

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Pontiac, Illinois
November 27, 2022

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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](https://www.instagram.com/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 Tissiery at tissiery.taryn@stmaryspontiac.org or 815-979-7663.



STEWARDSHIP

Collection last Sunday: \$7,506.25

Building Maintenance Fund Collection was \$2,486.00.

Bishop's Seminarian Appeal: This weekend.

School Collection: Next weekend.



Mass Intentions

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

Monday, November 28

7:00 a.m. Deceased members Legion of Mary

Tuesday, November 29

7:00 a.m. Julia Halpin

Wednesday, November 30 (St. Andrew)

7:00 a.m. Elizabeth Miller

Thursday, December 1

8:15 a.m. Rocky Rodino & Kristin Walters

Friday, December 2

7:00 a.m. Chris Larkin

Saturday, December 3 (St. Francis Xavier)

8:00 a.m. Prodigals of St. Mary's Parish

4:00 p.m. Ron Paris

Sunday, December 4 (Second Sunday of Advent)

7:00 a.m. Pat Lyons

9:30 a.m. Parish

Servers for Saturday, December 3

4:00 p.m. Nicholas & Carter Doughan

Servers for Sunday, December 4

7:00 a.m. Haidyn & Harper Francis

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

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.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE OF ILLINOIS VOCATIONS RAFFLE: Raffle tickets to support the Knights of Columbus State of Illinois Vocations Program should be turned in immediately. Drawing is next week.

CONGRATULATIONS to the parents and family of **Shepard Drew Bauman**, son of Andrew and Rachel Bauman, who was recently baptized as a member of our faith.

PLEASE PRAY FOR parishioner Mary Jo Murphy, R.I.P. Our sympathy to her family and friends.

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COME JOIN US FOR AN ADVENTure NEXT WEEKEND!

- ♦ **NATIVITY WALK:** *Saturday, December 3 from 3:30-6pm & Sunday, December 4 from 8-11:30am*
Please enter through the MPR (old gym) doors to view Nativities of our school and parish families.
We invite you to add your Nativity to our display. Sign-up on our website: church.stmaryspontiac.org
Nativities can be brought to the school on Saturday from 12-3pm and must be picked up by 12 noon on Sunday.
- ♦ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST:** *Sunday, December 4 from 7:30-11:30am in the parish hall*
Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Egg Casserole, French Toast Casserole & Drink
\$10 per person, \$40 family maximum. *Santa is unable to attend this year, but all children will receive a gift*
- ♦ **RECEPTION FOR DEACON RAY WHITE:** *Sunday, December 4 after 9:30 Mass in the parish hall*
Come congratulate Deacon Ray who will be ordained on Saturday, December 3 at the Cathedral in Peoria

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.

LECTORS FOR DECEMBER

4:00pm Patti Zehr
7:00am Bridget Morrisette
9:30am Jim & Lisa Martin

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER

4:00pm Steve Renner, Pat Bednar
7:00am Bryan & Susan Schweigert
9:30am Sue Smith, Amanda Lauritsen, Katie Wille

USHERS/GREETERS FOR DECEMBER

4:00pm Joanne Coriell, Lisa Doughan, Arlene Fry, Mary Timmerman, Lynn DiNardi, Jim Sporrer, Bill Bertram, Mike Linskey
7:00am Mary Follmer, Pat Duffy, Dan Smith
9:30am Megan Lauritsen, Bernie Timmerman, Margo Law, Lynn DiNardi, Joe & Mary Baker

SANCTUARY CLEANERS FOR DECEMBER

Karen Peissig, Nanette Marx, Arlene Fry, Cherry Cole, Sherri Hatzer



JESSE TREES in the front corners of the church will have new ornaments added each week symbolizing the Old Testament people "waiting" for the Messiah. Packets at the doors of the church will name the Old Testament symbols for the four weeks of Advent and the Bible verses which explain them. Pick up a packet and take it home to read the verses indicated for each day of Advent with your family.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE: **Tuesday, December 20 at 6:30 p.m.** in the church. Extra priests will be on hand to help with individual confessions.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Pontiac 4:00 & 8:00 pm
Lexington 4:00 pm
Dwight 4:00 pm & 12 midnight
Chenoa 5:30 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Pontiac 7:00 & 9:30 am
Flanagan 8:00 am
Lexington 9:00 am
Chatsworth 10:00 am
Odell 10:30 am
Chenoa 11:00 am

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS may once again be purchased in memory or in honor of a loved one. Please place your money and the form below in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" and place it in the collection basket. Please print names as you want them to appear in the bulletin.

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IN HONOR OF _____

YOUR NAME _____

Poinsettia 6 1/2 inch pot \$10.00 Poinsettia 7 inch pot \$15.00
Poinsettia 8 inch pot \$20.00

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)



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

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.



BOOK FAIR: St Mary's School is once again holding an ONLINE Usborne 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 pre-schoolers 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!

We recommend acting soon as this opportunity is on a first come, first serve basis and Caterpillar may reach their cap quickly!



In support of Giving Tuesday, the Caterpillar Foundation will provide a limited-time 2:1 match through their Matching Gifts Program for global employee and U.S. retiree gifts made starting November 28 through December 12, 2022 (or once the match total reaches \$2M USD).

Gifts made to St. Mary's School are eligible for the Caterpillar Foundation Matching Gifts Program.
Your \$100 gift could be a \$300 gift!
Please consider the difference you can make!

***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

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.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27, 2022

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
Monday	Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday	St. Andrew, Apostle Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22
Thursday	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 & 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	St. Francis Xavier Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday	Second Sunday of Advent Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12



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 DECEMBER

Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations: We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



CATHOLIC SPIRIT RADIO

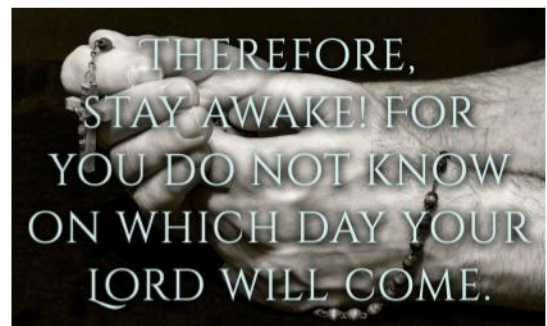
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ROSARY ON CATHOLIC SPIRIT RADIO: Everyday at 4:30am and 8:30pm.

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!



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)

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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 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
Mon Dec 5	Andrew & Donnell Hoeniges Family, Adam Vitzthum's Family
Tues Dec 6	Pat Hogan Family, Jack DeYoung's Family
Wed Dec 7	Janet Hurt Family, Lanie McGuckin's Family
Thurs Dec 8	Tom Hogan Family, Chris Gray's Family
Fri Dec 9	Thomas & Karen Hinz Family, Chase & Rhys Carley's Family



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