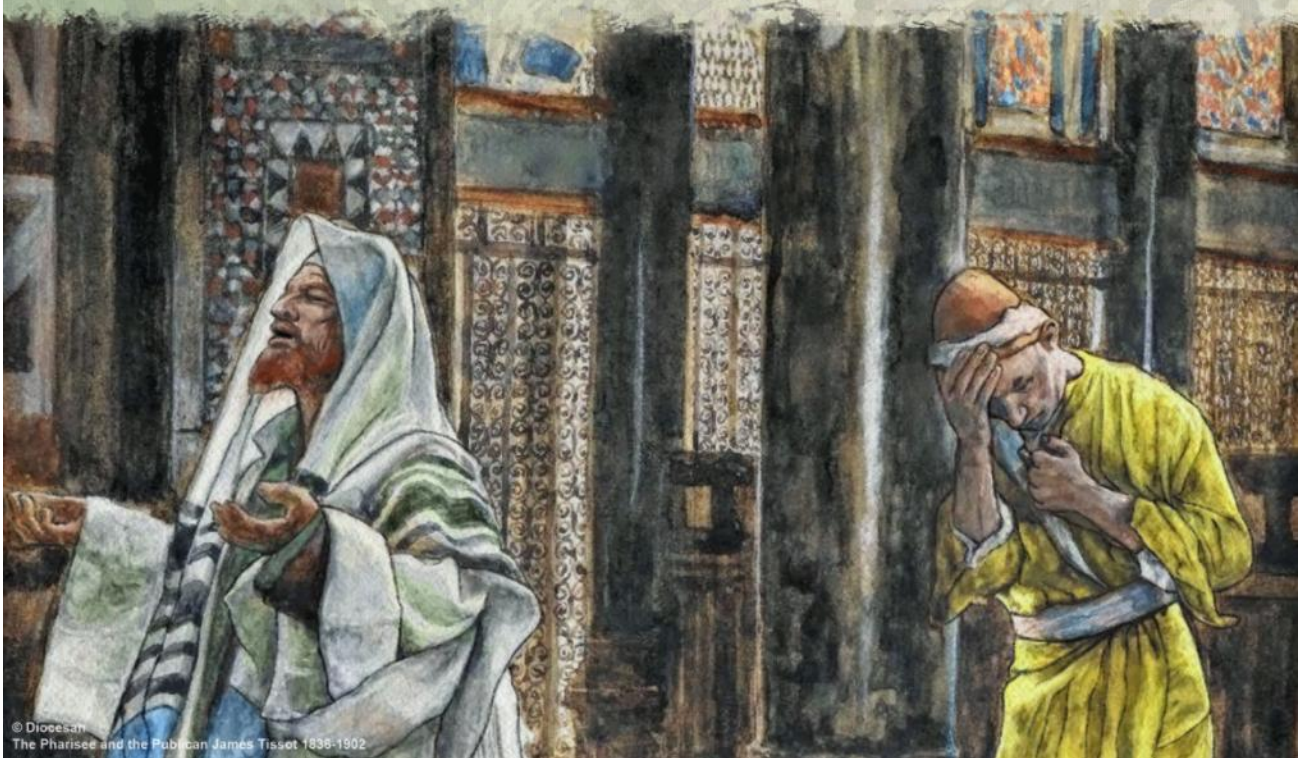


Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

But the tax collector stood off at
a distance and would not even
raise his eyes to heaven but
beat his breast and prayed,
"O God, be merciful to me a sinner."

Luke 18:13



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October 23, 2022

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Wednesday 12 noon - 1:00 pm

Saturday 2:30-3:30 pm

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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: \$11,036.40

Building Maintenance Fund Collection was \$2,752.00.

World Mission Sunday Collection: This weekend.

THANK YOU to those who regularly support our parish.



Mass Intentions

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

Monday, October 24 (St. Anthony Mary Claret)

7:00 a.m. Pamela Sopiars

Tuesday, October 25

7:00 a.m. Rosemary McDermott & Jimmy Paris

Wednesday, October 26

7:00 a.m. Mary & Paul Rittenhouse

Thursday, October 27

8:15 a.m. Ellen Reeter

Friday, October 28 (Sts. Simon & Jude)

7:00 a.m. 2nd ann Wayne Denaple

Saturday, October 29

4:00 p.m. 25th ann Ron Schultz

Sunday, October 30 (31st Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Parish

9:30 a.m. 1st ann Mark Harringer

Servers for Saturday, October 29

4:00 p.m. Sean Finnegan

Servers for Sunday, October 30

7:00 a.m. Christopher Corrigan

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

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.

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.

UNBOUND SAYS "THANK YOU!" I was glad to be asked by Unbound to visit St. Mary's Parish and preach on its behalf during the weekend of October 8-9. Fourteen persons were sponsored. Thank you! The sponsored children and elders give thanks to God for being chosen. Gratitude is also extended to all who are continuing commitments made in response to the previous appeal in August of 2015. More sponsors are still needed for the many persons who are on our waiting lists at our various projects. Please go to the web page unbound.org/MyOutreach/FrGeorgeKnab and make a selection. Please know of my prayers for all of you.

Fr. George Knab, OMI

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

Lectors

**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.



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.

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY SEWING CIRCLE will meet **Thursday, October 27 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.



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 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!



ST. MARY'S FOOD PANTRY TURKEY PROJECT: You can provide a turkey for a family in need. Special envelopes will be available at all Masses over the next couple weeks.

St. Mary's Pantry hopes to distribute approximately 200 frozen turkeys to pantry patrons in November in time for a nice Thanksgiving meal. Any additional dollars collected will be used to buy other Thanksgiving dinner items such as canned sweet potatoes, instant mashed potatoes, stuffing mix, gravy, chicken broth, pie filling, canned cranberries, etc. Donations of these kinds of food items may be dropped off at the pantry on Thursdays from 9am-3 pm. **Thank you for your support!**

ADVENT SMALL GROUP STUDY

We exist to get to heaven! One of the ways we can work toward heaven is through small group discipleship to build community, grow in our love for Jesus and pray the gospels. We invite you to join us this Advent season: **Praying the Gospels: Jesus Launches His Ministry** by Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ

There are 4 time offerings. A committed time must be chosen as participants will be assigned to a specific small group for this 6 week study.

Tuesdays at 10:00am Nov. 15 to Dec. 20

Wednesdays at 1:00pm Nov. 16 to Dec. 21

Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm Nov. 15 to Dec. 20

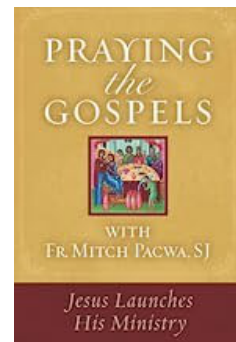
Thursday evenings at 6:30pm Nov. 10 to Dec. 22

Participants will be notified once sign ups are completed and meeting locations are determined.

3 ways to sign up:

1. Sign up sheets are located at all church entrances
2. Call the church office at 815-844-7683
3. Email Kel at krenz.kel@stmaryspontiac.org

- A donation of \$10.00 will be collected at the first meeting to offset the cost of materials.



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2023-2024 REGISTRATION

Kindergarten

- Registration for current PreK4 students and current SMS families begins 12/5/22.
- Registration for new families begins 1/4/23.

4-year old PreK

- Registration for current PreK students, re-enrolling in PreK, and current SMS families begins 12/5/22.
- Registration for new families begins 1/4/23.

3-year old PreK

- Registration for current SMS families begins 3/1/23.
- Registration for new families begins 5/1/23.

For more Information:
school.stmaryspontiac.org
 815-844-6585





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.*

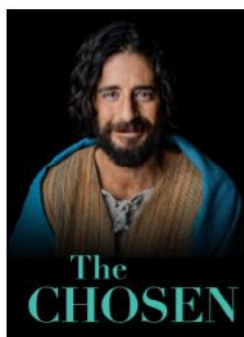
We are seeking a Jr. High ELA Teacher who knows and loves Jesus. We seek someone with a desire to make disciples of their students and grow in discipleship with other staff. Candidates must portray abilities of healthy teamwork among colleagues along with a desire to share their knowledge and love of 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



and lead our Church into the future. If you have any questions, please call Mark Corrigan at 815-848-3066.

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



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. If you want a corresponding workbook, let him know when you respond 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 PRAYER FOR THE VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF THE DIOCESE OF PEORIA



We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful:

do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partially influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

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!**
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SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT NOW!

***Pictures will be taken November 1-5
and new days have been added, November 30-December 3***

***To schedule your appointment go to 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.***

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 23, 2022

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
Monday	St. Anthony Mary Claret Eph 4:32-5:8; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; 17a; Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday	Eph 5:21-33; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday	Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14; Lk 13:22-30
Thursday	Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1B, 2, 9-10; Lk 13:31-35
Friday	Sts. Simon and Jude Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 6:12-16
Saturday	Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef; Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday	Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 11:22-12:2; Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14; 2 Thes 1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10



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 and click on the online giving link.
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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 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.



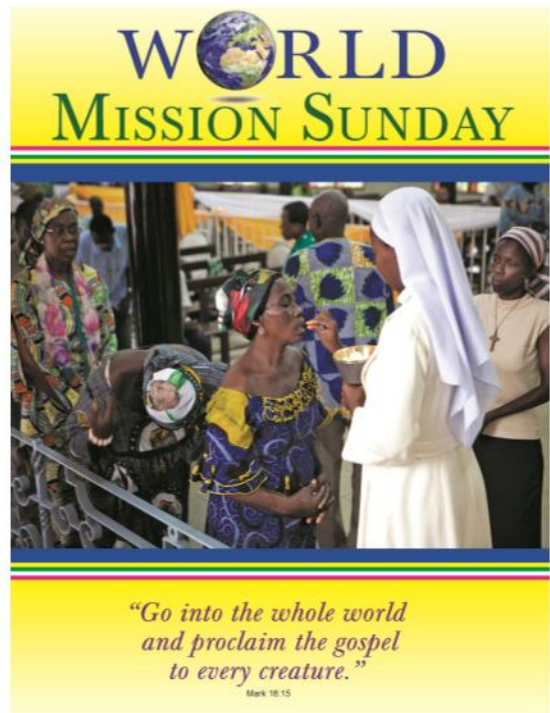
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PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL FAMILIES THIS YEAR

*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 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
Mon Oct 31	John & Sally Harcharik Family, Maddie & D.J. Herkert's Family
Tues Nov 1	Troy & Shannon Hart Family, Bailey & Chloe Cox's Family
Wed Nov 2	Amanda Hamilton Family, Evelyn, Izzy & Myers Hinz's Family
Thurs Nov 3	Sandra Harmon Family, Tiffany Legner's Family
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