

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Pontiac, Illinois
April 2, 2023

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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:

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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: \$10,022.25

**School Collection:** This weekend.

Holy Land Collection: At Good Friday Service.

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



### Mass Intentions

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

Monday, April 3

7:00 a.m. Raymond L. Johnson Sr.

Tuesday, April 4

7:00 a.m. Lawrence & Oveta Hepperly

Wednesday, April 5

7:00 a.m. 26th ann Everett Edwards

Thursday, April 6 (Holy Thursday)

8:15 a.m. \*\*\* **NO MASS** \*\*\*

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 7 (Good Friday)

7:00 a.m. \*\*\* **NO MASS** \*\*\*
12:00 noon Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 8 (Holy Saturday)

4:00 p.m. \*\*\* **NO MASS** \*\*\*
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 9 (Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

7:00 a.m. 7th ann Blaze Masching

9:30 a.m. Wakey Family

11:00 a.m. Parish

Servers for Sunday, April 9

7:00 a.m. Haidyn & Harper Francis 9:30 a.m. Abby, Drew & Kate Lauritsen

**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.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION: The first Sunday after Easter is celebrated as the Feast of the Divine Mercy. This year, we invite everyone to St. Joseph Church in Chenoa to join in their Divine Mercy celebration on Sunday, April 16 at 5:00 pm. Brochures to pray the Novena at home starting on Good Friday are available at the church entrance.

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.

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.

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.

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.

BOOK BORROWING LIBRARY has been set up in the back vestibule of the church by the Legion of Mary for all to use. On the honor system, you may take home and enjoy books, CDs, DVDs, cassette tapes and videos to assist in your spiritual growth.

TOTUS TUUS 2023: Mark your calendars for June 25-29 for junior high and high school students, and June 26-30 for those entering 1st-6th grades.

#### BE A BULLETIN SUPPORTER!

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# HOLY WEEK

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS with Scenes from The Passion of the Christ: On Wednesday, April 5 at 6:30pm we will have a special Stations of the Cross in the church. We will experience Christ's Passion as never before by praying the Stations of the Cross in candlelight while watching the particular scenes from Mel Gibson's The Passion of the Christ corresponding to the 14 Stations. These scenes from the movie tend to be violent and can be difficult to watch as it powerfully portrays what Jesus went through for us in His Passion and death. The event is not appropriate for young children. Parents should use discretion in whether they want their older children to attend. Please consider attending this event which promises to be a powerful conclusion to your Lent.

ATTENTION ADORERS: There will be NO Adoration from April 7-12 due to Holy Week and Father's rest after Easter. Adoration will resume Thursday, April 13.

#### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday of Holy Week, April 3

6:30-6:50AM - Confessions

7:00AM - Mass

12:00-1:00PM – 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

#### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE AT AREA CHURCHES

Holy Thursday: Chenoa & Chatsworth at 7pm

Good Friday: Flanagan at 5pm, Lexington at 5:30pm,

Chatsworth & Chenoa at 7pm

Easter Vigil: Chenoa at 7:30pm

Easter Sunday: Flanagan at 8am, Lexington at 9am,

Chatsworth at 10am, Chenoa at 11am



# 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.





#### 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

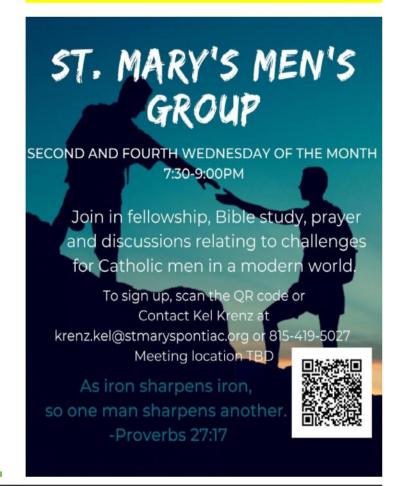
#### Start giving online today!

- 1. Visit our website at <u>www.stmaryspontiac.org</u> 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.

## 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





#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 2, 2023**

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

Monday Monday of Holy Week

Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday Tuesday of Holy Week

Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 & 17;

Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday Wednesday of Holy Week

Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 & 33-34;

Mt 26:14-25

Thursday Holy Thursday of the Lord's Passion

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18;

1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25;

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

Gn 1:1—2:2 or Gn 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22; Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Ex 14:15—15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Bar 3:9-15,32—4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-

23; Mt 28:1-10

Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;

Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or

Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35

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#### PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR APRIL

For a culture of peace and non-violence: We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

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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.

Amber Bartolo Family, Angela Hoegger Family Mon Apr 3 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 John Cyril & Karen Castillo Family, Patrick & Seely Kelly Family Fri Apr 7 Mon Apr 10 Katie Duffy Family, Sam Kelly Family Hannah Collins Family, Alex & Corinne Klus Family Tues Apr 11 Peg Denton Family, Madison Knowles Family Wed Apr 12 Kevin Duffy Family, Ally Krenz Family Thurs Apr 13 Fri Apr 14 Wilce & Cara Enriquez Family, Deanna Lauer Family



#### MAY GOD BLESS ALL OUR FAMILIES EVERY DAY!





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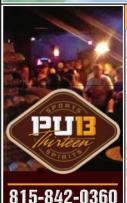
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