

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Strive to enter through the narrow door,
for many, I tell you, will attempt
to enter but will not be strong enough”

Luke 13:24



St. Mary's Catholic Church
Pontiac, Illinois
August 21, 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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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 Tissiere at tissiere.taryn@stmaryspontiac.org or 815-979-7663.



STEWARDSHIP

Collection last Sunday: \$12,621.00

Building Maintenance Fund Collection: This 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, 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.

Monday, August 22 (Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

7:00 a.m. Special Intention of Barbara Duda

Tuesday, August 23 (St. Rose of Lima)

7:00 a.m. Mary & Paul Rittenhouse

Wednesday, August 24 (St. Bartholomew)

7:00 a.m. John Giovanini

Thursday, August 25 (St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz)

8:15 a.m. Herman F. Vill & Frank Wynant

Friday, August 26

7:00 a.m. Maxine Norville

Saturday, August 27 (St. Monica)

4:00 p.m. Jerry Reilly

Sunday, August 28 (Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Parish

9:30 a.m. 1st ann Katy Grove

Servers for Saturday, August 27

4:00 p.m. Carrington Gray

Servers for Sunday, August 28

7:00 a.m. Volunteers

9:30 a.m. 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 Baptism prep class.

WITH SCHOOL BACK IN SESSION, 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, the 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.

BABY BOTTLES FOR HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER: We are still 12 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.

CONGRATULATIONS to the parents and families of **Makayla Rae Schopp**, daughter of Jacob & Jessica Schopp, and **Crew James Jackson**, son of Christopher & Miranda Jackson, who were recently baptized as members of our faith.

PLEASE PRAY FOR parishioner Teresa Stark, R.I.P. Our sympathy to her family and friends.

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
BREAKFAST**

**Sunday, August 28
7:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the parish hall**

**Breakfast casserole, scrambled eggs,
sausage patties, pancakes and a drink**

**\$10 for adults
\$7 for students
\$40 family maximum**

PLEASE JOIN US!



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.

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY SEWING CIRCLE will meet **Thursday, August 25 from 9am to 12:30pm** in the parish hall.

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.



**ST. MARY'S SCHOOL
NEW FAMILY REGISTRATION
FOR GRADES K-8
FOR 2022/2023**

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- *Scholarships available
- *K-8 building, one class of each
- *Religion, music, art, PE and computer classes
- *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd religion program (K-4)

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 Tissiere at tis-siere.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!*



GO MAKE DISCIPLES

Bringing People to Christ!

Annual Diocesan Appeal – Watch for mailing to arrive soon!

Our **Annual Diocesan Appeal** will begin in a few weeks. **NEW THIS YEAR:** Pledge cards will not be distributed in our church. By the end of August, each household will receive a mailing from Bishop Tylka inviting them to participate in the mission of sharing their faith in Jesus with others. The mailing will include a newsletter, a prayer request, a personalized pledge card and a return envelope. Fill out the pledge card and a prayer request if you wish and mail it directly to the Diocese of Peoria.

Please prayerfully consider supporting various diocesan ministries with your financial gift. Our parish depends on your generosity to reach our assigned goal.

To learn more about the appeal and to watch appeal videos please visit cdop.org/ada



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.



**GO OUT
TO ALL THE
WORLD AND
TELL THE
GOOD NEWS.**





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 21, 2022

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
Monday	Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday	St. Rose of Lima 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday	St. Bartholomew, Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Thursday	St. Louis of France 1 Cor 1:1-9; PS 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 24:42-51
Friday	1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday	St. Monica 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday	Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

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.

CATHOLIC SPIRIT RADIO



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

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MASS IS BROADCAST EACH MORNING AT 7AM

CATHOLIC SPIRIT RADIO PILGRIMAGE: You're invited to join Catholic Spirit Radio on a pilgrimage to visit Mother Angelica's hometown of Canton, Ohio where you will visit the Mother Angelica Museum campus and the Rhoda Wise Miracle House and Grotto. One of the dining experiences will be from That Little Italian Kitchen which was featured on EWTN. There's also a stop at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana to tour the Mother Theodore Guerin Shrine and the Sisters of Providence. Travel days are September 29th and 30th. Bus pick-up will be in Wapella, Normal, and Champaign. Our spiritual guide for this trip will be Fr. Jeff Windy. 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/rf-programs-resources/rachels-vineyard/ or the national Rachel's Vineyard website at www.rachelsvineyard.org



**ST. MARY'S CHURCH
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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 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
Mon Aug 29	Jeff & Jacqueline Froelich Family, Marilyn Gannaway Family
Tues Aug 30	Arlene Fry Family, Mary Garland Family
Wed Aug 31	Tristin Garland Family, Scott Garretson Family
Thurs Sept 1	Lawrence & Mary Ann Gleason Family, Addison & Leo Hassinger's Family
Fri Sept 2	Shirley Garretson Family, Finley, Brooks & Liam Lawrence's Family



MAY GOD BLESS ALL OUR FAMILIES EVERY DAY!

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