



# 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.”

*Matthew 10:32*

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Christ Calling His First Disciples by Adam Brenner, 1839

**St. Mary's Catholic Church**  
**Pontiac, Illinois**  
**June 21, 2020**

**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-Friday 7:00 am

**CONFESION 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:**

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Facebook: St. Mary's School  
Instagram: [stmaryspontiac](https://www.instagram.com/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

*If you attend Mass in church, there will be baskets at the door as you leave to deposit your envelopes. If you do not attend Mass, please continue to mail us your envelopes to the address above. We greatly appreciate those parishioners who continue to support our parish during this time.*



## Mass Intentions

**Sunday, June 21 (Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

9:30 a.m. Chris Larkin

**Wednesday, June 24 (Nativity of St. John the Baptist)**

7:00 a.m. 13th ann Larry Hepperly

**Friday, June 26**

7:00 a.m. 20th ann Dr. Dalisay Bello-Manabat

**Sunday, June 28 (Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

9:30 a.m. Jan Brubaker

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** The parish office will be open from 9am to 12 noon Monday-Friday. 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** will be held in the church on **Sunday, June 28 at 9:30am** with strict regulations and limited capacity for those who feel comfortable attending a public gathering. The Bishop continues the suspension of the obligation to attend Mass so Father Adam will still broadcast an online Mass at **9:30 am each Sunday**, or anytime after at your convenience. A link is provided on our website: [www.stmaryspontiac.org](http://www.stmaryspontiac.org)

**WEEKDAY MASSES WILL ALSO RESUME THIS WEEK** on **Wednesday and Friday only at 7:00 a.m.** followed by open prayer time in the church from 8am to 8pm on those days. Below is the daily schedule for all our churches.

**DAILY ADORATION 8am to 8pm**

**Mondays at St. Joseph Chenoa with Mass at 8am**

**Tuesdays at St. Patrick Dwight with Mass at 6pm**

**Wednesdays at St. Mary Pontiac with Mass at 7am**

**Thursdays at St. Paul Odell with Mass at 8am**

**Fridays at St. Mary Pontiac with Mass at 7am**

**DRIVE-THRU COMMUNION WILL CONTINUE** for those who cannot, or choose not to attend public Mass. Priests will be available **each Sunday from 10:30 to 11:30am (please note the shorter time)** to distribute Holy Communion in the school parking lot until the Bishop resumes the obligation to attend public Mass. 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:** 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.

# PUBLIC MASS IN THE CHURCH

## SUNDAY, JUNE 28 at 9:30am

*All attendees must follow the guidelines below  
and capacity will be restricted to 25%.*

*Doors will open at 9:00am. Only the Howard Street  
entrance will be open and ushers will seat you.*

**DAILY MASSES AND ADORATION:** The same restrictions and guidelines apply for our daily Masses and adoration. Please use the Howard Street entrance only.

**WARNING ABOUT RISK ASSUMED BY PARISHIONERS:** While our parish staff will attempt to take appropriate precautions consistent with the advice of public health authorities, parishioners and guests should understand that they assume the risk of contracting COVID-19 anytime they enter a public space since such precautions do not eliminate the risk of infection.

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE, OR CHOOSE NOT TO ATTEND MASS IN CHURCH, YOU CAN STILL OFFER THIS SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**  
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

## AS WE GATHER AT ST. MARY'S

### PLEASE OBSERVE OUR GUIDELINES



#### Wear Masks

Face-coverings are to be worn by the faithful in & around the church.



#### Stay 6 feet Apart

Physical distancing is practiced in the church & on the church property.



#### Holy Eucharist

Holy Communion will be offered only under the form of the Precious Body of Christ.



#### Sign of Peace

The sign of peace will be omitted from Mass.



#### Collection

Baskets will be located at the back of church and collected as you leave Mass.



#### Single Entry/Exit

Please use the marked entrances & exits only.



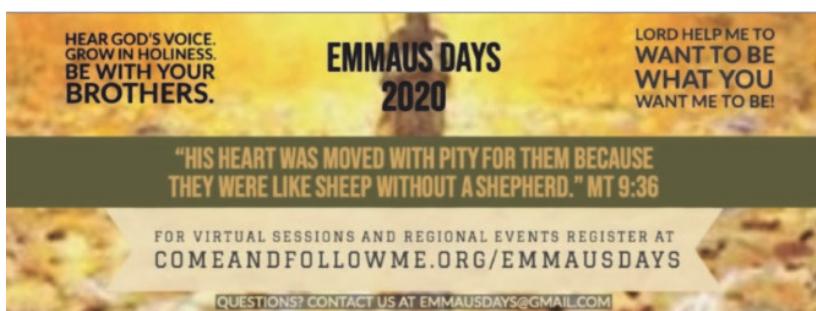
#### Holy Water

Forts will be empty, but you are encouraged to make the Sign of the Cross.



#### No Hymnals

Missalettes are not available in the pews at this time.



Summer is here, and in the Office of Vocations that means two things: **Emmaus Days and Totus Tuus!** Emmaus Days is the summer event where young men in 7th grade and up learn to hear the voice of God and grow into the man that God wants them to be. And Totus Tuus is a summer evangelization experience in which college students and seminarians help families and parishes around the diocese dive into the teachings of the Church and the mysteries of the rosary in fun ways.

We are sad that we're not able to have these two experiences in the ordinary way, but some great people are going to a lot of work to make sure they're still possible in some form!

Rather than bore you with explanations here, we made some videos explaining what we're going to do!

Check out our plans for Emmaus Days and Totus Tuus by watching videos at [comeandfollowme.org](http://comeandfollowme.org). Young men 7th grade and up can register on this website, and families can register their children for Totus Tuus on this website also.

The experiences are free, and both have active and video elements, so that we don't all have to just keep looking at screens!

We're excited that we can meet up in this way, and some great new possibilities will come out of it. So go ahead and watch the videos and sign up, and we'll send info on how to participate within the next week!

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**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](http://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 MINISTRY** (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, Marago 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](http://stmaryspontiac.org), click on the picture of the church, go to OTHER, STEWARDSHIP, ONLINE GIVING.

**WE WELCOME TRANSITIONAL DEACON NICOLAS WILSON** who will be spending part of the summer with us here at St. Mary's. Deacon Nicholas was recently ordained to the Transitional Diaconate. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to Deacon Nicolas when you can.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** parishioner Frank Panno, R.I.P. Our sympathy to his family and friends.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Matthew Starker and Amy Froelich** who were recently married in our church.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the family of **Zoey Louise Ferguson**, daughter of Abby Ferguson, who was recently baptized as a member of our faith.

**25TH AND 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** If you are celebrating 25 or 50 years of marriage during the year 2020, please call the Rectory at 844-7683 by August 28 so that we can submit your names to the diocese for recognition by the Bishop.

**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.

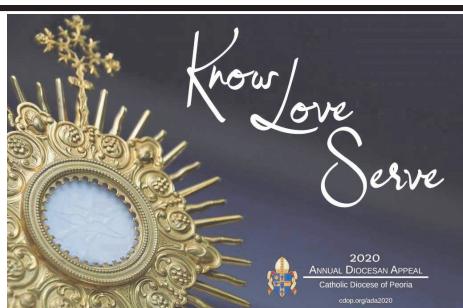
**HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER BABY BOTTLE PROJECT:** Pick up a baby bottle at church. Starting Father's Day thru August 16, drop in your spare change, bills, or a check. Return the bottle to church on Sunday, August 16 and know that the spare change collected will be used to help babies and mothers across the entire area. Help us inspire HOPE!

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY** continues to serve those in need of food, in a safe manner. 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 appreciates your support.



**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.



**WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE NOW HAVE AN AMAZONSMILE**

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Go to our website [church.stmaryspontiac.org](http://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](http://smile.amazon.com) every time you shop

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



## WE NEED YOU... SEW MUCH

Personal masks are vital as OSF HealthCare resumes some of the services we paused to focus on the COVID-19 pandemic. We're reigniting these services – but we must do that as safely as possible. That means ensuring all patients, visitors and non-clinical Mission Partners wear personal masks at all times in our facilities.

**Will you help us preserve our mask supplies for those providing direct patient care?**

If you have the skills and heart to help, please consider sewing personal masks to donate to keep all of us safe.

Visit [osfhealthcare.org/maskmakers](http://osfhealthcare.org/maskmakers) for sewing instructions and drop off locations near you.



**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.



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

Roku Channel Store

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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 JUNE 21, 2020**

Sunday	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33
Monday	<b>St. Paulinus of Nola;</b> <b>Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More</b> 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday	<b>The Nativity of St. John the Baptist</b> <b>Vigil:</b> Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17 <b>Day:</b> Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
Thursday	2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Mt 7:21-29
Friday	2 Kgs 25:1-12; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Mt 8:1-4
Saturday	<b>St. Cyril of Alexandria</b> Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21; Mt 8:5-17
Sunday	<b>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42