



6th Sunday
of Easter

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Pontiac, Illinois
May 22, 2022

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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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ST. MARY'S FOOD PANTRY: 401 E. Water St. Open to
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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: \$12,967.40

St. Mary's Food Pantry Collection was \$4,251.00.

Building Maintenance Fund Collection was \$2,503.00.

THANK YOU to those who regularly support our parish.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 21 (St. Christopher Magallanes & companions)

4:00 p.m. Ann Broerman Miller

Sunday, May 22 (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

7:00 a.m. Parish

9:30 a.m. Ray, Shirley & Sharon Andrews

Monday, May 23

7:00 a.m. Marie Mies

Tuesday, May 24

7:00 a.m. Living & deceased Bromberek, Sniegowski,
Pawlowski & Degenhardt Families

**Wednesday, May 25 (St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII,
pope; St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi)**

7:00 a.m. Karen Clemens Soper

Thursday, May 26 (St. Philip Neri)

8:15 a.m. In honor of Father Adam

Friday, May 27 (St. Augustine of Canterbury)

7:00 a.m. Mary & Paul Rittenhouse

Saturday, May 28

4:00 p.m. Connie Santini

Sunday, May 29 (Seventh Sunday of Easter)

7:00 a.m. Parish

9:30 a.m. 24th ann Hank Masching

Servers for Saturday, May 28

4:00 p.m. Nicholas & Carter Doughan

Servers for Sunday, May 29

7:00 a.m. Aidan Greil

9:30 a.m. Abby & Drew Lauritsen, Kaylee Delheimer

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.

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 to **Dakota Opperman & Sarah Legner**
who were recently married in our church.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
PRIESTS AS THEY CELEBRATE THE
ANNIVERSARIES OF THEIR PRIEST-
HOOD ORDINATIONS THIS WEEK:**

Fr. Adam Cesarek, 7th Anniversary on May 23

Fr. David Sabel, 13th Anniversary on May 23



DWELLING PLACE CLOSING: The liquidation sale at The
Dwelling Place enters it's final week. Starting Monday, May 23,
everything in the store is 75% off. All jewelry, rosaries, wall art,
books, Sock Religious socks, Tiny Saints, school uniforms and
more are 75% off. School uniforms are first-come, first-serve ba-
sis. No special orders. All sales final.



MEMORIAL DAY MASS

**MONDAY, MAY 30 AT 10:30 AM
ST. MARY'S CEMETERY**

This Mass will honor all of our deceased loved ones. Please bring a lawn chair. If the weather is inclement, a Flocknote message will be sent out and the Mass will be held at the church.

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY SEWING CIRCLE will meet **Thursday, May 26 from 9am to 12:30pm** in the parish hall.

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 Hatzer 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: 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).

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION



**SUNDAY, JUNE 19
IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING
9:30AM MASS**

**JOIN US AS
WE BRING
JESUS THROUGH
OUR COMMUNITY**

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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.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ST. MARY'S 8TH GRADE GRADUATES

**Graduation will be held
Wednesday, May 25**

Zachary Becker
Tristin Bednar
Henry DeYoung
Haidyn Francis
Rosalyn Krenz
Cayden Masching

Nolan Mennenga
Scout Minnaert
Charles Sipe
Keylee Thomas
Aron Trevino
Megan Wiechmann

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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

June 10-12

Session 2

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

July 17-20

Freshmen & Sophomores

Session 4

July 20-22

7th and 8th Graders

Both sessions are at Peoria Notre Dame High School



May 8th - June 19th

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school.stmaryspontiac.org/totus-tuus
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TOTUS TUUS JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

Entering Grades 7-12

**Sunday, June 12-
Thursday, June 16
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\$15 per teen

**Enter through the
Parish Hall doors off
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**For any questions,
please contact
Taryn Tissiere
at 815-979-7663**

**Registration form
on the website listed
to the left**

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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

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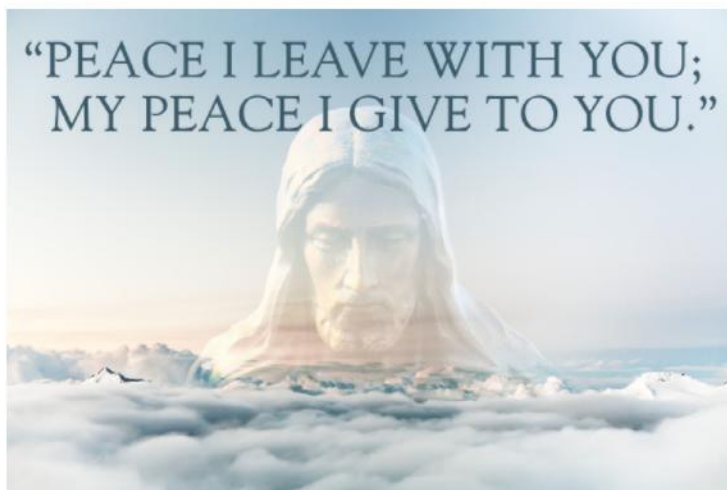
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 22, 2022

Sunday	Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29
Monday	Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday	Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday	St. Bede the Venerable Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday	St. Philip Neri Acts 18:1-8; 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday	St. Augustine of Canterbury Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday	Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday	Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53



**PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE
HOLY FATHER FOR MAY**

Faith-Filled Young People: We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.



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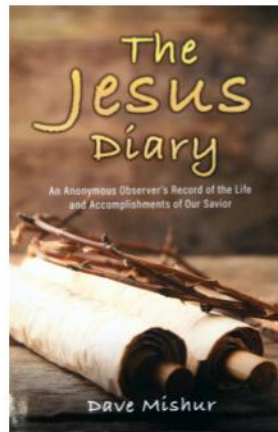
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MASS IS BROADCAST EACH MORNING AT 7AM

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 May 23 Neil & Theresa Christopher Family, Sammi & Riley Salinas's Family
Tues May 24 Patricia Collette Family, Adam Vitzthum's Family
Wed May 25 Roblee Casson Family, Cecilia & Avery Alsdorf's Family
Thurs May 26 Andy & Joan Collins Family, Flynn Eggleston's Family
Fri May 27 Mark & Karla Connolly Family, Harper Bachman's Family
Mon May 30 Ed Corrigan Family, Tristin Bednar's Family
Tues May 31 Jackie Cool Family, Cayden Masching's Family
Wed June 1 Ryan & Jordy Collins Family, Mary Helen McCorvie Family
Thurs June 2 Michael Cool Family, Christy Jones Family
Fri June 3 Mary Jo Corrigan Family, Anne Corrigan Family



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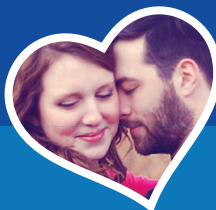


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