

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Pontiac, Illinois
November 20, 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

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL:

414 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764

Phone: 815-844-6585

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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: \$13,530.25

Building Maintenance Fund Collection: This weekend.

Bishop's Seminarian Appeal: Next weekend.

THANK YOU to those who regularly support our parish.



Mass Intentions

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

Monday, November 21 (Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

7:00 a.m. 16th ann Kathy Murphy Jackson

Tuesday, November 22 (St. Cecilia)

7:00 a.m. Patricia Collette

Wednesday, November 23 (St. Clement I, pope; St. Columban, Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro)

7:00 a.m. Monty Kohn

Thursday, November 24 (St. Andrew Dung-Lac & companions)

8:00 a.m. Celeste Margherio

Friday, November 25 (St. Catherine of Alexandria)

7:00 a.m. *** NO MASS ***

Saturday, November 26

4:00 p.m. Mary Rittenhouse

Sunday, November 27 (First Sunday of Advent)

7:00 a.m. Parish

9:30 a.m. John DiNardi

Servers for Saturday, November 26

4:00 p.m. Sean Finnegan

Servers for Sunday, November 27

7:00 a.m. Volunteers

9:30 a.m. Finan & Rosie Krenz

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR parishioners Patricia Casson, George Woll, Irene Fraher and Mary Buster, and Jackie Mays (niece of Janet Hurt), R.I.P. Our sympathy to their families and friends.

CONGRATULATIONS to the parents and families of **Henry Matthew Starker**, son of Matthew & Amy Starker, **Jocelyn Lucille Klus**, daughter of Alex & Corinne Klus, and **Peter Michael Shrewsbury**, son of Tyler & Brooke Shrewsbury, who were recently baptized as members of our faith.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

AT 8:00AM

NO MASS ON FRIDAY

NO ADORATION

NOVEMBER 24-25-26

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BOOTIE TREE: The Christ Child Society will have "booties" in baskets at the doors of the church to help newborns in need. 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 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.

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.

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.

NEW SECURITY SYSTEM: The new security system is finally in place. We greatly appreciate those who helped bring this project to fruition. The old key fob cards will no longer work for the church. You can dispose of them. New key fobs have been ordered. We will let you know when they arrive and can be distributed to those who need them.

THANK YOU: St. Mary's Women's Guild would like to thank all the people who helped make our Thanksgiving Dinner a successful event! Thank you to those who enjoyed a meal and purchased 50/50 raffle tickets. Thank you to those who prepared food, set up, served, cleaned up, and donated food or monetary gifts.



BOOK FAIR: St Mary's School is once again holding an ONLINE Usbourne Book Fair! These excellent books focus on education while being exciting and fun for kids. They have fiction books, nonfiction books, science related books, books for preschoolers and infants, activity books and the extra favorite Shine-A-Light series. Check out our link to purchase! <https://d4887.myubam.com/2467983> SMS will receive a % back from all sales! All book orders will be shipped directly to you within 3-5 days! They would make great Christmas gifts!

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.

AUXILIARY GIFT SHOP HOLIDAY BAZAAR: St. James Hospital-John W. Albrecht Medical Center invites everyone to their Holiday Bazaar in the hospital lobby. The sale continues during normal hours through the holidays ending December 30. Come see all the beautiful decorations and gift ideas!

TOTUS TUUS 2023: *Mark your calendars for June 25-29 for junior high and high school students, and June 26-30 for those entering 1st-6th grades.*

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: \$57,735 (as of Nov. 3)

SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT NOW!
Last chance for Parish Directory 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.



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

"PURPLE IS FOR PREPARATION" ATRIUM ADVENT FAMILY EVENT

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 9:30MASS THIS
SUNDAY, JOIN US IN THE MPR (OLD GYM)

YOUR CHILD CAN SHARE WITH YOU HOW THE
ATRIUM WORKS INCLUDING THE LITURGICAL
CALENDAR AND LITURGICAL COLORS

MAKE A FAMILY ADVENT WREATH
ENJOY COFFEE & DONUTS
ALL ARE WELCOME!

FAST and PRAY for



"But this kind is not cast out but
by prayer and fasting." Mt 17:21



Heavenly Father, You have given us great hope by gifting us with the reversal of Roe v. Wade. Bless the State of ILLINOIS with good and holy leaders to guide and place us on the right path. We offer You our prayers and fasting in thanksgiving and for this intention.

**PRAY & FAST every Friday for the
CONVERSION of ILLINOIS.**

(Clip out this prayer & keep as a reminder)

ADVENT MISSION NATIONAL EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL EVENT



Sunday, November 27
St. Patrick Church, Dwight
4:30pm Mission talk by
Fr. Doug Grandon
5:00pm Holy Hour for Life,
Marriage and
Liberty with
Reconciliation

Monday, November 28
St. Paul Church, Odell
6:00pm Mission talk by
Fr. Doug Grandon
6:30pm Holy Hour with
Reconciliation

Tuesday, November 29
St. Patrick Church, Dwight
5:30pm Holy Hour with
Reconciliation
6:00pm Mission talk by
Fr. Doug Grandon
6:30pm "Wrap-Up Dinner"
at St. Patrick Hall.
RSVP to
815-584-3522

SPALDING SCHOLARSHIPS: Your child can attend a Catholic School, Financial Assistance Available

Tuition assistance scholarship grants from the endowment fund established as a result of the Diocese of Peoria ROOTED IN FAITH Campaign and named in honor of Archbishop Spalding, the first Bishop of Peoria, will be available for the 2023-2024 school year for students enrolled in or intending to enroll in grades Kindergarten through 12 in any Catholic school located in the Diocese of Peoria whose families are active members of a Catholic parish in the diocese. All grants will be based on financial need objectively assessed. Information about the grants and application materials may be obtained from any Catholic elementary or secondary school in the Diocese of Peoria or on the Diocesan website www.cdop.org under Catholic Education and then under Financial Assistance. Consult the detailed protocols and procedures and checklist for all requirements necessary to be eligible for an award. Parents must apply online at: online.factsmtg.com/aid. Families of students currently receiving grants are reminded that all grants are for one year only, and anyone seeking to renew a grant for the 2023-2024 school year must reapply. Deadline date for the completed application is April 28, 2023. Notification of grant awards will be made in June of 2023.

Another funding opportunity is also available due to the Invest in Kids Act legislation in Illinois. Students may be eligible for up to 100% of tuition and fees under a program for tax credit scholarships (TCS). Details on how to apply and who qualifies are available on the Empower Illinois website at www.empowerillinois.org. Students who receive a TCS are ineligible to receive a Spalding award.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20, 2022

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
Monday	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday	St. Cecilia Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday	St. Clement I, Pope Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday	St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; Ps 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 21:20-28
Friday	St. Catherine of Alexandria Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a & 8a; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday	Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday	First Sunday of Advent Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

**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.



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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!



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

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1. Visit our website at www.stmaryspontiac.org and click on the online giving link.
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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 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
Mon Nov 28	Katrina Hertz Family, Sammi & Riley Salinas' Family
Tues Nov 29	Marilyn Headley Family, Nora & Wilson Sweitzer's Family
Wed Nov 30	Christine Hendren Family, Jasmine Kennedy's Family
Thurs Dec 1	Rick & Donna Higgins Family, Josie Wenger's Family
Fri Dec 2	Gwen Hilsabeck Family, Briggs Yantis' Family



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