

# Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"When the poor man died,  
he was carried away by angels  
to the bosom of Abraham.  
The rich man also died and was buried,  
and from the netherworld, where he was in torment,  
he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off  
and Lazarus at his side."

Luke 16:22-23



**St. Mary's Catholic Church**  
Pontiac, Illinois  
September 25, 2022

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**OFFICE HOURS:**

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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.  
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**STEWARDSHIP**

**Collection last Sunday: \$11,092.80**

**Building Maintenance Fund Collection** was \$2,372.00.

**School Collection:** Next weekend.

**THANK YOU** to those who regularly support our parish.



*Mass Intentions*

**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

**Monday, September 26 (Sts. Cosmas & Damian)**

7:00 a.m. Robert Trainor

**Tuesday, September 27 (St. Vincent de Paul)**

7:00 a.m. Paul & Mary Rittenhouse

**Wednesday, September 28 (St. Wenceslaus, St. Lawrence Ruiz)**

7:00 a.m. Jose Gonzalez

**Thursday, September 29 (Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels)**

8:15 a.m. Ellen Fitzgerald Family

**Friday, September 30 (St. Jerome)**

7:00 a.m. Special Intention of Jim Flaherty & Shelly Flaherty

**Saturday, October 1 (St. Therese of the Child Jesus)**

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

4:00 p.m. Dick & Millie Johnson

**Sunday, October 2 (27th Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

7:00 a.m. Bud & Mildred Mulligan

9:30 a.m. Parish

**Servers for Saturday, October 1**

4:00 p.m. Sean Finnegan

**Servers for Sunday, October 2**

7:00 a.m. Haidyn & Harper Francis

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.

**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the parents and families of **Lilliana Marie & Kevin Michael Guidry-Jones**, children of Kevin & Vanessa Guidry-Jones, **Theo Alexander Krenz**, son of Ally Krenz, **Colette Louise Metcalf**, daughter of Aaron & Kieran Metcalf, and **Jaxson David Folkerts**, son of Logan & Ashley Folkerts, who were recently baptized as members of our faith.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Jim Lauritsen, R.I.P. (father of Mick Lauritsen). Our sympathy to his family and friends.



ST. MARY'S CHURCH  
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LECTORS FOR OCTOBER

4:00pm Phyllis Moritz  
7:00am Beth Legner  
9:30am Sarah Bowling, Brenda Shaughnessy

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS FOR OCTOBER

4:00pm Steve Renner, Bob & Shari Paris  
7:00am Paul Giordano, Joan Duffy  
9:30am Jim & Nanette Marx, Sarah Bowling, Bob Kane

**BLESSING OF PETS:** In conjunction with the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, we will have a Blessing of Pets on **Tuesday, October 4 at 2:45pm** in the school parking lot. All pets on leashes or in cages are welcome.

**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.

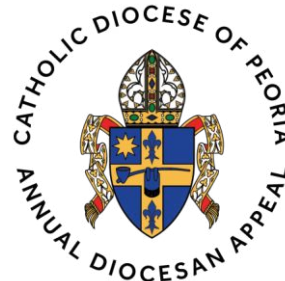
**CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:** We have many families around the diocese signing up for our Christmas program. If you would like to sponsor one of these families and purchase toys and games let us know. Please contact Julie for further information: [jenzenberger@cdop.org](mailto:jenzenberger@cdop.org)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



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE OF ILLINOIS VOCATIONS RAFFLE:** Raffle tickets to support the Knights of Columbus State of Illinois Vocations Program are available at all doors of the church. A book of 15 tickets is \$15 with a chance to win \$10,000! Take a book and return it to the collection basket the following weekend with your check made payable to Knights of Columbus.

Proceeds from this raffle will allow us to support seminarians from our Diocese who are needed to help make our churches strong and lead our Church into the future. If you have any questions, please call Mark Corrigan at 815-848-3066.

**100TH BIRTHDAY:** Parishioner Sophie Fecht will be celebrating her 100th Birthday on **Friday, October 7**. Let's shower Sophie with cards and prayers for her birthday. Cards can be sent to her at 304 W. Torrance Ave., Pontiac, IL 61764



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 parishioners. 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](http://cdop.org/ada) Any funds raised over our goal will be returned to our parish.

Annual Diocesan Appeal supports VOCATIONS

Vocation is our individual path to holiness and growing the Kingdom. Following our vocation requires allowing ourselves to be led by the Holy Spirit to love and follow Jesus. Emmaus Knights is a new program for the formation of young men and their fathers. Go to [www.cdop.org/ada](http://www.cdop.org/ada) to learn more about this program and to watch the ADA videos.

"We have Emmaus Knights once a month and we are calling men from all around the diocese — not only the young men but also their fathers — to come here to be formed, to be trained, to realize what God is asking them to do in their lives."

— Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck

Vocations Director, Diocese of Peoria

"What kind of dad do you want to be? Do you want to be the dad who builds your children up from the culture of today, from the world of today that doesn't satisfy them in the depths of their soul? Or do you want to give them the love of God that will transform their lives and fill their lives with the peace and joy that this world cannot provide? That's the dad we want to be and that's why we are here."

— Tim Olsen, father attending Emmaus Knights



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](mailto:jones.karen@stmaryspontiac.org)

St. Mary's School

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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. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
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Set your appointment with Universal today!



*Gathering families,  
Connecting generations.*



***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](http://church.stmaryspontiac.org)***

***Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the link.***

***We will also have sign-ups after all Masses  
this weekend, September 24/25***

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| Sunday    | Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16;<br>Lk 16:19-31           |
| Monday    | Sts. Cosmas and Damian<br>Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50   |
| Tuesday   | St. Vincent de Paul Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23;<br>Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8; Lk 9:51-56                                 |
| Wednesday | St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions Jb 9:1-12, 14-16;<br>Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15; Lk 9:57-62                     |
| Thursday  | Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels<br>Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5;<br>Jn 1:47-51      |
| Friday    | St. Jerome Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5;<br>Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16                                 |
| Saturday  | St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17;<br>Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24             |
| Sunday    | Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9;<br>2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10 |



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](http://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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**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 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               |
| Mon Oct 3     | Chris Grazis Family, Darrin & Zain Pierce's Family                |
| Tues Oct 4    | Bill & Karen Gregory Family, Mallory Masching's Family            |
| Wed Oct 5     | Brendan & Martha Greil Family, T.J. & Sara Murphy's Family        |
| Thurs Oct 6   | Denny & Kyra Gschwendtner Family,<br>Reese & Gavin Wehri's Family |
| Fri Oct 7     | Jamie Gula Family, Isaac & Henry Yedinak's Family                 |



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