A photograph of a woman with long dark hair holding a baby in her arms. They are outdoors at sunset, with the sun low on the horizon creating a warm glow and bokeh light effects in the background. The woman is looking down at the baby with a gentle smile.

You formed my inmost
being; you knit me in
my mother's womb.

Psalms 139:13

*God Bless
our Mothers*

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St. Mary's Catholic Church
Pontiac, Illinois
May 8, 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

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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: \$12,077.40

School Collection was \$2,489.00.

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

Building Maintenance Fund Collection: Next weekend.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 7

8:00 a.m.

Prodigals of St. Mary's Parish

4:00 p.m.

Parish

Sunday, May 8 (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

7:00 a.m.

Pat Lyons

9:30 a.m.

Carolyn Harty

Monday, May 9

7:00 a.m.

Edward Masching

Tuesday, May 10 (St. Damien de Veuster)

7:00 a.m.

2nd ann Jose Gonzalez

Wednesday, May 11

7:00 a.m.

In thanksgiving by the Velez Family

Thursday, May 12 (Sts. Nereus & Achilleus; St. Pancras)

8:15 a.m.

Mac McCorvie

Friday, May 13 (Our Lady of Fatima)

7:00 a.m.

Jim Wallace IV

Saturday, May 14 (St. Matthias)

4:00 p.m.

Chuck Wright

Sunday, May 15 (Fifth Sunday of Easter)

7:00 a.m.

Mary Verdun

9:30 a.m.

Parish

Servers for Saturday, May 14

4:00 p.m.

Carrington Gray

Servers for Sunday, May 15

7:00 a.m.

Tyson Cramer, Brady Hart

9:30 a.m.

Finan Krenz, Zach Masching, Trinity Cheek

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is open each weekday, Monday
-Friday from 8am until 8pm. Adoration is in the Chapel except for
Thursdays when it is held in the church. 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.

BAPTISM PREP CLASS: If you are looking to get your first
child baptized, or are expecting your first child and would like to be
prepared for the sacrament of Baptism when they arrive, please call
the parish office at 815-844-7683 to set up a date and time for Bap-
tism prep class.

CONGRATULATIONS to the parents and family of **Maverick
Anthony Keneipp**, son of Trevor & Ashlee Keneipp, who was
recently baptized as a member of our faith.

PLEASE PRAY FOR parishioners Maxine Norville and Inez
Gokoo, R.I.P. Our sympathy to their families and friends.



ATTENTION PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

If your organization has news for the mid May issue of the Parish
Newsletter, please submit your copy to the parish office no later
than Tuesday, May 10. Please include any upcoming events hap-
pening through mid July. Thank you.

GRADUATES MASS: This year's Graduates Mass will be for SENIORS ONLY and will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 15 at the 9:30am Mass.**

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY SEWING CIRCLE: **Thursday, May 12 from 9am to 12:30pm** in the parish hall.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will meet **Thursday, May 12 at 6:30pm** in the Our Lady of the Rosary room of the parish hall.

WATCH RETREAT: We would like to invite you to attend a one day renewal retreat, ***FANNING THE FLAME***, sponsored by WATCH. The day is open to everyone, even if you have never attended a prior WATCH retreat. Join us on **Saturday, June 11 from 9am to 3:30pm** at St. Mary's Parish Hall. A light lunch will be provided and there is no cost to attend but freewill offerings will be accepted. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Sherri Hatzler at 815-848-6787.

WOMEN'S GUILD RUMMAGE SALE FUNDRAISER: The Women's Guild will be holding a Rummage Sale Fundraiser in the parish hall on **Friday, June 24 & Saturday, June 25**. Donated items in good condition are needed for the sale such as books, jewelry, linens, toys, household items, decorations and miscellaneous items. **NO CLOTHES!** Start saving your items. Drop off information will be provided closer to the sale date.

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. Please use the back door.

ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP: 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!

EMMAUS DAYS 2022: Session 1 and 2 participants deepen their faith and focus on discerning God's will through prayer and the sacraments. By listening to and spending time with priests and seminarians, participants get a glimpse into their lives. These sessions are for those who are in college, as well as single men in their 20s and 30s who are discerning their vocation.

Session 1	Session 2
June 10-12	June 24-26

Both sessions are at St. John's Catholic Newman Center in Champaign.

Sessions 3 and 4 are led by seminarians where participants hear God's call to become real Christian men. The experience includes prayer, talks and activities like basketball, soccer, ultimate Frisbee and card games.

Session 3	Session 4
July 17-20	July 20-22
Freshmen & Sophomores	7th and 8th Graders

Both sessions are at Peoria Notre Dame High School

DWELLING PLACE CLOSING: After 23 years serving the local Catholic community, the Dwelling Place in Normal will be closing May 31. Beginning Monday, May 2, all merchandise in the store (books, jewelry, rosaries, wall crucifixes, framed art) will be on sale, including school uniforms. All sales are final, in-stock merchandise only.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION



**SUNDAY, JUNE 19
IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING
9:30AM MASS**

**JOIN US AS
WE BRING
JESUS THROUGH
OUR COMMUNITY**

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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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



PEORIA VOCATIONS UPDATES

A PRAYER FOR SACRED VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, Your divine Son taught us to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His vineyard. We earnestly beg You to bless our diocese and our Universal Church with many priests and consecrated men and women who will love You fervently, and gladly and courageously spend their lives in service to Your Son's Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We pray that their lives may be always centered on our Eucharistic Lord; that they be always faithful to the Holy Father; that they may be devoted sons and daughters of Mary, our Mother, in making You known and loved; and that all may attain Heaven.

Bless our families and our children and choose from our homes those whom You desire for this holy work. Amen

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MEN WILL BE
ORDAINED TO
TRANSITIONAL
DIACONATE ON MAY

21st

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NEW MEN HAVE SAID
"YES" TO BEGIN
PRIESTLY FORMATION
IN 2022

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CURRENT
SEMINARIANS

World Day of Prayer will be observed on Sunday, May 8, 2022 also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood and consecrated life.



May 8th - June 19th

Please join

Hope Pregnancy Center's Baby Bottle Project

From

Mother's Day to Father's Day

Take a baby bottle home with you today.

Drop your spare change, dollars, or a check into the bottle and watch it fill to the top!

Then bring the bottle back to church on Father's Day. The spare change collected will be used to help mothers and their babies.

Your change can change lives!



Join us for
TOTUS TUUS

For students entering Gr. 1 - 6

ONLY \$30 FOR THE ENTIRE WEEK
\$65 FAMILY MAX

June 13 - 17
Drop off at St. Mary's Parish Hall
from 9:00am - 2:30pm

Activities:

- Lessons
- Games
- Daily skits
- Daily Mass
- Rosary
- Water balloon fight
- Lunch included

Register Today

For more information:
school.stmaryspontiac.org/totus-tuus
Led by four college-aged missionaries

TOTUS TUUS JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

Entering Grades 7-12

Sunday, June 12-
Thursday, June 16
7-9pm each night

\$15 per teen

Enter through the
Parish Hall doors off
Chicago Street.

For any questions,
please contact
Taryn Tissiere
at 815-979-7663

Registration form
on the website listed
to the left

PLEASE JOIN US!

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEW FAMILY REGISTRATION FOR GRADES K-8 FOR 2022/23

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 (K-3)

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



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

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WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE NOW HAVE AN AMAZONSMILE

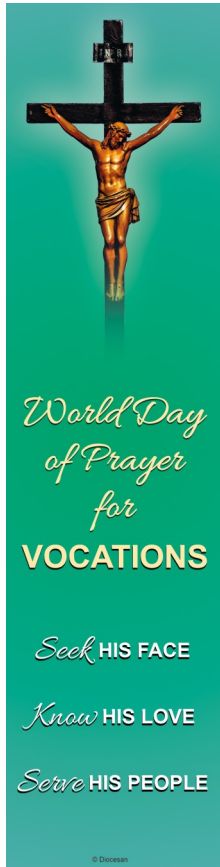
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Go to our website church.stmaryspontiac.org > Stewardship > Amazon Smile. For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer's selected charitable organization. Go to smile.amazon.com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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 8, 2022

Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rev 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30
Monday	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42: 2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday	St. John of Avila Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday	Acts 12:24-13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday	Sts. Nereus and Achilleus Acts 13: 13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 & 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday	Our Lady of Fatima Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday	St. Matthias Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Jn 15:9-17
Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Rev 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35



PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE
HOLY FATHER FOR MAY

Faith-Filled Young People: We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.



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 LoPiccolo at 630-514-6221.

ROSARY ON CATHOLIC SPIRIT RADIO: Everyday at 4:30am and 8:30pm.

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

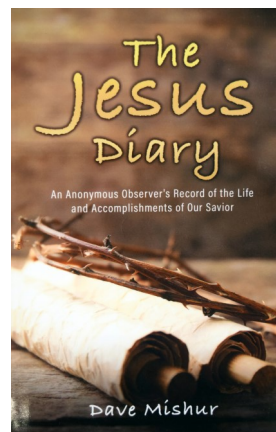
MASS IS BROADCAST EACH MORNING AT 7AM

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.

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.



"The Jesus Diary"

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

"Readers not only share the sense of marvel at Jesus' works and teachings, but also the confusion and doubt even his closest followers experienced before they embraced him as the Son of God."

—Tom Dermody, Editor,
The Catholic Post

"The description of Judas' spiritual ruin is one of the highlights of this book. As

Judas continues to deny all of Jesus' teachings the diarist writes, 'for one brief moment I was sure I was looking in the face of the devil himself.'"

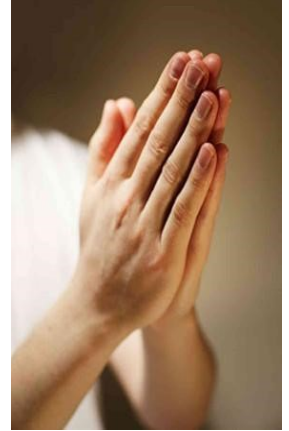
—Peggy Moen

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PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL FAMILIES THIS YEAR

*For 2022, we ask everyone to pray for specific church and school families each weekday.
A list will be published 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 May 9 Crystal Chalkey Family, Ella Ashcraft's Family
Tues May 10 Thomas & Jane Cassidy Family, Jaxon Rich's Family
Wed May 11 Lance & Vicki Champlain Family,
Blythe & Vaughn Schulta's Family
Thurs May 12 Jerry & Nancy Cohlman Family, Gavin Schaidle's Family
Fri May 13 Jorj Ann Casson Family, Case Owen's Family
Mon May 16 Don & Carla Chandler Family, Darrin & Zain Pierce's Family
Tues May 17 Daniel Cohrs Family, Hadley & Harlow Noonan's Family
Wed May 18 Patricia Casson Family, TJ & Sara Murphy's Family
Thurs May 19 Joe & Cherry Cole Family, Lucas & Amelia Maier's Family
Fri May 20 Paul & Avis Casson Family, Landry & Wilder Saxton's Family



MAY GOD BLESS ALL OUR FAMILIES EVERY DAY!