



St. Mary's Catholic Church
Pontiac, Illinois
April 24, 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

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Phone: 815-844-6585

Principal: Mrs. Karen Jones, jones.karen@stmaryspontiac.org

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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.
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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: \$18,439.25

St. Mary's Food Pantry Collection was \$2,731.00.

Building Maintenance Fund Collection was \$2,018.00.

Good Friday Holy Land Collection was \$1,857.00.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 23

4:00 p.m. Selma Simpson

Sunday, April 24 (Divine Mercy Sunday)

7:00 a.m. 1st ann Carol Ann Trainor

9:30 a.m. Parish

Monday, April 25 (St. Mark)

7:00 a.m. Catherine Vill

Tuesday, April 26

7:00 a.m. Paul Rittenhouse

Wednesday, April 27

7:00 a.m. Patsy Paris Woll

Thursday, April 28 (St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort)

8:15 a.m. Elizabeth Fitzgerald Family

Friday, April 29 (St. Catherine of Siena)

7:00 a.m. Antonio DeLeonPe

Saturday, April 30 (St. Pius V, pope)

4:00 p.m. 44th wedd ann Steve & Linda Renner

Sunday, May 1 (Third Sunday of Easter)

7:00 a.m. Parish

9:30 a.m. Randy Brubaker-First Communion

Servers for Saturday, April 30

4:00 p.m. Tristin Bednar

Servers for Sunday, May 1

7:00 a.m. Haidyn & Harper Francis

9:30 a.m. First Communion

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 Pat Hepperly at 815-842-3425 or the Parish Office at
815-844-7683.

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 Bap-
tism prep class.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME to **Amanda Cleary,**
Cheyenne Coon, Alicia Cunningham, Tory Farney, Samuel
Kelly, Jesus Madrigal and Scott Stover who became full mem-
bers of our Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

McGinn & Hepperly Families-Pat Hepperly

FIRST COMMUNION will be celebrated
NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 1 at the 9:30am
Mass.



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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.** This event will include Eucharistic Adoration, reading of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, confessions, and music provided by the Illinois Wesleyan choir under the direction of Dr. Scott Ferguson.

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY SEWING CIRCLE will meet **Thursday, April 28 from 9am to 12:30pm** in the parish hall.

GRADUATES MASS: This year's Graduates Mass will be for **SENIORS ONLY** and will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 15 at the 9:30am Mass.** Invitations have been sent out. If you have a senior graduate and did not receive this invitation, please contact the parish office. RSVPs can be returned in the collection basket or mailed to the parish office.

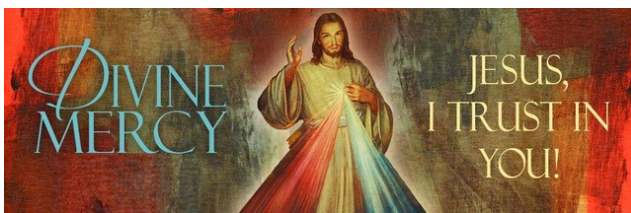
WATCH RETREAT: We would like to invite you to attend a one day renewal retreat, **FANNING THE FLAME**, sponsored by WATCH. The day is open to everyone, even if you have never attended a prior WATCH retreat. Join us on **Saturday, June 11 from 9am to 3:30pm** at St. Mary's Parish Hall. A light lunch will be provided and there is no cost to attend but freewill offerings will be accepted. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Sherri Hatzert at 815-848-6787.

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.

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!

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



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LECTORS FOR MAY

4:00 p.m.	Paula Rosenbaum
7:00 a.m.	Debbie Alsdorf
9:30 a.m.	Carol Faust & Sarah Bowling

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS FOR MAY

4:00 p.m.	Pat Bednar, Mary Lynn Schopp
7:00 a.m.	Paul Giordano, Nancy Smith, Vicki McBeath
9:30 a.m.	Carol Schopp, Paula Corrigan, Sue Smith

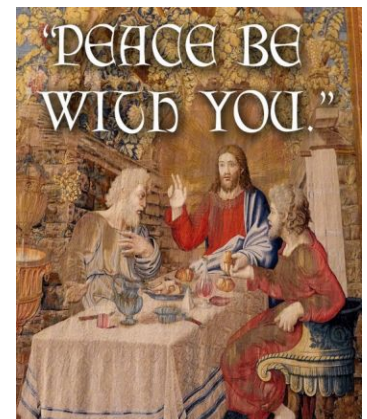
EMMAUS DAYS 2022: Session 1 and 2 participants deepen their faith and focus on discerning God's will through prayer and the sacraments. By listening to and spending time with priests and seminarians, participants get a glimpse into their lives. These sessions are for those who are in college, as well as single men in their 20s and 30s who are discerning their vocation.

Session 1	Session 2
June 10-12	June 24-26

Both sessions are at St. John's Catholic Newman Center in Champaign.

Sessions 3 and 4 are led by seminarians where participants hear God's call to become real Christian men. The experience includes prayer, talks and activities like basketball, soccer, ultimate Frisbee and card games.

Session 3	Session 4
July 17-20	July 20-22
Freshmen & Sophomores	7th and 8th Graders
Both sessions are at Peoria Notre Dame High School	



A CALL TO **CATHOLIC**
MEN OF FAITH
Fighting for Faith & Family
ANNUAL MEN'S MARCH & MASS



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.

**Food & Beverages will be available for purchase*

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NOTE OF GRATITUDE

Making Disciples for the Mission

God's love certainly unites us!

This is evident in the parish response to our recent annual stewardship outreach. THANK YOU! I am humbled and grateful for your commitment to St. Mary's Catholic Church, especially during challenging times. Through your commitment, our parish remains vibrant, engaged and Christ-centered in the Eucharist and in serving one another.

God's work is never done! Your prayerful response both materially and spiritually is setting the groundwork for a path forward as we plan for the future of our parish and continuation of critical ministries and service programs. St. Mary's Catholic Church continues to grow as a strong, faith-filled stewardship community because of parishioners like you!

I am humbled to serve as your pastor as we continue to demonstrate true discipleship.

In Christ,

Fr. Adam J. Lesarek
Father Adam



Highlights

\$74,128

in additional offertory
commitments
(contributions not yet
realized)

\$28,145

committed in
one-time gifts

56%

response rate
from those actively
supporting the parish

1

new family welcomed
into our parish
community

19

additional electronic
giving participants

If you have not yet renewed your commitment to our parish, please return your commitment card within the next few weeks. We are looking for 100% participation from our parish families! Each response makes a huge impact!

We Invite You To:

Love Your Parish

Joyfully worship and make the Eucharist our core and Summit

- Attend Mass in-person
- Attend Adoration
- Actively participate in the Liturgy
- Pray with others

Love Your Savior

Develop and grow a personal relationship with Christ

- Through scripture and Bible study
- Celebrate the Sacraments
- Join a book study, small group, or class
- Pray to find Christ in everything and to grow in faith

Love Your Neighbor

God asks us to share our gifts for the good of others

- Join a parish ministry
- Volunteer to charitable causes
- Practice corporal works of mercy
- Give in faithful response as a generous steward

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WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE NOW HAVE AN AMAZONSMILE

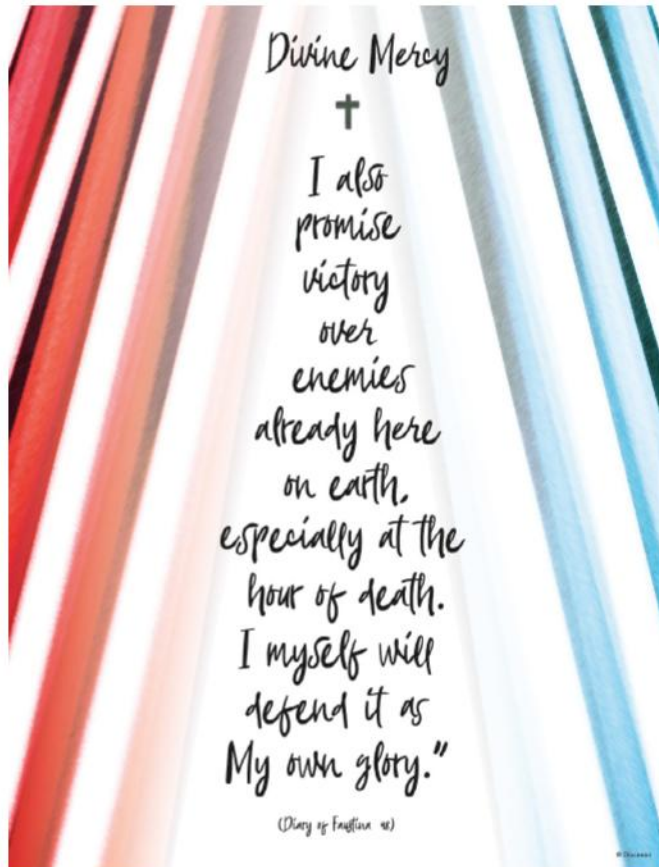
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 24, 2022

Sunday	Second Sunday of Easter Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31
Monday	St. Mark, Evangelist 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Tuesday	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday	St. Peter Chanel Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 & 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday	St. Catherine of Siena Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday	St. Pius V, Pope Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday	Third Sunday of Easter Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14



**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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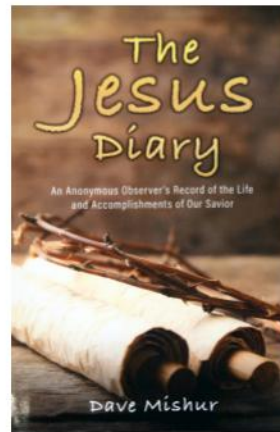
MASS IS BROADCAST EACH MORNING AT 7AM

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 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 25	Raquel Calle Family, Izzy, Evelyn, Myers Hinz's Family
Tues Apr 26	David Carroll Family, Josie Wenger's Family
Wed Apr 27	Brad & Angela Campbell Family, Maddie & Cameron Mikeworth's Family
Thurs Apr 28	Jim Carroll Family, Scout Minnaert's Family
Fri Apr 29	Charles & Jenny Cassady Family, Callum, Palmer & Eva Masching's Family
Mon May 2	Jacob Campbell Family, Nolan & Graham Mennenga's Family
Tues May 3	Randy & Sandy Carstens Family, Everett & Bruce Meiner's Family
Wed May 4	Janet Cassady Family, Jaxson Rambo's Family
Thurs May 5	Rick & Kathy Campbell Family, McKinlee & Kallen Morgan's Family
Fri May 6	John & Jeanne Cassady Family, Grayson & Keeley Monroe's Family



MAY GOD BLESS ALL OUR FAMILIES EVERY DAY!



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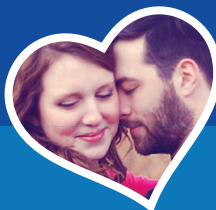


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