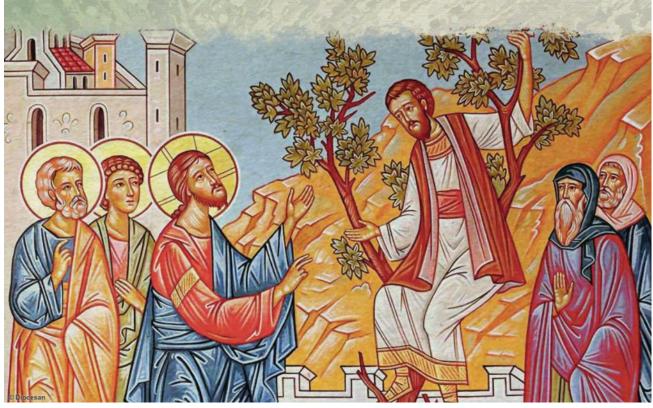
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost.

Luke 19:10



St. Mary's Catholic Church Pontiac, Illinois October 30, 2022

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 119 E. HOWARD ST., P.O. BOX 374 PONTIAC, ILLINOIS 61764 Phone: 815-844-7683 Fax: 815-842-4345 Parish & School Website: www.stmaryspontiac.org Facebook: St. Mary's Parish-Pontiac

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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 Facebook: St. Mary's School Instagram: stmaryspontiac

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 <u>tissiere.taryn@stmaryspontiac.org</u> or 815-979-7663.



STEWARDSHIP

Collection last Sunday: \$8,984.40

World Mission Sunday Collection was \$1,065.00.

School Collection: Next weekend.

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

THANK YOU to those who regularly support our parish.

📌 Mass Intentions

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 Monday, October 31 7:00 a.m. Sharilyn Ryan 5:30 p.m. Carol Wunderlin **Tuesday**, November 1 (All Saints Day) 6:00 a.m. Caroline Heinrich 8:15 a.m. Parish Wednesday, November 2 (All Souls Day) 7:00 a.m. Louise Molla Deceased buried at St. Mary's Cemetery 12:00 noon 6:00 p.m. All Souls' Day Memorial Mass Thursday, November 3 (St. Martin de Porres) 7:00 a.m. Mary Mote Friday, November 4 (St. Charles Borromeo) 7:00 a.m. Vera Gernentz Saturday, November 5 Prodigals of St. Mary's Parish 8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. John DiNardi Sunday, November 6 (32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time) 7:00 a.m. Dorian McBeath 9:30 a.m. Parish Servers for Saturday, November 5

4:00 p.m. Nicholas & Carter Doughan

Servers for Sunday, November 6 7:00 a.m. Haidyn & Harper Francis 9:30 a.m. Zach & Mallory Masching

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: 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.

CONGRATULATIONS to the parents and family of **Donovan Edward Fry**, son of Justin & Jacklyn Fry, who was recently baptized as a member of our faith.

PLEASE PRAY FOR parishioner David Antolik, and Dorothee Tjelle (mother of Diane Cramer), R.I.P. Our sympathy to their families and friends.

ALL SAINTS' DAY MASSES: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 (A Holy Day of Obligation)

Monday, October 31 at 5:30 pm Pontiac & Flanagan Tuesday, November 1 at 6:00 am & 8:15 am Pontiac Chenoa 8:00 am Lexington 5:30 pm Chatsworth 7:00 pm

ALL SOULS' DAY MASSES: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 7:00 am regular morning Mass 12:00 noon at St. Mary's Cemetery-bring a lawn chair 6:00 pm All Souls Day Memorial Mass in church with names of

deceased read and candles lit in their memory

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 6 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the parish hall

Scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, sausage patties, pancakes & drink

\$10 per person \$40 family maximum

PLEASE JOIN US!



This breakfast is being held in lieu of our annual Tootsie Roll Drive with all proceeds going to those with intellectual disabilities in our community.

THE PARISH SECRETARY WILL BE ON VACATION Thursday, November 3 through Tuesday, November 8. You can still call the parish office to schedule your directory pictures. All other business should wait until she returns.

ALL SOUL'S DAY MEMORIAL MASS: On Wednesday, November 2 at 6:00pm, parishioners and family of parishioners who have passed away during this last year will have their names read and a candle will be lit in their memory at this special Mass. The All Soul's Memorial Mass will be live streamed on YouTube. The link can be found on Flocknote.

LEGION OF MARY: Want to tell the world about Jesus through Evangelization? Become a disciple. Join the Legion of Mary every Thursday at 7:00pm in the Parish Center. Please use the back door.

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.



ST. MARY'S FOOD PANTRY TUR-KEY PROJECT: You can provide a turkey for a family in need. Special envelopes will be available at all Masses over the next couple weekends. 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!**

LECTORS FOR NOVEMBER

	4:00pm	Mike VanSickle
	7:00am	Paul Giordano
	9:30am	Jim & Nanette Marx
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS FOR NOVEMBER		
4:00pm	Joanne Coriell, Ray White, I	Mary Lynn Schopp
7:00am	Chuck & Dianne Hanley, V	icki McBeath
9:30am	Carol Faust, Jenn Murphy, N	Nancy Milhauser, Paula Corrigan
GREETERS & USHERS FOR NOVEMBER		
4:00pm	Kathy Campbell, Nancy Ver	rdun, Joe & Kristy Duda, Jim Sporrer
7:00am	Jill Francis, Kelly Eckhoff, .	Joe Stock, John Kelly
9:30am	Peg Meier, Linda Rhodes,	Doug Zick, Vic Johns, Victor Johns,

30am Peg Meier, Linda Rhodes, Doug Zick, Vic Johns, Victor Johns, Lynn DiNardi A CELEBRATION OF BLESSINGS

PARISH THANKSGIVING DINNER Sunday, November 13 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. St. Mary's Parish Hall

Please use the Main Street door or enter from the east at the courtyard between the buildings. Carryouts use Chicago Street entrance.

Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, sweet potatoes, vegetables, cranberry sauce, roll, dessert & drink

\$10 for adults \$5 for children Grades 1-8 Free for children 5 and under \$30 family max—immediate household



50/50 Drawing Need not be present to win

HOSTED BY ST. MARY'S WOMEN'S GUILD

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!

BOOTIE TREE: The Christ Child Society will have a Christmas tree in the parish hall on **November 13** (at the Thanksgiving Dinner), adorned with "booties" for needy babies. There will also be "booties" in baskets at the doors of the church. Please take a bootie (or 2 or 3), purchase the item on the bootie, then return the bootie and item to the bin in the back vestibule no later than November 27. Please do not wrap the gift. Sizes needed are newborn and preemie.. Thank you for your help. Call Shari Paris at 815-419-8620 if you have questions.

BOUTIQUE TABLE: The Christ Child Society will also have a Boutique Table at the Thanksgiving Dinner with handmade items that can be purchased to help fund the work of the Society in providing layettes to newborns in need. There will also be a girls John Deere quilt, made by one of the talented members of the Society, that will be up for raffle.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE OF ILLI-NOIS 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 Dioceeds non 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.





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, reenrolling 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

ADVENT SMALL GROUP STUDY

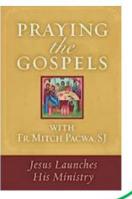
We exist to get to heaven! One of the ways we can work toward heaven is through small group discipleship to build community, grow in our love for Jesus and pray the gospels. We invite you to join us this Advent season: **Praying the Gospels: Jesus Launches His Ministry** by Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ

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



Celebrating faith. Connecting families. Sharing hope.

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 November 1-5 and new days have been added, November 30-December 3

NIVERSAL

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 30, 2022

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
Monday	Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday	All Saints Day Rv 7:2-4, 9-14;
	Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Wednesday	All Souls Day Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;
	Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40
Thursday	S.t Martin de Porres
	Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 15:1-10
Friday	St. Charles Borromeo
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Friday Saturday	
	Phil 3:17-4:1; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 16:1-8
, Saturday	Phil 3:17-4:1; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 16:1-8 Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b -2, 5-6, 8a & 9; Lk 16:9-15
, Saturday	Phil 3:17-4:1; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 16:1-8 Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b -2, 5-6, 8a & 9; Lk 16:9-15 Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time





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 NOVEMBER

Children Who Suffer: We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.



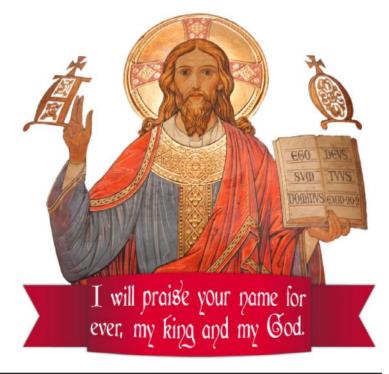
CATHOLIC SPIRIT RADIO

7 days a week, 24 hours a day! Catholic Spirit Radio broadcasts EWTN and local programming for you! It's lively, entertaining, and informative. Catholic Spirit Radio is on 89.5 FM and 92.5 FM, and

now on 88.3 FM in the Pontiac area, and online at www.catholicspiritradio.com We would like to thank the following 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.

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

MASS IS BROADCAST EACH MORNING AT 7AM This fall, let's fall in love with God through the sacraments and thanks to helpful homilies. Another method for inspiration available any day or time is to listen to the variety of ways the hosts at Catholic Spirit Radio share their relatable insights. Listen on 88.3 FM from Pontiac. You can also use their free app or listen online at <u>catholicspiritradio.com</u> or tell Alexa: "Alexa, Play Catholic Spirit Radio Eighty Nine Point Five." May God embrace you through the words that you hear!



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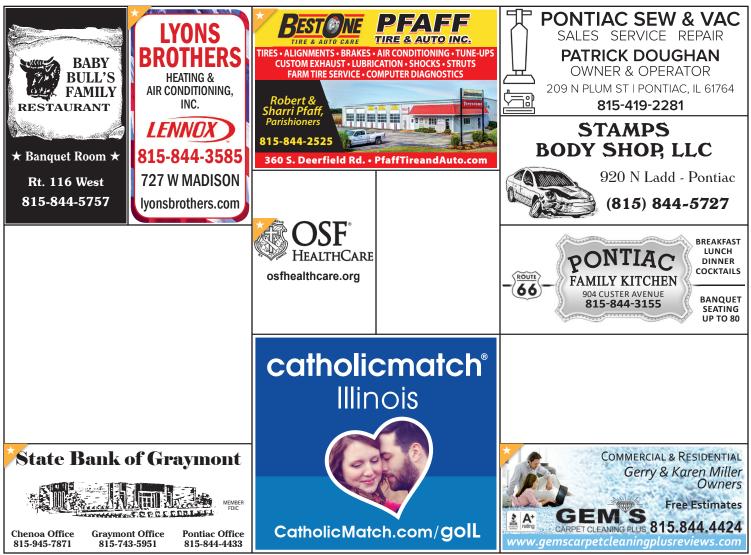
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PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL FAMILIES THIS YEAR

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 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
Fri Nov 4	Patti Jo Harty Family, Ella Ashcraft's Family
Mon Nov 7	Jeff & Michelle Hamilton Family, Lucas & Amelia Maier's Family
Tues Nov 8	Scott & Cathy Harmon Family, Payton Rogers' Family
Wed Nov 9	Deanna Hassinger Family, Gavin Schaidle's Family
Thurs Nov 10	Allison Hankins Family, Talon & Hudson Simmons' Family
Fri Nov 11	Kate Harrold Family, Nevaeh Vogt & Angelene Wertz's Family





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