

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom."
He replied to him, "Amen I say to you
today you will be with me in

Paradise."

Luke 23:42, 43



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April 10, 2022

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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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ST. MARY'S FOOD PANTRY: 401 E. Water St. Open to
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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: \$14,620.18

School Collection was \$2,023.00.

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

Building Maintenance Fund Collection: Next weekend.



Mass Intentions

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

Monday, April 11

7:00 a.m. Lori Bristow

Tuesday, April 12

7:00 a.m. Sharilyn Ryan

Wednesday, April 13

7:00 a.m. Betty Pouliot

Thursday, April 14 (Holy Thursday)

8:15 a.m. *** NO MASS ***

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 15 (Good Friday)

7:00 a.m. *** NO MASS ***

12 noon Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 16 (Holy Saturday)

4:00 p.m. *** NO MASS ***

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 17 (Easter Sunday)

7:00 a.m. 22nd ann Kevin Casson

9:00 a.m. Tom Bednar

10:30 a.m. Parish

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 Sharilyn Ryan (daughter of Shari Paris),
Karen Clemens Soper (sister of Debi Wesselhoff), Father Francis
Pouliot (brother of George Pouliot), and James Bailey (father of
Tammie Masching), R.I.P. Our sympathy to their families and
friends.

***THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS RESUMES
PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND, APRIL 9/10. Per Bish-
op Tylka, "The time has come to rescind the dispensa-
tion from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Each
year on Palm Sunday, we mark Jesus' triumphant en-
trance into Jerusalem as we begin Holy Week. This
year, it will also mark our Church's triumphant re-
newal 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 obliga-
tion. 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."***

***DRIVE THRU COMMUNION will no longer be avail-
able after Sunday Masses.***

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH
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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 Baptism prep class.

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY SEWING CIRCLE will meet **Thursday, April 14 from 9am to 12:30pm** in the parish hall.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Due to Holy Thursday, the April meeting will be postponed one week to **Thursday, April 21 at 6:30pm.**

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION: The first Sunday after Easter is celebrated as the Feast of the Divine Mercy. This year, we invite everyone to St. Joseph Church in Chenoa to join in their Divine Mercy celebration on **Sunday, April 24 at 5:00 pm. Brochures to pray the Novena at home starting on Good Friday are available at the church entrance.**

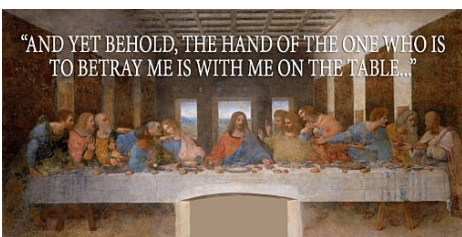
LEGION OF MARY: Want to tell the world about Jesus through Evangelization? Legion of Mary meetings have resumed. Please join us **every Thursday at 7:00pm** in the rectory. Please use the back door.

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

ST. MARY'S DRAWDOWN: We are pleased to announce that the net profit from our 29th Annual DrawDown is \$26,615! After a two year absence, the people of St. Mary's came together at the Elks for a festive night for the benefit of our school! Thank you to everyone who helped to make this event a huge success.



HOLY WEEK

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS with Scenes from *The Passion of the Christ*: On **Wednesday, April 13 at 6:30pm** we will have a special Stations of the Cross in the church. We will experience Christ's Passion as never before by praying the Stations of the Cross in candlelight while watching the particular scenes from Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ* corresponding to the 14 Stations. These scenes from the movie tend to be violent and can be difficult to watch as it powerfully portrays what Jesus went through for us in His Passion and death. The event is not appropriate for young children. Parents should use discretion in whether they want their older children to attend. Please consider attending this event which promises to be a powerful conclusion to your Lent.

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

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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE AT AREA CHURCHES

Holy Thursday

Chenoa & Chatsworth at 7:00pm

Good Friday

Flanagan at 4:00pm, Lexington at 5:30pm,

Chatsworth at 6:30pm, Chenoa at 7:00pm

Easter Vigil

Chenoa at 7:30pm

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

for the 2022-2023 school year has begun.

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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 website. You may also contact the school office for more information.

SPALDING SCHOLARSHIPS: Your child can 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 www.cdop.org 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: online.factsmgt.com/aid. 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 www.empowerillinois.org. 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 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?



A CALL TO **CATHOLIC**
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SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022

8:30am- Confessions at the Peoria Riverfront

9:00am- Gathering & Opening Prayer

9:15am- Men's Rally Begins—Fr. Charles Klamut

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 10, 2022

Sunday	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Lk 19:28-40; Is 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
Monday	Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday	Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 & 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday	Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 & 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper Ex 12: 1-8, 11-14; Ps 116: 12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11: 23-26; Jn 13: 1-15
Friday	Good Friday of the Lord's Passion Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday	Holy Saturday Gn 1:1-2:2 or Gn 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 & 22; Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Ex 14:15-15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or Is 12:2-3, 4 bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12
Sunday	Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8a; Jn 20:1-9

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.



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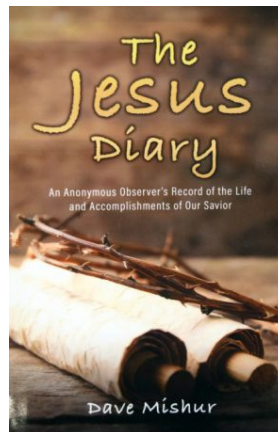
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PRAYERFUL PILGRIMAGE TO SUPPORT VOCATIONS:

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.

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 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
Mon Apr 18	Donna Cahill Family, Isaac & Henry Yedinak's Family
Tues Apr 19	Todd & Patsy Campbell Family, Aron Trevino's Family
Wed Apr 20	Agile & Yvonne Carter Family, Nora & Wilson Sweitzer's Family
Thurs Apr 21	Carrie Carroll Family, Charlie & Lily Sipe's Family
Fri Apr 22	Mike & Shirley Casey Family, Reese & Gavin Wehri's Family



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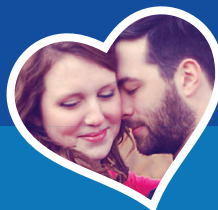
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