

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Pontiac, Illinois
March 19, 2023

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 119 E. HOWARD ST., P.O. BOX 374 **PONTIAC, ILLINOIS 61764**

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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

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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)

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STEWARDSHIP

Collection last Sunday: \$11,794.25

St. Mary's Food Pantry Collection was \$3,012.00.

Building Maintenance Fund Collection: This weekend.

Catholic Relief Services Collection: This weekend.



Mass Intentions

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE TO THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 18 (St. Cyril of Jerusalem)

4:00 p.m. Parish

Sunday, March 19 (Fourth Sunday of Lent)

7:00 a.m. Michael & Alice Ganta 9:30 a.m. WATCH Intentions

Monday, March 20 (St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin

Mary)

7:00 a.m. James & Claudia McGinn

Tuesday, March 21

7:00 a.m. Paul & Mary Rittenhouse

Wednesday, March 22

7:00 a.m. Marilyn Weber

Thursday, March 23 (St. Turibius of Mogrovejo)

7:00 a.m. John & Helen Fogarty

Friday, March 24

7:00 a.m. 1st ann Sharilyn Ryan

Saturday, March 25 (The Annunciation of the Lord)

Bill & Inez Craig 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 26 (Fifth Sunday of Lent)

7:00 a.m. 1st ann Patricia Lyons

9:30 a.m. Parish

Servers for Saturday, March 25

4:00 p.m. Sean Finnegan Servers for Sunday, March 26

> 7:00 a.m. Christopher Corrigan

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

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 815-844-7683.

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE THIS WEEK: Since the school is on Spring Break, the Thursday morning Mass will be at 7:00am this week.

PLEASE PRAY FOR parishioner Jean Dietz, Jerry Mantia (uncle of Marie Becker) and David Cheek (grandfather of Peyton & Trinity Cheek), R.I.P. Our sympathy to their families and friends.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

March 20-24

Spring Break



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FRY

Friday, March 24 5-7 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Fried pollack, baked cod, tuna noodle casserole, shrimp alfredo, vegetable, dessert & drink

\$12 for adults, \$7 for children ages 6-12, \$40 family max

Due to a significant increase in the cost of fish, we will NOT be offering All-You-Can-Eat. Cost above is per plate.

We apologize for the inconvenience.

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.

WOMEN'S GUILD RUMMAGE SALE FUNDRAISER: The Women's Guild will be holding a Rummage Sale Fundraiser in the parish hall on Friday, June 23 & Saturday, June 24. Donated items in good condition are needed for the sale such as books, jewelry, linens, toys, household items, decorations and miscellaneous items. NO CLOTHES! Start saving your items. Drop off information will be provided closer to the sale date.

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40 HOUR EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION: Come, visit with Jesus this Lent. St. Mary's Adoration times will extend through the night beginning Friday, March 24 at 3:45 PM and ending Sunday, March 26 at 6:45 AM. The Blessed Sacrament will be on the Altar during this time except for Saturday Night Mass when Jesus will be moved to the Adoration Chapel at 3 PM and back to the Altar after Mass. Please make plans to stop in the church anytime during these 40 hours - He is calling everyone. Adorers will be needed through the night - we don't want to leave Jesus alone for a minute. Please call Darlene 815-674-2375 so we can fill the open hours.

Why 40 hours? Traditionally, 40 hours comes from the 40 hours Christ's body rested in the tomb. In the Bible, the Israelites had trials or sufferings as they wandered 40 years in the desert, and Christ was tempted in the desert for 40 days prior to His ministry.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held each Friday of Lent, except Good Friday, at 5:30 p.m. in the church.

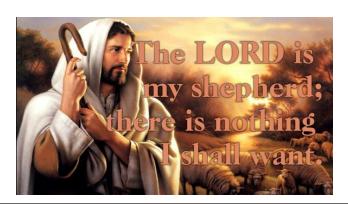
LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE: Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Extra priests will be on hand to hear individual confessions.

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES: For Easter Sunday ONLY, Masses will be offered at 7am, 9am and 11am

EASTER FLOWERS may once again be purchased in memory or in honor of a loved one to help decorate the church for Easter. All memorials and honors will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Please place money and the form below in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" and place it in the collection basket.

PLEASE PRINT NAMES AS YOU WANT THEM TO APPEAR IN THE BULLETIN.

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THE FIVE FOUNDATIONS

FOUNDATION 3: STRENGTHEN VOCATIONS

TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

Bishop Louis Tylka has said, "Everyone has a vocation." God is calling each of us to fulfill a unique invitation to holiness. But what are our options, and how does one come to know his or her vocation?



Father Chase Hilgenbrinck, Vocation
Director for the Diocese of Peoria, and
Sister M. Bernadette Morse of the
Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St.
George, dig deep in a conversation about
vocations as part of Bishop Tylka's "Five
Foundations" series. The series offers
rich explorations of the five foundations
in which Growing Disciples is rooted.

Watch the engaging discussion between a religious sister who began discovering her vocation in high school, and a priest who was formerly a professional soccer player, to hear about the following and more:

- How to find lasting happiness in a world which offers "passing" happiness.
- How your vocation is the path by which God's voice is echoed most powerfully through you to the world.
- The common misconception that being a priest, or religious sister or brother, is lonely. In fact, anyone who does not love as God calls us to love risks loneliness.
- Our universal vocation is to be holy, or to be like Christ. The way that we can best live this out is unique to how God designed each of us, with a specific purpose.
- How we can listen for God's voice and discern our specific vocation.

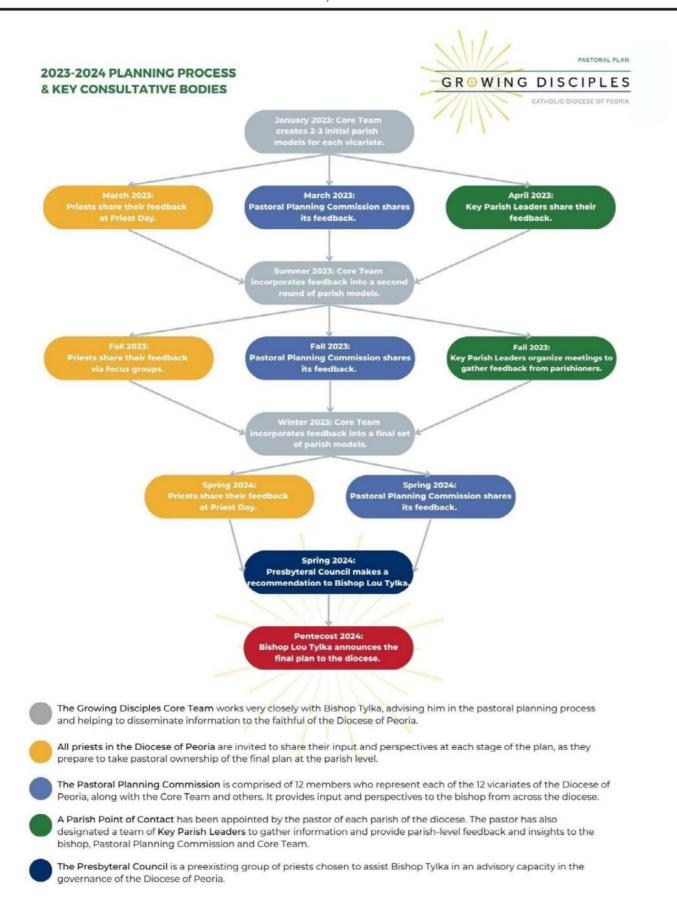


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SPALDING PASTORAL CENTER 419 NE MADISON AVENUE, PEORIA, IL 61603 PHONE (309) 671–1570 | FAX (309) 671–1579 Watch the video at CDOP.org/pastoral-plan/five-foundations:



ST. MARY'S CHURCH PONTIAC, ILLINOIS



PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR MARCH

For victims of abuse: We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 19, 2023

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

Monday St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29;

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or

Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday St. Toribio de Mogrovejo

Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 & 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday The Annunciation of the Lord Is 7:10-14; 8:10;

Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday Fifth Sunday of Lent Ez 37:12-14;

Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

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ROSARY ÓN CATHOLIC SPIRIT RADIO: Everyday at 4:30am and 8:30nm.

MASS IS BROADCAST EACH MORNING AT 7AM

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT: The wound of abortion is real. So is healing. Rachel's Vineyard Retreat offers healing for those who struggle with the emotional and spiritual pain of a past abortion. This retreat is for singles or married couples; mothers, fathers, grandparents, siblings, or anyone impacted by an abortion experience. If you are searching for peace and inner healing from a past abortion, this retreat is for you. Register for the March 24-26 retreat by calling 309-264-1489 or emailing rvrpeoria@gmail.com All communications are strictly confidential. For more information please visit www.cdop.org/rachels-vineyard or www.rachelsvineyard.org

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LEARNING CAN TAKE US



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
6:30 pm DrawDown of tickets begins
followed by Live Auction

If you would like to donate an item for one of our themed baskets, please call Angela Ehrgott at (217) 779-0770 or email angela.ehrgott@gmail.com. Donation deadline March 17.

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 Mar 20 Mary Lou Legner Family, Jesus & Maura Madrigal Family Tues Mar 21 Mike Linskey Family, Owen Lyons Family Wed Mar 22 Jerry & Joan LoPiccalo Family, Patrick & Lisa Martin Family Thurs Mar 23 Susan Legner Family, Patrick Lyons Family Dolores Locke Family, Don & Rita Mackinson Family Fri Mar 24 Mon Mar 27 John LoPiccalo Family, Gregorio Manabat & Marissa Batayola Family Tues Mar 28 Andrea Leonard Family, Sara Lyons Family Ray & Christian Logan Family, Raul & Cynthia Mangubat Family Wed Mar 29 Thurs Mar 30 Mike & Nancy LoPiccalo Family, Maggie Martin Family Janine Leonard Family, Florence Masching Family Fri Mar 31



MAY GOD BLESS ALL OUR FAMILIES EVERY DAY!



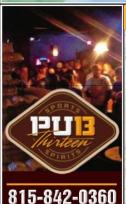


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