

# Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Then he told them a parable  
about the necessity for them  
to pray always without  
becoming weary.

Luke 18:1



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**St. Mary's Catholic Church**  
**Pontiac, Illinois**  
**October 16, 2022**

ST. MARY'S CHURCH  
PONTIAC, ILLINOIS

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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:**

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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](http://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](mailto:tissiere.taryn@stmaryspontiac.org) or 815-979-7663.



**STEWARDSHIP**

**Collection last Sunday: \$10,510.40**

**Building Maintenance Fund Collection:** This weekend.

**World Mission Sunday Collection:** Next weekend.

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



*Mass Intentions*

**Saturday, October 15 (St. Teresa of Jesus)**

4:00 p.m. Robert A. Legner

**Sunday, October 16 (29th Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

7:00 a.m. Ron Kennedy

9:30 a.m. Parish

**Monday, October 17 (St. Ignatius of Antioch)**

7:00 a.m. Jim Cahill

**Tuesday, October 18 (St. Luke)**

7:00 a.m. Janet Nolan

**Wednesday, October 19 (Sts. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues and Companions)**

7:00 a.m. Rosie Duffy

**Thursday, October 20 (St. Paul of the Cross)**

8:15 a.m. Mary Helen Burke

**Friday, October 21**

7:00 a.m. 15th ann Agnes Masching

**Saturday, October 22 (St. John Paul II, pope)**

4:00 p.m. Bob Fraher

**Sunday, October 23 (30th Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

7:00 a.m. Parish

9:30 a.m. Martha Vitzthum

**Servers for Saturday, October 22**

4:00 p.m. Carrington Gray

**Servers for Sunday, October 23**

7:00 a.m. Volunteers

9:30 a.m. Finan & Rosie Krenz

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IS 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.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Linda Marcin (wife of Jerry Marcin), Sharon Sporrer (sister-in-law of Jim Sporrer, and Dan Millard (brother-in-law of Kathy Sporrer), R.I.P. Our sympathy to their families and friends.

**2022 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL**

Thanks to all who made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. No gift is too small. If you have not yet made a gift to the ADA, we invite you to do so today. Every dollar raised to make our goal supports important diocesan services and every dollar raised over our goal will be returned to the parish.

**This year's goal: \$78,088**

**Pledged to date: \$41,260 (as of Sept. 30)**



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**VOLUNTEERS & FOOD NEEDED FOR PARISH THANKSGIVING DINNER:** Workers, as well as desserts and food items are needed for our dinner on November 13. Please go to:

[www.stmaryspontiac.org](http://www.stmaryspontiac.org) and click on the link to sign up. If you do not have a computer or are having trouble signing up, please call Bernie Timmerman at 815-822-2961 or 815-844-1479 to sign up with your times or food donations. If donating a pie, it would be appreciated if it was in a non-returnable container in case someone wants to purchase a whole pie. Thank you for your help!

**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.**

**LECTORS & EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS  
RETREAT & TRAINING DAY**

**L**ectors

**Saturday, October 29  
from 10am to 12noon  
in the church.**

**Please arrive at 9:45 for registration.**

**Father Matt Deptula will offer a retreat and a refresher on training for all current lectors and extra ordinary ministers.**

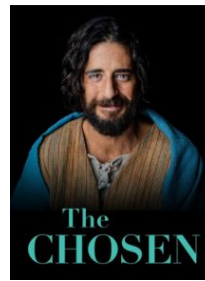
**Anyone interested in becoming a lector or extra ordinary ministers is also invited.**



**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.

**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.



**THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY:** Fr. David will be leading a Bible Study following the first two seasons of the *The Chosen* series. It will be held on **Sunday afternoons beginning November 13 at 12:30pm at the parish hall in Chenoa**. To sign up, text Fr. David at 309-536-0027 or email him at [fr.david.sabel@gmail.com](mailto:fr.david.sabel@gmail.com). If you want a corresponding workbook, let him know when you response to the invitation. Both workbooks for the two seasons runs around \$30.

*The Chosen* series is beautiful, bible based, thought provoking with great acting about the possible actions of Jesus and His chosen disciples when Jesus begins His ministry. We will have fun because the show is fun, dramatic, serious, enlightening and hopeful! Come and See! Remember ,TEXT OR EMAIL FR. DAVID if you would like to participate.

**A Note from  
CATECHESIS OF  
THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

Dear St. Mary's Parishioners:

Your response to our call for help has been so generous! **YOU ARE AMAZING!** We are incredibly grateful to all those who helped with our cutting work, donated materials, helped build shelving, assembled furniture, or sent in financial help for our renovations. Special thanks to Bob Paris, Scott Drilling, Kevin Murphy, Fr. David and Tory Farney for the extraordinary gift of time and talent. To all those who keep us in prayer, **THANK YOU!**

We continue to purchase new prayer work materials for the children to use in the Atrium, and are also looking for the following:

6-8" wooden embroidery hoops

Holy Images about our faith from greeting cards, prayer cards, etc.

Many people get an abundance of mail with Holy Images. We could use them in the Atrium!

Thank you for your continued support, and **ESPECIALLY** your prayers!



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Most Reverend Louis Tylka  
Diocese of Peoria  
Office of the Bishop



October 2022

My dear friends in Christ,

Each year we celebrate World Mission Sunday, an opportunity for us to reflect on the wide mission of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the world.

Recognizing our own calling to the mission given us by the Lord, we share in the efforts both locally and around the globe to bring people to Christ. Whether it be on our own street corners or in remote lands thousands of miles away, fellow disciples of Jesus bring hope and love to whomever they encounter. The task of evangelization is dependent upon our willingness to do our part in sharing the Good News.

I ask that you prayerful remember the missionary activity of the Church in your daily prayers and that as we mark World Mission Sunday you consider how you might contribute to the missionary efforts of the Church. Please be generous in support of the collection for World Mission Sunday, your donation makes an impact in the lives of missionaries and the people they encounter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

✦ Most Reverend Louis Tylka  
Bishop of Peoria

### 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)

## YOU ARE INVITED!

### Diocesan Wide Ultreya

Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

607 NE Madison Ave., Peoria

Theme: "In God's Time"

Guests are Encouraged!

Families are Welcome!

Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm

*Join the Cursillo community from around the diocese for a talk, Mass and fellowship!*

*Celebrant: Bishop Lou Tylka*



Contact Jessie Morss at the Cursillo Office at (309) 676-5587; [cursillopeoria@gmail.com](mailto:cursillopeoria@gmail.com) for more information.



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



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When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

*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.
- **Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!**
- **Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church!**  
You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

**Set your appointment with Universal today!**



*Gathering families,  
Connecting generations.*



***SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT NOW!***  
***Pictures will be taken October 18-22, November 1-5***  
***and new days have been added, November 30-December 3***

***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.***  
***You can also call the parish office at 815-844-7683 to schedule.***

2015 DEAR FAMILY FLYER

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WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE NOW HAVE AN AMAZONSMILE

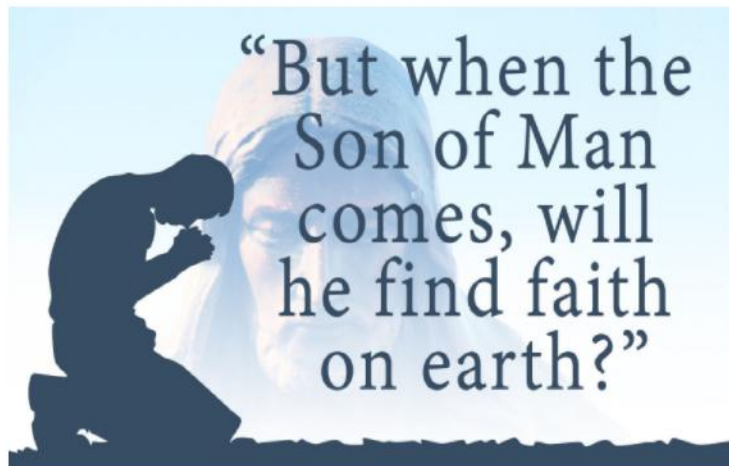
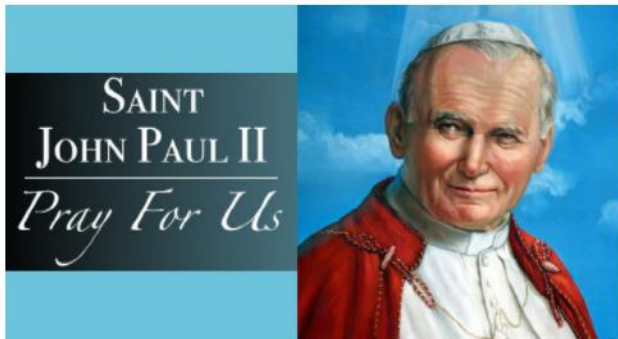
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 16, 2022

Sunday	Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 2; Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8
Monday	St. Ignatius of Antioch Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday	St. Luke, Evangelist 2 Tm 4:10-17 b; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Wednesday	Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday	St. Paul of the Cross Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53
Friday	Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday	St. John Paul II, Pope Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 13:1-9
Sunday	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14



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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RADIO

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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**



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.



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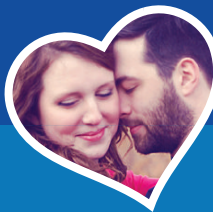

## PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL FAMILIES THIS YEAR

*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 17	Jon & Nancy Haag Family, Harper Highland's Family
Tues Oct 18	John & Michelle Grundler Family, Kate, Jacob & Grace Lauritsen's Family
Wed Oct 19	Robert & Mary Kay Gualandi Family, Anastasia Mathias' Family
Thurs Oct 20	Jose Guerrero Family, Leo & Maggie Matthew's Family
Fri Oct 21	Gene Hale Family, Connor Trachsel's Family
Mon Oct 24	Joseph Guerrero Family, Olivia Lindley's Family
Tues Oct 25	Tom & Beth Halloran Family, Olivia & Eli Miller's Family
Wed Oct 26	Bob & Julie Harback Family, Aden & Bevin Brummel's Family
Thurs Oct 27	Randy & Linda Hart Family, Brenna Burgess-Lang's Family
Fri Oct 28	Bill & Marsha Halpin Family, Harper Francis' Family



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

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