

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Pontiac, Illinois
September 18, 2022

### ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 119 E. HOWARD ST., P.O. BOX 374 **PONTIAC, ILLINOIS 61764**

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### **OFFICE HOURS:**

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

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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: \$12,709.00

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, 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 Monday, September 19 (St. Januarius)

7:00 a.m. Karen Clemens Soper

Tuesday, September 20 (Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang and companions)

Angelo Ganta

7:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 21 (St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist)

7:00 a.m. Kenneth Snyder

Thursday, September 22

8:15 a.m. Jamie Jazmin

Friday, September 23 (St. Pius of Pietrelcina)

7:00 a.m. Joseph Masching

Saturday, September 24

4:00 p.m. 1st ann Bob Harty

Sunday, September 25 (26th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Parish

9:30 a.m. Chuck Landrus

Servers for Saturday, September 24

Carrington Gray 4:00 p.m. Servers for Sunday, September 25

Christopher Corrigan 7:00 a.m.

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

**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.

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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: We have many families around the diocese signing up for our Christmas program. If you would like to sponsor one of these families and purchase toys and games let us know. Please contact Julie for further information: jenzenberger@cdop.org or 309-671-1550.

CONGRATULATIONS to John Cyril Castillo & Karen Monsanto who were recently married in our church.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the parents and family of Audrey Ann Ralph, daughter of Jacob & Ashley Ralph, who was recently baptized as a member of our faith.

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

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.

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY SEWING CIRCLE: Thursday, September 22 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 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 are held on Sundays between the Masses. New registrations welcome! Please call Karen at 815-822-3282 to set up a meeting

CCD/FAITH FORMATION VOLUNTEER 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 an aide position, and you can always join the sub list.



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



### 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 EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL Jesus desires to heal, renew, and unify the Church and the world. The Eucharistic Revival is an invitation to grow in our love and reverence for the holy Eucharist and to allow ourselves to be transformed by Him. Activities will include Eucharistic Congress for youth, Holy Hours with the traveling diocesan monstrance, explanatory Masses for children and adults, and more. Through ADA, the Office of Divine Worship is able to give ongoing support to all our parishes. Go to www.cdop.org/ada to learn more about the Eucharistic Revival and other ministries supported by ADA and to watch the ADA videos.

"It is incredibly important to me that the kids know Jesus in the Eucharist, Jesus in His Word, and Jesus in our Faith. For me, having faith has been the unchanging peace when the world around me is collapsing. I want them to have that because I know the storms will come for them as well. Today is the first time I have ever been a part of a Corpus Christi procession and it was awesome to witness and be a part of. It just elevates the entire Mass and experience with the Eucharist as we are all on a journey walking toward heaven."

> -Amanda Lauritsen, math teacher St. Mary Catholic School, Pontiac



### TEACHER NEEDED

St. Mary's School has an immediate teacher opening for Junior High ELA (Language Arts and 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

### SCHOLARSHIPS AT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

\$383,282 awarded in the

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scholarships for the 2022-2023 school year.

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### **EMPOWER IL, INVEST IN KIDS ACT**

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### JOHN LANCASTER SPALDING, DIOCESE OF PEORIA

Available to income-eligible **CATHOLIC** families, partial scholarship based upon fund availability.

### ST. BLAISE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Available to **ALL** income-eligible families, partial scholarship based upon fund availability.

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Every student, regardless of faith, receives a tuition subsidy from St. Mary's Parish.

- Operating expenditure per pupil St. Mary's: \$6,873 (2020-21)
- Operating expenditure per pupil Dist. 429: \$13,965\*
- Operating expenditure per pupil Dist. 90: \$13,976\*
- Operating expenditure per pupil State of IL: \$14,747\*

\*Data Source: Illinois Report Card (2020-2021).

### **WAYS TO HELP**

- Donations made to Empower Illinois are eligible for a 75% tax credit on State of IL tax return. Matching gifts may be available.
- Donations to the St. Blaise Scholarship Fund may be deductible as a charitable contribution on Federal tax return.
- Donations to the Annual Diocesan Appeal support the John Lancaster Spalding

Scholarship funds.

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# Dear Church family, It's time for a New Directory!



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**Directory Committee** 

## Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at church or simply go online and follow the instructions below.

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SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT NOW!
Pictures will be taken October 18-22 and November 1-5 in the parish hall

To schedule your appointment go to church.stmaryspontiac.org
Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the link.
We will also have sign-ups after all Masses
next weekend, September 24/25

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### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2022**

Sunday Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

St. Januarius Monday

Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-sang,

> and Companions Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13

Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17bc; Thursday

Lk 9:7-9

Friday St. Pius of Pietrelcina Eccl 3:1-11;

Ps144:1b & 2abc, 3-4; Mk 10:45; LK9:18-22

Saturday Eccl 11:9-12:8; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13,14 & 17;

2 Tm 1:10; Lk 9:43B-45

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday

Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16;

Lk 16:19-31





### 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.

### CATHOLIC SPIRIT RADIO



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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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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.

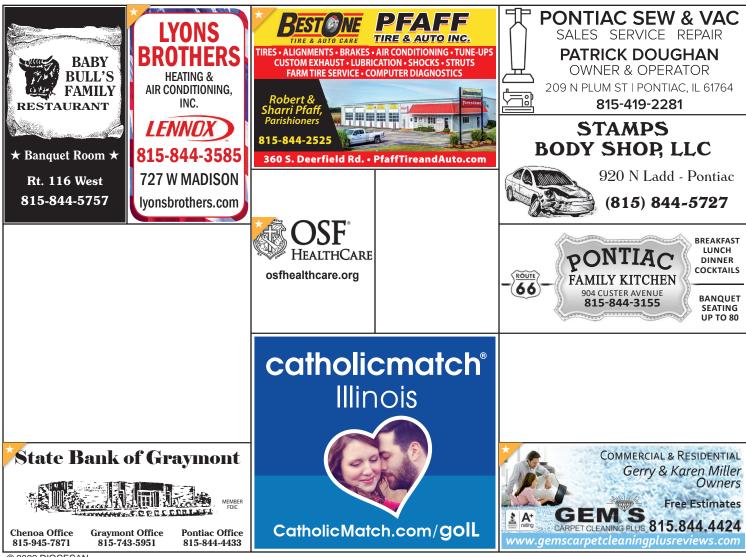
A list will be published here in the bulletin and in the newsletter you receive in the mail.

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

Mon Sept 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
Mon Sept 26	Tom & Denise Green Family, Leah Clement's Family
Tues Sept 27	Tricia Gragert Family, Ethan Deal's Family
Wed Sept 28	Harlan & Jane Greeneberg Family, Torey Dodson's Family
Thurs Sept 29	Larry Graves Family, Mikayla & Reid Gray's Family
Fri Sept 30	Steve & Jolene Gray Family, Ryne Mackinson's Family



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



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