

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Do you think that I have come
to establish peace on earth?
No, I tell you, but rather division."

Luke 12:51



St. Mary's Catholic Church
Pontiac, Illinois
August 14, 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 8:15 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

Facebook: St. Mary's School

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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: SCRIP is now an electronic only format using the RaiseRight app or at www.raiseright.com. If you do not have an online account and would like to set one up, please contact Taryn Tissiery at tissiery.taryn@stmaryspontiac.org or 815-979-7663.



STEWARDSHIP

Collection last Sunday: \$12,468.00

School Collection was \$2,609.00.

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

Building Maintenance Fund Collection: Next weekend.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 13 (Sts. Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus)

4:00 p.m. 2nd ann Elzie Fry

Sunday, August 14 (Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Pat Lyons

9:30 a.m. Parish

Monday, August 15 (Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

7:00 a.m. Fr. Neri Greskoviak

6:00 p.m. Parish

Tuesday, August 16 (St. Stephen of Hungary)

7:00 a.m. R.J. Wallace Jr.

Wednesday, August 17

7:00 a.m. Patricia Smith

Thursday, August 18

8:15 a.m. 1st ann Fr. Jerry Verdun

Friday, August 19 (St. John Eudes)

7:00 a.m. Pamela Sopiars

Saturday, August 20 (St. Bernard)

4:00 p.m. Leo & Margaret Steinbach

Sunday, August 21 (Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Parish

9:30 a.m. 4th ann John Brunskill Jr.

Servers for Saturday, August 20

4:00 p.m. Tristin Bednar

Servers for Sunday, August 21

7:00 a.m. Christopher Corrigan, Tyson Cramer

9:30 a.m. Drew, Abby & Kate Lauritsen

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 Baptism prep class.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ON MONDAY, AUGUST 15 is NOT a Day of Obligation this year since it falls on a Monday. However, we will have a special Mass on Monday at 6:00pm for this Holy Day in addition to the regular 7am Mass that morning.

OFFICES CLOSED: The church and school offices will be **CLOSED this Tuesday, August 16** for a staff retreat.

WITH SCHOOL BACK IN SESSION THIS WEEK, we kindly ask that no one park in the school lot for morning Mass as student drop offs take place in the lot and parked cars disrupt the flow of traffic. Also, beginning this week, Thursday morning Mass will now be at 8:15am for school students and staff. The public is welcome to attend. Please sit in the back half of church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Betty Ann Gray (mother of Jeff Gray), R.I.P. Our sympathy to her family and friends.

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BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: St. Mary's will offer a vicariate-wide Bereavement Support Group beginning **Monday, September 12 from 6:30-8pm** and ending on November 2 with the All Souls' Mass which will be held to remember the loved ones of the support group members as well as relatives and friends of St. Mary's Parish who have passed away in the last year. The group will meet in the Parish Center (old rectory) and follow a series of readings and discussions. Deadline to register is August 29. All are welcome, no matter who you have lost or how long it has been since your loss. To register or for more information, please call St. Mary's Parish office at 815-844-7683, Margo Law at 815-579-5102, or Katie Wille at 815-842-1233.

LEGION OF MARY: Want to tell the world about Jesus through Evangelization? Become a disciple. Join the Legion of Mary **every Thursday at 7:00pm** in the parish center. Please use the back door.

ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP: All high school students are invited to join us this summer, every Monday evening from 7-9pm. Youth group meets in the upstairs of the Parish Center (former rectory). *Note change of day and time for the summer months.*

CCD/FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION: If you have children in Grades K-8 who attend public school, then you will want to sign-up for Religious Faith Formation (CCD) classes. Classes will be held on Sundays between the Masses beginning September 11. New registrations welcome! Please call Karen at 815-822-3282 to set up a meeting

CCD/FAITH FORMATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Do you love our Church? Are you ready to hand on our Catholic Faith to children? Then contact Karen at 815-822-3282. We need to fill a teacher position and aide position, and you can always join the sub list.

BABY BOTTLES FOR HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER: We are still 14 bottles short. Whether they are filled or not, please bring the bottle to church or the parish office as soon as possible so we can return them to the Hope Pregnancy Center.

THANKYOU!

THANK YOU: I would like to thank the people of St. Mary's for the kindness and generosity you all extended to me during my time

with you this summer. Parish assignments are an important part of seminary formation, and I certainly had a very positive and grace-filled experience in Pontiac. Please keep me in your prayers, and know of my prayers for you. God love you! Ryan Mann
Mundelein Seminary, 1000 E. Maple Ave., Mundelein, IL 60060

THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way in the St. Mary's Kitchen during the Livingston County Ag and 4-H Fair. It was a great success! We raised over \$10,000 this year! A big thank you to those that worked, donated baked goods, hamburger, hamburger buns, cups, napkins, pie and cookie containers, propane, water, cash donations and picking up and delivering food to us during the fair. Also, thank you to those that prayed for us to be safe and successful. Without everyone's help it wouldn't have been possible. We are truly blessed to have great parishioners at St. Mary's Church to make this all possible.

Thank you again,
Mark & Anne Corrigan

THANKYOU!



**ST. MARY'S SCHOOL
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Register online at school.stmaryspontiac.org. For more information, or to schedule a tour, contact the school office at 815-844-6585.

TEACHER NEEDED: St. Mary's School has an immediate teacher opening for **Junior High ELA (Language Arts and Literacy)**: Must have a valid Illinois teaching certificate, Middle school/Junior High Endorsement in ELA preferred. *We have hired a long term substitute to fill this position until a full time teacher can be found.*

We are seeking a Jr. High ELA Teacher who knows and loves Jesus. 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 with students and staff.

Please send 3 letters of recommendation and a copy of your transcripts, along with your resume and cover letter to Mrs. Karen Jones, St. Mary's School, 414 N. Main St. Pontiac, IL 61764 or you may email these items to: jones.karen@stmaryspontiac.org

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

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.

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| Mon Aug 15 | Mary Fox Family, Connie Fogarty Family |
| Tues Aug 16 | Mike & Mary Follmer Family, Bob & Nancy Fox Family |
| Wed Aug 17 | Tim & Patsy Fogarty Family, Charlotte Ford Family |
| Thurs Aug 18 | Cathy Fraher Family, Shannon Folk Family |
| Fri Aug 19 | Jim Fornero Family, Dan & Barbara Fraher Family |
| Mon Aug 22 | Paul & Lori Francis Family, Dan & Linda Fry Family |
| Tues Aug 23 | Irene Fraher Family, Diane Franklin Family |
| Wed Aug 24 | Justin & Jacklyn Fry Family, Marge Fraher Family |
| Thurs Aug 25 | Nancy Fraher Family, Chris & Kim Frauli Family |
| Fri Aug 26 | Chris Gallup Family, Mark Francis Family |

**MAY GOD BLESS ALL
OUR FAMILIES EVERY DAY!**



St. Mary's Parish is now offering Online Giving.

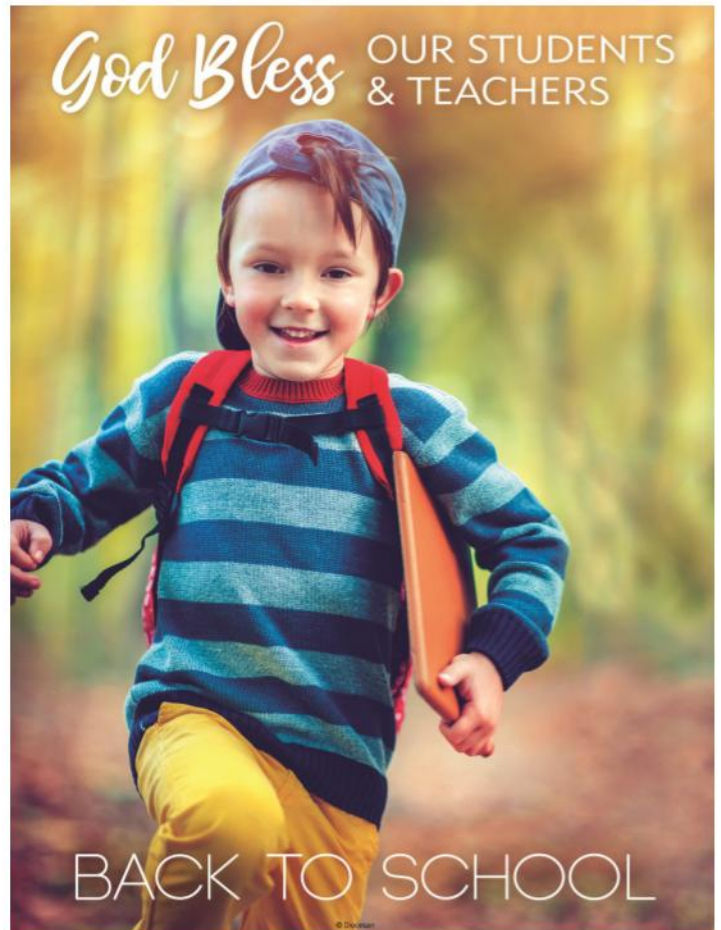
Online Giving can be used to give to:

- 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.





RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Have you been thinking about joining the church?

Do you have friends you would like to introduce to the Catholic faith?

Want to learn more about the depth and beauty of a 2000-year-old faith tradition?

Do you desire to grow closer to God with the support of a faith community?

The next session of RCIA will begin this September.

To join or ask questions, please contact the Parish Center (815-844-7683),

Kate Harrold (815-848-1705, kate.russow@gmail.com),

or Tyler Shrewsbury (815-674-5569, tshrewsbury94@gmail.com).

RCIA will meet Wednesday evenings from 6:15 - 8:00 pm

in the Parish Hall on the following dates:

September 7, 21

October 5, 19

November 9, 16, 30

December 14

January 11, 25

February 8, 22

March 1, 15, 29

April 12, 26

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 14, 2022

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| Sunday | Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53 |
| Monday | Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56 |
| Tuesday | St. Stephen of Hungary Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30,35c; Mt 19:23-30 |
| Wednesday | Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-3A, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 20:1-16 |
| Thursday | Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14 |
| Friday | St. John Eudes, Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 22:34-40 |
| Saturday | St. Bernard Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 23:1-12 |
| Sunday | Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30 |

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE
HOLY FATHER FOR AUGUST

Small Businesses: We pray for small and medium-sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

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ROSARY ON CATHOLIC SPIRIT RADIO: Everyday at 4:30am and 8:30pm.

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CATHOLIC SPIRIT RADIO PILGRIMAGE: Join Catholic Spirit Radio on a pilgrimage to visit Mother Angelica's hometown of Canton, Ohio where we will visit the Mother Angelica Museum campus and the Rhoda Wise Miracle House and Grotto. We'll also stop at Saint Mary of the Woods, Indiana to tour the Mother Theodore Guerin Shrine and the Sisters of Providence. Pilgrimage days are September 29th and 30th. Bus pick-up will be in Wapella, Normal, and Champaign. The cost is \$400 per person or you can instead save with an early bird special of \$360 now through August 18th. For more details and to make reservations, visit catholicspiritradio.com or call Kathy at 309-828-6554.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT: September 23-25. Has the abortion experience left you feeling empty and alone? Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is available in our diocese for any man or woman who has struggled with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. This healing weekend is for singles or married couples, mothers, fathers, grandparents, siblings or anyone suffering the effects of an abortion loss. If you are searching for peace and inner healing from an abortion experience, this retreat is for you. Register now by calling 309-264-1489 or e-mailing rvrpeoria@gmail.com. All communications are strictly confidential. For more information please visit www.cdop.org/offices/respect-life/rl-programs-resources/rachels-vineyard/ or the national Rachel's Vineyard website at www.rachelsvineyard.org





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