

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The days will come when there
will not be left a stone upon another
stone that will not be thrown down."

Luke 21:6



St. Mary's Catholic Church
Pontiac, Illinois
November 13, 2022

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Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 12 noon and 1:00-4:30 pm

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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

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

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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: \$13,284.00

School Collection was \$2,237.00.

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

Building Maintenance Fund Collection: Next weekend.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 12 (St. Josaphat)

4:00 p.m. Elzie Fry

Sunday, November 13 (33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Parish

9:30 a.m. Michael Duncan

Monday, November 14

7:00 a.m. George Renner

Tuesday, November 15 (St. Albert the Great)

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

Wednesday, November 16 (St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Gertrude)

7:00 a.m. Wakey Family

Thursday, November 17 (St. Elizabeth of Hungary)

8:15 a.m. Patrick C. Green

Friday, November 18 (Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne)

7:00 a.m. Ernie Charlier

Saturday, November 19

4:00 p.m. Jim Broerman

Sunday, November 20 (Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe)

7:00 a.m. Parish

9:30 a.m. Raymond Grove

Servers for Saturday, November 19

4:00 p.m. Carrington Gray

Servers for Sunday, November 20

7:00 a.m. Tyson Cramer

9:30 a.m. Jonathan & Zach Becker

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Adoration is open each week-day, 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.

AUXILIARY GIFT SHOP HOLIDAY BAZAAR: St. James Hospital-John W. Albrecht Medical Center invites everyone to their Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale on **Monday, November 21 from 9am to 6pm** in the hospital lobby. The sale will continue during normal hours through the holidays ending December 30. Come see all the beautiful decorations and gift ideas!

ADVENT DIVINE MERCY SERVICE: All are invited to celebrate the beginning of Advent by attending a Pontiac Vicariate-wide Divine Mercy Service on **Sunday, November 27 at 5:00 pm at St. Joseph Church in Chenoa**. The Illinois Wesleyan choir, under the direction of Dr. Scott Ferguson, will provide beautiful music for this prayer service. Let this Advent be the "greatest Advent ever" by spending time with Our Lord in preparation for His Incarnation.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH
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ST. MARY'S WOMEN'S GUILD will meet **Tuesday, November 15 at 7:00pm** in the parish hall. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

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 TURKEY 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!**

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.

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

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. Newborn diapers and sleepers, 9 oz. bottles, and 10 oz. baby wash needed. Please do not wrap the gift. Thank you for your help. Call Shari Paris at 815-419-8620 if you have questions.



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

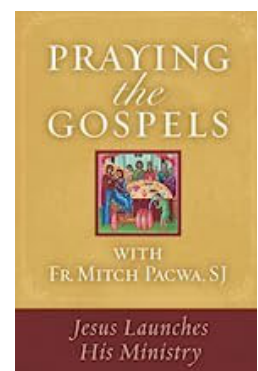
Thursday evenings at 6:30pm Nov. 10 to Dec. 22

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.





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

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!
Last chance for pictures 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 NOVEMBER 13, 2022

Sunday	Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19
Monday	Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday	St. Albert the Great Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday	St. Gertrude Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday	St. Elizabeth of Hungary Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Ps 95:8; Lk 19:41-44
Friday	Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday	Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43



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

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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 catholicspiritradio.com 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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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 Nov 14	Chuck & Dianne Hanley Family, McKenna Woodcock's Family
Tues Nov 15	Mike Heenan Family, Boston Alsdorf's Family
Wed Nov 16	Karen Hepner Family, Cecilia & Avery Alsdorf's Family
Thurs Nov 17	Marty & Sherri Hatzer Family, Harper Bachman's Family
Fri Nov 18	Patrick Heenan Family, Alexis Brown's Family
Mon Nov 21	Pat Hepperly Family, Parker Casner's Family
Tues Nov 22	Dick & Carol Hatzer Family, Reagan Mackinson's Family
Wed Nov 23	Bruce & JoEllen Heitz Family, Isaac & Cameron Mackinson's Family
Thurs Nov 24	Gerald & Kristine Hayner Family, Callum, Palmer & Eva Masching's Family
Fri Nov 25	Jordan Heller Family, Jaxson Rambo's Family



MAY GOD BLESS ALL OUR FAMILIES EVERY DAY!

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