

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Pontiac, Illinois
August 28, 2022

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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, 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

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL:

414 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764

Phone: 815-844-6585

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

Facebook: St. Mary's School Instagram: stmaryspontiac

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 <u>tissiere.taryn@stmaryspontiac.org</u> or 815-979-7663.



STEWARDSHIP

Collection last Sunday: \$12,083.00

Building Maintenance Fund Collection was \$2,669.00.

School Collection: Next weekend.

THANK YOU to those who regularly support our parish.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 27 (St. Monica)

4:00 p.m. Jerry Reilly

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

7:00 a.m.

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

Monday, August 29 (The Passion of St. John the Baptist)

7:00 a.m. John Howell & Family

Tuesday, August 30

7:00 a.m. Fe DeLeon

Wednesday, August 31

7:00 a.m. 20th ann Bob Gayon

Thursday, September 1

8:15 a.m. Ellen Zick

Friday, September 2

7:00 a.m. Special Intention

Saturday, September 3 (St. Gregory the Great, pope)

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

4:00 p.m. Jim & Mary Bertrand

Sunday, September 4 (Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m. 38th ann Vincent Murphy

Servers for Saturday, September 3

4:00 p.m. Sean Finnegan Servers for Sunday, September 4

7:00 a.m. Haidyn & Harper Francis

9:30 a.m. Riley & Payton Rogers, Abe Jean Jacques

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 Baptism prep class.

BABY BOTTLES FOR HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER: We are still 9 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 Ray & Judy Masching who will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on September 8. Cards of well wishes can be sent to the couple at 215 E. Washington St. #701, Pontiac

PLEASE PRAY FOR parishioners Henry Eggenberger & Joseph Ruddy, Bill Hart (father of Shelly Benning & Randy Hart), and Stephen Wesselhoff (nephew of Bob Wesselhoff) R.I.P. Our sympathy to their families and friends.

LECTORS FOR SEPTEMBER

4:00pm Ann Finnegan 7:00am Nancy Smith

Nick Milhauser & Kim Frauli 9:30am

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER

4:00pm Earline Devito, Paula Rosenbaum, Joanne Coriell 7:00am Bryan & Susan Schweigert, Vicki McBeath

9:30am Nancy Milhauser, Ray White, Carol Schopp, Lisa M. Martin



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!



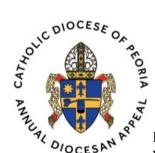
BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: St. Mary's will offer a vicariate -wide Bereavement Support Group beginning **Monday, September 12 from 6:30-8pm** and ending on November 2 with the All Souls' Mass which will be held to remember the loved ones of the support group members as well as relatives and friends of 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.

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.



2022 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

THIS YEAR'S GOAL: \$78,088

(over \$13,000 LESS than last year)

Be watching your mailbox for this year's brochure and pledge card.

Checks should be made payable to DIOCESE OF PEO-RIA and mailed directly to Peoria in the return envelope included. Pledges can be paid in full, or payments can be arranged over 6 months. You can also make a pledge and payment online at cdop.org/ada Any funds raised over our goal will be returned to our parish.



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 tissiere.taryn@stmarypontiac.org. If you already use the App to order Ecards, please continue ordering as usual. Thank you again for your continued support!



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

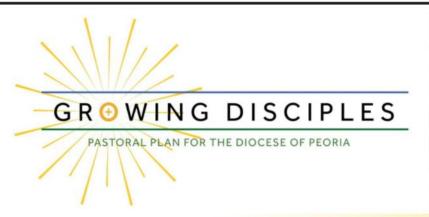
December 14

January 11, 25

February 8, 22

March 1, 15, 29

April 12, 26



Since coming to the "Heart of Illinois,"
Bishop Louis Tylka has experienced
firsthand the faith and good works of
our priests, religious and laypeople,
and he has listened to the people of
the Diocese of Peoria. In response to
what he has learned, Bishop Tylka has
announced that the diocese is embarking
upon a pastoral planning process called



Growing Disciples, with the goal of moving further into the mission which Christ has given us: to go and make disciples.

Over the next two years, the people of our diocese will together engage in a time of prayer, dialogue and discernment to look to the future of our Church across north central Illinois. We have inherited a rich legacy from previous generations who built up our local communities of faith, and our work in this process is to honor their legacy by ensuring a bright future of bringing others to Christ Jesus.

We invite you to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we embark on this journey, using the prayer found on the back of this page. We also invite you to follow along as we share updates on this process, and to engage in the opportunities that we will offer to share your feedback.

Let us be the fertile soil which will yield an abundant harvest for the Kingdom of God.









CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PEORIA

SPALDING PASTORAL CENTER 419 NE MADISON AVENUE, PEORIA, IL 61603 PHONE (309) 671-1550 | FAX (309) 671-1579 For more information, please visit cdop.org/pastoral-plan



The **Growing Disciples** pastoral planning process will examine the current structure of parishes and schools to evaluate how they can best meet the needs of the faithful and address challenges facing the Church today.

The primary goals of the pastoral planning process are to:

- Enable the faithful to go make disciples within a mission-driven, sustainable structure of parishes and schools.
- Enhance the vibrancy of our parishes, schools and ministries.
- Increase our support of the happiness, health and holiness of our priests.

Why are we doing this? Why now?

The Church and its people continue to face unique opportunities and challenges as society evolves. In Illinois, and certainly in the Diocese of Peoria, the demographic landscape looks different than it did even 10 years ago, while the structural landscape has remained nearly the same.

The current challenges facing our diocese include:

- A changing regional and diocesan landscape
- · National trends regarding religion
- Too few priests to staff more than 150 parishes.

While we have a strong and vibrant faith community, the current structural landscape combined with the above challenges limits our ability to fully live out our God-given mission as Catholics.

Growing Disciples: Pastoral Plan Prayer

Heavenly Father, you have sown the seeds of faith in your people and given us the responsibility as the Church to nurture and grow an abundant harvest for the Kingdom of God.

Send forth, we pray, the grace of the Holy Spirit to allow us to discern a path forward as we read the signs of our times. Help us become unified in the dream you have for us — to be a vibrant and mission-driven Church.

As we seek to live as disciples of your Son, Jesus, inspire us to give authentic witness to our relationship with you, so that others may be inspired by our love for you. Center us and feed us by the gift of the Eucharist that we may be strengthened for our mission. May each of us live out our vocation in service of the Gospel.

Almighty God, may we enter into this challenge and opportunity as a people filled with hope. Allow us to truly pray, dialogue, assess, discern and do what it is you are inviting us to, so that we may respond to today's needs and tomorrow's promise.

Committing ourselves anew to GROWING DISCIPLES, we trust in your providence, and we pray, Almighty God, that our efforts today will bear fruit for a brighter tomorrow.

Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen, pray for us!



For more information, please visit cdop.org/pastoral-plan

Growing Disciples will also advance Bishop Tylka's five foundations for the diocese:



Inspire discipleship in each baptized follower of Jesus.



Empower evangelization so as to share the saving name of Jesus.



Deepen our awareness of the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.



Strengthen vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



Continue the legacy of Archbishop Fulton Sheen.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 28, 2022

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday

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

The Passion of Saint John the Baptist 1 Cor 2:1-5; Monday

Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102; Mk6:17-29

Tuesday 1Cor 2:10b-16;

Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14; Lk 4:31-37

1 Cor 3:1-9; PS 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44 Wednesday 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11 Thursday Friday

1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40; Jn 8:12;

Lk 5:33-39

St. Gregory the Great, Pope Saturday

1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21; Lk6:1-5

Sunday Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17;

Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33





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.

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR SEPTEMBER

For the abolition of the death penalty: We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

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local businesses for underwriting the efforts of Catholic Spirit Radio: Knights of Columbus Council #854, Edinger's Filling Station, Fogarty's Garage & Lyons-Sullivan Realty. If you would like to support CSR, please contact Jerry LoPiccalo at 630-514-6221.

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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/rlprograms-resources/rachels-vineyard/ or Rachel's Vineyard website at www.rachelsvineyard.org

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.

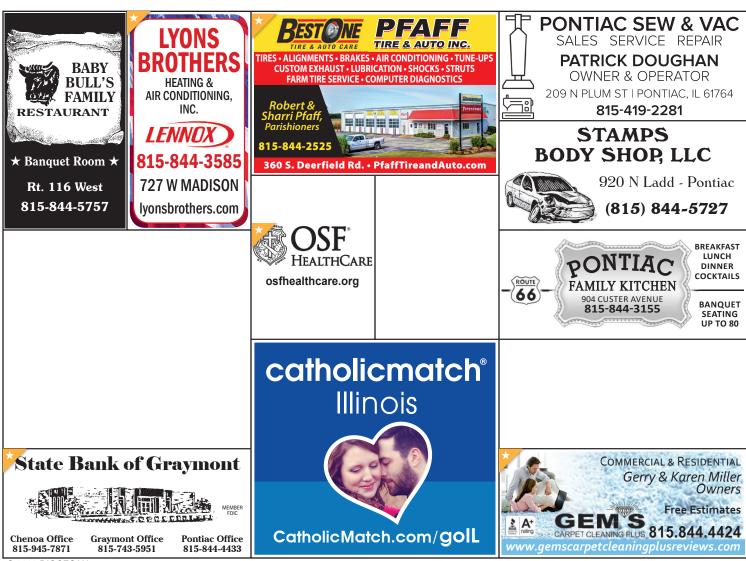
Please remember these families in your prayers each day for them to grow in their faith this year.

Jeff & Jacqueline Froelich Family, Marilyn Gannaway Family
Arlene Fry Family, Mary Garland Family
Tristin Garland Family, Scott Garretson Family
Lawrence & Mary Ann Gleason Family,
Addison & Leo Hassinger's Family
Shirley Garretson Family,
Finley, Brooks & Liam Lawrence's Family
John & Lisa Giordano Family, Oliver & Case Owen's Family
Ellen Gayon Family, Charlie Popp's Family
Paul Giordano Family, Alex Ralph's Family
Janice Golliday Family, Elaine Runyon's Family



MAY GOD BLESS ALL OUR FAMILIES EVERY DAY!

Wayne & Jacerie Germain Family, Ann Vogt's Family



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