



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”

Matthew 5:16

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The Sermon on the Mount, Fra Angelico (circa 1395-1455)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Pontiac, Illinois
February 5, 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

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL:

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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
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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: \$8,713.40

School Collection: This weekend.

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

THANK YOU to those who regularly support our parish.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 4

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

4:00 p.m. 1st ann Ben Erickson

Sunday, February 5 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Parish

9:30 a.m. 3rd ann John DiNardi

Monday, February 6 (St. Paul Miki & companions)

7:00 a.m. Jack & Shirley Nolan

Tuesday, February 7

7:00 a.m. Martin & Helen Turner

Wednesday, February 8 (St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita)

7:00 a.m. Thelma Kane

Thursday, February 9

8:15 a.m. Karen Kathleen Krenz

Friday, February 10 (St. Scholastica)

7:00 a.m. Anna Mae Humbert

Saturday, February 11 (Our Lady of Lourdes)

4:00 p.m. Phyllis LoPiccolo

Sunday, February 12 (Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Henry Hogan

9:30 a.m. Parish

Servers for Saturday, February 11

4:00 p.m. Volunteers

Servers for Sunday, February 12

7:00 a.m. Christopher Corrigan

9:30 a.m. Jonathan & Zach Becker, Hudson Simmons

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.

2022 TAX RECEIPTS have been mailed to all parishioners
who gave a total of \$250 or more in the collection baskets this past
year. If you did not receive a statement but need one, please call
the parish office at 815-844-7683.

CONGRATULATIONS to the parents and family of **Kailie
Rayne Pike**, daughter of Aaron & Jana Pike, who was recently
baptized as a member of our faith.

PLEASE PRAY FOR parishioner Deanna "DeeDee" Hassinger,
and Velma Faber (grandmother of Jesse Faber), R.I.P. Our sympa-
thy to their families and friends.

Join us for the Season 3
Finale, Episodes 7 & 8
at Crescent Cinema,
Pontiac

The
CHOSEN

Sunday, February 5 at 12 noon
Monday, February 6 at 2pm & 6pm

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH
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CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY SEWING CIRCLE will meet **Thursday, February 9 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.

STEUBENVILLE INFORMATIONAL PARENT MEETING: **Wednesday, February 8 at 7pm** in the old Rectory. This meeting is for all high school students, AND THEIR PARENTS, interested in attending the Steubenville Conference to be held July 13-16 in Springfield, MO. We will be going through the agenda of the weekend, fundraising, and answering any other questions you may have before committing to the trip.

PRAISE & WORSHIP WITH STUDENTS: Everyone is invited to the church on **Thursday, February 9 from 7:15-7:45am** for Praise & Worship with St. Mary's students. Music teacher/choral director Ellen Yedinak will lead our students in a different way to glorify Our Lord. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

WATCH LENTEN RETREAT

As we approach the season of Lent, there is an excellent opportunity to attend a fun-filled, spiritual and thought-provoking weekend which focuses on God, self and neighbor. **WATCH** (We Are the Church) is presented by a team and clergy from St. Mary's to help in personal renewal. This will be held **March 17-19** at the parish hall. Consider making this weekend a part of your Lenten journey. Registration forms will be at all entrances of the church. If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please contact Sherri Hatzer (815) 848-6787.

*Join us for a three-day Parish Mission
featuring Fr. Luke Spannagel
with praise & worship music by Matt Faley*

About our guests:

Fr. Spannagel is one of 50 Eucharistic preachers in the country and is from the Diocese of Peoria.

Matt Faley is the Chief of Mission for the Diocese of Peoria and is a Christian recording artist.

Program highlights:

Sunday: True presence of the Eucharist; Eucharistic miracles

Monday: Mass from a sacrificial lens; explanatory Mass

Tuesday: Unity as the Body of Christ; Eucharistic Adoration

Mission made possible by the Teresa Stark Memorial Fund

*All are welcome.
No registration
necessary.*

When:

February 26 @ 4:00 pm

February 27 & 28 @ 6:00 pm

Where:

All sessions will be held in the church and will last 90 minutes.

St. Mary's Parish 119 E. Howard St. Pontiac, IL 61764 (815) 844-7683



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



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.factsmgt.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.

THIS WEEK AT **ST. MARY'S SCHOOL**

Feb 6-11	Kevin Casson Tournament
Feb 6-11	7/8 Volleyball County Tournament
Mon Feb 6	Camp Ondessonk Reps visit students 8th Grade Boys Basketball Sectionals at Odell
Tues Feb 9	7/8 Volleyball, 5:30pm at Ridgeview
Thurs Feb 9	7:15-7:45am—Praise & Worship in church, everyone invited 8:15am School Mass 5th-8th Grades travel to St. Patrick's in Dwight for Adoration before the Diocese Traveling Monstrance



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.

ST. MARY'S **30th ANNUAL** **DRAWDOWN**

Join us Saturday, April 1, at Pontiac Elks Lodge as we celebrate the longest running DrawDown in Pontiac! Your \$100 ticket will admit two adults to the event and includes dinner, draft beer, a chance to win amazing prizes, and the opportunity to participate in live & silent auctions. First prize is \$2,000! Tickets are on sale NOW and can be purchased from any SMS student or by calling the school office. Mark your calendars and plan to join us!

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



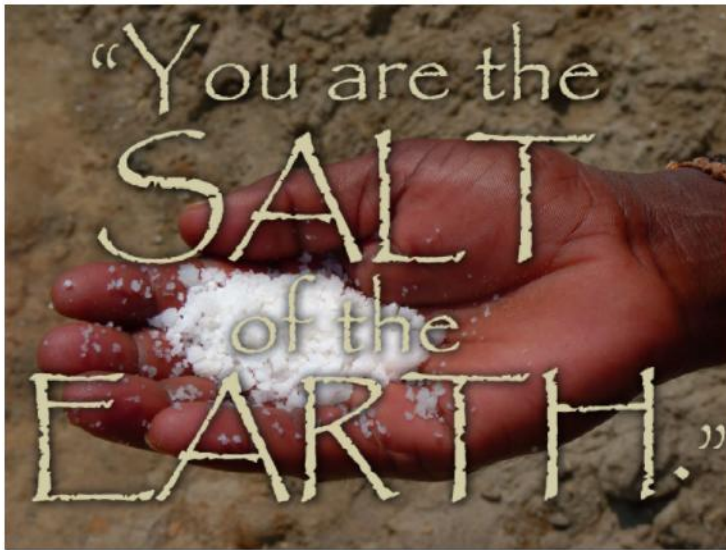
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The AmazonSmile program will be discontinued effective February 20, 2023. We greatly appreciate the support of everyone who participated in this program over the last several years. God bless you for your support!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5, 2023

Sunday	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16
Monday	St. Paul Miki and Companions Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 & 12, 24 & 35c; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday	Gn 1:20-2:4a; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday	Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mk 7:24-30
Friday	St. Scholastica Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday	Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37



EPIPHANY PARISH IN NORMAL INVITES EVERYONE to a free Lenten mission event on **Sunday, February 19 at 4pm.** Shaun Garrison, speaker, worship leader, and songwriter will lead us in a night of praise and worship, reflection for Lent, Adoration, and Confession. Shaun's event will conclude at 6pm and will be followed by cookies, chocolate, and hot cocoa in the parish hall. The event is free of charge but the number of people attending is needed so please go to the Epiphany website, epiphanyparish.com/event then scroll down to Lenten Parish Mission 2023 to sign up for this event and the free childcare which is also available with signing up.

**PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE
HOLY FATHER FOR FEBRUARY**

For parishes: We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.



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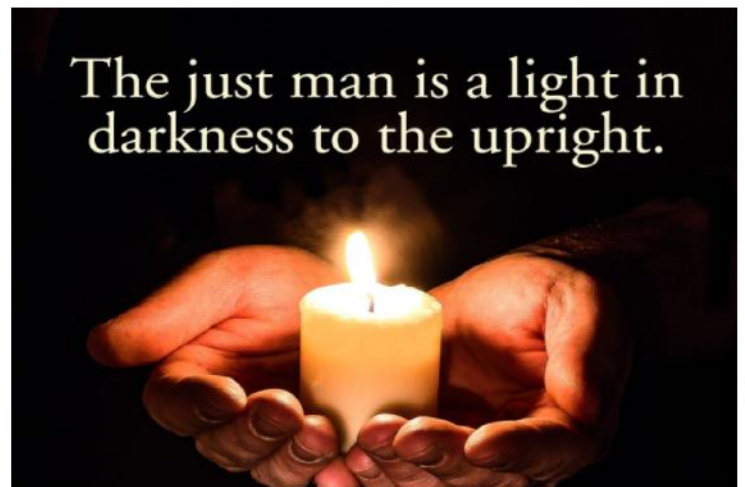
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ROSARY ON CATHOLIC SPIRIT RADIO: Everyday at 4:30am and 8:30pm.

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 catholicspiritradiocom under the Bible Study tab.

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



ST. MARY'S CHURCH
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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 Feb 6	Ashlee Keneipp Family, Jamie Woolford's Family
Tues Feb 7	Germaine Knudsen Family, Sandy Erickson's Family
Wed Feb 8	Bruce Koerner Family, Kel Krenz's Family
Thurs Feb 9	Cindy Kridner Family, Tory Farney's Family
Fri Feb 10	Jane Kuerth Family, Heidi Legner's Family
Mon Feb 13	Ralph Kohn Family, Mick Peterson's Family
Tues Feb 14	Paul & Lisa Kriehauser Family, Ashley Folkert's Family
Wed Feb 15	Tom Kurtenbach Family, Sarah Schopp's Family
Thurs Feb 16	Dennis Krippel Family, Danielle Gill's Family
Fri Feb 17	Jeff & Karen Kuska Family, Denise Plenert's Family



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