

# St. Mary's Catholic Church Pontiac, Illinois April 3, 2022

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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

#### **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. 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: \$10,102.25

School Collection: This weekend.

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

THANK YOU to those who regularly support our parish.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 2 (St. Francis of Paola) 8:00 a.m. Prodigals of St. Mary's Parish 4:00 p.m. Consecration of Russia & Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Sunday, April 3 (Fifth Sunday of Lent) 7:00 a.m. Parish Consecration of Russia & Ukraine to the 9:30 a.m. Immaculate Heart of Marv Monday, April 4 (St. Isidore) 7:00 a.m. Melinda Vallow Tuesday, April 5 (St. Vincent Ferrer) 7:00 a.m. John Kuhvimya Wednesday, April 6 Elizabeth Miller 7:00 a.m. Thursday, April 7 (St. John Baptist de la Salle) 8:15 a.m. Bernie & Beth Yago Friday, April 8 Frank Panno 7:00 a.m. Saturday, April 9 4:00 p.m. 6th ann Blaze Masching Sunday, April 10 (Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord) 7:00 a.m. Parish 9:30 a.m. Chuck Landrus Servers for Saturday, April 9 4:00 p.m. Carrington Gray Servers for Sunday, April 10 7:00 a.m. Hunter Trainor

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**EUCHARISTIC 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.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** parishioner Patricia "Pat" "Kush" Lyons, Celeste Margherio (daughter of Marie Margherio), William "Bill" Fuss (partner of Bonnie Coriell), R.I.P. Our sympathy to their families and friends.

THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS RESUMES PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND, APRIL 9/10. Per Bishop Tylka, "The time has come to rescind the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Each year on Palm Sunday, we mark Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem as we begin Holy Week. This year, it will also mark our Church's triumphant renewal of Sunday worship. It must be noted that watching Mass on TV or via the internet—even when it is live-streamed—does not fulfill the Sunday obligation. As has always been the case, those who are ill or homebound, along with those who care for them, are not obliged to attend Mass. Charity indicates that if you are contagious, you should stay home."



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FRY

Friday, April 8 5-7 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Fried pollack, baked cod, fried shrimp, grilled cheese, mac & cheese, potato, vegetable, cole slaw, dessert & drink

\$12 for adults, \$7 for children ages 6-12, \$40 family max

Menu subject to change due to supply. Due to a significant increase in the cost of fish, we will NOT be offering All-You-Can-Eat. Cost above is per plate. We apologize for the inconvenience.



### "Making Disciples for the Mission" Program

Thank you for your generous support of our "Making Disciples for the Mission" Program! Several weeks ago, we began this important parish-wide program and we are starting to see signs that our offertory collections are growing through the generosity of *YOU*, our faithful parish community. Next week we will be publishing

in the bulletin a report with important highlights from our program. Thank you so very much to all who participated. Your generosity shows your willingness as faithful stewards to be a part of the ongoing missions of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

**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** 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!

**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.

**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



LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE: Wednesday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

**PLANTS NEEDED FOR GETHSEMENE GARDEN:** We are in need of all sizes of green plants for our Holy Thursday display. Plants can be dropped off at the church on Tuesday or Wednesday of Holy Week, then picked up on Good Friday before 10am.

**ATTENTION ADORERS:** There will be NO Adoration from April 14-20 due to Holy Week and Father's rest after Easter. Adoration will resume Thursday, April 21.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE Monday of Holy Week, April 11 6:30-6:50AM - Confessions 7:00AM - Mass 12:00 - 1:00PM - Confessions 6:30-8:00PM - Confessions **Tuesday of Holy Week, April 12** 6:30-6:50AM - Confessions 7:00AM - Mass Wednesday of Holy Week, April 13 6:30-6:50AM - Confessions 7:00AM - Mass 12:00-1:00PM – Confessions 6:30PM - Stations of the Cross with Scenes from The Passion of the Christ - Confessions during and after Stations of the Cross Holy Thursday, April 14 8:15AM – School Mass 7:00PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper Visitation of Churches 10:30PM - Adoration Closes Good Friday, April 15 12:00PM - Passion Service 1:00-2:00PM - Confessions 5:30-7:00PM - Confessions Holy Saturday, April 16 NO CONFESSIONS 8PM - Easter Vigil Mass Easter Sunday, April 17 Masses at 7AM, 9AM and 10:30AM

**EASTER FLOWERS** may once again be purchased in memory or in honor of a loved one to help decorate the church for Easter. All memorials and honors will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Please place money and the form below in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" and place it in the collection basket.

PLEASE PRINT NAMES AS YOU WANT THEM TO APPEAR IN THE BULLETIN.

IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME\_

Lily—\$10 Small Mum—\$15 Large Mum—\$20

Azalea—\$30

## 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. 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 <u>Empower Illinois</u> website. You may also contact the school office for more information.

#### SPALDING SCHOLARSHIPS: Your child <u>can</u> attend a Catholic School, Financial Assistance Available

Tuition assistance scholarship grants from the endowment fund established as a result of the Diocese of Peoria ROOTED IN FAITH Campaign and named in honor of Archbishop Spalding, the first Bishop of Peoria, will be available for the 2022-2023 school year for students enrolled in or intending to enroll in grades Kindergarten through 12 in any Catholic school located in the Diocese of Peoria whose families are active members of a Catholic parish in the diocese. All grants will be based on financial need objectively assessed. Information about the grants and application materials may be obtained from any Catholic elementary or secondary school in the Diocese of Peoria or on the Diocesan website <u>www.cdop.org</u> under *Catholic Education* and then under *Financial Assistance*. Consult the detailed protocols and procedures and checklist for all requirements necessary to be eligible for an award. Parents must apply online at: <u>online.factsmgt.com/aid</u>. Families of students currently receiving grants are reminded that all grants are for one year only, and anyone seeking to renew a grant for the 2022-2023 school year must reapply. Deadline date for the completed application is **April 29, 2022**. Notification of grant awards will be made by the end of June 2022.

Another funding opportunity is also available due to the Invest in Kids Act legislation in Illinois. Students may be eligible for up to 100% of tuition and fees under a new program for tax credit scholarships (TCS). Details on how to apply and who qualifies are available on the Empower Illinois website at <u>www.empowerillinois.org</u>. Students who receive a TCS are ineligible to receive a Spalding award.

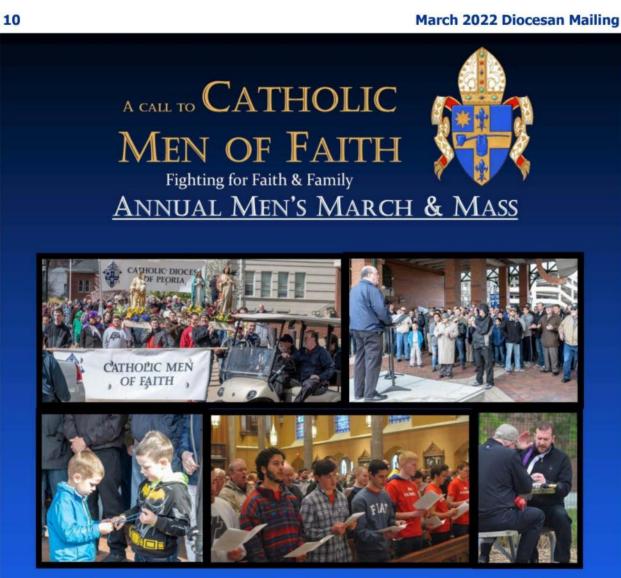
# MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE

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 di-



rectly 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 <u>gill.danielle@stmaryspontiac.org</u>.





# SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022

8:30am- Confessions at the Peoria Riverfront
9:00am- Gathering & Opening Prayer
9:15am- Men's Rally Begins
9:45am- March to Cathedral
10:30am- Mass with Bishop Lou Tylka at the Cathedral of St. Mary
11:45am- Fellowship & Food Following the Mass at Spalding Pastoral Ctr.

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#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 3, 2022**

Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Lent Is 43:16-21;
	Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5,6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11
Monday	St. Isidore
	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62;
	Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn8:12-20
Tuesday	St. Vincent Ferrer
	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56;
	Jn 8:31-42
Thursday	St. John Baptist de la Salle
	Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7;
	Jn 10:31-42
Saturday	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13;
	Jn 11:45-56
Sunday	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
	Lk 19:28-40; ls 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23
	-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56 or Lk 23: 1-49





#### 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 <u>www.stmaryspontiac.org</u> 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.

#### PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR APRIL

**Health Care Workers:** We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.



#### **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 <u>www.catholicspiritradio.com</u> 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 LoPiccalo at 630-514-6221.

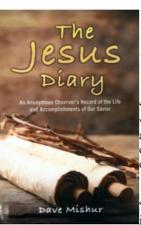
# **ROŠARY ON CATHOLIC SPIRIT RADIO:** Everyday at 4:30am and 8:30pm.

Five ways to listen! Catholic Spirit Radio on 88.3 FM online at www.catholicspiritradio.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 DA-VID: 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."

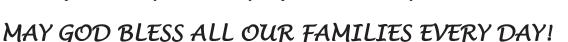
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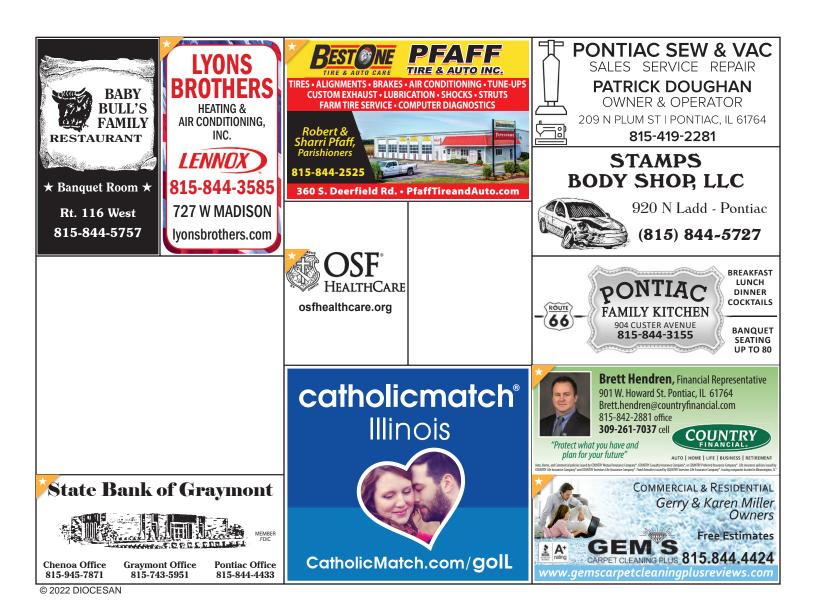
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# PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL FAMILIES THIS YEAR

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 Apr 4	Marilyn Broerman Family, Knox Grundler's Family
Tues Apr 5	Valerie Brown Family, Weston Haan's Family
Wed Apr 6	Barbara Brunskill Family, Zander Miller's Family
Thurs Apr 7	Deb Bromberek Family, Owen & Lydia Kelly's Family
Fri Apr 8	Mark & Michele Brummel Family,
-	Rosie, Ryann & Kennedy Krenz's Family
Mon Apr 11	John Brunskill Family, Beckett Legner's Family
Tues Apr 12	Betty Buck Family, Ryne Mackinson's Family
Wed Apr 13	Harold & Bernice Brown Family, Lanie McGuckin's Family
Thurs Apr 14	William & Diana Burbridge Family, Avery Van Waes's Family
Fri Apr 15	Mary Buster Family, Sophia Forbes's Family







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