

As he blessed them
he parted from them and
was taken up to heaven.
Lk 24:51

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Pontiac, Illinois
May 29, 2022

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH
PONTIAC, ILLINOIS**

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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, Thursday, Friday 7:00 am

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.
Phone: 815-844-FOOD(3663)

SCRIP: Order forms can still be used for June orders. After
that, SCRIP moves to an electronic only format using the
RaiseRight app or at www.raiseright.com. Please see complete
information on page 3 of this bulletin.



STEWARDSHIP

Collection last Sunday: \$10,102.22

School Collection: Next weekend.

THANK YOU to those who regularly support our parish. We
now offer Online Giving through our website. Check it out at
www.stmaryspontiac.org



Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 28

4:00 p.m. Connie Santini

Sunday, May 29 (The Ascension of the Lord)

7:00 a.m. Parish

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

Monday, May 30 (Memorial Day)

10:30 a.m. Our Deceased Loved Ones
(at St. Mary's Cemetery)

Tuesday, May 31 (The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

7:00 a.m. Don & Barbara Ries

Wednesday, June 1 (St. Justin)

7:00 a.m. Mary Paris

Thursday, June 2 (Sts. Marcellinus & Peter)

7:00 a.m. 14th ann Phyllis Mullen

Friday, June 3 (St. Charles Lwanga & companions)

7:00 a.m. Katy Grove

Saturday, June 4

8:00 a.m. Prodigals of St. Mary's Parish

4:00 p.m. 1st ann John Benedino

Sunday, June 5 (Pentecost Sunday)

7:00 a.m. Pat Lyons

9:30 a.m. Parish

Servers for Saturday, June 4

4:00 p.m. Tristin Bednar

Servers for Sunday, June 5

7:00 a.m. Haidyn & Harper Francis

9:30 a.m. Molly, Zach & Mallory Masching

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.

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.

THURSDAY MASS: With school out for the summer, Thurs-
day Mass will be at **7:00am** until school resumes. Everyone is wel-
come.

FIRST SATURDAY MASS: Join us for Mass at 8:00am on the
first Saturday of each month where we will pray for our fallen
away Catholics.

SUMMER HOURS: The parish office will be closed on Friday
afternoons from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Timothy Jerome Henson & Chey-
enne Nicole Renee Coon** who were recently married in our
church.





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.

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 Hatzler 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).

SCRIP: *We have to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who has supported our SCRIP fundraising program over the last 12 years. Since its inception, the program has raised \$124,681 and counting for our school. Unfortunately, the time has come to transition the program to ELECTRONIC orders ONLY through the app RaiseRight or at raiseright.com. We will continue to take orders for physical cards on the following dates to finish out our fiscal year. You can place the order in the SCRIP box at the back vestibule at church or get them to Taryn Tissiere by 3pm on the following dates: Sunday, June 5 and Sunday, June 19. We will also have an inventory sale on June 19 after 7am and 9:30am Masses to sell off any additional cards we have in stock. Quantities are limited.*

If you do not have an online account through our SCRIP program and would like to set one up, please contact Taryn Tissiere at tis-siere.taryn@stmarypontiac.org. If you already use the App to order E-cards, please continue ordering as usual. Thank you again for your continued support!

CORPUS CHRISTI MASS AND PROCESSION

AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PONTIAC

*"The Eucharist is the source
and summit of our faith"*
Catechism of the Catholic Church



Mass begins at 9:30
AM
on Sunday, June 19
with a half mile
Corpus Christi
Procession through
downtown Pontiac
immediately following

For those who would like to join but
cannot walk the distance, alternate
transportation will be available to
drive you with the Procession.



LECTORS FOR JUNE

4:00pm	Earline Devito
7:00am	Paul Giordano
9:30am	Jim Martin & Margo Law

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS FOR JUNE

4:00pm	Bob & Shari Paris, Paula Rosenbaum
7:00am	Bryan & Susan Schweigert, Joan Duffy
9:30am	Sue Ledford, Lisa M. Martin, Amanda Lauritsen, Margo Law

THANK YOU to the people of St. Mary's for your generous response to my bake sale for the Hope Pregnancy Center. I collected about \$450 and was able to deliver so many items to the Center. Thank you again for all your help!
Rosie Krenz

ATTENTION PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

If your organization has news for the mid June issue of the Parish Newsletter, please submit your copy to the parish office no later than Tuesday, June 7. **THE PARISH NEWSLETTER IS AN EXCELLENT WAY TO KEEP PARISHIONERS INFORMED, AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE MORE DETAILS THAN BULLETIN SPACE PERMITS. PARISH ORGANIZATIONS ARE ENCOURAGED TO USE THIS PUBLICATION TO GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT MEETINGS, PARISH MEALS, SPECIAL EVENTS, MEMBERSHIP, AND FUNDRAISERS.** This information can be submitted as an article or advertisement. Pictures are welcome also. Contact the parish office if you have any questions.

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NEEDED: St. Mary's School is in need of a gently used refrigerator for the teacher's lunch room. Ours recently went to refrigerator heaven. If you have a gently used refrigerator, or know of someone who does, please contact the school office at 815-844-6585. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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

Session 4

July 20-22

Freshmen & Sophomores

7th and 8th Graders

Both sessions are at Peoria Notre Dame High School



May 8th - June 19th

Please join

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- Daily Mass
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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,
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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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WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE NOW HAVE AN AMAZONSMILE

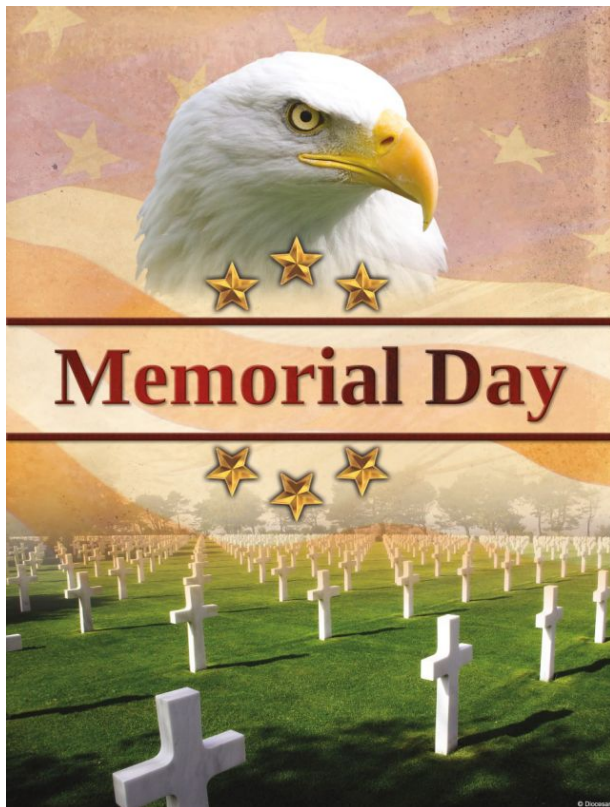
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 29, 2022

Sunday	Seventh Sunday of Easter 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
Monday	Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday	St. Justin Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday	Sts. Marcellinus and Peter Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday	St. Charles Lwanga and Companions Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 & 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday	Pentecost Sunday Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23



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

Families: We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives



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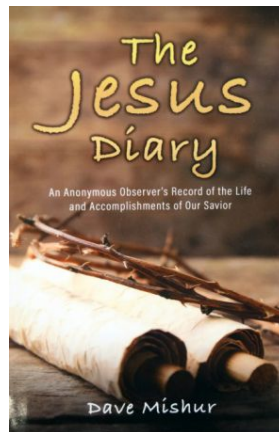
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PRAYERFUL PILGRIMAGE TO SUPPORT VOCATIONS:
Explore France with Father Timothy Hepner September 24-October 4, 2022 with an optional pre-tour to Lourdes September 21-25, 2022. For more information, please contact co-host Bonnie Newman at (309) 737-0059 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 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
Sat June 4	John Colvis Family, Carol Duffy Family
Sun June 5	Bonnie Coriell Family, Marie Becker Family
Mon June 6	Roger & Paula Corrigan Family, Ashley Folkerts Family
Tues June 7	Lori Conkle Family, Heidi Legner Family
Wed June 8	Joanne Coriell Family, Amanda Lauritsen Family
Thurs June 9	Rosemarie Corrigan Family, Kelly Krenz Family
Fri June 10	Doug Corrigan Family, Denise Plenert Family
Sat June 11	Alfredo & Nancy Cortez Family, Kim Cheek Family
Sun June 12	Harold Cunningham Family, Ellen Yedinak Family



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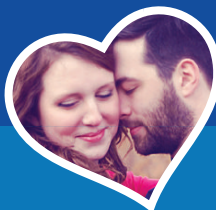


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