 or elliottbus@gmail.com



"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