

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."
At once they left their nets and followed him.

Matthew 4:19-20

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Calling Of Saint Peter And Saint Andrew, 17th century by Michel Corneille the Younger

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Pontiac, Illinois
January 22, 2023

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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

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STEWARDSHIP

Collection last Sunday: \$15,670.39

Building Maintenance Fund Collection was \$4,355.00.

THANK YOU to those who regularly support our parish. We now offer Online Giving through our website. Check it out at www.stmaryspontiac.org



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 21 (St. Agnes)

4:00 p.m. Don Ocean & Michelle Ocean

Sunday, January 22 (Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Parish

9:30 a.m. 12th ann Jesus Calle

Monday, January 23 (Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children)

7:00 a.m. Elizabeth Baltz

Tuesday, January 24 (St. Francis de Sales)

7:00 a.m. 13th ann Jo Reilly

Wednesday, January 25 (The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle)

7:00 a.m. Frank Panno

Thursday, January 26 (St. Timothy & St. Titus)

8:15 a.m. In gratitude for anonymous donation to SMS teachers & staff

Friday, January 27 (St. Angela Merici)

7:00 a.m. Pat Watson

Saturday, January 28 (St. Thomas Aquinas)

4:00 p.m. Jim & Mary Bertrand

Sunday, January 29 (Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Pat Lyons

9:30 a.m. Parish

Servers for Saturday, January 28

4:00 p.m. Sean Finnegan

Servers for Sunday, January 29

7:00 a.m. Volunteers

9:30 a.m. SMS students

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.

REGISTER WITH THE PARISH OFFICE: We find that many young adults who have been members of the parish all their lives do not re-register themselves when they move out on their own. A simple phone call to the parish office at 815-844-7683 is all it takes to properly register your new household. Please call!

ORGAN TO DONATE: A parishioner has an organ to donate to a good home, business or organization. If you have a need for an organ, please call Mary Monical at 815-844-6034.

CONGRATULATIONS to the parents and family of **Olivia Blake Carley**, daughter of Ryan & Natalie Carley, who was recently baptized as a member of our faith. Also, congratulations to their son, **Chase Carley**, who received his First Holy Communion on the same day.

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BUCK\$ 4 BOOK\$: Christ Child Society Pontiac Circle, in conjunction with Catholic Schools Week, and in keeping with our commitment to our CCS Literacy Campaign, is sponsoring a **Buck\$ 4 Book\$** campaign. All money raised from this campaign will go directly to St. Mary's School teachers for wish list books for their classrooms. Donations will be collected through the month of January. After envelopes are removed from the church, donations can be mailed to the school at 414 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL. 61764. All checks should be made payable to St. Mary's School with a designation to **Buck\$ 4 Book\$**.

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY SEWING CIRCLE will meet **Thursday, January 26 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 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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

Mon Jan 23 5/6 BBB, home at 5:30pm (old gym)
7th BBB Regional, home at 5:30pm
Tues Jan 24 7th BBB Regional, home at 5:30pm
VB at Saunemin, 5pm
Wed Jan 25 4/5 BBB, home at 5:30pm
Thurs Jan 26 School Mass at 8:15am
VB, home at 5pm (8th Grade Night)

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: \$74,295 (as of Jan. 6)

ST. MARY'S MEN'S GROUP

SECOND AND FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
7:30-9:00PM

Join in fellowship, Bible study, prayer and discussions relating to challenges for Catholic men in a modern world.


To sign up, scan the QR code or
Contact Kel Krenz at
krenz.kel@stmaryspontiac.org or 815-419-5027
Meeting location TBD

As iron sharpens iron,
so one man sharpens another.
-Proverbs 27:17



ST. MARY'S SCHOOL SECRETARY JOB OPENING

We are seeking an individual who is a faithful professional, desiring to be a Saint and helping others to become Saints. The candidate should be able to share their faith, be joyful and always willing to put God and others before themselves. This individual should be comfortable working with a team who prays together and actively lives out their faith through daily interactions with staff, students, and parents. Duties/Responsibilities will be discussed during the interview. Salary: TBD Start Date: July 5, 2023 Secretarial experience desired, but not required. Please send a cover letter, resume, and 3 letters of recommendation to: Mrs. Karen Jones, Principal. We plan to begin interviews by the end of January.



Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
January 22, 2023

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart"
Jeremiah 1:5

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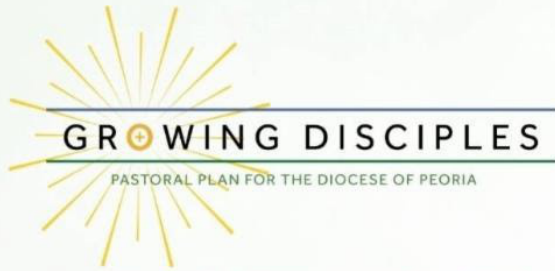
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THE FIVE FOUNDATIONS



FOUNDATION 2: INSPIRE DISCIPLESHIP IN EACH BAPTIZED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

Similar to "evangelization," "discipleship" is a word we use often as Catholics. But how often do we stop to think about what discipleship really means? What did Jesus intend for discipleship when he called his first disciples?



This is precisely what **Matt Faley, Chief of Mission for the Diocese of Peoria**, and **Jenny Witt, Director of Evangelization at St. Philomena Parish**, set out to discuss in the latest video from Bishop Tylka's "Five Foundations" series. The series, available at CDOP.org/pastoral-plan/five-foundations, digs deeper into each of the five foundations upon which Growing Disciples is rooted.

In this new video, Matt and Jenny address the following and more:

- ▶ **Being a disciple of Christ requires having a relationship with the person of Jesus.** It means loving Christ, and loving one another. How do we do this?
- ▶ **In Jesus' time, he chose the "unchosen" to change the world.** This means he calls ALL of us to be his disciples, no matter where we are in our faith journeys.
- ▶ **A foundational aspect of discipleship is opening your life up to others, inviting them to encounter Christ with you.** Matt and Jenny share examples of this invitation.
- ▶ **A vibrant parish is one that offers layers of opportunities for reaching people through the head and the heart.** Matt and Jenny walk through what this looks like.
- ▶ **As disciples of Christ, we're not supposed to know it all.** We don't need to have all the answers; we are all on the way. We just need to walk together toward God's grace.



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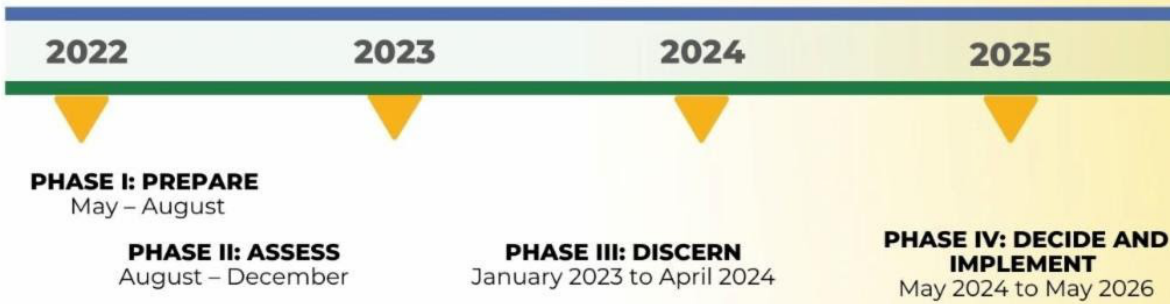
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Watch the video on
discipleship:



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PASTORAL PLANNING TIMELINE



WHERE WE ARE: PHASE III



PHASE III: DISCERN

2023



- Develop and share initial parish and school configuration proposals.
- Get feedback on the draft proposals at the March Priest Assembly Days and Spring 2023 vicariate meetings with parish leaders.
- Review feedback from the clergy and laity and draft a final set of parish and school configuration proposals.

WHERE WE'RE GOING: PHASE IV




PHASE IV: DECIDE AND IMPLEMENT

2024



- Get feedback on the final parish and school proposals through focus groups with priests and parish discussions with the laity.
- Discuss the final parish configuration proposal at February 2024 Priest Assembly Days.
- The Presbyteral Council meets and makes a recommendation to Bishop Tylka.

 Visit cdop.org/pastoral-plan/latest-news for video updates on the planning process.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 22, 2023

Sunday	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 8:23—9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23
Monday	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday	St. Francis de Sales Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2 & 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday	The Conversion of Paul the Apostle Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Thursday	Sts. Timothy and Titus 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-25
Friday	Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday	St. Thomas Aquinas Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a



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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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 JANUARY

For educators: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



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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 LoPiccolo at 630-514-6221.

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

MASS IS BROADCAST EACH MORNING AT 7AM

Learn more about your Christian Family Tree! Catholic Spirit Radio and St. Mary's Church in Bloomington invite you to a 12-week inspiring Bible Study beginning Thursday, February 16 at 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom or in-person at the radio station, you'll engage with twelve beautifully produced lessons and group discussions about *The Bible and the Church Fathers* (a study from the St. Paul Center). You will find out who has gone before us in the Faith, where they came from, and how they shaped the way we read Scripture. \$20 includes the book. Registration is required with coordinator Anthony Pecora at 309-750-9062 or Perio2000@frontier.com. Learn more at catholicspiritradio.org under the Bible Study tab.

TRIVIA NIGHT TO BENEFIT ST. PAUL SCHOOL: St. Paul School will host a Family Trivia Night on **Saturday, January 28** at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Odell. Doors will open at 6:30pm and questions will begin at 7pm. Due to limited space, reservations are required and can be made by calling 815-998-2194. Teams can be made up of 6-10 people. The cost is \$10 per person. This event is kid-friendly and children are welcome to play. In between rounds of questions there will be bonus games in which teams can also compete for bonus points. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. Teams are encouraged to come up with a team name and dress according to their team's theme. A prize will be given for the best-costumed table. Players may want to bring extra cash for purchase of mulligans (free correct answers), snacks, drinks, and more.

The Catholic Diocese of Peoria is seeking a Director of Development. The FULL-TIME position involves instituting the Annual Diocesan Appeal along with assisting the parishes, schools and institutions across the Diocese with Stewardship needs. Full Benefits available along with Salary commensurate with experience. **Forward by email a Letter of Introduction and Resume to:** humanresources@cdop.org

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PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH & SCHOOL FAMILIES THIS YEAR

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 Jan 23	Ryan Kelly Family, Taryn Tissiere's Family
Tues Jan 24	Nikki Kiest Family, Amanda Lauritsen's Family
Wed Jan 25	Eric & Lisa Kelley Family, Heidi Gregory's Family
Thurs Jan 26	Tom & Becky Kelly Family, Karen Jones' Family
Fri Jan 27	Kevin & Sandra Knittel Family, Mark Corrigan's Family
Mon Jan 30	Delores Kelly Family, Patti Zehr's Family
Tues Jan 31	Ben & Jayme Bradshaw Family, Father Adam's Family
Wed Feb 1	Tim & Mary Kelly Family, Father David's Family
Thurs Feb 2	Shannon Knittel Family, Ellen Yedinak's Family
Fri Feb 3	John & Sue Kelly Family, Carol Duffy's Family



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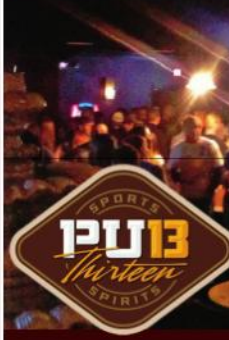
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