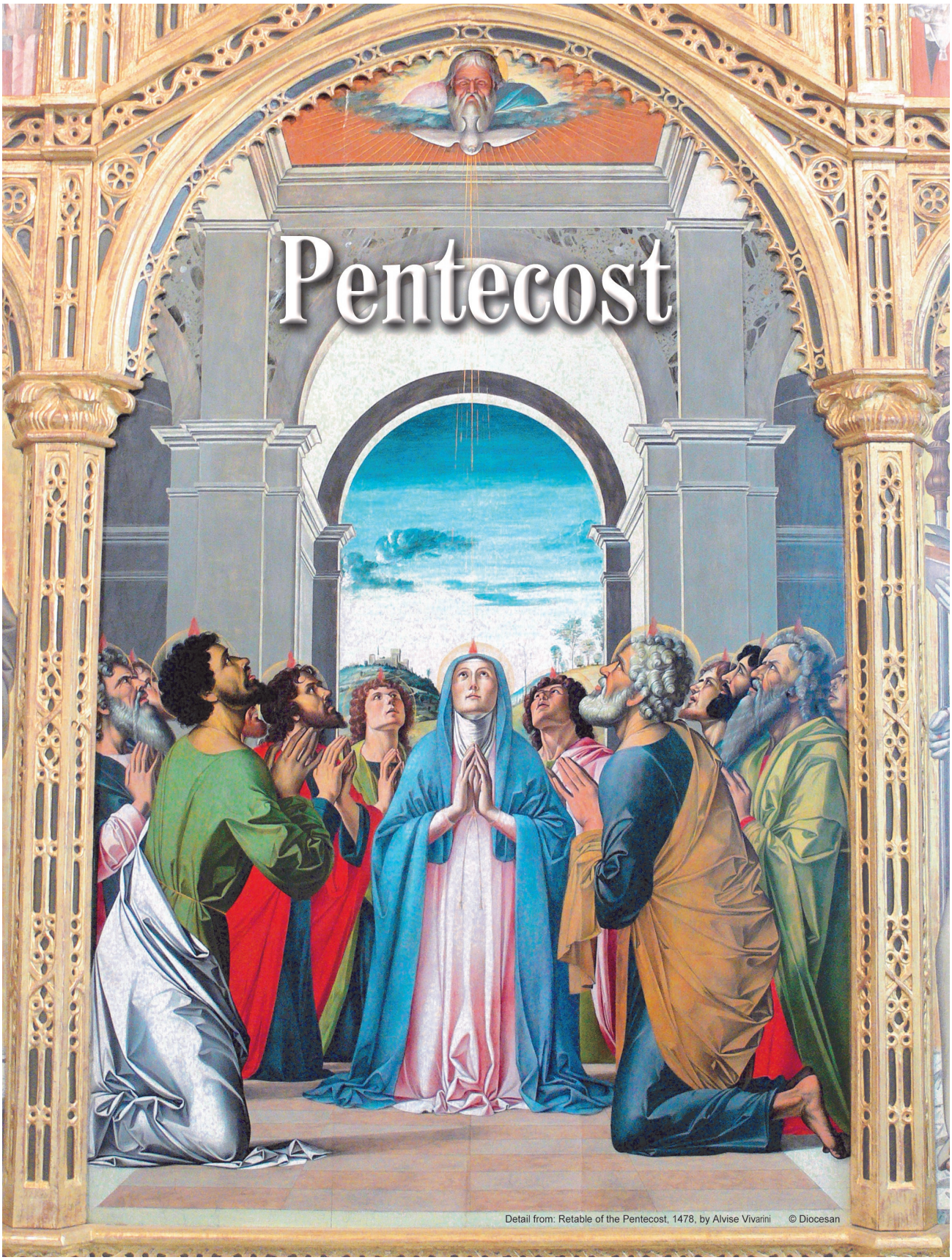

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Pontiac, Illinois

May 31, 2020

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
119 E. HOWARD ST., P.O. BOX 374
PONTIAC, ILLINOIS 61764
Phone: 815-844-7683 Fax: 815-842-4345
Parish & School Website: www.stmaryspontiac.org
Facebook: St. Mary's Parish-Pontiac

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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-Friday 7:00 am

CONFESSION TIMES:
Monday-Friday 6:25-6:55 am
Wednesday 12 noon –1:00 pm
Thursday 6:00-6:45 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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY: 401 E. Water St. Open to Livingston County residents every Thursday from 12 noon to 3:00 pm for drive thru pick up. 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 Kelly Eckhoff by 4:00pm Sunday. Cash-n-Carry sales are being suspended for now. Walmart and County Market cards can always be purchased in the school office during school hours.

STEWARDSHIP

During this time, please mail us your envelopes to the address above, or save them and put them all in the collection basket when Masses resume. We greatly appreciate those parishioners who have continued to support our parish during this time of no Masses. You are remembered in our Prayers of Thanksgiving.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Beginning **Tuesday, May 26**, the parish office will be open from 9am to 12 noon each day. Any business that can be handled over the phone is encouraged rather than in-person visits.

DRIVE-THRU CONFESSIONS: Every Saturday from 2-4pm in the school parking lot.

SUNDAY MASS: Watch Father Adam LIVE at 9:30 am each Sunday, or anytime after at your convenience. A link is provided on our website: www.stmaryspontiac.org

DRIVE-THRU COMMUNION: Priests will be available **each Sunday from 10:30am to 12 noon** to distribute Holy Communion in the school parking lot until we are able to be together again in church. Please approach the parking lot from the north on Chicago Street so as not to cause any traffic backups on Howard Street.

HOW TO STAY UP TO DATE: During this time of ever changing information, we use *Flocknote* to share the most up to date info with our parishioners. If you are not currently on *Flocknote*, use your cell phone to text the word PONTIAC to 84576. Follow the instructions given to you, and you will be in the loop. Each family member who has a cell phone should register with *Flocknote*...young and old. It's important that we have BOTH your updated email address and cell phone number. Please check your *Flocknote* account to make any necessary changes. If you are ONLY a landline user, please contact Mick Peterson (815-822-1724), and he will guide you through the registration process.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY volunteers have been working very hard these past weeks to assure those in need are taken care of and everyone stays safe. If you, or anyone you know, is looking for up-to-date information about St. Vincent De Paul please see their Facebook page *St. Mary's-Pontiac St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry* or call them directly at 815-844-3663 (FOOD). ALSO, PLEASE KEEP TURNING IN ENVELOPES...St. Vincent De Paul continues to need donations so if you could be turning in those envelopes that would be a great help

WOMEN'S GUILD RUMMAGE SALE FUNDRAISER: The Women's Guild will be scheduling a Rummage Sale Fundraiser as soon as they are safely able to do so. 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.

THE PRIESTS HAVE MOVED to the house north of the school playground on Chicago Street. This is their PRIVATE residence. All phone calls, mail and business matters will continue to be handled through the parish office. The former rectory, where the priests used to live, will now be referred to as the Parish Center. Small groups will be able to meet at the Parish Center if other spaces are filled. To reserve a space, please contact the parish secretary at 815-844-7683.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL OPEN REGISTRATION FOR GRADES K-8 for the 2020-2021 school year is underway for new families. We have full, state private school recognition and we are accredited by AdvancED. Religion is taught each day and special classes are offered in computer technology, P.E., art, vocal and instrumental music. Scholarships are available. Registration forms can be found online at www.stmaryspontiac.org or picked up in the school office. For more information, or to schedule a tour, contact the school office at 815-844-6585

29TH ANNUAL ST. MARY'S DRAWDOWN has been postponed until **Saturday, October 17, 2020**. Purchased tickets will be good for the October event. Thank you for your support of St. Mary's School.

LITTLE DISCIPLES PRESCHOOL is still going forward. The construction workers have been coming in at different times to maintain social distancing and the work is well on its way. It is very exciting to see some great things being done even in these challenging moments.

MARTHA'S MINSTRY (St. Mary's Bereavement Ministry) serves family members grieving the loss of a loved one. Bereavement ministers make contact by phone, mail, e-mail and personal visits. Cards are sent out to parish members at the time of their loved one's death and at Easter, All Saints' Day, Christmas, and the one-year anniversary of the death. Also, a booklet, *To Be Lifted Up*, is delivered or mailed to grieving families that assists them in their journey of grief and healing. At the same time, prayers are offered for those who have passed and for their families. Martha's Ministry, started in March 1999, by Msgr. Tom Mack and Deacon Jim Wallace, and meets on the second Wednesday of each month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Rosary Room. At these meetings prayers are offered for those who have died and for their family members. Then each minister picks from a pool of obituaries of recent deaths, choosing one or more. The obits are people who have family members from St. Mary's. The ministers help each other with information about the deceased and their families so that they may minister with sensitivity and pertinent information. Discretion and confidentiality are, therefore, very important. The Martha's Ministry team needs caring and empathetic individuals to join in this ministry. If interested, please call the rectory, 815-844-7683, Margo Law, 815-579-5102, or Katie Wille, 815-842-1233.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS: There are new incentives through the new CARES Act for those able and wanting to make charitable donations to nonprofits such as their parish, diocese or Catholic Charities. This includes Sunday offering donations as well as direct donations to Catholic Schools. For more information, visit our website at stmaryspontiac.org, click on the picture of the church, go to OTHER, STEWARDSHIP, ONLINE GIVING.

RENT, MORTGAGE, UTILITY ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE THROUGH CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Many blessings! United in Prayer in these difficult times! Catholic Charites of the Diocese of Peoria has received a $100,000 grant from the Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund to assist families with primarily utility or rent/mortgage payments. We are to distribute the funds from May 29, 2020-July 31, 2020 in the following counties:

- Champaign
- Fulton
- LaSalle
- Livingston
- McDonough
- McLean
- Peoria
- Rock Island
- Tazewell

Families can begin the initial intake process to be considered for funds by calling (815)-414-2097 on Mondays and Fridays from 10-3pm. Alternatively, they can apply online via the link on our website: https://cdop.org/catholic-charities/. Criteria for funds require that recipient's be directly impacted by COVID-19. Each family is eligible to receive funding for utilities, one month's bill and up to $250 to catch up on payments since March 1, or for rent/mortgage, one month's bill up to $550 and up to $250 to catch up on payments since March 1. They can also receive first month's rent on new leases up to $550.

2020 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

This year's ADA has been postponed until we can all be together again in church.

Watch for details at a later date.

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WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE NOW HAVE AN AMAZONSMILE ACCOUNT:

You shop. Amazon gives.

How does AmazonSmile work?

Go to our website church.stmaryspontiac.org and click on the Amazon Smile link. 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

PLEASE NOTE: **DO NOT PARK IN FRONT OF THE DUMPSTER AT ANY TIME!**

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR JUNE

The Way of the Heart: We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

SPIRIT RADIO

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: Duffy Baier Snedecor Funeral Home, Gem's Carpet Cleaning, Knights of Columbus Council #854, Edinger's Filling Station, Lambert Ag Services, Inc., Fogarty's Garage & Lyons-Sullivan Realty. If you would like to support CSR, please contact Jerry LoPiccalo at 630-514-6221.

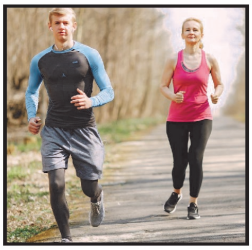
CHILDREN'S ROSARY ON CATHOLIC SPIRIT RADIO: Every Sunday and Wednesday at 8:30pm, tune in to hear St. Mary's School students pray the Rosary. Five ways to listen!
Catholic Spirit Radio on 88.3 FM
online at www.catholicspiritradio.com
Roku Channel Store
Alexa play Catholic Spirit Radio
Audio now 605-472-9380

"FAITH IN QUARANTINE": Visit our website above and click on the "Faith in Quarantine" tab which features prayers for pandemic times, local and national podcasts related to the coronavirus situation, and uplifting articles.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 31, 2020

Sunday	**Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday** Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7; 12-13; Jn 20:19-23
Monday	**Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church** Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87: 1-2,3 and 5, 6-7; Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday	**Sts. Marcellinus and Peter** 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16; Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday	**St. Charles Lwanga and Companions** 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef; Mk 12:18-27
Thursday	2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Mk 12:28-34
Friday	**St. Boniface** 2 Tm 3:10-17; Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168; Mk 12:35-37
Saturday	**St. Norbert** 2 Tm 4:1-8; Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22; Mk 12:38-44
Sunday	**Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity** Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

WALK for HOPE



We're going virtual!

Join HPC in our first ever Virtual Fundraising Event.

Walk... Run... Bike...

Anywhere you are, anytime you can between **Mother's Day and Father's Day.**

You can make a gift and/or gather sponsorships during that period.

Every step you make, each pedal you take, will help make a difference in the life of those born and unborn!

WWW.PONTIACHOPEPC.COM **PH: 815-842-2484**

How does it work?

Sign-up Set a Goal Get Sponsors Invite Others Share Updates

Walk, run, or bike anytime between May 10th-June 21st

1. SIGN-UP
   - —Email, call, or message HPC through Facebook and let us know you are participating
2. SET A GOAL (see examples below)
   - — $150 (takes 3-8 sponsors)
   - — $300 (takes 6-15 sponsors)
   - — $500 and above (takes 10-25 sponsors)

   ***Above based on average sponsor gift of $25-$50**

YOU SET THE PACE... YOU SET HOW FAR

3. GET SPONSORS
   - — Family, Friends, Neighbors, Church family
4. INVITE OTHERS
   - — Invite others to participate in the Walk for Hope and get their own sponsors
5. SHARE UPDATES
   - — Post photos/videos of you walking, running, or biking
   - — Keep people up to date on how close you are to accomplishing your goal
   - — Make daily appeals for financial support on social media

Hope Pregnancy Center's mission is to bring hope for the life of the unborn, and hope for abundant life for a mother and her child by offering education, material items, and resources to thrive from conception through all stages of life.

All HPC services are free to families in Livingston County.

By participating in the WALK for HOPE event, you will help make this possible! We thank you in advance for supporting this ministry.

Gifts and pledges can be made payable to HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER via check, credit/debit card, or PayPal.

Mail checks to:

Hope Pregnancy Center
202 N. Main St., PO BOX 417
Pontiac, IL 61764

Credit/Debit Card or PayPal online at:

www.pontiachopepc.com

WALK FOR HOPE PLEDGE FORMS BELOW

Hope Pregnancy Center — WALK for HOPE — Sponsor Form

Participant Name:

Address:

Email: Phone Number:

MY GOAL IS: $_____ TOTAL RAISED: $_____

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS SPONSORSHIP FORM COMPLETELY and MAIL TO HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER by JUNE 21st

I'm Sponsoring Myself

PLEDGE AMOUNT: $_____

NAME:_____
ADDRESS:_____
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*Sponsor should mail pledge amount directly to HPC or visit our website to pay online

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