MEDIA for MISSION



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Church is alive in the Diocese of Peoria!

As I travel across the twenty-six counties which encompass our diocese, I see signs of life in the Church. Our Newman Centers welcome those attending the university and colleges and are joyfully witnessing faith in Christ. Through our parishes, many are coming to know of Jesus and His Church, with hundreds of people welcomed into a life within the Church at Easter. Our youth are having their minds and hearts shaped for Jesus in our Catholic Schools and Education programs. The most basic of needs are being met in food pantries, soup kitchens and from St. Vincent de Paul Societies and Catholic Charities. All of these are examples of encountering Jesus and sharing His love with others.

In its print edition, website and social media outreach, **The Catholic Post** tells the stories of these encounters with Jesus and how missionary discipleship is fostered across the 16,933 square miles of our diocese. The theme for the 2023 Delivering Unity Campaign is "Media for the Mission." Readers and social media followers are invited to support this mission through prayer, financial assistance and by sharing the work of **The Catholic Post** with others. Furthering the outreach of our stories and photos demonstrates the life of the Church!

The Pastoral Planning Process, "Growing Disciples," focuses our efforts to build a brighter future in a sustainable, mission driven Church. Concurrently, the National Eucharistic Revival centers us again on the great gift of Jesus in our lives as Catholics. I strongly encourage your support and readership of The Catholic Post as we seek to cover such important stories of our faith life. Details about how to subscribe and support our efforts are printed below.

Thank you in advance for helping us to provide "Media for the Mission."



Peace and Prayers,
+ Louis Tylka
+Bishop Louis Tylka

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St. Mary's Catholic Church Pontiac, Illinois

February 12, 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:

414 N. Main St., Pontiac, IL 61764

Phone: 815-844-6585

Principal: Mrs. Karen Jones, jones.karen@stmaryspontiac.org

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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: \$10,770.25

School Collection was \$2,452.00

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

Building Maintenance Fund Collection: Next weekend.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 11 (Our Lady of Lourdes)

4:00 p.m. Phyllis LoPiccalo

Sunday, February 12 (Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Henry Hogan

9:30 a.m. Parish

Monday, February 13

7:00 a.m. 1st ann Alex Hoffman

Tuesday, February 14 (Sts. Cyril, Monk & Methodius)

7:00 a.m. 2nd ann Monty Kohn

Wednesday, February 15

7:00 a.m. 12th ann Bernie Cassady

Thursday, February 16

8:15 a.m. Diane Coons

Friday, February 17 (Seven Holy Founders of Servite Order)

7:00 a.m. 20th ann Dick Masching

Saturday, February 18

4:00 p.m. Jo Schultz

Sunday, February 19 (Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 a.m. Parish

9:30 a.m. Colleen Murphy

Servers for Saturday, February 18

4:00 p.m. Volunteers

Servers for Sunday, February 19

7:00 a.m. Tyson Cramer 9:30 a.m. Finan & Rosie Krenz

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Adoration is open each weekday, 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.

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 \$15-844-7683.

PLEASE PRAY FOR parishioners Marilyn Weber, Sophie Fecht and Rita Schaeffer (mother of Sue Kelly), R.I.P. Our sympathy to their families and friends.

THE PARISH SECRETARY IS ON VACATION and will not be back in the office until Wednesday, February 15.

2022 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

THANK YOU to all who contributed this year.
WE HAVE MET OUR GOAL!
Please fulfill your pledges made.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH PONTIAC, ILLINOIS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will meet Wednesday, February 15 at 6:30pm in the Our Lady of the Rosary Room of the parish hall.

ST. MARY'S WOMEN'S GUILD will meet Tuesday, February 21 at 5:30pm in the parish hall. All women of the parish are invited. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME.

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.

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.



THIS LENT...

do you want to go deeper? do you want to walk with others? do you want to expand your faith?

do you want to expand your relationship with Jesus?

Join us as we prepare for this year's Lenten journey with community and new opportunities for spiritual growth with the Hallow app.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH FROM 7:00-8:00 P.M.
IN THE PARISH HALL. FELLOWSHIP AND
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED.



Hallew



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

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



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.

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THE 30TH ANNUAL ST. MARY'S SCHOOL DRAWDOWN

SATURDAY, APRIL 1 \$100 TICKET ADMITS 2 PONTIAC ELKS LODGE FEATURING BLAKE STADEL AS EMCEE

Our 30th Annual DrawDown event will give our guests the opportunity to bid on 30 silent auction baskets taking them EVERYWHERE...the movies, the golf course, the spa.....to name a few. Your \$100 ticket includes dinner, draft beer, a chance to win fantastic prizes, and participate in games and a live auction. Only 300 tickets will be sold. Tickets can be purchased from St. Mary's students, in the school office, or online at school.stmaryspontiac.org. This event is for adults 21+.

5:15 pm Doors open 5:30 - 7:30 pm Buffet dinner served followed by Live Auction

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

Mon Feb 13

Wed Feb 15 Thurs Feb 16

Fri Feb 17

Sat Feb 18

5/6 Volleyball,

5:30pm at home TAPS Meeting at 6pm School Mass at 8:15am 5/6 Volleyball,

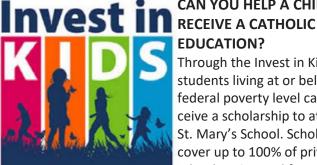
4:30pm at Woodland School dismisses at 1:30pm for Teacher Institute

5/6 Volleyball, 9am at PJHS 7/8 Volleyball at Marseilles



A note of gratitude to those who contributed to the St. Mary's School Annual Fund. Our goal this year was \$35,514 and we raised \$35,705. Thank you to our parishioners, alumni, and

school families who gave so generously.



CAN YOU HELP A CHILD EDUCATION?

Through the Invest in Kids Act, students living at or below the federal poverty level can receive a scholarship to attend St. Mary's School. Scholarships cover up to 100% of private school tuition and fees. These

scholarships are 100% funded by donations. Donors will receive a 75% tax credit for their donation. We have 27 students who have qualified and are on the waiting list, hoping to receive a scholarship for the 2023-2024 school year. Please consider making a gift to help these families provide a Catholic education for their child. Caterpillar employees and retirees can have their gift matched by the Caterpillar Foundation. Your \$1,000 becomes \$2,000 to SMS! All donations must be made directly to Empower Illinois, our Scholarship Granting Organization. If you can help, call the school office at (815) 844-6585 or email Danielle Gill at gill.danielle@stmaryspontiac.org.



amazonSmile The AmazonSmile program will be discontinued effective February 20, 2023. We greatly ap-

You shop. Amazon gives.preciate 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 FEBRARY 12, 2023

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

Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Monday

Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10;

Ps 29:1a & 2; 3ac-4, 3b & 9c-10; Mk 8:41-21

Wednesday Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 & 22-23;

Mk 8:27-33

Friday Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-11, 12-13; 14-15;

Mk 8:34-9:1

Saturday Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13

Sunday Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1

Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48





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 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.

SPIRIT

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 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 LoPiccalo 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 12week 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.

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



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.

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 13	Ralph Kohn Family, Mick Peterson's Family
Tues Feb 14	Paul & Lisa Krieghauser Family, Ashley Folkert's Family
Wed Feb 15	Tom Kurtenbach Family, Sarah Schopp's Family
Thus Feb 16	Dennis Krippel Family, Danielle Gill's Family
Fri Feb 17	Jeff & Karen Kuska Family, Denise Plenert's Family
Mon Feb 20	Pat & Paulette Krippel Family, Donna Gray's Family
Tues Feb 21	George & Georgette Kutsor Family, Christy Jones' Family
Wed Feb 22	Michael & Maria Kreush Family, Mary Helen McCorvie's Family
Thurs Feb 23	Jennifer Krueger Family, Kelly Krenz's Family
Fri Feb 24	Don & Linda Lambert Family, Megan Lauritsen's Family



MAY GOD BLESS ALL OUR FAMILIES EVERY DAY!





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