

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

When you have done all
you have been commanded,
say, "We are unprofitable servants;
we have done what we were obliged to do."

Luke 17:10



St. Mary's Catholic Church
Pontiac, Illinois
October 2, 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.
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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: \$10,018.50

School Collection: This weekend.

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

THANK YOU to those who regularly support our parish.



Mass Intentions

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

8:00 a.m. Prodigious 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

Monday, October 3

7:00 a.m. Mike Loughran

Tuesday, October 4 (St. Francis of Assisi)

7:00 a.m. Bob Harty

**Wednesday, October 5 (St. Faustina Kowalska,
Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos)**

7:00 a.m. **COMMUNION SERVICE ONLY**

Thursday, October 6 (St. Bruno; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher)

8:15 a.m. 14th ann Betty Murphy

Friday, October 7 (Our Lady of the Rosary)

7:00 a.m. Rosemary McDermott

Saturday, October 8

4:00 p.m. Don & Barbara Ries

Sunday, October 9 (28th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. John Pouliot

9:30 a.m. Parish

Servers for Saturday, October 8

4:00 p.m. Nicholas & Carter Doughan

Servers for Sunday, October 9

7:00 a.m. Volunteers

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

STARTING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, EUCHARISTIC ADORATION WILL NOW BE OPEN ON SATURDAYS FROM 8AM TO 3PM: Adoration is open each weekday, Monday-Friday from 8am until 8pm and Saturday from 8am until 3pm. 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, 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.

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

CONGRATULATIONS to John Grundler & Michelle Revoir who were recently married in our church.

FR. ADAM IS ON VACATION THROUGH OCTOBER 13. FR. DAVID WILL BE HERE FOR WEEKDAY MASSES AND EMERGENCIES. THIS WEDNESDAY AND NEXT, RAY WHITE WILL OFFER A COMMUNION SERVICE AT 7:00AM AND THERE WILL BE NO NOON TIME CONFESSIONS.

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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.

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE



This year's event will be held on **Saturday, October 15 at 12:00 noon** on the front steps of our church. The Legion of Mary invites you to join them. Bring a lawn chair if needed. **20,000 outdoor rosary rallies are planned around the country on this day to bombard heaven with our prayers and petitions.**

ALL SOUL'S DAY MEMORIAL MASS: As parishioners and family of parishioners pass away we try to acknowledge these people in the bulletin each week. The Bereavement Group is putting together a Memorial Mass to be held on **Wednesday, November 2 at 6:00pm**. They have taken names from the bulletin over the past year. If you have lost a loved one since November of last year and did not see their name in the bulletin, please call the Rectory at 844-7683 to add their name to our Memorial list.

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

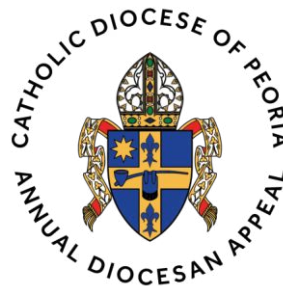
CCD/FAITH FORMATION VOLUNTEER NEEDED: Do you love our Church? Are you ready to hand on our Catholic Faith to children? Then contact Karen at 815-822-3282. We need to fill an aide position, and you can always join the sub list.

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.



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Next weekend, **October 8/9**, please welcome Rev. George Knab O.M.I. who will be with us to celebrate Masses and tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 19 developing countries. To learn more, call (800) 875-6564 or visit Unbound online at www.unbound.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 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. 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

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.





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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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*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
Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the link.
We will also have sign-ups after all Masses this weekend,
October 1st & 2nd, in the back vestibule.***

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 2, 2022

Sunday	Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10
Monday	Gal 1:6-12; PS 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 & 10c; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday	St. Francis of Assisi Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday	St. Faustina Kowalska Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday	St. Bruno Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Lk 11:5-13
Friday	Our Lady of the Rosary Gal 3:7-14; PS 111:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday	Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday	Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE
HOLY FATHER FOR OCTOBER

A Church Open to Everyone: We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.



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

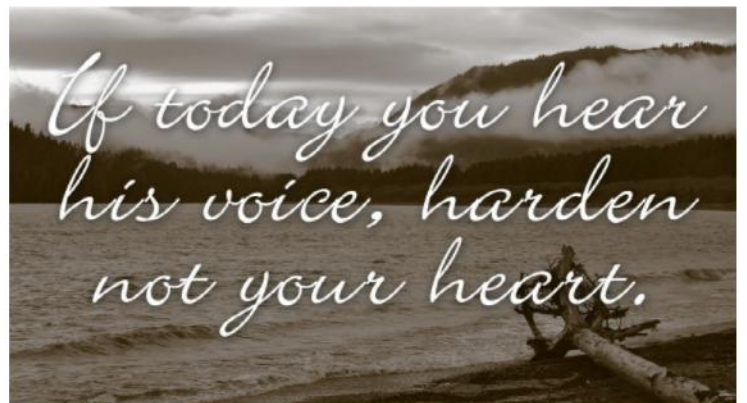
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MASS IS BROADCAST EACH MORNING AT 7AM

CATHOLIC SPIRIT RADIO HOSTS ROSARY EVENT:

Friday, October 7th is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. This day is remembered for the Blessed Virgin Mary's intercession in stopping the Ottoman Turks' 1600's invasion of Malta and potentially Rome. Soldiers and Christians throughout Europe devotedly prayed the Rosary invoking her aid against the daunting forces. Catholic Spirit Radio invites you to join in a *worldwide* recitation of the Rosary as they link via live audio with others in prayer. Dan & Stephanie Burke, The Displaced Carmelite Nuns of Sacramento, Chris Stefanik, and Bishop Strickland will be guiding the event. The local Rosary begins at 6:30pm in the north parking lot of Catholic Spirit Radio (108 Boeykens Place in Normal). Bring your rosary and a lawn chair. Free and open to all ages.



"All **LIFE** has inestimable value, even the **weakest** and most **vulnerable**, the **sick**, the **old**, the **unborn** and the **poor** are masterpieces of God's creation."

Pope Francis

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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 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, Reese & Gavin Wehri's Family
Fri Oct 7	Jamie Gula Family, Isaac & Henry Yedinak's Family
Mon Oct 10	Kim Griswold Family, Elliot & Leo Bauman's Family
Tues Oct 11	Dottie Gschwendtner Family, Juan, Alison & Ana Cervantes' Family
Wed Oct 12	Dewey & Marie Haag Family, Remi Collins' Family
Thurs Oct 13	Doug & Brenda Grove Family, Chandler Dietz's Family
Fri Oct 14	Theresa Gschwendtner Family, Stella & Smith Doran's Family



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