

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Pontiac, Illinois
September 11, 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: \$10,947.00

School Collection was \$1,856.00.

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

Building Maintenance Fund Collection: Next weekend.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 10

4:00 p.m. Kathleen Kane

Sunday, September 11 (24th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Parish

9:30 a.m. 40th ann Art Drach

Monday, September 12 (The Most Holy Name of Mary)

7:00 a.m. Roselyn Renner

Tuesday, September 13 (St. John Chrysostom)

Special Intention for Ryan & Natalie Carley 7:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 14 (The Exaltation of the Holy Cross)

7:00 a.m. Chuck Porter

Thursday, September 15 (Our Lady of Sorrows)

8:15 a.m. Mac McCorvie

Friday, September 16 (Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian)

7:00 a.m. Michael Duncan

Saturday, September 17 (St. Robert Bellarmine)

4:00 p.m. Donald Ocean

Sunday, September 18 (25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Parish

9:30 a.m. 4th ann Sharon Beller

Servers for Saturday, September 17

4:00 p.m. Tristin Bednar

Servers for Sunday, September 18 7:00 a.m. Tyson Cramer

9:30 a.m. Finan & Rosie Krenz

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.

SPIRIT OF HOPE MASS FOR CANCER: Please join Bishop Louis Tylka for a Mass for Relief from the Burden of Cancer for all within the Diocese of Peoria. All are welcome to attend this Mass on Saturday, October 1 at the Cathedral in Peoria. Hymns will begin at 3:30pm with Mass at 4:00pm.

PLEASE PRAY FOR parishioners Richard Hoerner and John "Jack" Schaefer, and George Benning (father of Peter Benning), R.I.P. Our sympathy to their families and friends.



ST. MARY'S CHURCH PONTIAC, ILLINOIS

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. 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.

WOMEN'S POTLUCK & MEETING: St. Mary's Women's Guild will host a potluck and meeting for all women in the parish. Join us on Tuesday, September 20 at 6:00pm in the parish hall for dinner. Turkey, drinks and table service will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. A business meeting will follow the potluck.

LEGION OF MARY: Want to tell the world about Jesus through Evangelization? Become a disciple. Join the Legion of Mary every Monday at 7:00pm in the parish center. Please use the back door. We are switching nights for the next 7 weeks during the "Good News" event.

ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP: All high school students are invited to join us every Sunday evening from 6:30-8:30pm starting September 11. Youth group meets in the upstairs of the Parish Center (former rectory). Please use the back door.

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.



TEACHER NEEDED St. Mary's School has an immediate teacher opening for Junior High (Language Arts and Literacy): Must have a valid Illinois teaching certificate, Mid-

dle 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



2022 ANNUAL **DIOCESAN APPEAL**

THIS YEAR'S GOAL: \$78,088

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

Brochures and pledge cards have been mailed to all registered pa-

rishioners. Checks should be made payable to DIOCESE OF PEORIA 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.

Annual Diocesan Appeal supports DISCIPLESHIP As disciples of Christ, we have a lifelong calling to learn from and seek a deeper relationship with Jesus. This equips us with wisdom and truth to accompany others in their faith journey. Ministries and programs include: annual Men's March, Spanish Father-Son Encounter, Marriage Mass,

Abide in Me - High School Youth Retreat, and more. Go to www.cdop.org/ada to learn more about the ministries supported by ADA and to watch the ADA videos.

"Through FOCUS missionaries — in their desire to draw me near to them and grow in fellowship with me and in a relationship with me — I got to experience a relationship with Jesus Christ. I realized that these men care where I end up after my time passes on this earth. Watching my dad accept the high call to become a deacon, gave me the strength and desire to accept Jesus' high call for me to be a FOCUS missionary." - Evan Burge, son of deacon candidate Mike Burge and his wife Marie

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL QUICK DRAW: You could win money all year long. Tickets are \$25 each and are good for all drawings from September 2022 through May 2023. Prizes of \$200, \$100, or \$50 will be given away five times each month throughout the school year and three bonus drawings of \$250 each. For more details or to purchase a ticket, contact any St. Mary's School family or the school office. Or you can put \$25 in the collection basket or mail it to the church and we will get you a ticket. Every ticket is in every drawing, so there is no limit on a person's chances to win!



12th ANNUAL VERMIL-LION RIVER CLEANUP: Saturday, September 17 from 8am to 12noon. Volunteers and canoes are needed for the Annual Vermillion River Cleanup. Free lunch provided after the cleanup. If you can help or provide a canoe, please RSVP to Judy at 815-257-3729 or judy.campbell88@gmail.com or visit their website livingstoncountyenvironmental.org.





"They shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed; every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which he has given you."

~ Deuteronomy 16:16-17

WE THANK YOU

We continue to be truly humbled by the generosity of our parishioners. Thank you to those who answered the call to increase their offertory for St. Mary's this year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and much needed to support our current and continued operations and ministries.

A QUARTERLY UPDATE ON OUR FINANCIAL JOURNEY

	Previous Fiscal Year July 1 - June 30, 2021	Current Fiscal Year July 1 - June 30, 2022
REVENUES	\$2,162,213.94	\$1,443,576.86
EXPENSES	\$1,424,217.94	\$1,452,591.56
GAIN/(LOSS)	\$737,996.00	(\$9,014.70)

Report covers both Parish and School Operations

Please be reminded that last fiscal year we had received a very generous bequest of farm land from the Fitzgerald Family totaling \$740,731.00. This money has been set aside for future needs and is not being used for ordinary expenses such as salaries and utilities. Our Increased Offertory Appeal was well received and helped up keep Sunday Collections on budget for the year. Unfortunately, our investments did not fair well, and with the increased cost of everything, we ended the year in a deficit.





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 <u>www.stmaryspontiac.org</u> 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.



RIC A 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

The Good News: St. Mary's Way

Come and be part of The Good News: St. Mary's Way

When- Thursdays from September 15th through October 27th, 6:30-8:00

Where: St. Mary's Parish Hall. St. Mary's Church is located at 119 E. Howard Street, in Pontiac IL. The Parish Hall is located behind the church on Chicago Street

What: Fellowship, faith formation, spiritual growth, and sacramental life

Topics presented include, but are not limited to:

Why do we exist? Parish Teamwork Tangible Faith Living in Joy Unceasing Prayer

Refreshments served Babysitting provided- please indicate age of children on sign up

4 ways to sign up

- Online through SignUpGenius https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4AA5AD28A7FAC52-thegood
- Email Kel Krenz at <u>krenz.kel@stmaryspontiac.org</u>
- Call the parish office at 815-844-7683
- Sign up sheets at all church entrances

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday

> Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 or Lk 15:1-10

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Monday

Lk 7:1-10

St. John Chrysostom 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Tuesday

Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 7:11-17

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Nm 21:4b-9; Wednesday

Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Ph 1 2:6-11;

Jn 3:13-17

Thursday Our Lady of Sorrows 1 Cor 15:1-11;

Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 2:33-35

Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian 1 Cor 15:12-20; Friday

Ps; 17:1bcd, 6-7,8b & 15; Lk 8:1-3

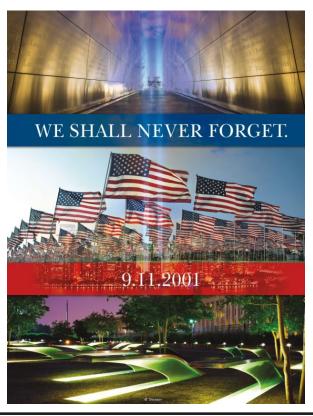
Saturday **St. Robert Bellarmine** 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49;

Ps; 56:10c-12, 13-14; LK 8:4-15

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday

Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8;

Lk 16:1-13 or Lk 16:10-13



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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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.

Mon Sept 12	Frank & Nancy Giovanini Family, Aariv Chaudhari's Family
Tues Sept 13	Santos Gonzalez Family, Weston Haan's Family
Wed Sept 14	Tera Graves Family, Kennedy Krenz's Family
Thurs Sept 15	Pete & Jodi Giovanini Family,
	Amelia, Adam & Alexis Legner's Family
Fri Sept 16	Todd & Mary Gould Family, Bruce & Everett Meiner's Family
Mon Sept 19	Jacqui Gibson Family, Emmett Morrissette's Family
Tues Sept 20	Crystal Gourley Family, Preston Richardson's Family
Wed Sept 21	Greg & Linda Gracz Family, Wilder & Landry Saxton's Family
Thurs Sept 22	Jim & Diana Green Family, Finn Voight's Family
Fri Sept 23	Sheila Graff Family, Trinity Cheek's Family



MAY GOD BLESS ALL OUR FAMILIES EVERY DAY!



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