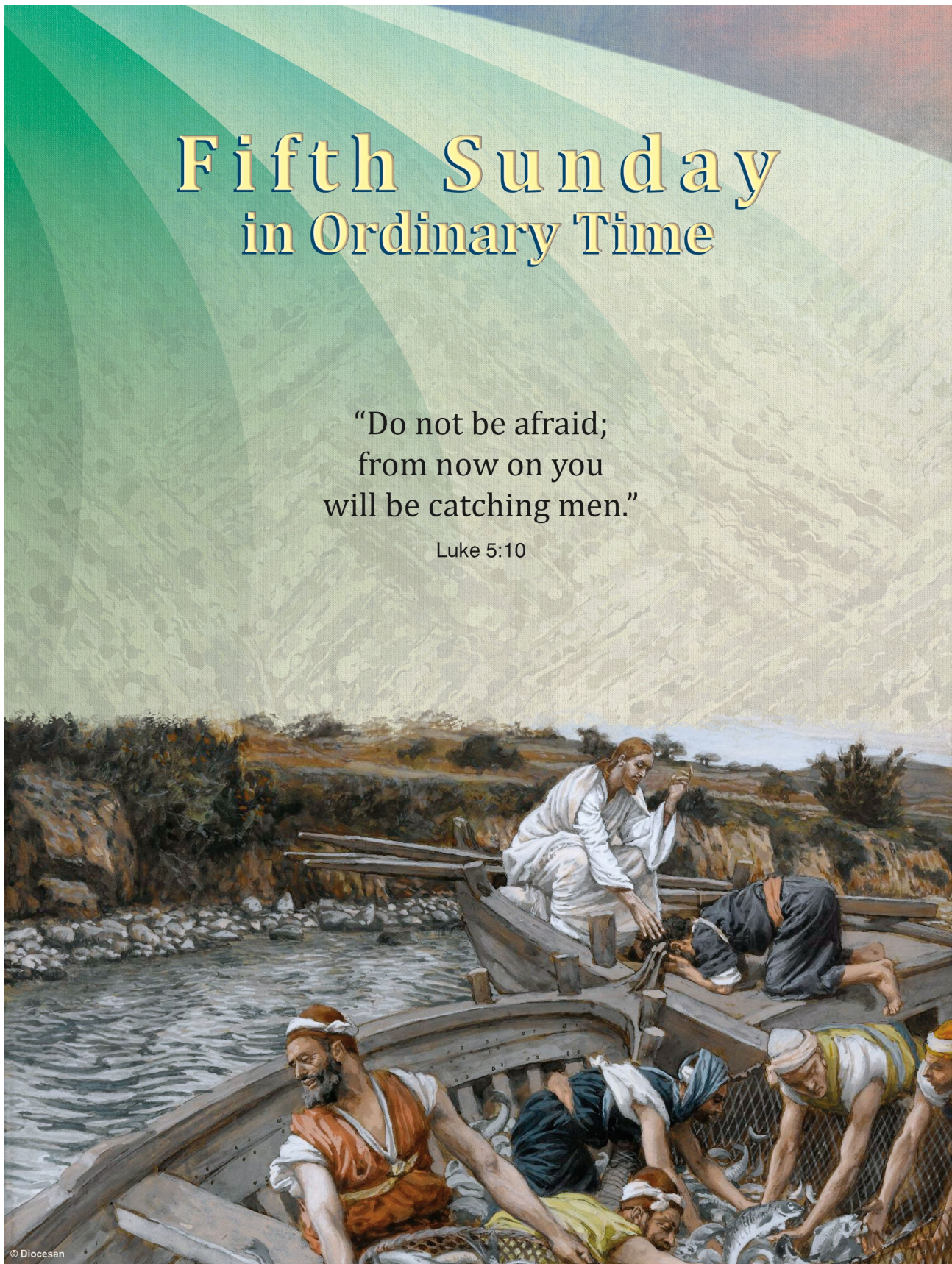


# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Do not be afraid;  
from now on you  
will be catching men.”

Luke 5:10



**St. Mary's Catholic Church**  
Pontiac, Illinois  
February 6, 2022



ST. MARY'S CHURCH  
PONTIAC, ILLINOIS

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH  
119 E. HOWARD ST., P.O. BOX 374  
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& Kathy Schulz

**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](mailto: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: \$8,040.40**

**School Collection:** This weekend.

**St. Mary's Food Pantry Collection:** Next weekend.

**THANK YOU** to those who regularly support our parish.



*Mass Intentions*

**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

**Monday, February 7**

7:00 a.m. Helen & John Murphy

**Tuesday, February 8 (St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita)**

7:00 a.m. Mark 'Marc Edwards' Harringer

**Wednesday, February 9**

7:00 a.m. Barbara Ries

**Thursday, February 10 (St. Scholastica)**

8:15 a.m. Mac McCorvie

**Friday, February 11 (Our Lady of Lourdes)**

7:00 a.m. Betty Pouliot

**Saturday, February 12**

4:00 p.m. Jo Reilly

**Sunday, February 13 (Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

7:00 a.m. 1st ann Marilyn Martin

9:30 a.m. Parish

**Servers for Saturday, February 12**

4:00 p.m. Nicholas & Carter Doughan

**Servers for Sunday, February 13**

7:00 a.m. Aidan Greil

9:30 a.m. Molly, Zach & Mallory Masching

**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 Sundays. 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.

**2021 TAX RECEIPTS** have been mailed to all parishioners who gave a total of \$250 or more in the collection baskets this past year. If you did not receive a statement but need one, please call the parish office at 815-844-7683.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the parents and family of **Tucker Amiel Grundler**, son of Ryan & Natasha Grundler, and **Ava Selene Thompson**, daughter of Bruce Thompson & Lety Morrisette, who were recently baptized as members of our faith.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** parishioner Marcelo "Marc" Rios, and Rhonda Steinbach (niece of Birdie Ocean), R.I.P. Our sympathy to their families and friends.



ST. MARY'S CHURCH  
PONTIAC, ILLINOIS



**"Making Disciples for the Mission" Program**

Thank you for celebrating Commitment Sunday with us this weekend. Your commitment to our parish through our "Making Disciples for the Mission" Program will continue to bring life to our community. If completing your Commitment Card was not

possible at Mass, you may visit our parish website at [www.church.stmaryspontiac.org](http://www.church.stmaryspontiac.org) and complete an electronic Commitment Card or you can mail your card to the church. Our goal is 100% participation! Thank you for your generosity and support of St. Mary's Catholic Church!

**"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.

**CHIRST CHILD SOCIETY SEWING CIRCLE** will meet **Thursday, February 10 from 9am to 12:30pm** in the parish hall.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will meet **Thursday, February 10 at 6:30pm** in Our Lady of the Rosary Room of the parish hall.

**ST. MARY'S WOMEN'S GUILD** will meet **Tuesday, February 15 at 7:00pm** in the parish hall. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

**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.

**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!

**ATTENTION PARISH ORGANIZATIONS**

If your organization has news for the mid February issue of the Parish Newsletter, please submit your copy to the parish office no later than Tuesday, February 8. Please include any upcoming events happening through mid April. Thank you.

**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.

**PLEASE CLAIM YOUR DISHES:** Dishes left over from funeral dinners and other events can be found in the school foyer. Please stop by between 8am and 3pm to claim. Names on dishes: **Nancy Milhauser, Carole Peterson, Jamie Drilling, Kelli Trainor, Sue Smith, Dianne Hanley, Pat Hepperly, Nanette Marx, Val Brown, Diana Woodburn, Shirley Eckel, Brenda Shaughnessy, Jeanette Kuerth, Heather Machroli** and numerous other containers without names. If these items are not picked up, they will be donated to the Women's Guild Rummage Sale in June.

**BE ON THE LOOKOUT** for a large, white, three-ring binder that is filled with patterns and instructions for items to sew. It belongs to the Christ Child Society. If you have ANY information, or maybe have seen it, please contact the parish office or Shari at 815-419-8620. No one will be held accountable. We just need it back, if possible. Thank you for your cooperation!

**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. 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
Mon. Feb. 14	Jim & Pat Bednar Family Camille Bohm's Family
Tues. Feb. 15	Peter Beebe Family Adalynn Gardner's Family
Wed. Feb. 16	John Beller Family Isaac & Cameron Mackinson's Family
Thurs. Feb. 17	Betty Benedino Family Isaiah & Kaeloni Jones's Family
Fri. Feb. 18	Linda Benedino Family Alexis Brown'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](http://school.stmaryspontiac.org). For more information, or to schedule a tour, contact the school office at 815-844-6585.



### SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

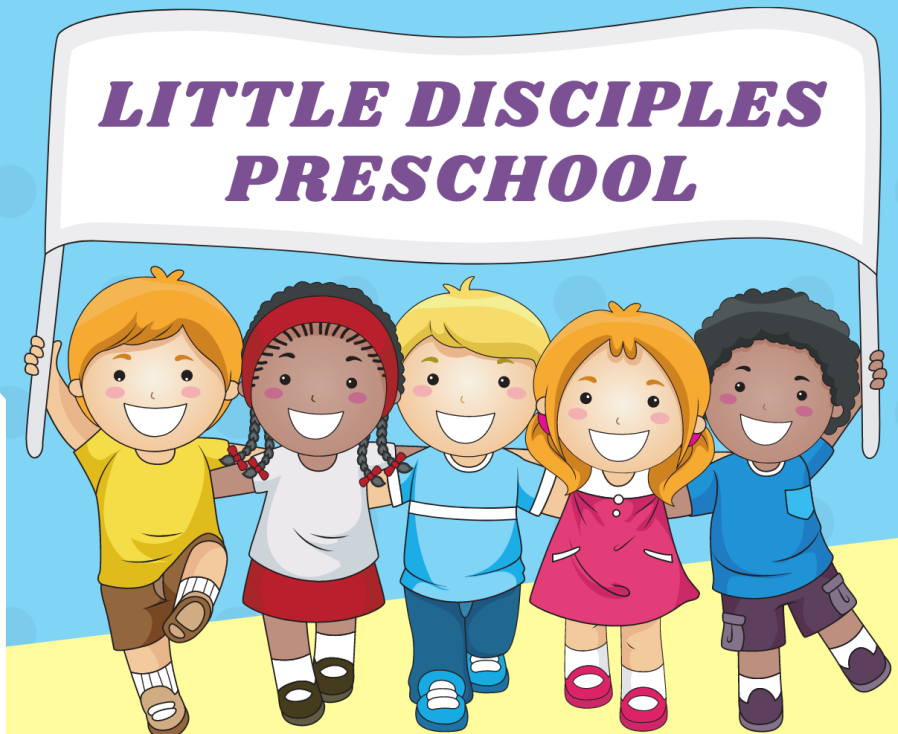
*We strive to ensure that our youth are able to receive a Catholic education despite the possible inability to pay. Through the Invest in Kids Act, K - 12 students have the opportunity to receive Illinois tax credit scholarships to attend private schools. This scholarship opportunity is available to 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](http://school.stmaryspontiac.org)  
or call (815) 844-6585  
for more information.





ST. MARY'S PARISH  
DECEMBER 2021



*"They shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed; every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which he has given you."*

~ Deuteronomy 16:16-17

**WE THANK YOU**

We continue to be truly humbled by the generosity of our parishioners. Thank you to those who have continued to give to St. Mary's throughout the pandemic. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and much needed to support our current and continued operation.

A QUARTERLY UPDATE ON OUR  
FINANCIAL JOURNEY\*

	Previous Fiscal Year July 1 - Dec. 31, 2020	Current Fiscal Year July 1 - Dec. 31, 2021
REVENUES	\$1,512,292.08	\$832,356.64
EXPENSES	\$768,551.74	\$733,391.81
GAIN/(LOSS)	\$743,740.34	\$98,964.83

- Report covers both Parish and School Operations

Please be reminded that at this time last year we had received a very generous bequest of farm land from the Fitzgerald Family totaling \$740,731.00. This money has been set aside for future needs and is not being used for ordinary expenses such as salaries and utilities. We continue to encourage everyone to use your weekly envelopes even if you do not attend Mass regularly due to the pandemic.

**R E G I S T E R**  
— for —  
**KINDERGARTEN**

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- 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  
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or call (815) 844-6585  
for more information.



ST. MARY'S CHURCH  
PONTIAC, ILLINOIS



WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE NOW HAVE AN AMAZONSMILE

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How does AmazonSmile work?

Go to our website [church.stmaryspontiac.org](http://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](http://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](mailto: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 FEBRUARY 6, 2022**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/ Ps 138: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8/ 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11/ Lk 5:1-11
<b>Monday</b>	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/ Ps 132: 6-7, 8-10/ Mk 6:53-56
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/ Ps84: 3, 4, 5 & 10, 11/ Mk 7:1-13
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Kgs 10: 1-10/ ps 37: 5-6, 30-31, 39-40/ Mk 7:14-23
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>St. Scholastica</b> 1 Kgs 11:4 -13/ Ps 106: 3-4, 35-36, 37 & 40/ Mk 7:24-30
<b>Friday</b>	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/ Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/ Mk 7:31-37
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34/ Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/ Mk 8:1-10
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Jer 17:5-8/ Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6/ 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/ Lk 6:17, 20-26

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**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.

Pray For Peace

**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.catholicspiritradio.com](http://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](http://www.catholicspiritradio.com)

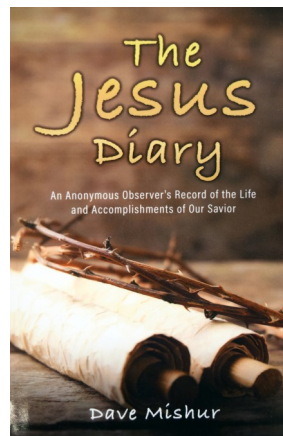
Roku Channel Store

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 [catholicspiritradio.com](http://catholicspiritradio.com). For questions, contact Pam at 217-855-4418 or [elliottbus@gmail.com](mailto: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

**Summary of Diocese Financial Activities**  
**Year ended June 30, 2021**



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PEORIA, IL

**Revenues and Expenses**

6/30/2021

**Revenues:**

Annual Diocesan Appeal	\$ 5,483,575
Contributions	33,086
Restricted Contributions	26,140
Reimbursement Income from Other Funds	1,865,000
Miscellaneous Income	1,921,439
Contributions Designated for Retreat Center	15,985,682
	<u>25,314,922</u>

**Costs and Expenses:**

Pastoral Offices	1,778,383
Pastoral Ministries	606,345
Pastoral Commissions & Assessments	90,758
Religious Personnel Development and Care	1,168,658
Religious Education	765,173
Social Services	142,898
Administration	1,516,645
Building Expense	1,022,919
Capital Costs	250,349
Retreat Center Construction Cost	18,039,190
	<u>25,381,318</u>

**Excess of Expenses and Capital Costs over Revenue**      \$ (66,396)

**Special collections**

Bishops' Relief Fund	91,514
Campaign for Human Development	46,869
Holy Land	70,371
Pentecost	45,151
Religious Retirement	88,803
Rice Bowl	17,507
Eastern Europe	55,675
Mission Sunday	65,355
Bishop's Seminarian Appeal	67,969
Other	5,683

**Total**

\$ 554,897

**Endowment Grant Distributions**

John Lancaster Spalding Scholarship Fund	\$ 530,774
Monsignor Duncan College Campus Ministry Fund	\$ 225,504
Fulton Sheen Religious Education Fund	\$ 12,484