

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

And raising his eyes toward
his disciples he said:
“Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours.”

Luke 6:20



St. Mary's Catholic Church
Pontiac, Illinois
February 13, 2022

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PONTIAC, ILLINOIS

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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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Facebook: St. Mary's School

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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: \$13,138.75

School Collection was \$2,215.00.

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

Building Maintenance Fund Collection: Next weekend.



Mass Intentions

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

Monday, February 14 (Sts. Cyril & Methodius)

7:00 a.m. Monty Kohn

Tuesday, February 15

7:00 a.m. 11th ann Bernie Cassady

Wednesday, February 16

7:00 a.m. Mary & Paul Rittenhouse

Thursday, February 17 (Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order)

8:15 a.m. 19th ann Dick Masching

Friday, February 18

7:00 a.m. Louise Masching

Saturday, February 19

4:00 p.m. Jo Schultz

Sunday, February 20 (Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Parish

9:30 a.m. Jesus Calle

Servers for Saturday, February 19

4:00 p.m. Tristin Bednar

Servers for Sunday, February 20

7:00 a.m. Tyson Cramer

9:30 a.m. Samantha Johns, Drew & Abby Lauritsen

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 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.

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 **Dominic Jakob & Elena Rose Bartolo**, children of Cristobal Bartolo-Gonzalez & Amber Mussari Bartolo, who were recently baptized as members of our faith.

PLEASE PRAY FOR parishioner Ben Erickson, R.I.P. Our sympathy to his family and friends.



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"Making Disciples for the Mission" Program

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card.

Each and every one of you is a vital member of our parish community and we want to hear from you! This is an opportunity to **reflect upon and renew** your sacrificial commitment to support the mission of St. Mary's Catholic Church. For those who are able—there is an opportunity to make a one-time gift to the parish. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. For those of you who would prefer to fill out your Commitment Card online, please visit the parish website at www.church.stmaryspontiac.org

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!

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!

BISHOP JENKY BIRTHDAY & RETIREMENT: On March 3rd, Bishop Jenky will celebrate his 75th birthday, which is the age when bishops are required by canon law to submit their resignation to the Holy Father. Well wishes on the occasion of his birthday and retirement may be sent to him at the following address:

Bishop Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.
Spalding Pastoral Center
419 N.E. Madison Avenue
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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

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to the November and December Quick Draw winners at St. Mary's School: **Jerry Causer, Bob Adcock, Karen Yirsa, Andrew Strub, Maddie Mehrkens, Mary Billington, Becky Gray, Meghan Murtaugh, Grace Becker, Joe Collins, and Vanessa Legner.** We sincerely appreciate your support of SMS! January winners will be announced soon.



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.

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

for the 2022-2023 school year has begun.

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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.



MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE

Through the Invest in Kids Act, students living at or below the federal poverty level can receive a scholarship to attend St. Mary's School. Scholarships cover up to 100% of private school tuition and fees. **We have 24 students (with tuition totaling \$79,200) who have qualified and are on the waiting list, hoping to receive a scholarship for the 2022-2023 school year.** We are pleased to announce that a generous donor has created a 1:1 matching gift program. For every dollar donated, this donor will match the gift up to \$10,000! **We need to raise \$10,000 by April 15 to unlock the full gift.** Additionally, Caterpillar employees and retirees can have their gift matched by the Caterpillar Foundation. A \$1,000 gift matched twice becomes \$3,000 to SMS! All donations must be made directly to Empower Illinois, our Scholarship Granting Organization. Donors will receive a 75% state tax credit for their donation. If you can help, call the school office at (815) 844-6585 or email Danielle Gill at gill.danielle@stmaryspontiac.org.

What is a matching gift program?



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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 FEBRUARY 13, 2022

Sunday	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 17:5-8/ Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6/ 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/ Lk 6:17, 20-26
Monday	Sts. Cyril & Methodius Jas 1:1-11/ Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/ Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday	Jas 1:12-18/ Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/ Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday	Jas 1:19-27/ Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/ Mk 8:22-26
Thursday	Jas 2:1-9/ Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Mk 8:27-33
Friday	Jas 2:14-24, 26/ Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mk 8:34-9:1
Saturday	Jas 3:1-10/ Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8/ Mk 9:2-13
Sunday	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/ Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13/ 1 Cor 15:45-49/ Lk 6:27-38

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.



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.



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CHILDREN'S ROSARY ON CATHOLIC SPIRIT RADIO:

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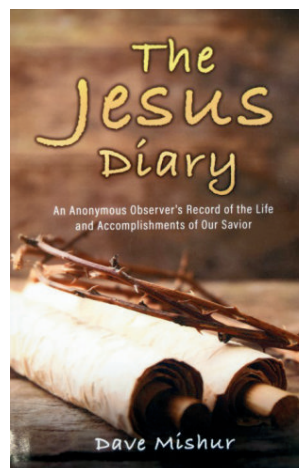
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CATHOLIC SPIRIT RADIO PILGRIMAGE: Saturday, March 12. This all-inclusive trip provides charter bus transportation from Normal to Princeville and Peoria. We will visit the Community of St. John for a Lenten talk, Adoration, Confession, Mass and lunch 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 19 for \$155 at catholicspiritradio.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

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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 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
Mon Feb 21	Peter & Shelly Benning Family; Chloe & Bailey Cox's Family
Tues Feb 22	Bill & Georgia Bertram Family; Olivia & Eli Miller's Family
Wed Feb 23	Jeff & Becky Bertrand Family; Chris Gray's Family
Thurs Feb 24	Troy & Katie Bertsche Family; Leleu Thruston's Family
Fri Feb 25	John & Peggy Beyer Family; Reagan Mackinson's Family
Mon Feb 28	Janet Bier Family; Kloe Wagner's Family



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