

St. Mary's Catholic Church Pontiac, Illinois March 26, 2023

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 119 E. HOWARD ST., P.O. BOX 374 PONTIAC, ILLINOIS 61764 Phone: 815-844-7683 Fax: 815-842-4345 Parish & School Website: www.stmaryspontiac.org Facebook: St. Mary's Parish-Pontiac

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OFFICE HOURS:

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

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: \$11,184.25

Building Maintenance Fund Collection was \$2,853.00.

Catholic Relief Services Collection was \$1,206.00.

School Collection: Next weekend.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 25 (The Annunciation of the Lord)		
4:00 p.m.	Bill & Inez Craig	
Sunday, March 26 (Fifth Sunday of Lent)		
7:00 a.m.	1st ann Patricia Lyons	
9:30 a.m.	Parish	
Monday, March 27		
7:00 a.m.	Jean Jones	
Tuesday, March 28		
7:00 a.m.	Carmen Alcoseba	
Wednesday, March 29		
7:00 a.m.	Eileen Gschwendtner	
Thursday, March 30		
8:15 a.m.	Martin & Helen Turner	
Friday, March 31		
7:00 a.m.	Mary Buster	
Saturday, April 1		
8:00 a.m.	Prodigals of St. Mary's Parish	
4:00 p.m.	Carolyn Harty	
Sunday, April 2 (Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord)		
7:00 a.m.	Parish	
9:30 a.m.	Chuck Landrus	
Servers for Saturday, April 1		
4:00 p.m.	Nicholas & Carter Doughan	

Servers for Sunday, April 2 7:00 a.m. Brock, Drew & Leah Clement 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.

MASS FOR FALLEN AWAY CATHOLICS: Every First Saturday of the month, we offer a Mass at 8am for all the fallen away Catholics from our parish and families. A rosary is prayed at 7:30am prior to Mass. Please join us!

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR parishioner Keith Jones, R.I.P. Our sympathy to his family and friends.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FRY

Friday, March 31 5-7 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Fried pollack, baked cod, fried shrimp, grilled cheese, mac & cheese, cole slaw, 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.

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.

LECTORS FOR APRIL

Shari Paris		
Nancy Smith		
Jim & Nanette Marx		
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS FOR APRIL		
Jack & Mary Timmerman, Joanne Coriell		
Chuck & Dianne Hanley		
Jim & Nanette Marx, Deb Bromberek		
GREETERS & USHERS FOR APRIL		
Phyllis Moritz, Margaret Legner, Julie Wenger		
Bill Bertram, Mike Linskey, Mike VanSickle, Jim Sporrer		
Shirley Eckel, Jackie Trachsel, Vicki McBeath		
John Kelly, Jeff & Kenzie Meister, Don Verdun		
Margo Law, Katie Wille		
Jordan Farris, Margo Law, Sue Smith, Doug Zick		
SANTUARY ČLEANERS FOR APRIL		
e DeMattia, Earline Devito, Katie Wille, Margaret Legner		

PARISH FAMILY IN NEED: Looking for a strong, youthful, mature female that could assist with volunteer care for 2-6 hours/1-2 days a week, scheduling flexible! Volunteer would help as a caregiver assistant for a neurologically disabled middle aged lady that has weakened motor controls, speaking/eating difficulties and mobility issues. Typical tasks would be assisting in feeding, meal prep, walking assistance, general comfort and personal companionship. This family tries to take the patient on regular outings for lunch, shopping and events. The volunteer is welcome to join the family on these outings, refreshments and transportation provided by the family. If caregiver would become comfortable with the patient's companionship they would be welcome to take her shopping or for a walk as well. Please contact the parish office at 815-844-7683 if you would be willing to help this family.



LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE: Tuesday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the church. Extra priests will be on hand to hear individual confessions.

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

PLANTS NEEDED FOR GETHSEMENE GARDEN: We are in need of all sizes of green plants for our Holy Thursday display. Plants can be dropped off at the church on Tuesday or Wednesday of Holy Week, then picked up on Good Friday before 10am.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday of Holy Week, April 3 6:30-6:50AM - Confessions 7:00 AM - Mass12:00 - 1:00PM - Confessions 5:00-7:00PM - Confessions **Tuesday of Holy Week, April 4** 6:30-6:50AM - Confessions 7:00AM - Mass Wednesday of Holy Week, April 5 6:30-6:50AM - Confessions 7:00AM - Mass 12:00-1:00PM – Confessions 6:30PM - Stations of the Cross with Scenes from The Passion of the Christ - Confessions during and after Stations of the Cross Holy Thursday, April 6 7:00PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper Visitation of Churches 10:00PM - Adoration Closes Good Friday, April 7 12:00PM - Passion Service 1:00-2:00PM - Confessions 6:00-7:30PM - Confessions Holy Saturday, April 8 NO CONFESSIONS 8PM - Easter Vigil Mass (NO 4pm Mass) Easter Sunday, April 9

Masses at 7AM, 9:30AM 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.**

IN MEMORY OF

IN HONOR OF

YOUR NAME

Lily-\$10 Small Mum—\$15 Large Mum—\$20 Azalea—\$30





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

THE 30TH ANNUAL ST. MARY'S SCHOOL DRAWDOWN



MATCHING GIFT OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCED: CAN YOU HELP A CHILD RECEIVE A CATHOLIC 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. Scholar-

ships 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. We recently learned that a generous donor has created a 1:1 matching gift program. For every dollar donated, this donor will match the gift up to \$10,000! We need to raise \$10,000 by April 15 to unlock the full gift. Additionally, Caterpillar employees and retirees can have their gift matched by the Caterpillar Foundation. A \$1,000 gift matched twice becomes \$3,000 to SMS! Please consider making a gift to help these families provide a Catholic education for their children. 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.

SPALDING SCHOLARSHIPS: Your child <u>can</u> attend a Catholic School, Financial Assistance Available

Tuition assistance scholarship grants from the endowment fund established as a result of the Diocese of Peoria ROOT-ED 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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Making Disciples for the Mission	Father Adam Cesarek, Administ Mrs. Karen Jones, Princ
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	023 @ Pontiac Elks Lodge
	This event is for adults (21+) only.
	includes dinner, draft beer, a chance to win amazing live & silent auctions. The dinner menu will feature
	to, green beans, lettuce salad, and dinner roll.
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Please complete and return by March 17, 2023.	
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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 26, 2023

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
Monday	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62;
	Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18. 19-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56;
	Jn 8:31-42
Thursday	Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7;
	Jn 10:31-42
Saturday	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10; 11-12abcd, 13;
	Jn 11:45-56
Sunday	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
	Procession: Mt 21:1-11 At Mass: Is 50:4-7;
	Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11;
	Mt 26:14-27:66



Presented by Drs Scott Hahn & Jeff Bergsma



Holy Trinity Catholic Church **Bloomington**, Illinois Saturday, April 29, 2023

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

MASS IS BROADCAST EACH MORNING AT 7AM



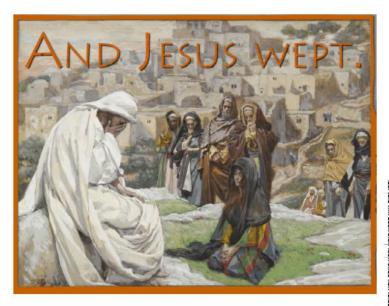
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- 2. Click the Settings button in the top right corner (Gear Icon 🌞)
- 3. Click "Subscription"4. Click "Cancel my Subscription"

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hallow.com/holyday, find your parish and click "Already have an account? Login" and use your same credentials Please call the parish office if you have any questions.



MARCH 26, 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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 27	John LoPiccalo Family,
	Gregorio Manabat & Marissa Batayola Family
Tues Mar 28	Andrea Leonard Family, Sara Lyons Family
Wed Mar 29	Ray & Christian Logan Family, Raul & Cynthia Mangubat Family
Thurs Mar 30	Mike & Nancy LoPiccalo Family, Maggie Martin Family
Fri Mar 31	Janine Leonard Family, Florence Masching Family
Mon Apr 3	Amber Bartolo Family, Angela Hoegger Family
Tues Apr 4	Amy Bednar Family, Paul Huter Family
Wed Apr 5	Marilyn Benedino Family, Miranda Jackson Family
Thurs Apr 6	Chance Carlson Family, Bernard Jenkins Family
Fri Apr 7	John Cyril & Karen Castillo Family, Patrick & Seely Kelly Family

MAY GOD BLESS ALL OUR FAMILIES EVERY DAY!



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